

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Saylor Kurt

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC [HTLF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1398 CENTRAL AVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/30/2017

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

DUBUQUE, IA 52001  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock					0	D	
Common Stock					215,398	I	Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock					85,763	I	Wife's Trust <sup>(2)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. I De Sec (In			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(3)							(4)	(4)	Common Stock	700
2017 Director Restricted Stock Unit	(3)							(4)	(4)	Common Stock	910
2017 Director Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	05/30/2017		A		125		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	1,035

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Saylor Kurt 1398 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Kurt Saylor                      05/30/2017  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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- (1) These shares are held by Kurt M. Saylor Trust dated 1-6-1998 for which Reporting Person acts as trustee.
- (2) These shares are held by Melissa J. Saylor Trust dated 1-6-1998 for which Reporting Person's wife acts as trustee.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (4) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.

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