

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP  
 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)  
 02/02/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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                    | 02/02/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 100   | D  | \$ 43.47  | 2,931 | D |             |
| Common Stock                    | 02/02/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 800   | D  | \$ 43.5001  | 2,131 | D |             |
| Common Stock                    | 02/02/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 500   | D  | \$ 43.4864  | 1,631 | D |             |
| Common Stock                    | 02/02/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 100   | D  | \$ 43.4864  | 1,531 | D |             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 8,258 | I | 401(k) Plan |



## 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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