

MALVERN FEDERAL BANCORP INC
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May 30, 2008
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. __)

MALVERN FEDERAL BANCORP, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

561410 10 1

(CUSIP Number)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).
Stilwell Value Partners VI, L.P.
 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(a) X
(b)
 3. SEC Use Only
 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC, OO
 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
Citizenship or Place of Organization:
6. Delaware
 - Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With
 7. Sole Voting Power: 0
 8. Shared Voting Power: 565,000
 9. Sole Dispositive Power: 0
 10. Shared Dispositive Power: 565,000
 11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person: 565,000
 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o
 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11): 9.2%
 14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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Citizenship or Place of Organization:

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Stilwell Associates, L.P.
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 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC, OO
 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
Citizenship or Place of Organization:
 6. Delaware
- Number of
Shares
Beneficially
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Person With
7. Sole Voting Power: 0
 8. Shared Voting Power: 565,000
 9. Sole Dispositive Power: 0
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Stilwell Value LLC
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(a) X
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3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) n/a
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization:

Delaware
7. Sole Voting Power: 0
8. Shared Voting Power: 565,000
9. Sole Dispositive Power: 0
10. Shared Dispositive Power: 565,000
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person: 565,000
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11): 9.2%
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Joseph Stilwell

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) X

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3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) PF

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o

Citizenship or Place of Organization:

6.

United States

Number of

Shares

Beneficially

Owned by

Each

Reporting

Person With

7. Sole Voting Power: 0

8. Shared Voting Power: 565,000

9. Sole Dispositive Power: 0

10. Shared Dispositive Power: 565,000

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person: 565,000

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11): 9.2%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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John Stilwell
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 3. SEC Use Only
 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) OO
 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
Citizenship or Place of Organization:
 6. United States
- Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With
7. Sole Voting Power: 5,000
 8. Shared Voting Power: 0
 9. Sole Dispositive Power: 5,000
 10. Shared Dispositive Power: 0
 11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person: 5,000
 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o
 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11): .001%
 14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Schedule 13D is being filed jointly by Stilwell Value Partners VI, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Stilwell Value Partners VI"); Stilwell Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Stilwell Partners"); Stilwell Associates, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Stilwell Associates"); Stilwell Value LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Stilwell Value LLC"), and the general partner of Stilwell Value Partners VI and Stilwell Associates; Joseph Stilwell, the managing and sole member of Stilwell Value LLC and the general partner of Stilwell Partners; and John Stilwell. All the filers of this Schedule 13D are collectively referred to as the "Group."

This statement relates to the common stock ("Common Stock") of Malvern Federal Bancorp, Inc. (the "Issuer"). The address of the principal executive offices of the Issuer is 42 East Lancaster Avenue, Paoli, Pennsylvania 19301. The joint filing agreement of the members of the Group is attached as Exhibit 1.

Item 2. Identity and Background

(a)-(c) This statement is filed by Joseph Stilwell, with respect to the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Joseph Stilwell, including shares of Common Stock held in the names of Stilwell Value Partners VI, Stilwell Partners, and Stilwell Associates, in Joseph Stilwell's capacities as the general partner of Stilwell Partners and the managing and sole member of Stilwell Value LLC, which is the general partner of Stilwell Value Partners VI and Stilwell Associates.

The business address of Stilwell Value Partners VI, Stilwell Partners, Stilwell Associates, Stilwell Value LLC, and Joseph Stilwell is 26 Broadway, 23rd Floor, New York, New York 10004.

The principal employment of Joseph Stilwell is investment management. Stilwell Value Partners VI, Stilwell Partners, and Stilwell Associates are private investment partnerships engaged in the purchase and sale of securities for their own accounts. Stilwell Value LLC is in the business of serving as the general partner of Stilwell Value Partners VI, Stilwell Associates, and related partnerships.

This statement is also filed by John Stilwell with respect to the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by him. John Stilwell's business address is 26 Broadway, 23rd Floor, New York, New York 10004. John Stilwell is employed by Stilwell Partners as an analyst. John Stilwell and Joseph Stilwell are brothers.

