

EVERTS EDWARD H  
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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)  
12/01/2009

\_\_\_\_ 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	12/01/2009		M	4,500 A \$ 12	0 <sup>(5)</sup>	D <sup>(5)</sup>	
Common Stock	12/01/2009		F	4,050 D \$ 14.09	137,491.384 <sub>(1) (3) (6)</sub>	D	
Common Stock					13,471.85 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	IRA
Common Stock					2,322	I	401(k)
Common Stock					2,099 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	HTLF Retirement Plan

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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)	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)	\$ 12	12/01/2009		M	4,500	(2) 01/17/2010	Common Stock	0	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.67					(2) 06/01/2011	Common Stock	3,000	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.8					(2) 01/15/2012	Common Stock	2,250	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.84					(2) 01/21/2013	Common Stock	4,500	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right To Buy)	\$ 19.48					(2) 01/20/2014	Common Stock	3,000	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21					(2) 02/10/2015	Common Stock	3,000	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.6					(2) 02/06/2016	Common Stock	1,500	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.65					(2) 01/16/2017	Common Stock	1,500	
	\$ 18.6					(2) 01/24/2018		1,000	

Non-Qualified  
Stock Option  
(Right to Buy)

Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Edward H.  
Everts

12/02/2009

\_\_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) Shares participate in a Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Includes 4,846 Restricted Stock Awards granted under the 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (4) Represents shares allocated to the reporting person's account under the Heartland Financial USA, Inc. Retirement Plan as a result of the Pension Plan Protection Act of 2006.
- (5) Double line entry - see next line for total.
- (6) Includes 188 shares purchased through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan on 12/31/08.

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