

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC  
Form 8-K  
October 27, 2008

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      October 27, 2008  
(Date of earliest event reported)      October 27, 2008

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 Number)      (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1398  
Central  
Avenue,  
Dubuque,  
Iowa  
(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)

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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 Conditions

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On October 27, 2008, Heartland Financial USA, Inc., issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2008. 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) Shell company transactions.

None.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated October 27, 2008.

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: October  
27, 2008

By: /s/ John K. Schmidt

Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, and Chief Financial Officer