

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 *
 DEARDORFF KEVIN L

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)
 3254 W. STATE RD 14
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/29/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

SILVER LAKE, IN 46982

(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 or Price		
Common Stock	07/29/2013		M		765 A \$ 0	39,634	D
Common Stock	07/29/2013		S		765 D \$ 32.2857	38,869	D
Common Stock	07/30/2013		M		2,235 A \$ 0	41,104	D
Common Stock	07/30/2013		S		348 D \$ 32.0798	40,756	D
Common Stock	07/30/2013		S		872 D \$ 31.8696	39,884	D

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Common Stock	07/30/2013		S	1,015	D	\$ 31.7201	38,869	D	
Common Stock							0	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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05	07/29/2013		M	765	05/14/2013 05/14/2018	Common Stock	765	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05	07/30/2013		M	2,235	05/14/2013 05/14/2018	Common Stock	2,235	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					02/01/2015 02/01/2015 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	4,000	
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Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					02/01/2016 02/01/2016 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	4,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEARDORFF KEVIN L 3254 W. STATE RD 14 SILVER LAKE, IN 46982			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

07/31/2013

__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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