

Fuller Lynn Heitz
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FORM 4

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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 *
Fuller Lynn Heitz

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)
03/11/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Bank President/CEO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					10,217.8223	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock	03/11/2019		M	278	A \$ 45.77	10,495.8223	D

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	381
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)					(4) (4)	Common Stock	761
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(2)					(5) (5)	Common Stock	657 (6)
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(7) (7)	Common Stock	235
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)					(8) (8)	Common Stock	353
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(2)					(9) (9)	Common Stock	408

2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)					(10)	(10)	Common Stock	520	
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(11)	(11)	Common Stock	450	
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(12)	(12)	Common Stock	400	
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)	03/11/2019		M	400	(12)	(12)	Common Stock	0	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Fuller Lynn Heitz 1398 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001			Bank President/CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Lynn H.
Fuller

03/12/2019

**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) Of these shares 2,143.8223 are held in Jt. Ten.
- (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) Reflects the results of earning additional 86 Performance Based Restricted Stock Units not granted but earned in 2018.
- (7) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.
- (8) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.

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- (9) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (10) These restricted stock units vest in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (11) 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.
- (12) 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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