

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 *
PLETCHER RICHARD L

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)
05/07/2008

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

1102 NORTHWOOD DR

(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

NAPPANEE, IN 46550

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					4,469.122	D	
Common Stock					1,579.882	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. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	(1)							10/25/2005 10/25/2005	Common Stock 110
Phantom Stock	(1)							04/26/2005 04/26/2015	Common Stock 116
Phantom Stock	(1)							07/12/2005 07/12/2015	Common Stock 544
Phantom Stock	(1)							07/26/2005 07/26/2015	Common Stock 98
Phantom Stock	\$ 0							01/26/2005 01/26/2015	Common Stock 94
Phantom Stock	\$ 0							01/28/2003 01/28/2013	Common Stock 109.8
Phantom Stock	\$ 0							04/28/2003 04/28/2013	Common Stock 108.2
Phantom Stock	\$ 0							07/26/2004 07/26/2014	Common Stock 114
Phantom Stock	\$ 0							10/26/2004 10/26/2014	Common Stock 104
Phantom Stock	\$ 0							01/01/2003 01/01/2003	Common Stock 14,577.4
Phantom Stock	\$ 0							01/26/2004 01/26/2014	Common Stock 80
Phantom Stock	\$ 0							04/28/2004 04/28/2014	Common Stock 106
Phantom Stock	\$ 0							01/07/2003 01/07/2013	Common Stock 628.6
Phantom Stock	\$ 0							10/27/2003 10/27/2013	Common Stock 89
Phantom Stock	\$ 0							07/30/2003 07/30/2013	Common Stock 92

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Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	505
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/14/2004	07/14/2014	Common Stock	586
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/11/2005	01/11/2015	Common Stock	534
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/10/2003	07/10/2013	Common Stock	536
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	05/07/2008		A	150	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	150
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.75					06/13/2005	06/13/2010	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.8125					01/09/2006	01/09/2011	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 7.5625					02/08/2005	02/08/2010	Common Stock	1,200
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 9.7188					02/09/2004	02/09/2009	Common Stock	1,150
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.185					12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.96					12/11/2012	12/11/2017	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PLETCHER RICHARD L 1102 NORTHWOOD DR NAPPANEE, IN 46550	X			

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/08/2008

__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).
- (3) Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (2) Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (1) Each phantom stock unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.

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