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(Print or Type Responses)

01/22/2019

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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 Quick Janet M Issuer Symbol HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA (Check all applicable) **INC [HTLF]** (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 1398 CENTRAL AVE 01/22/2019 EVP, Principal Acctg Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DUBUQUE, IA 52001 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 432.009 (1) I **IRA** Stock Common Pension 265 I Stock Plan Common Ι 919 (1) 401 (k) Stock Common 9.785 D Stock Common 1,084 A

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Common Stock	01/22/2019	M	216	A	\$ 47.54	11,085	D
Common Stock	01/22/2019	M	325	A	\$ 47.54	11,410	D
Common Stock	01/22/2019	M	216	A	\$ 47.54	11,626	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo (D)	rities nired or osed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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
2018 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)						(3)	(3)	Common Stock	431
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>						<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	575
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>						<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	431
2017 Time-Based Restricted	<u>(2)</u>						<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	433

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Stock								
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>	01/22/2019	F	216	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	217
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)				<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	325
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>				<u>(8)</u>	(8)	Common Stock	397
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>				(9)	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	325
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)	01/22/2019	F	325	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	0
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)				<u>(10)</u>	(10)	Common Stock	516
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>				<u>(11)</u>	<u>(11)</u>	Common Stock	1,084
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>	01/22/2019	F	1,084	<u>(11)</u>	<u>(11)</u>	Common Stock	0
2015 Time-Based Restricted	(2)				(12)	(12)	Common Stock	433

Stock								
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)	01/22/2019	F	216	(12)	(12)	Common Stock	217
2014 Time-Based Restricted	(2)				<u>(13)</u>	<u>(13)</u>	Common Stock	217

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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1398 CENTRAL AVE EVP, Principal Acetg Officer

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

Signatures

/s/ Janet M Quick 01/24/2019

**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) Based on a plan statement dated October 2016
- (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) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (8) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (9) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 1-19-2017, 1/3 vest on 1-19-2018, and 1/3 vest on 1-19-2019.
- (10) These restricted stock units vest in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (11) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (12) 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.
- (13) 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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