SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report October 15, 2003
(Date of earliest event reported)

Lakeland Financial Corporation
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-11487	35-1559596
(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

202 East Center Street, P.O. Box 1387, Warsaw, Indiana	46581-1387
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

(574) 267-6144
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired.

None.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated October 15, 2003

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 15, 2003, Lakeland Financial Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2003. The news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Dated: October 15, 2003

By: /s/David M. Findlay
David M. Findlay
Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 99.1

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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LAKELAND FINANCIAL REPORTS THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE AND CASH DIVIDEND

Warsaw, Indiana (October 15, 2003) - Lakeland Financial Corporation (Nasdaq/LKFN), parent company of Lake City Bank, today reported quarterly net income of $3.6 million for the third quarter of 2003, an increase of 18.9% versus $3.0 million for the comparable period in 2002. Diluted net income per common share for the quarter was $0.60 versus $0.50 for the comparable period in 2002, an increase of 20.0%. Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 was a record $10.9 million versus $9.0 million for the comparable period in 2002, an increase of 20.2%. Diluted net income per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 was $1.81 per share versus $1.52 per share in 2002, an increase of 19.1%.

The Company also announced that the Board of Directors approved a cash dividend for the third quarter of $0.19 per share, payable on October 24, 2003 to shareholders of record on October 10, 2003. The quarterly dividend represents a 12% increase over the quarterly dividend of $0.17 paid in 2002.

Michael L. Kubacki, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented on the performance, "We continue to be pleased about our 2003 performance, with net income for the nine months ended September 30th up over 20%. The third quarter represented a challenging operating environment as we continued to experience a decline in the net interest margin, which decreased from 3.89% in the second quarter of 2003 to 3.72% in the third quarter, thus putting pressure on net interest income. Negative earnings impact was created by the significant decline in mortgage sales gains, which were $383,000 versus $1.2 million in the second quarter of 2003. While these events have certainly impacted on our linked quarter performance, which saw a slight decline in net income from $3.7 million to $3.6 million, our overall results for the year are outstanding."

Kubacki continued, "Noninterest income for the first nine months increased to $13.8 million versus $10.5 million in the comparable period in 2002, driven by mortgage sales gains of $2.7 million, an increase of $1.5 million versus the comparable period in 2002. Also adding to the strong increase in noninterest income was a $1.7 million increase in other income, which grew from $2.5 million for the first nine months of 2002 to $4.2 million for the comparable period in 2003 as a result of the implementation of an insurance investment program, income due to a reduction in the valuation allowance related to accounting for mortgage servicing rights and increased service fees.

"Our income performance is notable given that net interest income after the provision for loan losses increased by only 2.5% from $29.2 million in the first nine months of 2002 to $30.0 million for the comparable period in 2003. Net interest income continued to be negatively impacted by a decline in the net interest margin from 4.10% in the first nine months of 2002 to 3.84% in the comparable period of 2003. As we conclude 2003, we anticipate that the net interest margin will remain one of our primary challenges, barring any upward movement in rates. As a result of the overall low interest rate environment throughout 2003, our margin has declined in each successive quarter of 2003," added Kubacki.

Average loans for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 were $843.3 million versus $759.4 million during the comparable period in 2002. Total loans as of September 30, 2003 were $847.7 million versus $839.4 million as of June 30, 2003. Lakeland Financial's allowance for loan losses as of September 30, 2003 was $10.1 million, or 1.19% of gross loans, compared to $9.1 million, or 1.15% of gross loans, as of September 30, 2002 and $9.8 million, or 1.17% of gross loans as of June 30, 2003. Non-performing assets totaled $6.2 million as of September 30, 2003 versus $7.7 million on September 30, 2002 and $8.2 million as of June 30, 2003. On a linked quarter basis, total nonperforming assets declined by approximately $2.0 million from the second quarter of 2003 to the third quarter. The ratio of non-performing assets to loans was 0.73% on September 30, 2003 compared to 0.98% at both September 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003.

Kubacki commented, "During the first nine months of 2003, average loans increased by 9.4% to $843.3 million versus $770.9 million for all of 2002. Average loans during the third quarter of 2003 were $853.4 million versus $846.5 million in the second quarter of 2003, an increase of only 1%. On a net basis, loan growth was minimal as the region continues to slowly climb out of the difficult economic conditions that we believe have suppressed overall loan demand. Net charge offs totaled $102,000 in the quarter versus $843,000 in the third quarter of 2002 and $673,000 during the second quarter of 2003. Net charge offs totaled $1.2 million during both of the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2003 and 2002. For the nine months ended September 30, 2003, net charge offs were 0.20% of average loans on an annualized basis. We further believe that the decline in nonperforming assets on a linked quarter basis is reflective of the overall quality of our portfolio in a difficult commercial lending environment."

For the nine months ended September 30, 2003, Lakeland Financial's average equity to average assets ratio was 7.05% versus 6.91% for the comparable period in 2002 and 7.07% for the second quarter of 2003. Average stockholders' equity for the first nine months of 2003 was $86.7 million versus $77.9 million for the comparable period in 2002. Average total deposits for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 were $961.8 million versus $846.0 million for the comparable period in 2002.

