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April 21, 2006

UNITED STATES
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 (Date of earliest
event reported):
April 20, 2006

HEARTLAND EXPRESS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number - 0-15087

NEVADA
(State of other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

93-0926999
(IRS Employer ID No.)

2777 HEARTLAND DRIVE, CORALVILLE, IOWA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

52241
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number (including area code): 319-545-2728

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On April 20, 2006, Heartland Express, Inc. (the "Company") announced that it declared a 4 for 3 stock split. A copy of the press release issued by the Company is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

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The Exhibit listed on the Exhibit Index accompanying Form 8-K is furnished herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HEARTLAND EXPRESS, INC.

Date: April 20, 2006

BY: /s/ John P. Cosaert

JOHN P. COSAERT
Vice-President
Finance and Treasurer

Exhibit No. 99.1

NEWS RELEASE:

From: Heartland Express, Inc.
2777 Heartland Drive
Coralville, Iowa 52241
NASDAQ Symbol: HTLD

Release Date: April 20, 2006 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Heartland Express, Inc. Announces Stock Split

CORALVILLE, IA - April 20, 2006 - Heartland Express, Inc (Nasdaq: HTLD) today announced that it has declared a 4 for 3 stock split, payable as a 33% stock dividend on its issued and outstanding common stock, at the close of business on May 15, 2006. The stock dividend will increase the Company's issued and outstanding commons shares to approximately 98.4 million from approximately 73.8 million shares.

The stock dividend will be paid on May 15, 2006. The stock dividend will result in the issuance of approximately 0.33 shares for each share issued and outstanding held by shareholders of record as of May 5, 2006. Fractional shares will be paid in cash.

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The Company's quarterly cash dividend will continue to be paid at the current quarterly rate of \$0.02 per share. Accordingly, cash dividends will increase approximately \$2.0 million per year, a 33% increase.

Heartland Express said that the stock dividend was declared in order to provide additional liquidity for the Company's shareholders. This is the Company's ninth stock split since going public in 1986.

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END OF REPORT