

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 WELCH M SCOTT

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
 [LKFN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/11/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6 LONGWOOD CT.

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ELKHART, IN 46516

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Share |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 13.5 | | | | | | | | 06/13/2005 | 06/13/2010 | Common Stock | 500 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 13.625 | | | | | | | | 01/09/2006 | 01/09/2011 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 15.125 | | | | | | | | 02/08/2005 | 02/08/2010 | Common Stock | 600 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 19.4375 | | | | | | | | 02/09/2004 | 02/09/2009 | Common Stock | 575 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 34.37 | | | | | | | | 12/09/2008 | 12/09/2013 | Common Stock | 500 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | | | | 01/01/2003 | 01/01/2003 | Common Stock | 2,084. |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | | | | 01/07/2003 | 01/07/2013 | Common Stock | 297.3 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | | | | 01/28/2003 | 01/28/2013 | Common Stock | 17.3 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | | | | 04/28/2003 | 04/28/2013 | Common Stock | 16.5 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | | | | 07/10/2003 | 07/10/2013 | Common Stock | 238 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | | | | 07/30/2003 | 07/30/2013 | Common Stock | 14 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | | | | 10/27/2003 | 10/27/2013 | Common Stock | 15 |
| | \$ 0 | | | | | | | | 01/16/2004 | 01/16/2014 | | 233 |

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| Phantom Stock | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------------|------------|--|---|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------|-----|
| Phantom Stock | | | | | | | | | Common Stock | |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | 01/26/2004 | 01/26/2014 | | | Common Stock | 13 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | 04/28/2004 | 04/28/2014 | | | Common Stock | 19 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | 07/14/2004 | 07/14/2014 | | | Common Stock | 281 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | 07/26/2004 | 07/26/2014 | | | Common Stock | 20 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | 10/26/2004 | 10/26/2014 | | | Common Stock | 19 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/11/2005 | | A | 229 | 01/11/2005 ⁽²⁾ | 01/11/2015 ⁽³⁾ | | Common Stock | 229 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WELCH M SCOTT 6 LONGWOOD CT. ELKHART, IN 46516 | | X | | |

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/12/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

- (1) Each phantom stock unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- (2) Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (3) Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

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