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HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC
Form 8-K
July 30, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report July 30, 2002
(Date of earliest event reported) July 16, 2002

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL, USA, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-20878 42-1405748
(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

1398 Central Avenue, Dubuque, Iowa 52001
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(563) 589-2100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events

On July 16, 2002, the Board of Directors of Heartland Financial USA, Inc. (the "Company") authorized management to acquire and hold in treasury up to \$4,000,000 of the Company's common stock, par value \$1.00 per share. Currently, the Company holds \$1,178,000 of the Company's common stock in treasury. A portion of the acquired shares will be used for the exercise of options by employees, officers and directors; issuance of shares under the Company's dividend reinvestment plan; the scheduled payout to the minority shareholders of New Mexico Bank & Trust in April of 2003; and the issuance of stock under other incentive compensation agreements.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and

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Exhibits

(a) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BUSINESS ACQUIRED.

None.

(b) PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

None.

(c) EXHIBITS.

None.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA, INC.

July 30, 2002

By:/s/ John K. Schmidt

John K. Schmidt
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer