

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Niemier, Charles E.
1600 S. Meadow Dr.
Warsaw, IN 46580
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Lakeland Financial Corporation (LKFN)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
01/07/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(X) Director () 10% Owner
() Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Execution Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code V Amount A/D Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of In-direct Beneficial Ownership
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TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Execution Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Number Shares Price of Derivative Security	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	10. Nature of In-direct Beneficial Ownership	11. Nature of In-direct Beneficial Ownership
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Phantom Stock	\$0	01/07/2003	A	297.4	01/07/2003	01/07/2013	Common Stock	297.4	\$23.7100	297.4	D
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Explanation of Responses:

Each phantom stock unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
 Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
 Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 /s/ Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-fact

DATE
 01/08/2003