

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC  
Form 8-K  
April 24, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report April 24, 2006  
(Date of earliest event reported) April 24, 2006

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

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-24724 42-1405748  
(Commission File (I.R.S. Employer  
Number) Identification  
Number)

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

(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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On April 24, 2006, Heartland Financial USA, Inc., issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2006. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired.

None.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated April 24, 2006

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.

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA,  
INC.

Dated: April 24, 2006

By:/s/ John K. Schmidt  
John. K. Schmidt  
Executive Vice President, CFO &  
COO