

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 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 December 22, 2006  
(Date of earliest  
event reported) December 22, 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)

1 3 9 8 C e n t r a l  
Avenue, Dubuque, 52001  
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)

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 communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

- 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 (17CFR 240.13e-14(c))

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

On December 22, 2006, Heartland Financial USA, Inc., issued a press release announcing that it has completed the sale of its leasing subsidiary. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF  
BUSINESS ACQUIRED.

NONE.

(b) PRO FORMA FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION.

NONE.

(c) EXHIBITS

99. Press Release dated December 22, 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.

Dated: December 22, 2006

**HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA, INC.**

By: /s/ John K. Schmidt

John K. Schmidt

Executive Vice President, CFO & COO