

NIEMIER CHARLES E

Form 4

January 10, 2013

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/08/2013

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

P O BOX 587

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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Person

WARSAW, IN 46581-0587

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 01/08/2013                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                            | 625                                                                                                                | A                                                                    | \$ 0                                                              |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | 84,019.547                                                        |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | 0                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | 8,473                                                             |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | D                                                                 |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | I                                                                 |
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|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | 401(k)<br>Plan                                                    |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    | 8. Pr<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>(Instr |                                     |
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|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                                  | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title                            | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Phantom<br>Stock                                    | (1)                                                                |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    |                                                                |     | (2)                                                                 | (3)                | Common<br>Stock                  | 24,752                              |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)               | \$ 24.05                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    |                                                                |     | 05/14/2013                                                          | 05/14/2018         | Common<br>Stock                  | 1,000                               |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,  
Attorney-in-Fact 01/10/2013

\_\_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 stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

(3) Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

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