

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
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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	(1)					(2) (3)	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

Teresa A. Bartman,  
Attorney-in-Fact

10/31/2008

\_\_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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