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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 10-QSB

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2003

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File No. 0-33413

CLOVER LEAF FINANCIAL CORP.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware  
(State of incorporation)

37-1416016  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 East Park Street, Edwardsville, Illinois  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

62025  
(Zip Code)

(618) 656-6122  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including area code)

Check whether the registrant (1) filed all reports required to be filed by  
Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act during the preceding 12  
months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such  
reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90  
days.

Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of  
common stock as of the latest practicable date.

Class	Outstanding at May 13, 2003
Common stock \$.10 par value	646,450

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## PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CLOVER LEAF FINANCIAL CORP.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)  
(Dollars in Thousands, except per share data)

#### ASSETS

Cash and due from banks  
Interest bearing deposits in other financial institutions

Total cash and cash equivalents

Securities available-for-sale  
Federal Home Loan Bank stock  
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of  
    \$717 in 2003 and \$690 at December 31, 2002  
Bank premises and equipment  
Accrued interest receivable

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Other assets

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Deposits:

Noninterest bearing

Interest bearing

Total deposits

Federal Home Loan Bank advances

Other borrowings

Accrued interest payable

Other liabilities

TOTAL LIABILITIES

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Preferred stock, \$.10 par value - 250,000 shares authorized;

none issued or outstanding at March 31, 2003 or December 31, 2002

Common stock, \$.10 par value - 2,000,000 shares authorized; 661,250  
shares issued

Surplus

Retained earnings

Accumulated other comprehensive income

Treasury Stock, 14,800 shares at cost at March 31, 2003

Unearned Employee Stock Ownership Plan shares

TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

See the accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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CLOVER LEAF FINANCIAL CORP.

Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)

(Dollars in Thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2003	2002
Interest Income and dividend income:		
Loans, including fees	\$1,108	\$1,093
Securities	127	184
Federal Home Loan Bank dividends	43	56
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	18	11

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TOTAL INTEREST AND FEE INCOME	1,296	1,344
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Interest Expense:		
Deposits	528	651
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	64	21
Other borrowings	3	1
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TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE	595	673
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NET INTEREST INCOME	701	671
Provision for loan losses	23	21
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NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	678	650
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Noninterest Income:		
Service charges on deposit accounts	20	18
Other service charges and fees	14	15
Loan servicing fees	8	3
Gain on sale of loans	68	18
Gain on sale of investments	-	4
Other	1	2
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TOTAL NONINTEREST INCOME	111	60
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Noninterest Expense:		
Salaries and employee benefits	329	269
Occupancy and equipment, net	64	66
Data processing	60	57
Advertising and marketing	9	15
Directors' fees	30	24
Audit and accounting fees	18	18
Legal & collection expense	20	9
Other	89	87
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TOTAL NONINTEREST EXPENSE	619	545
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Net income before income taxes	170	165
Income taxes	62	50
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NET INCOME	\$ 108	\$ 115
=====		
Average Shares Outstanding:		
Basic and Diluted	641,549	649,990
Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$.17	\$.18

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)  
(Dollars in Thousands)

Three Months Ended March 31, 2003

	Common Stock	Surplus	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Treasury Stock
Balance at December 31, 2002	\$ 66	\$ 6,066	\$ 6,653	\$ 94	—
Comprehensive income					
Net income	--	--	108	--	--
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:					
Change in unrealized gain on securities available-for-sale arising during the period, net of tax of \$(5)	--	--	--	10	--
Comprehensive income					
Allocation of ESOP shares	--	2	--	--	--
Purchase of treasury stock	--	--	--	--	(24)
Balance at March 31, 2003	\$ 66	\$ 6,068	\$ 6,761	\$ 104	\$ (24)

See the accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)  
(Dollars in Thousands)

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Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Net income  
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided  
by operating activities:  
    Depreciation  
    Provision for loan losses  
    Net amortization (accretion) on investments  
    Deferred tax provision  
    Realized gain on sale of investments  
    Federal Home Loan Bank stock dividend  
    Gain on sale of loans  
    Proceeds from sales of loans held for sale  
    Origination of loans held for sale  
    Decrease in accrued interest receivable  
    Decrease (increase) in other assets  
    Decrease in accrued interest payable  
    Increase (decrease) in other liabilities

Net cash provided by operating activities

Cash Flows from Investing Activities:

