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RURBAN FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 16, 2004

UNITED STATES  
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): September 16, 2004  
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RURBAN FINANCIAL CORP.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Ohio   | 0-13507                  | 34-1395608                           |
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| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation or<br>organization) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

401 Clinton Street Defiance, Ohio 43512  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(419) 783-8950  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)  
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;  
Appointment of Principal Officers  
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On July 21, 2004, the Board of Directors of Rurban Financial Corp. (the "Company") appointed Rita Kissner to the Board of Directors of the Company to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of a director on December 1, 2003 (as reported in the Company's proxy statement for its annual meeting of shareholders on April 26, 2004). On the same date, the Board of Directors of the Company's subsidiary, The State Bank and Trust Company (the "Bank"), appointed Ms. Kissner to the Board of Directors of the Bank to fill a vacancy created when the Board of Directors of the Bank increased the number of directors to 15 at its meeting in April 2004. The appointment of Ms. Kissner to the Board of Directors of the Company and the Board of Directors of the Bank was expressly conditioned on the receipt of required regulatory approval. On September 14, 2004, the Company received a notice from the Federal Reserve Board stating that it did not object to Ms. Kissner's appointment as a director. Therefore, Ms. Kissner joined the Board of Directors of the Company and the Board of Directors of Bank effective with the Board meetings held on September 15, 2004.

There was no arrangement or understanding pursuant to which Ms. Kissner was appointed as a director. There are no transactions between the Company and Ms. Kissner requiring disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933. Ms. Kissner has not been appointed to any committees of the Board of Directors of the Company or the Bank at this time.

The Company issued a press release on September 14, 2004 announcing Ms. Kissner's appointment to the Board of Directors of the Company and the Bank. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 99          | Press release dated September 14, 2004 announcing the appointment of Rita Kissner to the Board of Directors of the Company and the Bank |

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SIGNATURE

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.

RURBAN FINANCIAL CORP.

Dated: September 16, 2004

By: /s/ James E. Adams

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James E. Adams  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer