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| | | ECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 19 | | | | |
| | Date of Rep | ort (Date of earliest event reported): October 2 | 7, 2016 | | | |
| | BANK | FINANCIAL CORPORATI (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter) | ON | | | |
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| | Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction | 0-51331 | 75-3199276 | | | |
| | of Incorporation) | (Commission File No.) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) | | | |
| | 15W060 North Frontage Pond Russ Didge | Illinois | 60527 | | | |
| 15W060 North Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | | | (Zip Code) | | | |
| | | ant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 894-690 Not Applicable Former name or former address, if changed since last report) | | | | |
| Check below | the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to s | simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant und | er any of the following provisions (see General I | nstruction A.2 | | |
| | Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Secu | rities Act (17 CFR 230.425) | | | | |
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| | Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(| b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) | | | | |

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 27, 2016, the Board of Directors of BankFinancial Corporation (the "Company") extended the expiration date of the Company's current share repurchase authorization from December 31, 2016 to June 30, 2017, and increased the total number of shares authorized for repurchase by 478,789 shares. Pursuant to this extended and increased share repurchase authorization, there are 750,000 shares of common stock authorized for repurchase through June 30, 2017.

The authorization does not obligate the Company to purchase any particular number of shares at any given price per share at any time. The authorization may be suspended, terminated or modified at any time for any reason, including market conditions, the cost of repurchasing shares, the availability of alternative investment opportunities, liquidity, and other factors deemed appropriate. These factors, as well as internal restrictions on trading in the Company's shares during specific time periods, may also affect the timing and amount of share repurchases.

A copy of the press release announcing this item is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not Applicable.
- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated October 28, 2016

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.

BANKFINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Registrant)

| Date: | October 28, 2016 | By: | /s/ F. Morgan Gasior |
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| | | | F. Morgan Gasior |
| | | | Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President |



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BankFinancial Corporation Extends and Expands Share Repurchase Program

Burr Ridge, Illinois - (October 28, 2016) BankFinancial Corporation (Nasdaq - BFIN) announced today that its Board of Directors has extended the expiration of the Company's current share repurchase authorization from December 31, 2016 to June 30, 2017, and has increased the number of shares that can be repurchased in accordance with the authorization by 478,789 shares. Pursuant to this extended and increased share repurchase authorization, there are 750,000 shares of common stock authorized for repurchase through June 30, 2017.

The authorization permits shares to be repurchased in open market or negotiated transactions, and pursuant to any trading plan that may be adopted in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The authorization will be utilized at management's discretion, subject to price, volume and other internal limitations that will established by the Company's Board of Directors, and to the limitations set forth in Rule 10b-18 of the Securities and Exchange Commission and other applicable legal requirements. Share repurchases will be funded from available working capital.

The authorization does not obligate the Company to purchase any particular number of shares at any given price per share at any time. The authorization may be suspended, terminated or modified at any time for any reason, including market conditions, the cost of repurchasing shares, the availability of alternative investment opportunities, liquidity, and other factors deemed appropriate. These factors, as well as internal restrictions on trading in the Company's shares during specific time periods, may also affect the timing and amount of share repurchases.

BankFinancial Corporation is the holding company for BankFinancial, F.S.B., a full-service, community-oriented bank providing financial services to individuals, families and businesses through 19 full-service banking offices, located in Cook, DuPage, Lake and Will Counties, Illinois. At September 30, 2016, BankFinancial had total assets of \$1.540 billion, total loans of \$1.242 billion, total deposits of \$1.317 billion and stockholders' equity of \$204 million. BankFinancial Corporation's common stock trades on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol BFIN.

This release includes "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements may be identified by words such as "believes," "will," "expects," "project," "may," "could," "anticipate," "estimates," "intends," "plans" and similar expressions. These statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of the Company's management and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. A variety of factors could cause BankFinancial's actual results to differ from those expected at the time of this release. For a discussion of some of the factors that may cause actual results to differ from expectations, please refer to BankFinancial's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC. Investors are urged to review all information contained in these reports, including the risk factors discussed therein. Copies of these filings are available at no cost on the SEC's web site at http://www.sec.gov or on BankFinancial's web site at http://www.bankfinancial.com. Forward looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we do not undertake to update them to reflect changes.

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