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FORM 4

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading McKeag Bryan Issuer Symbol HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA (Check all applicable) INC [HTLF] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 1398 CENTRAL AVE. 03/19/2019 Chief Financial Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

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(City)	(State)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock							0	D			
Common Stock							17,198	I	Trust (1)		
Common Stock	03/19/2019		M	620	A	\$ 45.77	17,818	I	Trust (1)		

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	vative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ired (A) sposed of : 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2019 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	0
2019 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>	03/19/2019		A	2,247	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	2,247
2019 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	0
2019 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)	03/19/2019		A	2,247	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,247
2018 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	726
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	1,453
	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>		245

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2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)							Common Stock	
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)				(8)	<u>(8)</u>	Common Stock	540
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)				(9)	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	810
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(2)				(10)	(10)	Common Stock	989
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>				<u>(11)</u>	(11)	Common Stock	620 (12)
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)	03/19/2019	M	62	0 (11)	<u>(11)</u>	Common Stock	0
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)				(13)	(13)	Common Stock	625

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
McKeag Bryan 1398 CENTRAL AVE. DUBUQUE, IA 52001			Chief Financial Officer					

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/s/ Bryan 03/21/2019 McKeag

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 Bryan R and Linda M McKeag Living Trust dated 02-18-2009
- (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 3-6-2020, 1/3 vest on 3-6-2021, and 1/3 vest on 3-6-2022.
- (4) These restricted stock units vest in 2022 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer
- (5) 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.
- (6) These restricted stock units vest in 2021 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest on 3-6-2021 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (8) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.
- (9) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (10) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (11) These restricted stock units vest in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (12) Reflects the forfeiture of 222 Performance Based Restricted Stock Units granted but not earned during performance period.
- (13) 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.

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