

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 *
 DE BATTY JILL A

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)
 Senior Vice President

1908 SHORT RIDGE RD
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

WARSAW, IN 46580

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)			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	07/22/2005		M		1,200	\$ 6.75	1,200	D	
Common Stock	07/22/2005		S		800	\$ 21.25	400	D	
Common Stock	07/22/2005		S		400	\$ 21.53	0	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2007		J ⁽¹⁾		262	\$ 22.52	3,151	I	401k Plan

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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)		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)	\$ 17.185	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.96	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/11/2012	12/11/2017	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.75	07/22/2005	Â	M	Â	1,200	06/13/2005	06/13/2010	Common Stock	1,200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DE BATTY JILL A 1908 SHORT RIDGE RD WARSAW, IN 46580	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/11/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) Salary redirection to 401(k) plan for 2007.

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