

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
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	\$ 12.1875	05/25/2006		M	7,200	04/14/2003	04/12/2008	Common	7,200		
(Right to buy)								Stock			

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/26/2006

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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