

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**BARTMAN TERESA A**

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)  
**12139 SYRACUSE WEBSTER RD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/16/2012**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**SVP - Finance & Controller**

**SYRACUSE, IN 46567**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)  | Amount |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/16/2012                           |  | M                              | V   | 1,000  | A \$ 0 3,373  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |        | 7,110   | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   | 04/16/2012                           |  | M                              | 1,000   | 04/14/2012 04/14/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>                     | Common Stock  | 1,000                      |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>      | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/01/2015 02/01/2015 <sup>(1)</sup>                     | Common Stock  | 1,000                      |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>      | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/01/2013 02/01/2013 <sup>(1)</sup>                     | Common Stock  | 1,000                      |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>      | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/01/2014 02/01/2014 <sup>(1)</sup>                     | Common Stock  | 1,000                      |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 17.185  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/09/2008 12/09/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 1,400                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| BARTMAN TERESA A<br>12139 SYRACUSE WEBSTER RD<br>SYRACUSE, IN 46567 |               |           | SVP - Finance & Controller |       |

## Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/16/2012

\*\*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) Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific future date and do not have an expiration date.

(2) Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.

(3) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.

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