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## 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 <sup>*</sup> Evans Daniel F	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP</u> [ LKFN ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 330 W 62ND	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2012	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
(Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46260	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>X Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul>
(City) (State) (Zip)		

## 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)	Code (Instr.					Securities Beneficially	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								4,285	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)		of E		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)	derivative Securities Beneficially Owned	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				
Phantom Stock	(1)	12/31/2012		Α		17		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	17	\$25.9199	2,545	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each Phantom stock unit exercises into 1 share of common Stock.

2. Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

3. Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

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

01/02/2013

\*\* 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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