

Saylor Kurt  
 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 * 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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/03/2018	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
1398 CENTRAL AVE  (Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					0	D	
Common Stock					121,862	I	Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/03/2018		S	2,150 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 54.2478	I	Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/03/2018		S	1,430 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 54.4428	I	Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/03/2018		S	162 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 55	I	Trust <sup>(1)</sup>

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Common Stock						48,509	I	Wife's Trust <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	12/03/2018	S	850 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 54.2478	47,659	I	Wife's Trust <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	12/03/2018	S	570 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 54.4428	47,089	I	Wife's Trust <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	12/03/2018	S	64 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 55	47,025	I	Wife's Trust <sup>(3)</sup>

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)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
2018 Director Restricted Stock Units (retainer)	<sup>(4)</sup>					<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	460 <sup>(6)</sup>
2018 Director Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(4)</sup>					<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	1,235

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

Saylor Kurt  
1398 CENTRAL AVE  
DUBUQUE, IA 52001

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## Signatures

/s/ Kurt Saylor

12/04/2018

\_\_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 November 12, 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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