#### NIEMIER CHARLES E

Form 4

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## FORM 4

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

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**SECURITIES** 

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Common

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08/22/2005

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NIEMIER CHARLES E			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) POBOX 5	,	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/22/2005			_X_ D Of below)	virector fficer (give	title 10% below)	Owner r (specify
(Street) WARSAW, IN 46581-0587			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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow Report	icially d ving	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

or

(D)

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Price

39.319

Amount

450

200

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Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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6,979.72

1,848

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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)	Execution Date, if TransactionNumber Expirati			Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y			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)					04/26/2005	04/26/2015	Common Stock	30	
Phantom Stock	(1)					07/12/2005	07/12/2015	Common Stock	252	
Phantom Stock	(1)					07/26/2005	07/26/2015	Common Stock	24	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/01/2003	01/01/2003	Common Stock	3,038.1	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/07/2003	01/07/2013	Common Stock	297.4	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/28/2003	01/28/2013	Common Stock	24.1	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					04/28/2003	04/28/2013	Common Stock	23.4	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/10/2003	07/10/2013	Common Stock	238	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/30/2003	07/30/2013	Common Stock	20	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					10/27/2003	10/27/2013	Common Stock	20	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	241	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/26/2004	01/26/2014	Common Stock	18	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					04/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	25	

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Phantom Stock	\$ 0	07/14/2004	07/14/2014	Common Stock	294
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	07/26/2004	07/26/2014	Common Stock	26
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	10/26/2004	10/26/2014	Common Stock	25
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	01/11/2005	01/11/2015	Common Stock	268
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	01/26/2005	01/26/2015	Common Stock	22
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.5	06/13/2005	06/13/2010	Common Stock	500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.625	01/09/2006	01/09/2011	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.125	02/08/2005	02/08/2010	Common Stock	600
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.4375	02/09/2004	02/09/2009	Common Stock	575
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.37	12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	500

# **Reporting Owners**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Attorney-in-Fact

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,		08/23/2005	5				

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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).
- (1) Each phantom stock unit exersises into 1 share of Common Stock.

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