

Gavin Michael E
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Gavin Michael E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
 [LKFN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 85 S HUNTERS RIDGE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/01/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & CCO

WARSAW, IN 46582
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	02/06/2012		M	1,320 A \$ 0	1,320	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2012		S	463 D \$ 25.87	857	D	
Common Stock					6,199	I	401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2012		A	4,000	02/01/2015	02/01/2015 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	4,000
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	02/06/2012		M	1,320	03/15/2012	03/15/2012 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	1,320
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾					02/01/2013	02/01/2013 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	1,320
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾					02/01/2014	02/01/2014 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	1,320
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05					05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	1,320

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/08/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

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

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