

Saylor Kurt  
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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)  
 03/19/2018

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)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 0   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 167,233   | I  | Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/19/2018                           |  | S                              | 3,600 D \$ 54.9965  | 163,633   | I  | Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/19/2018                           |  | S                              | 5,400 D \$ 54.9153  | 158,233   | I  | Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/19/2018                           |  | S                              | 7,200 D \$ 54.946   | 151,033   | I  | Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                                  |

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|              |            |   |       |   |            |        |   |                             |
|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|------------|--------|---|-----------------------------|
| Common Stock |            |   |       |   |            | 66,863 | I | Wife's Trust <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 03/19/2018 | S | 1,400 | D | \$ 54.9965 | 65,463 | I | Wife's Trust <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 03/19/2018 | S | 2,100 | D | \$ 54.9153 | 63,363 | I | Wife's Trust <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 03/19/2018 | S | 2,800 | D | \$ 54.946  | 60,563 | 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V (A) (D)   |  |                            |
| 2017 Director Restricted Stock Unit        | <sup>(3)</sup>   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(4)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>  | Common Stock                               | 1,035                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Kurt Saylor

03/19/2018

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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).
- (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 are granted under the 2012 Long-term Incentive Plan and are subject to a one (1) year vesting schedule.

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