## FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  PLETCHER RICHARD L						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]							5. Relationship of Reporting Persor (Check all applicable) X Director			s) to Issu 10% Ow		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1102 NORTHWOOD DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/28/2004							Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
(Street) NAPPANEE IN 46550						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City)	(S	state)	(Zip)		-								Person					
		Та	ble I - No	n-Deri	vativ	/e Se	curi	ties /		Disposed o	f, or Ber	eficially	Owned					
1. Title of S	Security (Ins	tr. 3)		2. Trans Date (Month		action 2A. De Execut (ay/Year) if any (Month			Year) Code (Ir	tion Disposed	ies Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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										sposed of, s, convertib			Owned					
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	I. Transa Code (I		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr	rities rired rosed )	6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Yo	te	7. Title and Amour of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	y Di or (I)	vnership orm: rect (D) Indirect (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				c	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)	\$28								05/12/2003	05/10/2008	Common Stock	925		925		D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$34.37								12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	500		500		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								01/01/2003	01/01/2003	Common Stock	7,288.7		7,288.7		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								01/07/2003	01/07/2013	Common Stock	314.3		314.3		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								01/28/2003	01/28/2013	Common Stock	54.9		54.9		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								04/28/2003	04/28/2013	Common Stock	54.1		54.1		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								07/10/2003	07/10/2013	Common Stock	268		268		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								07/30/2003	07/30/2013	Common Stock	46		46		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								10/27/2003	10/27/2013	Common Stock	44.5		44.5		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	252.5		252.5		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 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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/26/2004	01/26/2014	Common Stock	40		40	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>	04/28/2004		A		53		04/28/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	04/28/2014 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	53	\$33.33	53	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.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-04/28/2004 in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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