FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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	Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Oothaker Bradley J</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]										neck all ap X Dire	plicable) ctor		rson(s) to Iss 10% Ov	vner	
(Last) LAKELA P.O. BO	AND FINA	irst) NCIAL CORPO	(Middle) RATION		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/05/2018 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)											belo			Other (s		
(Street) WARSA	W IN	1 .	46581-1387	7	4. If	f Amei	ndmeni	t, Date	e of Or	riginal F	iled	(Month/D	Day/Year)	Lin	e) <mark>X</mark> Fori	n filed by Or n filed by Mo	ne Rep	ng (Check Ap porting Perso an One Repo	n	
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		Tab	le I - Non-	-Deriva	ative	Sec	uriti	es Ao	cqui	ired, D	Disp	osed	of, or	Bene	eficia	lly Own	ed				
Date					e nth/Day/Year) i			2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Dispo		Dispose	urities Acquired (A) sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			d Secui Benet	icially d Following	Forr (D)	n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									(Code	v	Amount	t (/	A) or O)	Price	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)	(s) 4)			
Common	Stock																5,463	,463 D			
	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 D if any (Month/Day/	ate, T	Code (Ins				Expi	6. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price o Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
				c	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	e rcisable	Ex Da	piration te	Title	or No of	umber						
Phantom	(1)	07/05/2018			A		359			(2)		(3)	Commo		359	\$48.7833	10,15	В	D		

Explanation of Responses:

Stock

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

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-

in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

07/09/2018

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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