

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 *
 LUDWIG ALLAN J

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)
 02/04/2009

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

55755 COUNTRY RD 27

(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

BRISTOL, IN 46507

(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)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/04/2009		M			1,150	A	\$ 0	27,534	D	
Common Stock	02/04/2009		S			300	D	\$ 21.04	27,234	D	
Common Stock	02/04/2009		S			250	D	\$ 20.8	26,984	D	
Common Stock	02/04/2009		S			600	D	\$ 20.7301	26,384	D	
Common Stock									4,000	I	By Spouse

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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)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.7188	02/04/2009		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	16,330	
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	02/04/2009
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 **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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