Purchase of securities available-for-sale  
Proceeds of sales and maturities of securities available-for-sale and paydowns  
Purchase of Federal Home Loan Bank stock, net  
Increase in loans, net  
Purchases of premises and equipment

Net cash (used in) investing activities

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

Increase (decrease) in deposits  
Increase (decrease) in other borrowings  
Loans to ESOP for purchase of shares  
Allocation of ESOP shares  
Purchase of Treasury Stock  
Costs associated with issuance of stock

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities

Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents:

Beginning

Ending

Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information

Cash paid for:

    Interest  
    Income taxes

Supplemental disclosure of non cash investing activities

Assets acquired through foreclosure

See the accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Note A--Principles of Accounting

The consolidated financial statements of Clover Leaf Financial Corp. ("Clover Leaf Financial" or the "Company") have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and in the banking industry and with the instructions to Form 10-QSB. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for annual reporting. Reference is hereby made to the notes to consolidated financial statements contained in Clover Leaf Financial's annual report on Form 10-KSB. The foregoing consolidated financial statements are unaudited. However, in the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements have been made. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. The results of operations for the interim periods presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company's subsidiary. Clover Leaf Financial is a bank holding company that engages in its business through its sole subsidiary, Clover Leaf Bank (the "Bank"), an Illinois-chartered commercial bank. All material intercompany transactions and balances are eliminated. Clover Leaf Financial was organized at the direction of the Board of Directors of the Bank for the purpose of owning all of the outstanding capital stock of the Bank following the completion of the Bank's mutual-to-stock conversion. Clover Leaf Financial offered for sale 661,250 shares of its outstanding common stock in a public offering to eligible depositors and members of the general public and this offering was completed on December 27, 2001.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated balance sheet and revenues and expenses for the period. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

### Note B--Business Segments

Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information," requires business segments to be reported based on the way management organizes segments within an organization for making operating decisions and assessing performance. Management has not included disclosures regarding segments since management makes operating decisions and assesses performance based on Clover Leaf Financial as a whole.

### Note C--Net Income Per Share

Basic earnings per share are determined by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Shares acquired by the ESOP are held in trust but are not considered in the weighted average shares outstanding until the shares are committed for allocation or vested to an employee's individual account.

The Company has not issued any stock options or other potentially dilutive shares, therefore, diluted earnings are the same as basic earnings per share.

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 NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share Data)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2003	2002
Net income available to common shareholders	\$108	\$ 115
Weighted average shares outstanding	653,855	661,250
Weighted average ESOP shares	(12,306)	(11,260)
Basic average shares outstanding	641,549	649,990
Basic and diluted earnings per share	\$ .17	\$ .18

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### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion describes Clover Leaf Financial's results of operations during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2003 and 2002, and its financial condition, asset quality, and capital resources as of March 31, 2003. This discussion should be read in conjunction with Clover Leaf Financial's unaudited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. The results of operations for the interim periods presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This filing and future filings made by Clover Leaf Financial with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as other filings, reports and press releases made or issued by Clover Leaf Financial, and oral statements made by executive officers or directors of Clover Leaf Financial may include forward-looking statements, which are based on assumptions and describe future plans, strategies, projections and expectations of Clover Leaf Financial. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by use of terms "believe", "expect", "anticipate", "should", "planned", "estimated" and "potential". Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, estimates with respect to Clover Leaf Financial's financial condition, results of operations and business that are subject to various factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from these estimates and most other statements that are not historical in nature. These factors include, but are not limited to, general and local economic conditions, changes in interest rates, deposit flows, demand for mortgage and other loans, real estate values, and competition; changes in accounting principles, policies or guidelines; changes in legislation or regulation; and other economic, competitive, governmental,



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regulatory, and technological factors affecting Clover Leaf Financial's operations, pricing, products and services.

