

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)
01/29/2009

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/29/2009		M	1,150 A \$ 0	5,619.122	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2009		S	1,150 D \$ 19.6809	4,469.122	D	
Common Stock					1,579.882	I	By Spouse

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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)	\$ 9.7188	01/29/2009		M	1,150	02/09/2004 02/09/2009	Common Stock	1,150
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>					<u>(3)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	25,119
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.5625					02/08/2005 02/08/2010	Common Stock	1,200
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)	\$ 17.185					12/09/2008 12/09/2013	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05					12/07/2010 05/14/2018	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PLETCHER RICHARD L
1102 NORTHWOOD DR
NAPPANEE, IN 46550

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Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/02/2009

__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 shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (3) Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

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