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HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC Form 4 August 23, 2016 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Saylor Kurt Issuer Symbol HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA (Check all applicable) INC [HTLF] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) **1398 CENTRAL AVE** 08/22/2016 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Dav/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting DUBUQUE, IA 52001 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) Owned Ownership (Instr. 8) Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 321,734 I Trust (1) Stock Common Trust (1) 08/22/2016 S 1,775 D \$ 35.4 319,959 (2) I Stock Common S Trust (1) 08/22/2016 7.100 D 312,859 (2) Ι Stock 35 48 Wife's Common 130,713 I Stock Trust (3) Common Wife's 08/22/2016 S 725 D \$ 35.4 129,988 (2) I Stock Trust⁽³⁾

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Common	08/22/2016	5	2,900	D	\$	127,088 (2)	т	Wife's
Stock	08/22/2010	3	2,900	D	35.48	127,000 (-)	1	Trust (3)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2014 Performance Based Restricted Stock	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	1,030	
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(4)</u>					(6)	(6)	Common Stock	1,075	
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	995	
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(4)</u>					(8)	(8)	Common Stock	1,350	
2016 Performance Based Restricted	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	1,000	

Stock (1-year performance)						
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(4)</u>		(10)	(10)	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addre	ess	Relationships							
I B	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
Saylor Kurt 1398 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001	Х								
Signatures									
/s/ Kurt Saylor	08/23/2016								
<u>**</u> 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) Shares held by Kurt M. Saylor Trust dated 1-6-1998 for which Reporting Person acts as trustee.
- (2) Shares sold pursuant to 10b5-1 Plan effective July 28, 2016
- (3) Shares held by Melissa J. Saylor Trust dated 1-6-1998 for which 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) These restricted stock units vest on 1-18-2017 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (6) 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.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest on 1-18-2018 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (8) 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.
- (9) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (10) 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.

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