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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Lee Bruce K Issuer Symbol HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA (Check all applicable) INC [HTLF] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1398 CENTRAL AVE 03/06/2019 **PRESIDENT** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DUBUQUE, IA 52001 Person

(City)	(State) (Z	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock							18,513	D			
Common Stock	03/06/2019		M	761	A	\$ 48.1	19,274	D			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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)	onof Deriv	ative ities ired rosed) . 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. I Des Sec (In
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2018 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(1)</u>						<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	2,284	
2018 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(1)</u>	03/06/2019		M		761	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	1,523	\$
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	Ш						(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	3,045	
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(1)						<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,284	
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(1)</u>						<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	1,090	
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(1)						<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	1,635	
2017 Performance	(1)						<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	1,995	

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Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance) 2016

Performance

Based Common (8) (8) (1) 1,976 Restricted Stock

Stock (3-year performance)

2015

Time-Based Common (9) (9) 1.333 (1) Restricted Stock

Stock

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

Lee Bruce K

1398 CENTRAL AVE **PRESIDENT**

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

Signatures

/s/ Bruce K. Lee 03/08/2019 **Signature of 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) 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 3-6-2019, 1/3 vest on 3-6-2020, and 1/3 vest on 3-6-2021.
- (3) These restricted stock units vest in 2021 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (4) These restricted stock units vest on 3-6-2021 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (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.
- (6) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- 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 on 1-20-2018, 1/3 vest on 1-20-2019, and 1/3 vest on 1-20-2020.

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