

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>WELCH M SCOTT</b> |                |           | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]</b> |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First)        | (Middle)  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>04/20/2005</b>                  |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person    |  |  |
| <b>6 LONGWOOD COURT</b>  |                |           | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                               |  |  |   |  |  |
| (Street)   | <b>ELKHART</b> | <b>IN</b> | <b>46516</b>   |  |  |   |  |  |
| (City)   | (State)        | (Zip)     |  |  |  |   |  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |         | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/20/2005                           |  | P                              |   | 100   | A          | \$37.67 | 3,150   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/20/2005                           |  | P                              |   | 150   | A          | \$37.7  | 3,300   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |         | 700   | I  | By Spouse   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|--|-----------------|---|--|--|---|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 01/01/2003   | 01/01/2003      | Common Stock  | 2,084.9                                    | 2,084.9  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 01/07/2003   | 01/07/2003      | Common Stock  | 297.3                                      | 297.3  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 01/28/2003   | 01/28/2003      | Common Stock  | 17.3                                       | 17.3   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 04/28/2003   | 04/28/2003      | Common Stock  | 16.5                                       | 16.5   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 07/10/2003   | 07/10/2003      | Common Stock  | 238  | 238  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 07/30/2003   | 07/30/2003      | Common Stock  | 14   | 14   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 10/27/2003   | 10/27/2003      | Common Stock  | 15   | 15   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 01/16/2004   | 01/16/2004      | Common Stock  | 233  | 233  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 01/26/2004   | 01/26/2004      | Common Stock  | 13   | 13   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 04/28/2004   | 04/28/2004      | Common Stock  | 19   | 19   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 07/14/2004   | 07/14/2004      | Common Stock  | 281  | 281  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 07/26/2004   | 07/26/2004      | Common Stock  | 20   | 20   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 10/26/2004   | 10/26/2004      | Common Stock  | 19   | 19   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 01/11/2005   | 01/11/2005      | Common Stock  | 229  | 229  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 01/26/2005   | 01/26/2005      | Common Stock  | 18   | 18   | D   |  |

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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$13.5   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 06/13/2005   | 06/13/2010      | Common Stock  | 500                        |  | 500  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$13.625   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 01/09/2006   | 01/09/2011      | Common Stock  | 1,000                      |  | 1,000  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$15.125   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 02/08/2005   | 02/08/2010      | Common Stock  | 600                        |  | 600  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$19.4375  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 02/09/2004   | 02/09/2009      | Common Stock  | 575                        |  | 575  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$34.37  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 12/09/2008   | 12/09/2013      | Common Stock  | 500                        |  | 500  | D   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact      04/20/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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