In addition, the Company announced that D. Jean Northenor had retired from the Board of Directors. Kubacki concluded, "For nearly 20 years, Jean has helped define the organization and contributed to our many successes."

Lakeland Financial Corporation is a $1.2 billion bank holding company headquartered in Warsaw, Indiana. Lake City Bank serves Northern Indiana with 42 branches located in the following Indiana counties: Kosciusko, Elkhart, Allen, St. Joseph, DeKalb, Fulton, Huntington, LaGrange, Marshall, Noble, Pulaski and Whitley.

Lakeland Financial Corporation may be accessed on its home page at www.lakecitybank.com. The Company's common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market under "LKFN". Marketmakers in Lakeland Financial Corporation common shares include Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Howe Barnes Investments, Inc., Raymond James & Associates, Inc., McDonald Investments, Inc., First Tennessee Capital Markets and Trident Securities.

This document contains, and future oral and written statements of the Company and its management may contain, forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to the financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business of the Company. Forward-looking statements, which may be based upon beliefs, expectations and assumptions of the Company's management and on information currently available to management, are generally identifiable by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "plan," "intend," "estimate," "may," "will," "would," "could," "should" or other similar expressions. Additionally, all statements in this document, including forward-looking statements, speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any statement in light of new information or future events.

A number of factors, many of which are beyond the ability of the Company to control or predict, could cause actual results to differ materially from those in its forward-looking statements. These factors include, among others, the following: (i) the strength of the local and national economy; (ii) the economic impact of past and any future terrorist attacks, acts of war or threats thereof and the response of the United States to any such attacks and threats; (iii) changes in state and federal laws, regulations and governmental policies concerning the Company's general business; (iv) changes in interest rates and prepayment rates of the Company's assets; (v) increased competition in the financial services sector and the inability to attract new customers; (vi) changes in technology and the ability to develop and maintain secure and reliable electronic systems; (vii) the loss of key executives or employees; (viii) changes in consumer spending; (ix) unexpected results of acquisitions; (x) unexpected outcomes of existing or new litigation involving the Company; and (xi) changes in accounting policies and practices. These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Additional information concerning the Company and its business, including additional factors that could materially affect the Company's financial results, is included in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION
THIRD QUARTER 2003 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
(Unaudited - Dollars in thousands except Share and Per Share Data)

	3 Months Ended September 30 2003	3 Months Ended September 30 2002	9 Months Ended September 30 2003	9 Months Ended September 30 2002
END OF PERIOD BALANCES				
Assets	$ 1,248,162	$ 1,172,049	$ 1,248,162	$ 1,172,049
Deposits	1,002,037	877,814	1,002,037	877,814
Loans	847,714	792,552	847,714	792,552
Allowance for Loan Losses	10,064	9,082	10,064	9,082
Common Stockholders' Equity	88,799	82,293	88,799	82,293
AVERAGE BALANCES				
Assets				
Total Assets	$ 1,244,032	$ 1,145,577	$ 1,230,511	$ 1,129,696
Earning Assets	1,141,973	1,063,798	1,130,915	1,046,792
Investments	267,756	274,626	270,941	274,116
Loans	853,425	771,516	843,271	759,380
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity				
Total Deposits	982,617	868,450	961,770	846,010
Interest Bearing Deposits	804,096	716,002	792,761	699,770
Interest Bearing Liabilities	969,747	898,002	964,110	892,928
Common Stockholders' Equity	87,260	80,722	86,749	77,885

INCOME STATEMENT DATA				
Net Interest Income	$ 10,412	$ 10,625	$ 31,721	$ 31,511
Net Interest Income-Fully Tax Equivalent	10,718	10,840	32,535	32,148
Provision for Loan Loss	380	1,041	1,764	2,290
Noninterest Income	4,467	3,635	13,764	10,540
Noninterest Expense	9,089	8,593	27,314	25,961
Net Income	3,591	3,021	10,855	9,034
PER SHARE DATA				
Basic Net Income Per Common Share	$ 0.62	$ 0.52	$ 1.87	$ 1.55
Diluted Net Income Per Common Share	0.60	0.50	1.81	1.52
Cash Dividends Per Common Share	0.19	0.17	0.57	0.51
Book Value Per Common Share (equity per share issued)	15.25	14.15	15.25	14.15
Market Value - High	34.40	29.76	34.40	29.76
Market Value - Low	29.51	23.57	23.00	17.26
Basic Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding	5,819,671	5,813,984	5,816,830	5,813,984
Diluted Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding	6,017,241	5,992,824	5,982,283	5,957,792
KEY RATIOS				
Return on Average Assets	1.15%	1.05%	1.18%	1.07%
Return on Average Common Stockholders' Equity	16.33	14.83	16.73	15.48
Efficiency (Noninterest Expense / Gross Interest Income plus Noninterest Income)	61.08	60.26	60.05	61.74
Average Equity to Average Assets	7.01	7.05	7.05	6.91
Net Interest Margin	3.72	4.04	3.84	4.10
Net Charge Offs to Average Loans	0.05	0.43	0.20	0.20
Loan Loss Reserve to Loans	1.19	1.15	1.19	1.15
Nonperforming Assets to Loans	0.73	0.98	0.73	0.98
Tier 1 Leverage	8.31	8.07	8.31	8.07
Tier 1 Risk-Based Capital	10.81	10.49	10.81	10.49
Total Capital	11.86	11.53	11.86	11.53
ASSET QUALITY				
Loans Past Due 90 Days or More	$ 3,226	$ 3,627	$ 3,226	$ 3,627
Non-accrual Loans	1,291	3,973	1,291	3,973
Net Charge Offs	102	843	1,232	1,154
Other Real Estate Owned	1,530	38	1,530	38
Other Nonperforming Assets	120	104	120	104
Total Nonperforming Assets	6,167	7,742	6,167	7,742

