

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, DC 20549
 FORM 4
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Welch, M. Scott
 6 Longwood Ct.
 Elkhart, IN 46516
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Lakeland Financial Corporation (LKFN)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 1/2001
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director () 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
7. 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	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
		Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price			

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
Title of Derivative Security	Conver- sion or Exercise Price of Deriv- ative Security	Transac- tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	Transac- tion Code V	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) Disposed(D)	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities or Number of Shares	Amount or Price of Derivative Security	Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Benefi- cially Owned at End of Month	Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Benefi- cially Owned (D) or In- direct (I)	Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$13.625	01/09/2001	A	V 1000	01/09/2006 01/09/2011	Common Stock	1000 \$0.0000	1000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 /s/ M. Scott Welch

DATE
 12/31/2099