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 (Date of earliest event reported) January 17, 2006

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

Indiana	0-11487	35-1559596
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(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)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 17, 2006, Lakeland Financial Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the twelve-months and three-months ended December 31, 2005. The news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On January 10, 2006, the board of directors of Lakeland Financial Corporation (the "Company") approved an increase in the number of authorized directors of the Company from eleven (11) to twelve (12) directors. The board of directors then unanimously appointed George B. Huber as a director to fill the vacancy created by the increase. Mr. Huber is currently President and founder of Equity Investment Group, Inc. (EIG), a national real estate investment and management company involved primarily in retail shopping center properties. Mr. Huber is also President of Murphy & Associates, a Midwest commercial real estate investment and management company involved primarily in commercial office properties. Mr. Huber was appointed to the class of directors with terms expiring at the 2006 annual meeting of the Company's shareholders. At the 2006 annual meeting, Mr. Huber will be a Company nominee for director to serve for a full three-year term. Mr. Huber was appointed to the Credit and Investment committee of the board. There are no other arrangements or understandings between Mr. Huber and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Huber was selected as a director.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated January 17, 2006

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: January 17, 2006

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

Exhibit 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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18th CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF RECORD EARNINGS REPORTED FOR LAKE CITY BANK

Warsaw, Indiana (January 17, 2006) - Lakeland Financial Corporation (Nasdaq/LKFN), parent company of Lake City Bank, today reported record net income of $18.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, an increase of 23% versus $14.5 million for 2004. Diluted net income per share for the year ended December 31, 2005 was $2.92 versus $2.40 for 2004, an increase of 22%.

The Company also announced that the Board of Directors approved a cash dividend for the fourth quarter of $0.23 per share, payable on January 25, 2006 to shareholders of record on January 10, 2006. The quarterly dividend represents a 10% increase over the quarterly dividend of $0.21 paid in 2004.

Michael L. Kubacki, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "For 18 consecutive years, Lake City Bank has posted record net income. This accomplishment is a result of the great efforts by the entire Lake City Bank team. When our record earnings streak began in 1988, we were a $207 million bank with 11 branches located primarily in the Warsaw market. Today, we have 43 offices located in 12 Northern Indiana Counties with total assets of $1.6 billion. While we've grown significantly, we remain committed to developing meaningful, long term relationships in every Lake City Bank community. Our business and retail clients recognize our role as partners in building their financial success."

Net income for the fourth quarter of 2005 was $5.0 million versus $3.7 million for the comparable period of 2004, an increase of 33%. Diluted net income per share was $0.81 for the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of 31% versus $0.62 in the comparable period of 2004. During the fourth quarter of 2005, the Company completed the sale of its retail credit card portfolio, which contributed to the increase in net income for the quarter and the year. The sale of the portfolio resulted in a pre-tax gain of $863,000, or $513,000 on an after-tax basis. Excluding the impact of the gain on sale, net income for the fourth quarter would have been $4.5 million, or diluted net income per share of $0.72 per share. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, net income excluding the impact of the gain on sale would have been $17.4 million, or diluted net income per share of $2.84, a 20% increase versus $14.5 million in 2004.

Kubacki commented on the retail card portfolio sale, "In order to provide our retail and business clients with a fully featured credit card, we implemented a new card program during the quarter and sold the existing portfolio. Our new card initiative will give our clients a wide array of options when selecting a Lake City Bank Visa (R) card that will meet their specific interests, such as points and mileage programs. It's an exciting addition to our menu of retail and commercial services geared to ensuring that our customers have access to leading banking services focused on their financial needs."

Driven by the highest volume of loan growth in the Bank's history, net interest income increased to $50.1 million in 2005 versus $43.2 million in 2004. The net interest margin of 3.70% for the year was an improvement over a margin of 3.60% in 2004. "We generated $196 million of loan growth in 2005, resulting in total loans of $1.2 billion at year end. The growth was distributed throughout the Bank's Northern Indiana footprint and represented a 20% increase in total loans during the year. This level of loan growth is a reflection of our successful penetration throughout all of our markets, including South Bend, Warsaw, Elkhart and Fort Wayne," added Kubacki.