### FINANCIAL CONDITION

At March 31, 2003, total assets were \$104.4 million, an increase of \$8.9 million, or 9.3%, from \$95.5 million at December 31, 2002. Loans receivable at March 31, 2003 were \$71.2 million, an increase of \$3.6 million, or 5.4%, from \$67.5 at December 31, 2002. The real estate mortgage portfolio increased \$3.8 million, or 11.0%, compared to the portfolio at 2002 year end. This increase is primarily due to the current attractive rate environment and increased demand for new loans and loan refinancing. The commercial real estate portfolio increased \$2.1 million, or 9.2% compared to the 2002 year end. This increase was due to an increased focus by the Bank on commercial lending. These increases were offset slightly by a \$2.0 million, or 42.5% decline in consumer installment loans. Securities, including Federal Home Loan Bank stock, increased \$3.2 million, or 18.8%, to \$20.0 million at March 31, 2003 from \$16.9 million at December 31, 2002. Cash and cash equivalents increased \$1.6 million, or 19.8%, to \$9.7 million at March 31, 2003 from \$8.1 million at December 31, 2002. Bank premises and equipment increased \$478,000, or 25.1% to \$2.4 million at March 31, 2003. The increase resulted from a purchase of land that the Bank completed in January of 2003. The land is being held for the purpose of building an additional branch office.

Deposits as of March 31, 2003 were \$80.5 million, an increase of \$8.0 million, or 11.0%, from December 31, 2002. The increase in deposits was primarily in the interest-bearing categories, with time deposits showing the greatest increase. Short-term time deposits have continued to be a popular product due to the volatile stock market and lack of high yielding investment options for consumers.

Federal Home Loan Bank advances as of March 31, 2003 remained at \$9.0 million, showing no change from December 31, 2002. Increased deposit volume has allowed the Bank to fund loan growth and security purchases without borrowing additional funds.

Total stockholders' equity as of March 31, 2003 was \$12.6 million, a decrease of \$116,000 or 0.9% from \$12.7 million at December 31, 2002. The decrease in equity from December 31, 2002 to March 31, 2003 was primarily the result of the purchase of 14,800 shares of treasury stock totaling \$243,000 by Clover Leaf Financial during the first quarter of 2003. This decrease in equity was partially offset by the recording of \$108,000 in net income. At March 31, 2003 there were 646,450 shares of common stock outstanding, at a book value of \$19.49 per share.

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### ASSET QUALITY

Clover Leaf Financial's asset quality management program, particularly with regard to loans, is designed to analyze potential risk elements and to support the growth of a high quality loan portfolio. Clover Leaf Financial's policies, consistent with regulatory guidelines, require that loans and other assets be classified as substandard, doubtful or loss if they are determined to be of lesser quality. Assets which possess some weaknesses, but do not warrant classification in the aforementioned categories are required to be designated as special mention. Management regularly reviews the asset portfolio to determine whether any assets require classification in accordance with applicable regulatory guidelines and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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At March 31, 2003, nonperforming assets totaled \$1,610,000, or 1.54% of total assets, compared to nonperforming assets at year-end 2002 of \$1,742,000, or 1.82% of total assets. Nonperforming assets at March 31, 2003 included \$12,000 of foreclosed assets. The Bank held \$18,000 of foreclosed assets at December 31, 2002. Management does not anticipate any material losses upon disposition of the foreclosed assets held at March 31, 2003.

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The following table sets forth a summary of Clover Leaf Financial's loan portfolio mix and nonperforming assets.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	March 31, 2003		December 31, 2002	
	Loans and Foreclosed Assets	Non-performing Assets	Foreclosed Assets	Loans and Non-performing Assets
Real Estate				
One- to four-family .....	\$38,067	\$ 786	\$34,300	\$ 838
Commercial .....	24,895	166	22,797	210
Construction and land .....	698	182	761	182
Non-real estate				
Consumer .....	2,665	181	4,631	201
Commercial Business .....	5,565	283	5,759	293
Gross loans .....	71,890	1,598	68,248	1,724
Foreclosed assets .....	12	12	18	18
Total .....	\$71,902	\$ 1,610	\$68,266	\$ 1,742
Nonaccrual loans .....		\$ 1,598		\$ 1,529
Accruing loans past due				
90 days or more .....		--		195
Troubled debt restructurings .....		--		--
Total nonperforming loans .....		1,598		1,724
Foreclosed assets .....		12		18
Total nonperforming assets .....		\$ 1,610		\$ 1,742
Nonperforming loans to gross loans .		2.22%		2.53%
Nonperforming assets to gross loans				
and foreclosed assets .....		2.24%		2.55%
Nonperforming assets to total assets		1.54%		1.82%

The Bank recorded net recoveries of \$4,000 for the first quarter of 2003 compared to net charge-offs of \$11,000 for the first quarter of 2002. Net recoveries as a percentage of average total loans was (.01)% for the first

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quarter of 2003 compared to net charge-offs as a percentage of average total loans of .02% for the first quarter of 2002.

