

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, DC 20549
 FORM 3
 INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 DeBatty, Jill A.
 1908 Short Ridge Dr.
 Warsaw, IN 46580
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
 02/12/2001
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Lakeland Financial Corporation (LKFN)
5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	63.896	I	401k Plan

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Stock Options (Right to buy)	06/13/2005	06/13/2010	Common Stock	600	\$13.5	D
Stock Options (Right to buy)	01/09/2006	01/09/2011	Common Stock	1500	\$13.625	D
Stock Options (Right to buy)	02/08/2005	02/08/2010	Common Stock	800	\$15.125	D
Stock Options (Right to buy)	02/09/2004	02/09/2009	Common Stock	750	\$19.4375	D

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 /s/ Jill A. DeBatty

DATE
 02/21/2001