

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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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)
01/12/2009

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
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 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. 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 |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Phantom Stock | <u>(1)</u> | 01/12/2009 | | A | 637 | <u>(3)</u> <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 637 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.7188 | | | | | 02/09/2004 02/09/2009 | Common Stock | 1,150 |
| 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 |
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