

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
FINDLAY DAVID M

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)
2828 E. PRESTWICK RD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/12/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President & CFO

WINNIE LAKE, IN 46590
 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/12/2012		M	10,000 A \$ 0	49,668	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2012		S	7,200 D \$ 24.4313	42,468	D	
Common Stock					11,227	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock					2,000	I	By Spouse

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.185	12/12/2012		M	10,000	12/09/2008 12/09/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					02/01/2015 02/01/2015 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	8,000
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					02/01/2013 02/01/2013 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	6,000
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					02/01/2014 02/01/2014 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05					05/14/2013 05/14/2018	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FINDLAY DAVID M 2828 E. PRESTWICK RD WINNIE LAKE, IN 46590			President & CFO	

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/14/2012

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

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