

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WELCH M SCOTT**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**6 LONGWOOD COURT**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/16/2006**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**ELKHART, IN 46516**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/16/2006		P	1,000 A \$ 21.7299	7,600	D	
Common Stock					1,400	I	By Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>					10/25/2005	10/25/2005	Common Stock	44
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>					04/26/2005	04/26/2015	Common Stock	44
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>					07/12/2005	07/12/2015	Common Stock	432
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>					07/26/2005	07/26/2015	Common Stock	36
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	609
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/01/2003	01/01/2003	Common Stock	4,169.8
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/07/2003	01/07/2013	Common Stock	594.6
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/28/2003	01/28/2013	Common Stock	34.6
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					04/28/2003	04/28/2013	Common Stock	33
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/10/2003	07/10/2013	Common Stock	476
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/30/2003	07/30/2013	Common Stock	28
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					10/27/2003	10/27/2013	Common Stock	30
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	466
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/26/2004	01/26/2014	Common Stock	26

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Phantom Stock	\$ 0	04/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	38
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	07/14/2004	07/14/2014	Common Stock	562
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	07/26/2004	07/26/2014	Common Stock	40
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	10/26/2004	10/26/2014	Common Stock	38
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	01/11/2005	01/11/2015	Common Stock	458
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	01/26/2005	01/26/2015	Common Stock	36
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.75	06/13/2005	06/13/2010	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.8125	01/09/2006	01/09/2011	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 7.5625	02/08/2005	02/08/2010	Common Stock	1,200
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 9.7188	02/09/2004	02/09/2009	Common Stock	1,150
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.185	12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	1,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WELCH M SCOTT 6 LONGWOOD COURT ELKHART, IN 46516	X			

## Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/16/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

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