

CAPITOL FEDERAL FINANCIAL  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 TOWNSEND KENT G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CAPITOL FEDERAL FINANCIAL  
 [cffn]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 700 KANSAS AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/24/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Exec Vice President and CFO

TOPEKA, KS 66603  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
CFFN common stock	11/24/2008		M		9,147	A	\$ 33.88
CFFN common stock	11/24/2008		S		9,147	D	\$ 43.54
CFFN common stock	11/25/2008		M		8,853	A	\$ 33.88
CFFN common	11/25/2008		F		6,824	D	\$ 43.95

stock				
CFFN common stock		25	I	Custodian for Son
CFFN common stock		17,856	I	ESOP

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
CFFN incentive stock option 08/23/2005	\$ 33.88	11/25/2008		M	8,853	<u>(1)</u> 08/23/2015	CFFN common stock	8,853	
CFFN non-qualified stock option 08/23/2005	\$ 33.88	11/24/2008		M	9,147	<u>(2)</u> 08/23/2020	CFFN common stock	9,147	
CFFN phantom stock 2006	\$ 32.94					<u>(3)</u> 01/25/2009	CFFN common stock	790	
CFFN phantom stock 2007	\$ 38.42					<u>(3)</u> 01/25/2010	CFFN common stock	542	
CFFN phantom stock 2008	\$ 31					<u>(3)</u> 01/25/2011	CFFN common stock	526	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TOWNSEND KENT G 700 KANSAS AVENUE TOPEKA, KS 66603			Exec Vice President and CFO	

## Signatures

James D. Wempe, Vice  
President 11/26/2008

\_\_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) A total of 2,951 options vested on each of the following dates: August 23, 2006, August 23, 2007, August 23, 2008, August 23, 2009 and August 23, 2010.
- (2) A total of 3,049 options vested on each of the following dates; August 23, 2006, August 23, 2007, August 23, 2008, August 23, 2009 and August 23, 2010.
- (3) Phantom stock units were acquired under the Company's Deferred Incentive Bonus Plan. The units are deemed sold and settled in cash in three years from date of acquisition.

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