

Hopkins Jennifer K
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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 *
 Hopkins Jennifer K

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)
 01/08/2019

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

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					0	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)

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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. 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)
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						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
						Code	V	(A)	(D)		
2018 Director Restricted Stock Units	(1)					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	0		
2018 Director Restricted Stock Units	(1)	01/08/2019		A	555	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	555	\$ 45.	
2018 Director Restricted Stock Units	(1)	01/08/2019		A	62	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	617	\$ 45.	
2018 Director Restricted Stock Units (retainer)	(1)	01/08/2019		A	273 (3)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	273	\$ 45.	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hopkins Jennifer K 1398 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001	X			

Signatures

Jennifer K. Hopkins	01/16/2019
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__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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (2) These restricted stock units are granted under the 2012 Long-term Incentive Plan and are subject to a one (1) year vesting schedule.
- (3) HTLF Directors may elect RSUs or cash for the retainer portion of their Director Compensation

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