

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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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)
 01/23/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 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)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/23/2009		M	8,000 A \$ 0	9,800	D	
Common Stock					0	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		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.7188	01/23/2009		M		8,000		02/09/2004	02/09/2009	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.5625							02/08/2005	02/08/2010	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.0625							05/09/2005	05/09/2010	Common Stock	2,000
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)	\$ 17.185							12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	5,818
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05							05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	3,000

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

01/26/2009

__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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