Average total loans for the fourth quarter of 2005 were $1.166 billion versus $1.116 billion during the third quarter of 2005, a linked-quarter increase of 5%. Total loans as of December 31, 2005 were $1.199 billion, an increase of $53.4 million, versus $1.145 billion as of September 30, 2005. Total loans as of December 31, 2004 were $1.003 billion.

He continued, "The Bank's efficiency ratio, which demonstrates our ability to produce revenue in a cost effective manner, improved to 56% in 2005, an all-time low and a gratifying reduction from 61% for 2004." Noninterest expense increased only 4% during 2005 versus 2004, while total revenues increased 14% year-over-year.

Lakeland Financial's allowance for loan losses as of December 31, 2005 was $12.8 million, compared to $12.2 million as of September 30, 2005 and $10.8 million as of December 31, 2004. Non-performing assets totaled $7.5 million as of December 31, 2005 versus $7.8 million as of September 30, 2005 and $10.3 million on December 31, 2004. The ratio of non-performing assets to loans was 0.63% on December 31, 2005 compared to 0.68% at September 30, 2005 and 1.02% at December 31, 2004. Net charge offs totaled $160,000 in the fourth quarter of 2005 versus $159,000 during the third quarter of 2005 and $562,000 in the fourth quarter of 2004.

For the three months ended December 31, 2005, Lakeland Financial's average equity to average assets ratio was 7.09% compared to 7.21% for the third quarter of 2005 and 7.24% for the fourth quarter of 2004. Average stockholders' equity for the quarter ended December 31, 2005 was $112.5 million versus $110.1 million for the third quarter of 2005 and $100.8 million for the fourth quarter of 2004. Average total deposits were $1.304 billion for the fourth quarter of 2005 versus $1.193 billion for the third quarter of 2005 and $1.126 billion for the fourth quarter of 2004.

Kubacki concluded, "We're excited by our plans for 2006 as we intend to expand our presence in every Lake City Bank market. We anticipate that we will begin development during 2006 of two additional offices in the Fort Wayne market and we've significantly expanded our trust and investment capabilities in that market. Furthermore, we're confident that the reputation we've established as the bank for business in Northern Indiana will continue as we grow."

Lakeland Financial Corporation is a $1.6 billion bank holding company headquartered in Warsaw, Indiana. Lake City Bank serves Northern Indiana with 43 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". Market makers in Lakeland Financial Corporation common shares include Citadel Derivatives Group, LLC, Citigroup Global Market Holdings, Inc., E*Trade Capital Markets LLC, FTN Midwest Securities Corp., Goldman Sachs & Company, Hill, Thompson, Magid & Co., Howe Barnes Investments, Inc., Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc., Knight Equity Markets, L.P., Lehman Brothers Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc., Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Inc., Susquehanna Capital Group, UBS Capital Markets L.P., and UBS Securities LLC.

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
FOURTH QUARTER 2005 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
(Unaudited - Dollars in thousands except Share and Per Share Data)

	Three Months Ended			Twelve Months Ended	
	Dec. 31, 2005	Sep. 30, 2005	Dec. 31, 2004	Dec. 31, 2005	Dec. 31, 2004
END OF PERIOD BALANCES					
Assets	$ 1,634,613	$ 1,557,713	$ 1,453,122	$ 1,634,613	$ 1,453,122
Deposits	1,266,245	1,250,970	1,115,399	1,266,245	1,115,399
Loans	1,198,730	1,145,366	1,003,219	1,198,730	1,003,219
Allowance for Loan Losses	12,774	12,233	10,754	12,774	10,754
Common Stockholders' Equity	113,334	110,471	101,765	113,334	101,765
AVERAGE BALANCES					
Assets					
Total Assets	$ 1,585,317	$ 1,525,945	$ 1,391,171	$ 1,499,155	$ 1,332,713
Earning Assets	1,468,493	1,413,814	1,281,124	1,385,931	1,225,253
Investments	286,856	287,968	285,344	286,863	281,870

