

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 SMITH CHARLES D

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)
 1902 N. BAY DR.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/25/2006

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

WARSAW, IN 46580
 (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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/25/2006		M	7,200 A \$ 12.1875	7,658.918	D	
Common Stock	05/25/2006		S	7,200 D \$ 23	458.918	D	
Common Stock					70,382	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock					579.668	I	By Spouse

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	8,000
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	4,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 7.5625					02/08/2005 02/08/2010	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 8.125					12/11/2006 12/11/2011	Common Stock	4,000
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	05/25/2006	M	7,200	04/14/2003	04/12/2008	Common Stock	7,200
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer
SMITH CHARLES D 1902 N. BAY DR. WARSAW, IN 46580			Executive Vice president
			Other

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact	05/26/2006
<u> </u> 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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