

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 *
 NIEMIER CHARLES E

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/30/2008

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

P O BOX 587

(Street)

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

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

WARSAW, IN 46581-0587

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 10/30/2008 | | M | 1,000 | A | \$ 6.75 | 55,147.72 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/30/2008 | | M | 1,200 | A | \$ 7.5625 | 56,347.72 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/30/2008 | | M | 1,150 | A | \$ 9.7188 | 57,497.72 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/30/2008 | | M | 2,000 | A | \$ 6.8125 | 59,497.72 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 4,381 | I |
| | | | | | | | | By Spouse |

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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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.75 | 10/30/2008 | | M | 1,000 | 06/13/2005 06/13/2010 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.5625 | 10/30/2008 | | M | 1,200 | 02/08/2005 02/08/2010 | Common Stock | 1,200 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.7188 | 10/30/2008 | | M | 1,150 | 02/09/2004 02/09/2009 | Common Stock | 1,150 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.8125 | 10/30/2008 | | M | 2,000 | 01/09/2006 01/09/2011 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Phantom Stock | <u>(1)</u> | | | | | <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 14,367 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.185 | | | | | 12/09/2008 12/09/2013 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 24.05 | | | | | 05/14/2013 05/14/2018 | Common Stock | 1,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NIEMIER CHARLES E P O BOX 587 WARSAW, IN 46581-0587 | X | | | |

Signatures

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| Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact | 10/31/2008 |
| <u> </u> **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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