(d) During the past five years, no member of the Group has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) During the past five years, no member of the Group has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and, as a result of such proceeding, was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of,

or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, Federal or State securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Joseph Stilwell and John Stilwell are citizens of the United States.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The amount of funds expended to date by Stilwell Value Partners VI to acquire the 400,000 shares of Common Stock it holds in its name is \$4,289,340. Such funds were provided from Stilwell Value Partners VI's working capital and, from time to time, in part by margin account loans from subsidiaries of Bear Stearns extended in the ordinary course of business.

The amount of funds expended to date by Stilwell Partners to acquire the 20,000 shares of Common Stock it holds in its name is \$223,000. Such funds were provided from Stilwell Partners' working capital and, from time to time, in part by margin account loans from subsidiaries of Bear Stearns extended in the ordinary course of business.

The amount of funds expended to date by Stilwell Associates to acquire the 125,000 shares of Common Stock it holds in its name is \$1,348,750. Such funds were provided from Stilwell Associates' working capital and, from time to time, in part by margin account loans from subsidiaries of Bear Stearns extended in the ordinary course of business.

The amount of funds expended to date by Joseph Stilwell to acquire the 20,000 shares of Common Stock he holds in his name is \$223,000. Such funds were provided from his personal funds.

The amount of funds expended to date by John Stilwell to acquire the 5,000 shares of Common Stock he holds in his name is \$55,987. Such funds were provided from his individual retirement account funds.

All purchases of shares of Common Stock made by the Group using funds borrowed from Bear Stearns, if any, were made in margin transactions on Bear Stearns' usual terms and conditions. All or part of the shares of Common Stock owned by members of the Group may from time to time be pledged with one or more banking institutions or brokerage firms as collateral for loans made by such entities to members of the Group. Such loans generally bear interest at a rate based on the broker's call rate from time to time in effect. Such indebtedness, if any, may be refinanced with other banks or broker-dealers.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The purpose of the acquisition of shares of Common Stock of the Issuer by members of the Group is to profit from the appreciation in the market price of the shares of Common Stock and through the payment of dividends by asserting shareholder rights. Members of the Group do not believe the value of the Issuer's assets is adequately reflected in the current market price of the Issuer's Common Stock. Members of the Group hope to work with management in maximizing shareholder value.

Since 2000, affiliates of the Group have filed Schedule 13Ds to report greater than five percent positions in 14 other publicly traded companies. For simplicity, these affiliates are referred to as the Group, we, us, or our. In each instance, our purpose has been to profit from the appreciation in the market price of the shares we held by asserting shareholder rights. In each situation, we believed that the values of the companies' assets were not adequately reflected in the market prices of their shares. The filings are described below.

On May 1, 2000, we filed a Schedule 13D to report a position in Security of Pennsylvania Financial Corp. (SPN). We scheduled a meeting with senior management to discuss ways to maximize the value of SPN's assets. On June 2, 2000, prior to the scheduled meeting, SPN and Northeast Pennsylvania Financial Corp. announced SPN's acquisition. We then sold our shares on the open market.

On July 7, 2000, we filed a Schedule 13D to report a position in Cameron Financial Corporation (Cameron). We exercised our shareholder rights by, among other things, requesting that Cameron management hire an investment banker, demanding Cameron's list of shareholders, meeting with Cameron's management, demanding that Cameron invite our representatives to join the board, writing to other Cameron shareholders to express our dismay with management's inability to maximize shareholder value and publishing that letter in the local press. On October 6, 2000, Cameron announced its sale to Dickinson Financial Corp., and we sold our shares on the open market.

On January 4, 2001, following the announcement by Community Financial Corp. (CFIC) of the sale of two of its four subsidiary banks and its intention to sell one or more of its remaining subsidiaries, we filed a Schedule 13D to report our position. We reported that we acquired CFIC stock for investment purposes. On January 25, 2001, CFIC announced the sale of one of its remaining subsidiaries. We then announced our intention to run an alternate slate of directors at the 2001 annual meeting if CFIC did not sell the remaining subsidiary by then. On March 27, 2001, we wrote to CFIC confirming that CFIC had agreed to meet with one of our proposed nominees to the board. On March 30, 2001, before our meeting took place, CFIC announced its merger with First Financial Corporation, and we sold our shares on the open market.

