

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 *
 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)
 10/18/2007

____ Director
 ___X___ 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)
 ___X___ 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 10/18/2007 | | M | 1,400 A \$ 12.1875 | 1,400 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 7,934 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 6.75 | | | | | 06/13/2005 06/13/2010 | Common Stock | 3,758 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 6.8125 | | | | | 01/09/2006 01/09/2011 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 7.0625 | | | | | 05/09/2005 05/09/2010 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 7.5625 | | | | | 02/08/2005 02/08/2010 | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 9.7188 | | | | | 02/09/2004 02/09/2009 | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 17.185 | | | | | 12/09/2008 12/09/2013 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 12.1875 | 10/18/2007 | | M | 1,400 | 04/14/2003 04/12/2008 | Common Stock | 1,400 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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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

10/18/2007

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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