

BANTA CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BAXTER JAMESON A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

225 MAIN STREET, P. O. BOX  
8003

(Street)

MENASHA, WI 54952-8003

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BANTA CORP [BN]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**04/25/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					13,375	D	

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)**

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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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom stock units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0	04/25/2005		A		50.26		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Phantom stock units	50.26
Phantom stock units <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0	04/26/2005		A		291.64		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Phantom stock units	291.64
Phantom stock units <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0	04/27/2005		A		522.21		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Phantom stock units	522.21
Stock Option	\$ 19.1875							10/26/2000	04/26/2010	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 21.375							10/28/1999	04/27/2009	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 22.67							10/26/1995	04/25/2005	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 24.375							10/24/1996	04/23/2006	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 25.375							10/23/1997	04/22/2007	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 26							04/25/2001	04/25/2011	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 30.92							10/30/2003	04/30/2013	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 31.375							10/29/1998	04/28/2008	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 36.71							04/24/2002	04/24/2012	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 45.79							10/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 39.62	04/27/2005		A		3,000		10/27/2005	04/27/2015	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BAXTER JAMESON A 225 MAIN STREET P. O. BOX 8003 MENASHA, WI 54952-8003	X			

## Signatures

Ronald D. Kneezel, attorney-in-fact	04/27/2005
**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).
- (2) The units will be settled in cash following the reporting person's conclusion of service as a director.
- (4) Payment of deferred board retainer, deferred chairperson retainer and meeting fees at a price of \$40.29 per share.
- (3) This security converts on a one-for-one basis.
- (5) Award of phantom stock in partial payment of director compensation.
- (1) Payment of deferred meeting fees at a price of \$39.79 per share.
- (6) Option granted to reporting person on April 27, 2005 under the Banta Corporation Equity Incentive Plan.

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