Clover Leaf Financial's allowance for loan losses at March 31, 2003, increased to \$717,000 from \$690,000 at December 31, 2002. At March 31, 2003, the allowance for loan losses represented 44.87% of non-performing loans compared to 40.02% at December 31, 2002. The ratio of the allowance for loan losses to total loans was 1.00% at March 31, 2003 compared to 1.01% at December 31, 2002. Management believes that the allowance for loan losses at March 31, 2003 was adequate to absorb probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio. However, past loan loss experience as it relates to current portfolio mix, evaluation of potential losses in the portfolio, subsequent changes in economic conditions and other factors may require changes in the levels of the allowance for loan losses.

**Potential Problem Loans.** We utilize an internal asset classification system as a means of reporting problem and potential problem assets. At each scheduled meeting of the board of directors of our subsidiary bank, a watch list is presented, showing all loans listed as "Special Mention," "Substandard," "Doubtful" and "Loss." An asset is classified Substandard if it is inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Substandard assets include those characterized by the distinct possibility that we will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Assets classified as Doubtful have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified Substandard with the added characteristic that the weaknesses present make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions and values, highly questionable and improbable. Assets classified as Loss are those considered uncollectible and viewed as non-bankable assets,

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worthy of charge-off. Assets that do not currently expose us to sufficient risk to warrant classification in one of the aforementioned categories, but possess weaknesses that may or may not be within the control of the customer are deemed to be Special Mention.

Our determination as to the classification of our assets and the amount of our valuation allowances is subject to review by the Bank's primary regulators, which can require the establishment of additional general or specific loss allowances. The Office of Banks and Real Estate, in conjunction with the other federal banking agencies, has adopted an interagency policy statement on the allowance for loan losses. The policy statement provides guidance for financial institutions on both the responsibilities of management for the assessment and establishment of adequate allowances and guidance for banking agency examiners to use in determining the adequacy of general valuation guidelines. Generally, the policy statement recommends that (1) institutions have effective systems and controls to identify, monitor and address asset quality problems; (2) management has analyzed all significant factors that affect the collectibility of the portfolio in a reasonable manner; and (3) management has established acceptable allowance evaluation processes that meet the objectives set forth in the policy statement. Management believes it has established an adequate allowance for probable loan losses. We analyze our process regularly, with modifications made if needed, and report those results four times per year at meetings of our board of directors however, there can be no assurance that regulators, in reviewing our loan portfolio, will not request us to materially increase our allowance for loan losses at the time. Although management believes that adequate specific and general loan loss allowances have been established, actual losses are dependent upon future events and, as such, further additions to the level of specific and general loan loss allowances may

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become necessary.

Potential problem loans are loans included on the watchlist presented to the Board of Directors that do not meet the definition of a non-performing loan, but where known information about possible credit problems of borrowers causes management to have serious doubts as to the ability of such borrowers to comply with present loan repayment terms. The aggregate principal amounts of potential problem loans as of March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, were \$2.4 million, and \$2.1 million, respectively.

Allowance for Loan Losses. Management believes the allowance for loan losses accounting policy is critical to the portrayal and understanding of our financial condition and results of operations. As such, selection and application of this "critical accounting policy" involves judgements, estimates and uncertainties that are susceptible to change. In the event that different assumptions or conditions were to prevail, and depending upon the severity of such changes, the possibility of materially different financial condition or results of operations is a reasonable likelihood.

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The following table presents information pertaining to the activity in and an analysis of Clover Leaf Financial's allowance for loan losses for the periods presented.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31	
	2003	2002
Balance at beginning of period .....	\$ 690	\$ 646
Loans charged off:		
Consumer .....	3	21
Total charge-offs .....	3	21
Recoveries of loans previously charged off:		
Commercial, financial and agricultural	1	--
Consumer .....	6	10
Total recoveries .....	7	10
Net charge-offs (recoveries) .....	(4)	11
Provision for loan losses .....	23	21
Balance at end of period .....	\$ 717	\$ 656
Net charge-offs (recoveries) as a percent of average total loans .....	(.01)%	.02%
Allowance for loans losses to gross loans	1.00%	1.06%
Allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans .....	44.87%	41.00%

Income Information

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Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$108,000, or 6.1% lower than net income of \$115,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2002.

Interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2003 declined \$48,000, or 3.6% to \$1.3 million. The decrease was primarily due to lower average yields on loans and securities, partially offset by higher average balances in loans and interest bearing deposits in other financial institutions. Average interest-earning assets for the three months ended March 31, 2003 were \$93.9 million, an increase of \$10.9 million, or 13.1%, over average interest-earning assets for the three months ended March 31, 2002 of \$83.0 million. Average loan balances increased \$7.0 million. Interest bearing deposits in other financial institutions increased \$3.8 million. The average loan yield declined 79 basis points to 6.18% at March 31, 2003 from 6.97% for the same period in the prior year. The Bank's loan rate was negatively impacted by the high volume of mortgage loan refinancing activity as well as the decline in the prime rate, which impacted those commercial loans that re-price with the prime rate. The average security yield declined 154 basis points to 3.78% at March 31, 2003 from 5.32% for the same period in the prior year. The security yield was negatively impacted by the re-pricing of floating rate instruments. Also contributing to the decline in security yield was the high volume of early pay-downs in the mortgage backed security portfolio, which were then replaced with lower yielding securities.

Interest expense for the most recent three-month period fell by \$78,000 to \$595,000, a decrease of 11.6% compared to the same period last year. The decrease was primarily due to lower rates paid on interest-bearing deposits and borrowings. The average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities for the three months ended March 31, 2003 declined by 91 basis points to 3.07% from 3.98% for the same period last year. The average interest rate paid on certificates of deposit fell by 115 basis points to 3.63% for the three months ended March 31, 2003, from 4.78% for the prior-year period.

Net interest income after provision for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$678,000, compared to \$650,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2002, an increase of \$28,000, or 4.3%. The increase in

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net interest income resulted primarily from a decrease in the rate paid on interest bearing liabilities to 3.07% from 3.98% for the same period last year.

Non-interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$111,000 compared to \$60,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2002, an increase of \$51,000, or 85.0%. This increase was primarily attributable to the gain on sale of loans of \$68,000 for the current year period, compared to the gain on sale of loans of \$18,000 for the same period last year. The Bank periodically sells residential mortgage loans on the secondary market, while retaining servicing rights for the sold loans.

Non-interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2003 increased by \$74,000 to \$619,000, or 13.6% more than the expense of \$545,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2002. The increase was primarily attributable to increases in compensation and employee benefits of \$60,000, or 22.3%, and increases in legal and collection expenses of \$11,000, or 122.2%. Compensation increased as a result of staff additions and annual merit and bonus increases. The increase in legal and collection expense is primarily due to the expenses associated with a lawsuit brought against the Bank by the Bank's former President, as disclosed in the Company's Quarterly Report 10-QSB for the quarter

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ended September 30, 2002.

Provision for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$23,000, compared to \$21,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2002, an increase of \$2,000, or 9.5%. Despite significant loan growth, improvement in the Bank's asset quality has allowed the Bank to record only a modest increase to the monthly provision expense in order to maintain an adequate loan loss reserve in relation to the total non-performing loans and total outstanding gross loan receivables. Management periodically reevaluates the allowance for loan losses to ensure the provision is maintained at a level that represents management's best estimate of probable loan losses in the loan portfolio.

Income tax expense for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$62,000, compared to \$50,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2002, an increase of \$12,000 or 24%. The majority of this increase is related to an increase in the tax rate being applied to earnings. The effective tax rate for the period ending March 31, 2003 is 37% compared to a tax rates of 30% for the period ending March 31, 2002. In the tax year 2002, the Bank had a net operating loss carry-forward with the State of Illinois, due to the profitable year in 2002, that carry-forward has been utilized and the Bank's earnings are once again taxable in the State of Illinois.

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Total stockholders' equity decreased \$116,000 from \$12.7 million, at December 31, 2002 to \$12.6 million, at March 31, 2003. This decrease in stockholders' equity during the first three months of 2003 was primarily the result of the purchase of 14,800 shares of treasury stock totaling \$243,000 during the first quarter of 2003. This decrease was partially offset by the recording of \$108,000 in net income.

