

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DEARDORFF KEVIN L</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/02/2012</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<u>3254 W. STATE RD 14</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<u>SILVER LAKE IN 46982</u>				

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			
Common Stock	03/02/2012		P		380	A	\$24.3661	37,577	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2012		M		1,292	A	\$0	38,869	D	
Common Stock								0	I	401(k) Plan

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	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
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$17.185	03/02/2012		M			1,292	12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	1,292	\$0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$0 ⁽¹⁾							02/01/2015	02/01/2015 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	4,000		4,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$0 ⁽¹⁾							02/01/2013	02/01/2013 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	3,000		3,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$0 ⁽¹⁾							02/01/2014	02/01/2014 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	4,000		4,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$24.05							05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	3,000		3,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific future date and do not have an expiration date.
- The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 03/05/2012

** 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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