FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] BARTELS ROBERT E JR | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|--|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | | X | Director | 10% Owner | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) MARTIN'SSUPERMARKETS | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2013 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | |
| P.O. BOX 2709 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | X | Form filed by One Repo | orting Person | | | |
| SOUTH BEND | IN | 46680 | | | Form filed by More that Person | n One Reporting | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | |
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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) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1130.4) |
| Common Stock | 01/08/2013 | | Α | | 625 | Α | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 4,075 | D | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo of (D (Instriand S | rities lired r osed) 7. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/M | ate Amount of | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------------------|-----------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$11.9 | | | | | | | 01/14/2008 | 01/14/2013 | Common Stock | 2,000 | | 2,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$17.185 | | | | | | | 12/09/2008 | 12/09/2013 | Common Stock | 1,000 | | 1,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$24.05 | | | | | | | 05/14/2013 | 05/14/2018 | Common Stock | 1,000 | | 1,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-01/10/2013

in-Fact

** 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).

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