Loans	1,166,371	1,115,866	974,732	1,088,788	930,934
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity					
Total Deposits	1,304,469	1,192,656	1,126,411	1,184,670	1,033,798
Interest Bearing Deposits	1,069,491	975,661	903,633	961,699	826,206
Interest Bearing Liabilities	1,225,277	1,188,964	1,057,924	1,157,539	1,021,152
Common Stockholders' Equity	112,468	110,060	100,779	108,218	95,436
INCOME STATEMENT DATA					
Net Interest Income	$ 13,187	$ 12,534	$ 11,549	$ 50,076	$ 43,172
Net Interest Income-Fully Tax Equivalent	13,481	12,832	11,869	51,251	44,461
Provision for Loan Losses	701	659	575	2,480	1,223
Noninterest Income	5,181	4,380	4,044	17,898	16,558
Noninterest Expense	10,041	9,355	9,356	38,057	36,660
Net Income	4,977	4,522	3,748	17,958	14,545
PER SHARE DATA					
Basic Net Income Per Common Share	$ 0.83	$ 0.76	$ 0.64	$ 3.01	$ 2.48
Diluted Net Income Per Common Share	0.81	0.73	0.62	2.92	2.40
Cash Dividends Per Common Share	0.23	0.23	0.21	0.92	0.84
Book Value Per Common Share (equity per share issued)	18.93	18.46	17.20	18.93	17.20
Market Value - High	45.19	43.88	40.90	45.19	40.90
Market Value - Low	38.01	38.60	33.80	35.00	28.31
Basic Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding	5,985,751	5,978,865	5,893,060	5,963,878	5,867,705
Diluted Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding	6,158,813	6,154,777	6,098,920	6,144,733	6,064,077
KEY RATIOS					
Return on Average Assets	1.25 %	1.18 %	1.07 %	1.20 %	1.09 %
Return on Average Common Stockholders' Equity	17.56	16.30	14.80	16.59	15.30
Efficiency (Noninterest Expense / Net Interest Income plus Noninterest Income)	54.67	55.31	60.00	55.99	61.38
Average Equity to Average Assets	7.09	7.21	7.24	7.22	7.13
Net Interest Margin	3.63	3.59	3.66	3.70	3.60
Net Charge Offs to Average Loans	0.05	0.05	0.23	0.04	0.08
Loan Loss Reserve to Loans	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.07
Nonperforming Assets to Loans	0.63	0.68	1.02	0.63	1.02
Tier 1 Leverage	9.21	8.96	9.15	9.21	9.15
Tier 1 Risk-Based Capital	10.81	10.93	11.41	10.81	11.41
Total Capital	11.80	11.91	12.38	11.80	12.38
ASSET QUALITY					
Loans Past Due 90 Days or More	$ 174	$ 218	$ 2,778	$ 174	$ 2,778
Non-accrual Loans	7,321	7,600	7,213	7,321	7,213
Net Charge Offs	160	159	562	460	703
Other Real Estate Owned	0	0	261	0	261
Other Nonperforming Assets	25	12	13	25	13
Total Nonperforming Assets	7,520	7,830	10,265	7,520	10,265

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
As of December 31, 2005 and 2004
(in thousands)

