

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC  
Form 8-K  
July 23, 2018

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 of 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) July 23, 2018

Heartland Financial USA, Inc.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 001-15393

Delaware 42-1405748  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1398 Central Avenue  
Dubuque, Iowa 52001  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(563) 589-2100  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On July 23, 2018, Heartland Financial USA, Inc. (NASDAQ: HTLF), announced that its board of directors approved an eight percent increase in its regular quarterly cash dividend to \$0.14 per share on the company's common stock payable on August 31, 2018, to stockholders of record at the close of business on August 10, 2018. As of June 30, 2018, there were 34,438,445 common shares outstanding listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol HTLF.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired.

None.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1      Press Release dated July 23, 2018.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 23, 2018      HEARTLAND  
FINANCIAL USA, INC.

By: /s/ Bryan R. McKeag  
Chief Financial Officer