- 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Welch, M. Scott 6 Longwood Ct. Elkhart, IN 46516
- Lakeland Financial Corporation (LKFN)

 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
- 04/28/2003

- 6472672693
 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (X) Director
 () 10% Owner
 () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)

 7. Individual or laint (from Filing (Check Applicable Line)
- () Orlice (give title below) () Orlice (specify below)

 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person

 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

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1. Title of Security	2. Trans-	2A.Execu- 3.	. Trans- 4. Securities	Acquired (A) 5. Amount of	f 6. Owner-	7. Nature
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	Date	Date	Code	Beneficially	y Form:	direct
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	Day/	Day/ +	++-	++Reported	Indirect	Owner-
	Year)	Year) Co	ode V Amount A	/D Price Transaction	(s) (I)	ship
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TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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		sion or	action	tion		Derivative	Date Exerc:	isable -	+	+	+	Benefi-	ity:	In-	ĺ
		Exercise	Date	Date		Securities	and Expirat	tion Date		Amount		cially	Direct	direct	ĺ
		Price of			Transac-	Acquired(A)	(Month/Day/	/Year)		or		Owned	(D) or	Bene-	ĺ
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Der	ivative	ative	Day/	Day/	++	++	+Date Exer-	Expira-		of	Derivative		direct	Owner-	ĺ
Sec	urity	Security	Year)	Year)	Code V	(A) (D)	cisable	tion Date	Title	Shares	Security		(I)	ship	ĺ

Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$13.5					06/13/2010	Common Stock			500	D
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$13.625					01/09/2011	Common Stock			1000	D
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$15.125					02/08/2010	Common Stock			600	D
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$19.4375	5				02/09/2009	Common Stock			575	D
Phantom Stock	\$0					01/01/2003	Common Stock			2084.9	D
Phantom Stock	\$0					01/07/2013	Common Stock			297.3	D
Phantom Stock	\$0					01/28/2013	Common Stock			17.3	D
Phantom Stock	\$0F1	04/28/2 003	Α	16.5	04/28/2003 F2	04/28/2013 F3	Common Stock	16.5	\$26.4700	16.5	D

Explanation of Responses:

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

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

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

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /s/ Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-fact

DATE 04/29/2003