

Gerdin Ann S  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Gerdin Ann S

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)  
901 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/30/2011

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

NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/30/2011                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 7,363,347 D \$ 0  | 12,714,214  | I  | By GRATs <sup>(1)</sup>                               |
| Common Stock                    | 11/30/2011                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 7,519,178 D \$ 0  | 5,195,036   | I  | By GRATs <sup>(1)</sup>                               |
| Common Stock                    | 11/30/2011                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 5,195,036 D \$ 0  | 0   | I  | By GRATs <sup>(1)</sup>                               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 773,194   | I  | By Trust <sup>(2)</sup>                               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,936,276   | I  | By, GFI, LP <sup>(3)</sup>                            |

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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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gerdin Ann S<br>901 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE<br>NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/Ann S. Gerdin 12/02/2011

\_\_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).
- (1) Shares held by three grantor retained annuity trusts for the benefit of the reporting person. Mr. Russell A. Gerdin, deceased spouse of the reporting person, previously served as trustee with respect to each GRAT. Michael J. Gerdin was appointed as successor trustee over the GRATS upon the death of Mr. Russell A. Gerdin.
  - (2) Shares owned by the revocable trusts of the reporting person and her deceased spouse over which the reporting person serves as trustee for each trust.
  - (3) Gerdin Family Investments, LP (the "GFI") owns a voting trust certificate representing 1,936,276 shares of Heartland Express, Inc. common stock. The reporting person is a general partner of GFI. Although the entire number of shares controlled by GFI is disclosed herein (as permitted by SEC rules), the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of shares in excess of the number attributable to her ownership interest. The reporting person is not a voting trustee and has no power to vote the shares in which GFI has an interest.

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