

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC  
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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)  
 12/30/2016

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			
Common Stock					214,018	I	Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/30/2016		M	1,380 A \$ 48	215,398	I	Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock					85,763	I	Wife's Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					0	D	

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. Amount or Number of Shares
2014 Performance Based Restricted Stock	(3)					(4) (4)	Common Stock	1,030
2014 Performance Based Restricted Stock	(3)	12/30/2016		M	1,030 (5)	(4) (4)	Common Stock	0
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	(3)					(6) (6)	Common Stock	995
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	(3)	12/30/2016		M	995 (5)	(6) (6)	Common Stock	0
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(3)					(7) (7)	Common Stock	1,000

## 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 01/10/2017

\_\_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 vest on 1-18-2017 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer, subject to acceleration pursuant to qualified retirement.
- (5) The vesting of these shares was accelerated per Restricted Stock Unit agreements dated 3/11/2014 and 3/10/2015 due to qualified retirement.
- (6) These restricted stock units vest on 1-18-2018 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer, subject to acceleration pursuant to qualified retirement.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.

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