

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ROSS STEVEN 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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

187 EMS T46 LN

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

LEESBURG, IN 46538

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/30/2008 | ^ | M4 | | 1,400 | \$ 0 | 8,248 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2008 | ^ | J4 ⁽¹⁾ | | 204 | \$ 21.58 | 8,452 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 0 ⁽²⁾ | I | By Daughter |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.8125 | 07/30/2008 | ^ | M4 | ^ | 1,400 | 01/09/2006 | 01/09/2011 | Common Stock | 1,400 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.185 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 12/09/2008 | 12/09/2013 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 24.05 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 05/14/2013 | 05/14/2018 | Common Stock | 1,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROSS STEVEN D 187 EMS T46 LN LEESBURG, IN 46538 | ^ X | ^ | ^ | ^ |

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/11/2009

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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(1) Dividend reinvestment for 2008.

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(2) As adjusted to reflect the removal of 200 shares held by Mr. Ross's daughter no longer reportable by him.

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