

COYLE MICHAEL J
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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 *
COYLE MICHAEL J

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)
01/18/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP Senior General Counsel

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

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

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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)
				(A) or (D) Code V	Amount		Price
Common Stock					6,695	D	
Common Stock	01/18/2018		M	472 A	\$ 7,167	D	54.85
Common Stock					2,000	I	401K

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	
2013 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)							(2)	(2)	Common Stock	385	
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)							(3)	(3)	Common Stock	700	
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)							(4)	(4)	Common Stock	1,050	
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	(1)							(5)	(5)	Common Stock	735	
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	(1)	01/18/2018		F		735		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	0	\$
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)							(6)	(6)	Common Stock	582	
2016 Performance Based Restricted	(1)							(7)	(7)	Common Stock	972	

Stock (1-year performance)					
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(1)	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	463
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)	(9)	(9)	Common Stock	654
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(1)	(10)	(10)	Common Stock	399 (11)
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(1)	(12)	(12)	Common Stock	327

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COYLE MICHAEL J 1398 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001			EVP Senior General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ Michael J.
Coyle 01/20/2018

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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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- (4) 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.
- (5) These restricted stock units vest on 1-18-2018 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (6) 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.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (8) These restricted stock units vest in 2019 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 on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (11) Reflects the forfeiture of 255 Performance Based Restricted Stock Units granted but not earned in 2017.
- (12) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.

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