

HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC  
Form 8-K  
January 23, 2012  
UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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):  
January 20, 2012

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

Nevada  
(State of other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

000-15087  
(Commission  
File Number)

93-0926999  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

901 NORTH KANSAS AVE, NORTH LIBERTY, IA  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

52317  
(Zip Code)

(319) 626-3600  
Registrant's Telephone Number (including area code):

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:

- Written communications 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)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 20, 2012, Heartland Express, Inc. announced its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

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EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

99.1	Heartland Express, Inc. press release dated January 20, 2012 with respect to the Company's financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2011
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The information contained in this report (including Items 2.02 and 9.01) and the exhibit hereto shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act:”), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

The information in this report and the exhibit hereto may contain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Such statements are made based on the current beliefs and expectations of the Company's management and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Actual results or events may differ from those anticipated by forward-looking statements. Please refer to the paragraph following the financial and operating information in the attached press release and various disclosures by the Company in its press releases, stockholder reports, and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for information concerning risk, uncertainties, and other factors that may affect future results.

SIGNATURE

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: January 20, 2012

BY:/s/John P. Cosaert  
John P. Cosaert  
Executive Vice President - Finance,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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