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 Addre	1 0	son*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 1401 E. NORTH	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/27/2012		Director Officer (give title below) CEO	10% Owner Other (specify below)		
(Street) SYRACUSE (City)	IN (State)	46567 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Form filed by One Report Form filed by More than C Person	ing Person		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								

4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) Securities Beneficially Owned Following Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4) Ownership Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) v Code Amount Price 11/27/2012 Common Stock Μ 10,000 Α \$<mark>0</mark> 139,980 D Common Stock 11/27/2012 М 10,000 Α \$<mark>0</mark> 149,980 D Common Stock 11/27/2012 s 10,000 D \$24.7538 139,980 D 401(k) 23,716 **Common Stock** I Plan As **Common Stock** 600 Ι Trustee⁽¹⁾

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)				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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$17.185	11/27/2012		М			10,000	12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$17.185	11/27/2012		М			10,000	12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$0 ⁽³⁾							02/01/2014	02/01/2014 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	12,000		12,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$0 ⁽³⁾							02/01/2015	02/01/2015 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	12,000		12,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$0 ⁽³⁾							02/01/2013	02/01/2013 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$24.05							05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The reporting person serves as co-trustee over his mother's trust.

2. The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.

3. Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.

4. Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific futurue date and do not have an expiration date.

<u>Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-</u> <u>in-Fact</u>

11/29/2012

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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