

Saylor Kurt
Form 4
September 18, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)

09/17/2018

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

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 141,318 | I Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/17/2018 | | S | 3,550 ⁽²⁾ | D \$ 60.5455 | 137,768 | I Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 56,313 | I Wife's Trust ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/17/2018 | | S | 1,450 ⁽²⁾ | D \$ 60.5455 | 54,863 | I Wife's Trust ⁽³⁾ |

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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) | |
|--|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|-----|---|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 2017 Director Restricted Stock Unit | (4) | | | | | | | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 1,035 |
| 2018 Director Restricted Stock Units (retainer) | (4) | | | | | | | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 460 (6) |
| 2018 Director Restricted Stock Units | (4) | | | | | | | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 1,235 |

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

09/18/2018

__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) Shares sold pursuant to 10b5-1 Plan effective September 10, 2018
- (3) These shares are 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 are granted under the 2012 Long-term Incentive Plan and are subject to a one (1) year vesting schedule.
- (6) HTLF Directors may elect RSUs or cash for the retainer portion of their Director Compensation

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