NIEMIER CHARLES E

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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) POBOX 587	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/09/2006	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)
1 0 BON 307	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
WARSAW, IN 46581-0587				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactioror Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	08/09/2006		Code V	Amount 925	(A) or (D)	Price \$ 23.788	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 15,080.92	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock							3,696	I	401(k) plan
Common Stock	08/09/2006		P	400	A	\$ 23.7802	4,129	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. conNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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)					10/25/2005	10/25/2005	Common Stock	56	
Phantom Stock	(1)					04/26/2005	04/26/2015	Common Stock	60	
Phantom Stock	(1)					07/12/2005	07/12/2015	Common Stock	504	
Phantom Stock	(1)					07/26/2005	07/26/2015	Common Stock	48	
Phantom Stock	(1)					(2)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	1,290	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/01/2003	01/01/2003	Common Stock	6,076.2	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/07/2003	01/07/2013	Common Stock	594.8	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/28/2003	01/28/2013	Common Stock	48.2	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					04/28/2003	04/28/2013	Common Stock	46.8	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/10/2003	07/10/2013	Common Stock	476	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/30/2003	07/30/2013	Common Stock	40	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					10/27/2003	10/27/2013	Common Stock	40	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	482	

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Phantom Stock	\$ 0	01/26/2004	01/26/2014	Common Stock	36
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	04/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	50
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	07/14/2004	07/14/2014	Common Stock	588
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	07/26/2004	07/26/2014	Common Stock	52
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	10/26/2004	10/26/2014	Common Stock	50
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	01/11/2005	01/11/2015	Common Stock	536
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	01/26/2005	01/26/2015	Common Stock	44
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

Reporting Owners

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

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Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact

08/11/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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 exersises into 1 share of Common Stock.

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