

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC  
Form 8-K  
January 30, 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

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| <b>Date of Report</b>             | <b>January 30, 2006</b> |
| (Date of earliest event reported) | January 30, 2006        |

**Heartland Financial USA, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

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| <b>0-24724</b>           | <b>42-1405748</b>                       |
| (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number) |

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| <b>1398 Central Avenue, Dubuque, Iowa</b> | <b>52001</b> |
| (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):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 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 January 30, 2006, Heartland Financial USA, Inc. issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter ended December 30, 2005. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**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 January 30, 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.

H E A R T L A N D  
FINANCIAL USA, INC.

Date: January 30, 2006

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