FOX BRIAN Form 4 January 24, 2019

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA

Symbol

1(b).

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obligations

may continue.

See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			INC [HTLF]					(Спеск ан аррисавіе)			
(Last) 1398 CENT	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of (Month/D 01/22/2	•	ransaction			DirectorX Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify	
DUBUQUE	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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	e) Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi or(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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								2,000	D (1)		
Common Stock								12,085.1958 (2)	I	Trust (3)	
Common Stock	01/22/2019			A	467 (4)	A	\$ 41.77	12,552.1958 (2)	I	Trust (3)	
Common Stock	01/22/2019			M	942	A	\$ 47.54	13,494.1958 (2)	I	Trust (3)	
Common Stock	01/22/2019			M	391	A	\$ 47.54	13,885.1958 (2)	I	Trust (3)	

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Common Stock	01/22/2019	M	282	A	\$ 47.54	14,167.1958 (2)	I	Trust (3)
Common Stock	01/22/2019	M	191	A	\$ 47.54	14,358.1958 (2)	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)

(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securit Acquir (A) or	erivative Expiration Date rities (Month/Day/Year) sired or osed of		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	<u>(5)</u>						<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	799	
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(5)</u>						<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	1,066	
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(5)</u>						(8)	(8)	Common Stock	799	
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>						<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	597	
	<u>(5)</u>	01/22/2019		F		298	<u>(9)</u>	(9)		299	

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2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock							Common Stock	
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(5)</u>				(10)	(10)	Common Stock	448
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(5)</u>				<u>(11)</u>	(11)	Common Stock	547
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(5)				(12)	(12)	Common Stock	439
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(5)	01/22/2019	F	439	(12)	(12)	Common Stock	0
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(5)</u>				<u>(13)</u>	(13)	Common Stock	698
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(5)</u>				<u>(14)</u>	<u>(14)</u>	Common Stock	1,465
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(5)	01/22/2019	F	1,46	55 (14)	<u>(14)</u>	Common Stock	0
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>				<u>(15)</u>	(15)	Common Stock	1,167

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2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>	01/22/2019	F	584	<u>(15)</u>	(15)	Common Stock	583
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>				(16)	(16)	Common Stock	490

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FOX BRIAN

1398 CENTRAL AVE EVP, Operations

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

Signatures

/s/ Brian Fox 01/24/2019

**Signature of Person 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) 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) Reflects shares purchased through the Employee Stock Purchase Program
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (6) 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.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest in 2021 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (8) These restricted stock units vest on 3-6-2021 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (9) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.
- (10) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (11) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (12) 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.
- (13) These restricted stock units vest in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (14) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (15) 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.
- (16) 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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