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# FORM 4

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See Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A White Duane	Symbol HEAR	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC [HTLF]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 1398 CENT		(Month/I	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2018			_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DUBUQUE	, IA 52001				Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting		
(City)	(State)	Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-De	rivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D) Price	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					5,124	D (1)			
Common Stock					13,765	I	Trust (2)		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$ 

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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day, e	Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Underlying onth/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and		Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2017 Director Restricted Stock Unit	(3)					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,035	
2018 Director Restricted Stock Units	(3)					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	0	
2018 Director Restricted Stock Units	(3)	05/16/2018		A	0	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,110	\$ 0
2018 Director Restricted Stock Units	(3)	05/16/2018		A	0	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	460 (5)	\$ 0
2018 Director Restricted Stock Units	(3)	05/18/2018		A	0	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	125	\$ 0

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
	X					

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White Duane E 1398 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001

### **Signatures**

/s/Duane E. 05/18/2018 White

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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 2,479 are held in an IRA
- (2) Shares held as Private Trust Company, custodian Duane E White IRA
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (4) These restricted stock units are granted under the 2012 Long-term Incentive Plan and are subject to a one (1) year vesting schedule.
- (5) HTLF Directors may elect RSUs or cash for the retainer portion of their Director Compensation

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