	December 31, 2005 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2004
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	$ 77,387	$ 81,144
Short-term investments	5,292	22,714
Total cash and cash equivalents	82,679	103,858
Securities available-for-sale (carried at fair value)	290,935	286,582
Real estate mortgages held-for-sale	960	2,991
Loans:		
Total loans	1,198,730	1,003,219
Less: Allowance for loan losses	12,774	10,754
Net loans	1,185,956	992,465
Land, premises and equipment, net	24,563	25,057
Bank owned life insurance	19,654	16,896
Accrued income receivable	7,416	5,765
Goodwill	4,970	4,970
Other intangible assets	1,034	1,245
Other assets	16,446	13,293
Total assets	$ 1,634,613	$ 1,453,122
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Noninterest bearing deposits	$ 247,605	$ 237,261
Interest bearing deposits	1,018,640	878,138
Total deposits	1,266,245	1,115,399
Short-term borrowings:		
Federal funds purchased	43,000	20,000
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	91,071	88,057
U.S. Treasury demand notes	2,471	2,593
Other borrowings	75,000	75,000
Total short-term borrowings	211,542	185,650
Accrued expenses payable	10,423	7,445
Other liabilities	2,095	1,889
Long-term borrowings	46	10,046
Subordinated debentures	30,928	30,928
Total liabilities	1,521,279	1,351,357
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock: No par value, 90,000,000 shares authorized, 5,986,054 shares issued and 5,947,342 outstanding as of December 31 2005, and 5,915,854 shares issued and 5,881,283 outstanding at December 31, 2004	1,453	1,453
Additional paid-in capital	14,287	12,463
Retained earnings	102,327	89,864
Accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss)	(3,814)	(1,267)
Treasury stock, at cost	(919)	(748)
Total stockholders' equity	113,334	101,765
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 1,634,613	$ 1,453,122

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
For the Three Months and Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004
(in thousands except for share data)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2005	Three Months Ended December 31, 2004	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2005	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2004
NET INTEREST INCOME				
Interest and fees on loans:				
Taxable	$ 19,669	$ 13,509	$ 68,230	$ 49,087
Tax exempt	50	81	182	287
Interest and dividends on securities:				
Taxable	2,394	2,085	9,343	8,103
Tax exempt	582	587	2,341	2,344
Short-term investments	149	102	333	184
Total interest and dividend income	22,844	16,364	80,429	60,005
Interest on deposits	8,192	4,016	24,331	13,397
Interest on short-term borrowings	841	341	3,790	1,556
Interest on long-term borrowings	624	458	2,232	1,880
Total interest expense	9,657	4,815	30,353	16,833
NET INTEREST INCOME	13,187	14,549	50,076	43,172
Provision for loan losses	701	575	2,480	1,223
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	12,486	10,974	47,596	41,949
NONINTEREST INCOME				
Trust and brokerage fees	852	696	3,113	3,015
Service charges on deposit accounts	1,817	1,723	6,929	6,917
Loan, insurance and service fees	542	562	1,984	1,945
Merchant card fee income	578	562	2,435	2,219
Other income	390	238	1,709	1,475
Net gain on sale of credit card portfolio	863	0	863	0
Net gains on sale of real estate mortgages held for sale	208	263	934	987
Net securities losses	(69)	0	(69)	0
Total noninterest income	5,181	4,044	17,898	16,558
NONINTEREST EXPENSE				
Salaries and employee benefits	5,319	4,968	20,543	19,673
Net occupancy expense	715	694	2,774	2,496
Equipment costs	466	574	1,942	2,106
Data processing fees and supplies	681	645	2,396	2,546
Credit card interchange	369	360	1,527	1,397
Other expense	2,491	2,115	8,875	8,442
Total noninterest expense	10,041	9,356	38,057	36,660
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE	7,626	5,662	27,437	21,847
Income tax expense	2,649	1,914	9,479	7,302
NET INCOME	$ 4,977	$ 3,748	$ 17,958	$ 14,545
BASIC WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	5,985,751	5,893,060	5,963,878	5,867,705
BASIC EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE	$ 0.83	$ 0.64	$ 3.01	$ 2.48
DILUTED WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	6,158,813	6,098,920	6,144,733	6,064,077
DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE	$ 0.81	$ 0.62	$ 2.92	$ 2.40