

Quick Janet M  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Quick Janet M

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)  
03/11/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, Principal Acctg Officer

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

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

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(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	9,569	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2018		M	216 A \$ 56	9,785	D	
Common Stock					427.369 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	IRA
Common Stock					265	I	Pension Plan
Common Stock					919 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401 (k)

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
2018 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(3) (3)	Common Stock	431
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)					(4) (4)	Common Stock	575
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(2)					(5) (5)	Common Stock	431
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(6) (6)	Common Stock	433
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)					(7) (7)	Common Stock	324

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2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(8)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	Common Stock	397
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	325
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(10)</u>	<u>(10)</u>	Common Stock	516
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(11)</u>	<u>(11)</u>	Common Stock	1,084
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(12)</u>	<u>(12)</u>	Common Stock	433
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(13)</u>	<u>(13)</u>	Common Stock	433
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>	03/11/2018		F	216	<u>(13)</u>	<u>(13)</u>	Common Stock	217

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Quick Janet M 1398 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001			EVP, Principal Acctg Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Janet M  
Quick

03/16/2018

\*\*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) Based on a plan statement dated October 2016
  - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
  - (3) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 3-6-2019, 1/3 vest on 3-6-2020, and 1/3 vest on 3-6-2021.
  - (4) These restricted stock units vest in 2021 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
  - (5) These restricted stock units vest on 3-6-2021 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
  - (6) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.
  - (7) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
  - (8) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 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 in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
  - (11) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
  - (12) 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.
  - (13) 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.

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