

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Truex Ronald

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)

7518 WEST SNYDER RD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/08/2016

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

WARSAW, IN 46580

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
 Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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 Person

**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					6,000	D	
Common Stock					20,000	I	By LLC
Common Stock					5,183	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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Phantom Stock	(1)	01/08/2016		A	460	(2)	(3)	Common Stock
								Amount or Number of Shares
								\$
								44.656

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Truex Ronald 7518 WEST SNYDER RD WARSAW, IN 46580	X			

## Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/11/2016

\_\_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).

(1) Each Phantom stock unit exercises 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.

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