

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<br>225 MAIN STREET<br>P. O. BOX 8003<br>MENASHA, WI 54952-8003 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Ronald D. Kneezel,<br>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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