

Schmitz Martin J
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Schmitz Martin J		(Month/Day/Year)	HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC [HTLF]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/16/2018	
1398 CENTRAL AVENUE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
DUBUQUE, IA 52001			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			(give title below)	(specify below)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	68,005	D	Â
Common Stock	242,793	I	controlling member

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	632 (2)	\$ (3)	D Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Schmitz Martin J 1398 CENTRAL AVENUE DUBUQUE, IA 52001	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Martin J. Schmitz
Date: 05/30/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 restricted stock units are granted under the 2012 Long-term Incentive Plan and are subject to a one (1) year vesting schedule.
- (2) These restricted stock units were granted as part of a consulting agreement prior to appointment to the HTLF Board of Directors
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.

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