

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 06/20/2016

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

1398 CENTRAL AVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
 06/21/2016

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/20/2016                           |  | S                              | 3,195 D \$ 34.47  | 353,684 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | Trust <sup>(2)</sup>              |
| Common Stock                    | 06/20/2016                           |  | S                              | 1,305 D \$ 34.47  | 143,763 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | Wife's Trust <sup>(3)</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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock                             | (4)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (5)  | (5)   | Common Stock  | 1,075                      |
| 2014 Performance Based Restricted Stock                      | (4)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (6)  | (6)   | Common Stock  | 1,030                      |
| 2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock                             | (4)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (7)  | (7)   | Common Stock  | 1,350                      |
| 2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock                      | (4)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (8)  | (8)   | Common Stock  | 995                        |
| 2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock                             | (4)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (9)  | (9)   | Common Stock  | 1,000                      |
| 2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance) | (4)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (10)   | (10)  | Common Stock  | 1,000                      |

## 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                      07/21/2016  
 \_\_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).
- (1) Shares sold pursuant to 10B5-1 Plan effective April 27, 2016
- (2) Shares held by Kurt M. Saylor Trust dated 1/6/1998 for which the Reporting Person acts as trustee.
- (3) Shares held by Melissa J. Saylor Trust dated 1/6/1998 for which the Reporting Person's wife acts as trustee.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (5) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 3-11-2017, 1/3 vest on 3-11-2018, and 1/3 vest on 3-11-2019.
- (6) These restricted stock units vest on 12-31-2016 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (7) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 1-20-2018, 1/3 vest on 1-20-2019, and 1/3 vest on 1-20-2020.
- (8) These restricted stock units vest on 12-31-2017 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (9) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 1-19-2017, 1/3 vest on 1-19-2018, and 1/3 vest on 1-19-2019.
- (10) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.

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