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Common

Stock

03/06/2019

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Prince David	Symbol HEAR	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) 1398 CENT		(Month/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/06/2019			below)	e titleX_ Oth below) Lead of Commer	
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) (2	Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-D	erivative S	Securities Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, it any (Month/Day/Year	Code	4. Securion(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	isposed of	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						0	D	

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

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

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Securitie	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
2019 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)						(2)	(2)	Common Stock	0
2019 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)	03/06/2019		A	1,862		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,862
2019 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(I)						(3)	(3)	Common Stock	0
2019 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(1)</u>	03/06/2019		A	1,862		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,862
2018 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)						<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	7,414
2018 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)	03/06/2019		M		2,472	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	4,942

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

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Prince David 1398 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001

EVP, Head of Commercial

Signatures

David Prince 03/21/2019

**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 3-6-2020, 1/3 vest on 3-6-2021, and 1/3 vest on 3-6-2022.
- (3) These restricted stock units vest in 2022 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer
- (4) 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.

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