On February 23, 2001, we filed a Schedule 13D to report a position in Montgomery Financial Corporation (Montgomery). On April 20, 2001, we met with Montgomery's management, and suggested that they maximize shareholder value by selling the institution. We also informed management that we would run an alternate slate of directors at the 2001 annual meeting unless Montgomery were sold. Eleven days after we filed our Schedule 13D, however, Montgomery's board amended its bylaws to make it more difficult for us to run an alternate slate by limiting the pool of potential nominees to local persons with a banking relation and shortening the deadline to nominate an alternate slate. We located qualified nominees under the restrictive bylaw provisions and noticed our slate within the deadline. On June 5, 2001, Montgomery announced that it had hired a banker to explore a sale. On July 24, 2001, Montgomery announced its merger with Union Community Bancorp.

On June 14, 2001, we filed a Schedule 13D reporting a position in HCB Bancshares, Inc. (HCBB). On September 4, 2001, we reported that we had entered into a standstill agreement with HCBB, under which HCBB agreed to: (a) add a director selected by us, (b) consider

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conducting a Dutch tender auction, (c) institute annual financial targets, and (d) retain an investment banker to explore alternatives if it did not achieve the financial targets. On October 22, 2001, our nominee, John G. Rich, Esq., was named to the board. On January 31, 2002, HCBB announced a modified Dutch tender auction to repurchase 20% of its shares. Although HCBB's outstanding share count decreased by 33% between the filing of our original Schedule 13D and August 2003, HCBB did not achieve the financial target. On August 12, 2003, HCBB announced it had hired a banker to assist in exploring alternatives for maximizing shareholder value, including a sale. On January 14, 2004, HCBB announced its sale to Rock Bancshares Inc. and we sold our shares on the open market.

On December 15, 2000, we filed a Schedule 13D reporting a position in Oregon Trail Financial Corp. (OTFC). In January 2001, we met with the management of OTFC to discuss our concerns that management was not maximizing shareholder value, and we proposed that OTFC voluntarily place our nominees on the board. OTFC rejected our proposal, and we announced our intention to solicit proxies to elect a board nominee. We demanded OTFC's shareholder list, but it refused. We sued OTFC in Baker County, Oregon, and the court ruled in our favor and sanctioned it. We also sued two OTFC directors alleging that one had violated OTFC's residency requirement and that the other had committed perjury. Both suits were dismissed pre-trial but we filed an appeal in one suit and were permitted to re-file the other suit in state court. On August 16, 2001, we started soliciting proxies to elect Kevin D. Padrick, Esq. to the board. We argued in our proxy materials that OTFC should have repurchased its shares at prices below book value. OTFC announced the hiring of an investment banker. Then, the day after the 9/11 attacks, OTFC sued us in Portland and moved to invalidate our proxies; the court denied the motion and the election proceeded.

On October 12, 2001, OTFC's shareholders elected our candidate by a 2-1 margin. In the five months after the filing of our first proxy statement (i.e., from August 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001), OTFC repurchased approximately 15% of its shares. On March 12, 2002, we entered into a standstill agreement with OTFC. OTFC agreed to: (a) achieve annual targets for return on equity, (b) reduce their current capital ratio, (c) obtain advice from an investment banker regarding annual 10% stock repurchases, (d) re-elect our director to the board, (e) reimburse a portion of our expenses, and (f) withdraw their lawsuit. On February 24, 2003, OTFC and FirstBank NW Corp. announced their merger, and we sold substantially all of our shares on the open market.

