

CROUSE LAWRENCE D  
 Form 5  
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# FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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 Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2009

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

PO BOX 480

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

BURKE, SD 57523

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Amount Price			
Common Stock	12/14/2009	Â	G	14,994 A \$ 0	14,994	I	Trustee for Trust <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	12/29/2009	Â	G	1,666 A \$ 0	16,660	I	Trustee for Trust
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	47,565	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	1,936,276	I	Voting Trustee <u>(2)</u>

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Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	762,674	I	Voting Trustee <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,710,373	I	Trustee for Shares <sup>(4)</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. of
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROUSE LAWRENCE D PO BOX 480 BURKE, SD 57523	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

Lawrence D. Crouse  
02/10/2010  
\*\*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) The reporting person serves as one of the trustees for shares held by trusts for the benefit of the grandchildren of Russel and Ann Gerdin in which the reporting person has no pecuniary interest in such shares. The reporting person has shared voting and dispositive power with respect to each trust. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (2) The reporting person serves as voting trustee for shares represented by a voting certificate held by Gerdin Family Investments, LP. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

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- The reporting person is the voting trustee for shares represented by a voting trust certificate held by a grantor retained annuity trust for the
- (3) benefit of Ann Gerdin. The reporting person has no investment control, dispositive power, or pecuniary interest in shares held by such trust. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
  - (4) The reporting person serves as trustee for shares held by the 2005 Gerdin Children's Trust but has no pecuniary interest in such shares. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

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