

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 FOX BRIAN

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)  
 03/11/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Operations

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					2,000	D	(1)
Common Stock					8,969.2379	I	Trust (3)
Common Stock	03/11/2017		M		326	A	\$ 50.2
					9,295.2379	I	Trust (3)

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. I De Sec (In	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(4)					(5)	(5)	Common Stock	896
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(4)					(6)	(6)	Common Stock	447
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(4)					(7)	(7)	Common Stock	896
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(4)					(8)	(8)	Common Stock	877
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(4)					(9)	(9)	Common Stock	698
2016 Performance Based Restricted	(4)					(10)	(10)	Common Stock	1,465

Stock (1-year performance)

2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(4)				(11)	(11)	Common Stock	1,750
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	(4)				(12)	(12)	Common Stock	1,225
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(4)				(13)	(13)	Common Stock	1,470
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(4)	03/11/2017	F	490	(13)	(13)	Common Stock	980
2013 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(4)				(14)	(14)	Common Stock	490

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FOX BRIAN 1398 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001			EVP, Operations	

## Signatures

/s/ Brian Fox                      03/13/2017

\*\*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 in an IRA.
- (2) These shares participate in a Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) These shares held by Fox Revocable Trust dated 11/19/2001, Brian J Fox and Brenda J Fox, Trustees
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (5) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.

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- (6) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (8) 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.
- (9) These restricted stock units vest in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (10) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 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) These restricted stock units vest on 1-18-2018 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (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.
- (14) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 1-22-2016, 1/3 vest on 1-22-2017, and 1/3 vest on 1-22-2018.

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