

CROUSE LAWRENCE D  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 CROUSE LAWRENCE D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC  
 [HTLD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 06/13/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |           |                  |                               |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------|------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | or (D)   | Price   |           |                  |                               |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 06/13/2006                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 1,317,495   | D  | \$ 0  | 4,015,837 | I <sup>(1)</sup> | TRUSTEE FOR SHARES            |
| COMMON STOCK                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 32,565    | D                |                               |
| COMMON STOCK                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 1,500,841 | I                | VOTING TRUSTEE <sup>(2)</sup> |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Name of the Issuer of the Underlying Securities |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Amount or Number of Shares                 |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CROUSE LAWRENCE D              |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

LAWRENCE D  
CROUSE

06/13/2006

     Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- ITEM 3. Annuity amounts paid on the anniversary date of grantor retained annuity trusts for benefit of Russell Gerdin, with respect to one
- (1) trust and Ann Gerdin, with respect to a second trust, over which the reporting person serves as trustee. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
  - (2) ITEM 7. Reporting person is the voting trustee of shares held by Gerdin Family Investments, L.P. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

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