

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 PECKOSH PAUL 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)
 12/21/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, Trust

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M	18,000 A \$ 8	105,178 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					2,448	I	401(k)
Common Stock					2,400	I	By Spouse ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					5,784	I	IRA

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 Security (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)	\$ 8	12/21/2004		M	18,000	(3) 01/02/2007	Common Stock	18,000	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.83					(3) 01/02/2008	Common Stock	18,000	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12					(3) 01/02/2009	Common Stock	9,000	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12					(3) 01/17/2010	Common Stock	2,250	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.67					(3) 06/01/2011	Common Stock	750	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.8					(3) 01/15/2012	Common Stock	750	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.84					(3) 01/21/2013	Common Stock	3,000	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.48					(3) 01/20/2014	Common Stock	2,000	

