

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 \*  
 EVERTS EDWARD H

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)  
 09/06/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP, Operations/Retail Banking

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/06/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 24,000 A \$ 8   | 0 <sup>(6)</sup>   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/06/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 24,000 D \$ 26.46   | 94,446.559 <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>                 | D   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 221,826 <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(1)</sup>                    | I Son   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 12,450.009 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | I IRA   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 2,322  | I 401(k)  |

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Common Stock 303.731 I IRA-Wife (2)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 8   | 09/06/2006                           |  | M                              | 24,000  | (4) 01/02/2007   | Common Stock  | 24,000                     |                            |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 9.83  |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 01/02/2008   | Common Stock  | 24,000                     |                            |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 12  |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 01/02/2009   | Common Stock  | 18,000                     |                            |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 12  |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 01/17/2010   | Common Stock  | 4,500                      |                            |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 8.67  |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 06/01/2011   | Common Stock  | 3,000                      |                            |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 8.8   |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 01/15/2012   | Common Stock  | 2,250                      |                            |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 11.84   |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 01/21/2013   | Common Stock  | 4,500                      |                            |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right To Buy)  | \$ 19.48   |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 01/20/2014   | Common Stock  | 3,000                      |                            |

|   |         |     |            |                 |     |
|---|---------|-----|------------|-----------------|-----|
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | \$ 21   | (4) | 02/10/2015 | Common<br>Stock | 3,0 |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | \$ 21.6 | (4) | 02/06/2016 | Common<br>Stock | 1,5 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| EVERTS EDWARD H<br>1398 CENTRAL AVE.<br>DUBUQUE, IA 52001 |               |           | SVP, Operations/Retail Banking |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Edward H.  
Everts

09/07/2006

\*\*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) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed to be an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (2) Represents shares held in a 401(k) account for reporting person's wife.
- (3) Shares participate in a Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (4) Represents options to buy granted under the Company's 1993 Stock Option Plan, a Rule 16(b)(3) plan, which options vest one-third per year beginning on the 3rd anniversary of date of grant.
- (5) Includes 7,500 Restricted Stock Awards granted under the 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (6) Double entry - see next line for balance.

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