## FORM 4

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|   |   | Reporting Person*                          |  |                   |   |   |   |                                      | Ticker or Tradi  |                           | [ T TZES:   |  | Relationship oneck all applic                       |         | Perso                         | on(s) to Iss   | uer                                   |
| PLETCHER RICHARD L  |   |  |  |                   |   | LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]  |   |                                      |  |                           |   |  | X Director  |         |                               | 10% Owner  |                                       |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1102 NORTHWOOD DRIVE                  |   |  |  |                   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/30/2003 |   |   |                                      |  |                           |   |  | Officer (give title Other (specific below) below)   |         |                               |  | specify                               |
|   |   |  |  |                   |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |   |                                      |  |                           |   |  |   |         |                               |  |                                       |
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|   |   | Та   | ble I - Non  | -Deriva           | ative   | e Se  | curi  | ties                                 | Acquired, I  | Disposed o                | f, or Ber   | neficial   | y Owned   |         |                               |  |                                       |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date) |   |  |  |                   | ar)   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/   |   | ate, Transac<br>Code (Ir<br>Year) 8) | tion Disposed  | r. (A) or D               |   | Beneficia  | es Form (D) or Following (I) (In et ion(s)          |         | Direct<br>Indirect<br>str. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)        |                                       |
|   |   |  |  | ive Securities Ac |   |   | es A  |                                      | V Amount   | (D)                       | Price   | (Instr. 3 a  |   |         |                               |  |                                       |
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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Y | Cod               | Transaction Code (Instr.                                    |   | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |                                      | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                           | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |         |                               | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |  |                   |   |   |   |                                      |  |                           |   | Amount   | 1   |         |                               |  |                                       |
|   |   |  |  | Cod               | de V  | ,   | (A)   | (D)                                  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date        | Title   | Number<br>of<br>Shares   |   |         |                               |  |                                       |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)                         | \$13.5  |  |  |                   |   |   |   |                                      | 06/13/2005   | 06/13/2010                | Common<br>Stock   | 500  |   | 500     |                               | D  |                                       |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)                         | \$13.625  |  |  |                   |   |   |   |                                      | 01/09/2006   | 01/09/2011                | Common<br>Stock   | 1,000  |   | 1,000   |                               | D  |                                       |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)                         | \$15.125  |  |  |                   |   |   |   |                                      | 02/08/2005   | 02/08/2010                | Common<br>Stock   | 600  |   | 600     |                               | D  |                                       |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)                         | \$19.4375   |  |  |                   |   |   |   |                                      | 02/09/2004   | 02/09/2009                | Common<br>Stock   | 575  |   | 575     |                               | D  |                                       |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)                         | \$28  |  |  |                   |   |   |   |                                      | 05/12/2003   | 05/10/2008                | Common<br>Stock   | 925  |   | 925     |                               | D  |                                       |
| Phantom<br>Stock  | \$0   |  |  |                   |   |   |   |                                      | 01/01/2003   | 01/01/2003                | Common<br>Stock   | 7,288.7  | 7   | 7,288.7 | 7                             | D  |                                       |
| Phantom<br>Stock  | \$0   |  |  |                   |   |   |   |                                      | 01/07/2003   | 01/07/2013                | Common<br>Stock   | 314.3  |   | 314.3   |                               | D  |                                       |
| Phantom<br>Stock  | \$0   |  |  |                   |   |   |   |                                      | 01/28/2003   | 01/28/2013                | Common<br>Stock   | 54.9   |   | 54.9    |                               | D  |                                       |
| Phantom<br>Stock  | \$0   |  |  |                   |   |   |   |                                      | 04/28/2003   | 04/28/2013                | Common<br>Stock   | 54.1   |   | 54.1    |                               | D  |                                       |
| Phantom<br>Stock  | \$0   |  |  |                   |   |   |   |                                      | 07/10/2003   | 07/10/2013                | Common<br>Stock   | 268  |   | 268     |                               | D  |                                       |
| Phantom<br>Stock  | \$0 <sup>(1)</sup>  | 07/30/2003                                 |  | A                 | . [   |   | 46  |                                      | 07/30/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>                                      | 07/30/2013 <sup>(3)</sup> | Common  | 46   | \$31.7  | 46      |                               | D  |                                       |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each phantom stock unit exersises 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.

<u>Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-</u>in-Fact

07/31/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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