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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]				I	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 55755 COU	(First) JNTRY RD 27	(Middle)		of Earliest ' Day/Year) 2008	Transactio	n	_	_X Director Officer (give t pelow)		Owner er (specify	
			mendment, Date Original Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tah	ole I - Non-	-Derivativ	e Secu		ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea		ned 3. 4. Securities Acquired (An Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or			cquired (A)	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)		
Common Stock	12/10/2008			S	7 Amount 1,148	(D) D	\$ 22.1254	29,236	D		
Common Stock	12/10/2008			S	652	D	\$ 22.26	28,584	D		
Common Stock	12/10/2008			S	600	D	\$ 22.31	27,984	D		
Common Stock	12/10/2008			S	300	D	\$ 22.12	27,684	D		
Common Stock	12/10/2008			S	300	D	\$ 22.3	27,384	D		

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Common Stock	12/10/2008	S	200	D	\$ 22.14	27,184	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2008	S	200	D	\$ 22.16	26,984	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2008	S	200	D	\$ 22.32	26,784	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2008	S	100	D	\$ 22.15	26,684	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2008	S	100	D	\$ 22.17	26,584	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2008	S	100	D	\$ 22.2	26,484	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2008	S	100	D	\$ 22.25	26,384	D	
Common Stock						4,000	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year) ative ties red sed 3,		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	(1)					<u>(3)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	15,693
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.7188					02/09/2004	02/09/2009	Common Stock	1,150

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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)	\$ 24.05	09/09/2008	05/14/2018	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.185	12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LUDWIG ALLAN J 55755 COUNTRY RD 27 BRISTOL, IN 46507	X						

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 12/12/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 exersises 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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