FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Augsburger Blake</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]										neck all app X Direc	tor	g Per	10% Ov	vner
(Last)	`	rst) (ERNATIONAL	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/06/2012									Office below	er (give title v)		Other (: below)	specify	
1101 PE	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable								
(Street) WASHINGTON DC 20004																X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(Si	tate) ((Zip)																	
		Tab	le I - Non	-Deriva	ative	Sec	curitie	es Ac	qui	ired, C	Disp	osed	of, or I	3ene	eficia	lly Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D					Execution			on Date	e,			Dispose	urities Acquired (A sed Of (D) (Instr. 3,			Benefic Owned	ies For cially (D) Following (I) (n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
										Code	v	Amount	t (A) or)	Price	Transa	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(111501.4)
Common Stock																	500		D	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
1. Title of Derivative Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security				Date, T	ate, Transaction Code (Instr.					6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	y Di Or Or (I)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	e rcisable	Ex Da	piration te	Title	or Nu of	umber					
Phantom Stock	(1)	01/06/2012			A		547			(3)		(2)	Commo Stock	n	547	\$25.7971	547		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 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.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-

01/09/2012

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** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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