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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN] Gavin Michael E (Month/Day/Year) 07/12/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) **85 S HUNTERS RIDGE** (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _ Other Person WARSAW, INÂ 46582 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One **EVP & CCO** Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Ι Common Stock 6,199 401(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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)	
	Data	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:		
	Date Exercisable				Security	Direct (D)		
						or Indirect		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units (3)	03/15/2012	03/15/2012(2)	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 0 (1)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (3)	02/01/2013	02/01/2013(2)	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 0 (1)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (3)	02/01/2014	02/01/2014(2)	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 0 (1)	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	2,800	\$ 17.185	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 24.05	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Transfer de la companya de la compan	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe		
Gavin Michael E 85 S HUNTERS RIDGE WARSAW Â INÂ 46582	Â	Â	EVP & CCO	Â		

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 futurue date and do not have an expiration date.
- (3) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.

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