On November 25, 2002, we filed a Schedule 13D reporting a position in American Physicians Capital, Inc. (ACAP). The Schedule 13D disclosed that on January 18, 2002, Michigan's insurance department had approved our request to solicit proxies to elect two directors to ACAP's board. On January 29, 2002, we noticed our intention to nominate two directors at the 2002 annual meeting. On February 20, 2002, we entered into a three-year standstill agreement with ACAP, providing for ACAP to add our nominee, Spencer L. Schneider, Esq., to its board. ACAP also agreed to consider using a portion of its excess capital to repurchase ACAP's shares in each of the fiscal years 2002 and 2003 so that its outstanding share count would decrease by 15% for each of those years. In its 2002 fiscal year, ACAP repurchased 15% of its outstanding shares; these repurchases were highly accretive to per-share book value. On November 6, 2003, ACAP announced a reserve charge and that it would explore options to maximize shareholder value. It also announced that it would exit the healthcare and workers' compensation insurance businesses. ACAP then announced that it had retained Sandler

O'Neill & Partners, L.P., to assist the board. On December 2, 2003, ACAP announced the early retirement of its President and CEO. On December 23, 2003, ACAP named R. Kevin Clinton its new President and CEO. On June 24, 2004, ACAP announced that it had decided that the best means to maximize shareholder value would be to shed non-core businesses and focus on its core business line in its core markets. We increased our holdings in ACAP, and we announced that we intended to seek additional board representation. On November 10, 2004, ACAP invited Mr. Stilwell to sit on the board, and we entered into a new standstill agreement. This agreement was terminated in November 2007, with our nominees remaining on ACAP's board. On May 8, 2008, our nominees were re-elected to three-year terms expiring in 2011.

On June 30, 2003, we filed a Schedule 13D reporting a position in FPIC Insurance Group, Inc. ("FPIC"). On August 12, 2003, Florida's insurance department approved our request to hold more than 5% of FPIC's shares, to solicit proxies to hold board seats, and to exercise shareholder rights. On November 10, 2003, FPIC invited our nominee, John G. Rich, Esq., to join the board and we signed a confidentiality agreement. On June 7, 2004, we disclosed that because FPIC's management had taken steps to increase its market price to more adequately reflect its value, we sold our shares on the open market, decreasing our holdings below five percent.

On March 29, 2004, we filed a Schedule 13D reporting a position in Community Bancshares, Inc. ("COMB"). We disclosed our intention to meet with COMB's management and evaluate management's progress in resolving its regulatory issues, lawsuits, problem loans, and non-performing assets, and that we would likely support management if it effectively addressed COMB's challenges. On November 21, 2005, we amended our Schedule 13D and stated that although we believed that COMB's management had made good progress, COMB's return on equity would likely remain below average for the foreseeable future, and it should therefore be sold. On November 21, 2005, we also stated that if COMB did not announce a sale before our deadline to solicit proxies for the next annual meeting, we would solicit proxies to elect our own slate. On January 6, 2006, we disclosed the names of our three board nominees. On May 1, 2006, COMB announced its sale to The Banc Corporation, and we sold our shares on the open market.

On June 20, 2005, we filed a Schedule 13D reporting a position in Prudential Bancorp, Inc. of Pennsylvania ("PBIP"). Most of PBIP's shares are held by the Prudential Mutual Holding Company (the "MHC"), which is controlled by PBIP's board. The MHC controls most corporate decisions coming up for a shareholder vote, such as the election of directors. But regulations promulgated by the FDIC previously barred the MHC from voting on PBIP's management stock benefit plans, and PBIP's IPO prospectus indicated that the MHC would not vote on the plans. We announced in August 2005 that we would solicit proxies to oppose adoption of the plans as a referendum to place Mr. Stilwell on the board. PBIP decided not to put the plans up for a vote at the 2006 annual meeting. In December 2005, we solicited proxies to withhold votes on the election of directors as a referendum to place Mr. Stilwell on the board. At the 2006 annual meeting, 71% of PBIP's voting public shares were withheld from voting on management's nominees.

On April 6, 2006, PBIP announced that just after we had filed our Schedule 13D, it had secretly solicited a letter from an FDIC staffer (which it concealed from the public) that the MHC would be allowed to vote in favor of the plans. PBIP also announced a special meeting to vote on the plans. We alerted the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Fed")

about this announcement, and PBIP was directed to seek Fed approval before adopting the plans. On April 19, 2006, PBIP postponed the special meeting. The Fed subsequently followed t