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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup><br>Truex Ronald |           |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |  |                       |  |  |
|--|-----------|----------|--|---|--|-----------------------|--|--|
| THEX NOTE  | <u>uu</u> |          |  | X   | Director                                       | 10% Owner             |  |  |
| (Last)<br>7518 WEST S  | (First)   | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>05/05/2011                         |   | Officer (give title below)                     | Other (specify below) |  |  |
| ,  |           |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                               |   | vidual or Joint/Group Filir                    | ng (Check Applicable  |  |  |
| (Street)<br>WARSAW   | IN        | 46580    |  | Line)   | Form filed by One Re<br>Form filed by More the | 5                     |  |  |
| (City)   | (State)   | (Zip)    |  |   | Person   |                       |  |  |

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

|                                 |  | •   | -                           | - |  |               | -     |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--|---------------|-------|---|---|---|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   | Transaction Disposed Of (D) (<br>Code (Instr. 5) |               |       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|                                 |  |   | Code                        | v | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (11311.4)   |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |                             |   |  |               |       | <b>500</b> <sup>(4)</sup>   | D   |   |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |                             |   |  |               |       | 20,000 <sup>(4)</sup>   | I   | By LLC  |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |                             |   |  |               |       | 5,183   | Ι   | By<br>Spouse  |

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

| 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 Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 5. Nu<br>of<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>(A) of<br>Dispo<br>of (D)<br>(Instr<br>and 5 | rative<br>rities<br>ired<br>r<br>osed | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | Expiration Date Amount of<br>Month/Day/Year) Securities<br>Underlyin<br>Derivative |  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |     | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|--|-----|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)                                   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |     |   |  |  |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock                                    | (1)   | 05/05/2011                                 |   | A                            |   | 2  |                                       | (3)  | (2)                | Common<br>Stock  | 2                                      | \$21.3584  | 271 | D   |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each Phontom stock unit exersises into 1 share of Common Stock.

2. Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

3. Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

4. As adjusted to reflect the transfer of 20,000 shares from direct ownership to indirect ownership by spouse.

| Teresa / | <u>A. Bartman,</u> | Attorney- |
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05/06/2011

\*\* 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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