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
As of September 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002
(in thousands)

	September 30, 2003 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2002
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Cash and due from banks	$ 52,373	$ 74,149
Short-term investments	7,233	13,000
Total cash and cash equivalents	59,606	87,149
Securities available-for-sale:		
U. S. Treasury and government agency securities	13,962	17,284
Mortgage-backed securities	209,683	222,036
State and municipal securities	52,520	34,785
Total securities available-for-sale	276,165	274,105
Real estate mortgages held-for-sale	9,742	10,395
Loans:		
Total loans	847,714	822,676
Less: Allowance for loan losses	10,064	9,533
Net loans	837,650	813,143
Land, premises and equipment, net	26,444	24,768
Accrued income receivable	4,945	4,999
Goodwill	4,970	4,970
Other intangible assets	930	1,042
Other assets	27,710	27,215
Total assets	$ 1,248,162	$ 1,247,786
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Deposits:		
Noninterest bearing deposits	$ 193,258	$ 192,787
Interest bearing deposits	808,779	720,538
Total deposits	1,002,037	913,325
Short-term borrowings:		
Federal funds purchased	7,000	30,000
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	78,765	124,968
U.S. Treasury demand notes	3,289	4,000
Other borrowings	10,000	26,000
Total short-term borrowings	99,054	184,968
Accrued expenses payable	7,575	12,503
Other liabilities	1,285	2,417
Long-term borrowings	30,047	31,348
Guaranteed preferred beneficial interests in Company's subordinated debentures	19,365	19,345
Total liabilities	1,159,363	1,163,906
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock: No par value, 90,000,000 shares authorized, 5,822,429 shares issued and 5,776,202 outstanding as of September 30 2003, and 5,813,984 shares issued and 5,767,010 outstanding at December 31, 2002	1,453	1,453
Additional paid-in capital	9,924	8,537
Retained earnings	78,358	70,819
Accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss)	(26)	3,937
Treasury stock, at cost	(910)	(866)
Total stockholders' equity	88,799	83,880
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 1,248,162	$ 1,247,786

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
For the Three Months and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003 and 2002
(in thousands except for share data)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2003	Three Months Ended September 30, 2002	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2002
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME				
Interest and fees on loans: Taxable	$ 11,543	$ 12,309	$ 35,453	$ 36,960
Tax exempt	74	58	203	125
Total loan income	11,617	12,367	35,656	37,085
Short-term investments	48	73	133	165
Securities:				
U.S. Treasury and government agency securities	145	340	460	1,077
Mortgage-backed securities	2,473	3,028	8,099	8,825
State and municipal securities	550	402	1,475	1,202
Other debt securities	0	6	0	208
Total interest and dividend income	14,833	16,216	45,823	48,562
INTEREST EXPENSE				
Interest on deposits	3,421	4,277	10,909	12,855
Interest on short-term borrowings	244	536	897	2,091
Interest on long-term debt	756	778	2,296	2,105
Total interest expense	4,421	5,591	14,102	17,051
NET INTEREST INCOME	10,412	10,625	31,721	31,511
Provision for loan losses	380	1,041	1,764	2,290
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	10,032	9,584	29,957	29,221
NONINTEREST INCOME				
Trust and brokerage fees	627	590	1,802	1,889
Service charges on deposit accounts	1,736	1,785	5,136	4,922
Other income (net)	1,729	728	4,179	2,470
Net gains on the sale of real estate mortgages held-for-sale	383	493	2,655	1,204
Net securities gains/(losses)	(8)	39	(8)	55
Total noninterest income	4,467	3,635	13,764	10,540
NONINTEREST EXPENSE				
Salaries and employee benefits	5,076	4,803	14,789	13,937
Occupancy and equipment expense	1,192	1,171	3,772	3,352
Other expense	2,821	2,619	8,753	8,672
Total noninterest expense	9,089	8,593	27,314	25,961
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE	5,410	4,626	16,407	13,800
Income tax expense	1,819	1,605	5,552	4,766
NET INCOME	$ 3,591	$ 3,021	$ 10,855	$ 9,034
BASIC WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	5,819,671	5,813,984	5,816,830	5,813,984
BASIC EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE	$ 0.62	$ 0.52	$ 1.87	$ 1.55
DILUTED WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	6,017,241	5,992,824	5,982,283	5,957,792
DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE	$ 0.60	$ 0.50	$ 1.81	$ 1.52