Financial institutions are required to maintain ratios of capital to assets in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the federal banking regulators. The guidelines are commonly known as "Risk-Based Guidelines" as they define the capital level requirements of a financial institution based upon the level of credit risk associated with holding various categories of assets. The Risk-Based Guidelines require minimum ratios of Tier 1 and Total Capital to risk-weighted assets of 4% and 8%, respectively. At March 31, 2003, Clover Leaf Bank's Tier 1 and Total capital ratios were 15.57% and 16.64%, respectively. In addition to the Risk-Based Guidelines, the federal banking agencies have established a minimum leverage ratio guideline for financial institutions (the "Leverage Ratio Guideline"). The Leverage Ratio Guideline provides for a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to average assets of 4%. Clover Leaf Bank's leverage ratio at March 31, 2003, was 10.47%. Accordingly, at March 31, 2003 Clover Leaf Bank satisfied these regulatory guidelines.

Clover Leaf Bank's primary sources of liquidity or internally generated funds are principal and interest payments on loans receivable, cash flows generated from operations, and cash flows generated by investments. External sources of liquidity consist primarily of increases in deposits.

At March 31, 2003, Clover Leaf Bank had loan commitments of \$8.0 million and unused lines of credit of \$6.0 million. Clover Leaf Bank believes it has adequate resources to fund loan commitments as they arise. If Clover Leaf Bank requires funds beyond its internal funding capabilities, advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago are available. At March 31, 2003, approximately \$26.1 million of time deposits were scheduled to mature within one year. We expect that substantially all of these time deposits either will be

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renewed upon maturity or will be placed in money market accounts at Clover Leaf Bank. Clover Leaf Bank intends to sell a greater percentage of its residential real estate loan originations, which will provide additional liquidity.

### Sources of Funds

Deposits have been our primary source of funds for lending and other investment purposes. In addition to deposits, we derive funds primarily from principal and interest payments on loans. These loan repayments are a relatively stable source of funds, while deposit inflows and outflows are significantly influenced by market interest rates. Borrowings may be used on a short-term basis to compensate for reductions in the availability of funds from other sources, and may be used on a longer-term basis for general business purposes.

### ITEM 3. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded, based on their evaluation within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report, that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(c) and 15d-14(c)) are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of the foregoing evaluation.

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## PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

### ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Clover Leaf Bank and Clover Leaf Financial are defendants in a lawsuit, Michael A. Schell v. Clover Leaf Bank, SB, Clover Leaf Financial Corporation, brought by Clover Leaf Bank's former President, alleging that the plaintiff's termination in May 2, 2000 violated Federal "whistle-blowing" statutes. The plaintiff brought the lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, and is seeking damages of \$2.8 million for lost pay, as well as punitive damages. Clover Leaf Bank and Clover Leaf Financial have retained counsel and are vigorously defending against the plaintiff's claim.

Clover Leaf Bank is otherwise involved, from time to time, as plaintiff or defendant in various legal actions arising in the normal course of its business. Other than as described above, at March 31, 2003, Clover Leaf Bank was not involved in any material legal proceedings.

### ITEM 2. CHANGES IN SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

None

### ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None

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ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

- (a) Exhibits: 99.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- (b) Reports on Form 8-K: No reports on Form 8-K were filed by Clover Leaf Financial during the first quarter of 2003.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

CLOVER LEAF FINANCIAL CORP.  
(Registrant)

DATE: May 13, 2003  
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By: /s/ Dennis M. Terry  
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Dennis M. Terry  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer

DATE: May 13, 2003  
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By: /s/ Darlene F. McDonald  
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Darlene F. McDonald  
Senior Vice President and  
Treasurer (Principal Financial  
And Accounting Officer)

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Certification of Chief Executive Officer  
Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Dennis M. Terry, President and Chief Executive Officer, certify that:

- (1) I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-QSB of Clover Leaf Financial Corp.;
- (2) Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
- (3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
- (4) The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
  - c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
- (5) The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
- (6) The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

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DATE: May 13, 2003  
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By: /s/ Dennis M. Terry  
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Dennis M. Terry  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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## Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Darlene F. McDonald, Vice President and Treasurer (Chief Financial Officer), certify that:

- (1) I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-QSB of Clover Leaf Financial Corp.;
- (2) Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
- (3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
- (4) The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
  - c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
- (5) The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and

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- (6) The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

DATE: May 13, 2003  
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By: /s/ Darlene F. McDonald  
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Darlene F. McDonald  
Vice President and Treasurer (Chief  
Financial Officer)