

ERICKSON KENNETH J  
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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 \*  
ERICKSON KENNETH 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)  
02/06/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, Chief Credit Officer

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	79,469 <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					2,604	I	401(k)
Common Stock					69,875 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Spouse

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8					(1) 01/02/2007	Common Stock 19,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.83					(1) 01/02/2008	Common Stock 24,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12					(1) 01/02/2009	Common Stock 18,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12					(1) 01/17/2010	Common Stock 4,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.67					(1) 06/01/2011	Common Stock 3,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.8					(1) 01/15/2012	Common Stock 2,250
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.84					(1) 01/21/2013	Common Stock 6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.48					(1) 01/20/2014	Common Stock 4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21					(1) 02/10/2015	Common Stock 4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.6	02/06/2006		A	2,000	(1) 02/06/2016	Common Stock 2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ERICKSON KENNETH J 1398 CENTRAL AVE. DUBUQUE, IA 52001			EVP, Chief Credit Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Kenneth J.  
Erickson

02/06/2006

\_\_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) 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.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities and this report shall not be deemed to be an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
- (3) Includes 8,000 Restricted Stock Awards granted under the 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (4) These shares reflect 583 shares issued as of 12/31/05, pursuant to the Employee Stock Purchase Plan and 36 shares issued as of 11/29/05, pursuant to the Employee Service Award Program.

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