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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):
July 19, 2007

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.)

901 NORTH KANSAS AVE
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

52317
(Zip Code)

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

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 - Heartland Express, Inc. press release dated July 19, 2007
with respect to the Company's financial results for the quarter ended June 30,
2007

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 19, 2007, Heartland Express, Inc. announced its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2007. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

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: July 19, 2007

BY: /s/ John P. Cosaert

JOHN P. COSAERT
Vice-President
Finance and Treasurer

Exhibit No. 99.1

Thursday, July 19, 2007, For Immediate Release

Press Release

Heartland Express, Inc. Reports Revenues and Earnings for the Second Quarter of 2007.

CORALVILLE, IOWA - July 19, 2007 - Heartland Express, Inc. (Nasdaq: HTLD) announced today financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2007. Operating revenues for the quarter increased 4.2% to \$149.1 million from \$143.1 million in the second quarter of 2006. Operating income for the quarter was negatively

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impacted by a \$5.6 million decrease in gains on disposal of property and equipment. Therefore, net income decreased 19.9% to \$19.8 million from \$24.8 million in the 2006 period. Earnings per share were \$0.20 compared to \$0.25 for the second quarter of 2006.

For the six months ended June 30, 2007, operating revenues increased 5.2% to \$292.5 from \$278.1 during the same period in 2006. Operating income for the six month period was negatively impacted by a \$3.0 million decrease in gains on disposal of property and equipment. Therefore, net income decreased 4.7% to \$42.4 million from \$44.5 million in the 2006 period. Earnings per share were \$0.43 compared with \$0.45 for the 2006 period.

For the quarter, Heartland Express, Inc. posted an operating ratio (operating expenses as a percentage of operating revenues) of 81.2% and a 13.3% net margin. The Company reported an operating ratio of 79.7% and a 14.5% net margin for the six months ended June 30, 2007. During the quarter, Heartland Express paid a special dividend of \$2.00 per share in addition to its regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.02 per share. This dividend in the amount of \$198.5 million was paid on May 31, 2007 to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 24, 2007. The Company has now paid cash dividends of \$220.8 million over the past sixteen consecutive quarters. The Company ended the second quarter with cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments of \$172.8 million, a \$158.5 million decrease from the \$331.3 million reported on December 31, 2006 primarily due to the special dividend paid. The Company's balance sheet continues to be debt-free with total assets of \$513.7 million.

The average age of the Company's tractor fleet was 1.6 years at June 30, 2007, while the average age of the its trailer fleet was 3.4 years. The Company took delivery of 165 new International tractors and 300 new Wabash trailers during the quarter.

The Company was recently recognized by Sears Holding Corporation as their 2006 Supplier of the Year, Federal Express Corporation as their 2006 Truckload Carrier of the Year, and Wal-mart Transportation LLC as 2006 Truckload Carrier of the Year. In addition, the Company is pleased to announce the completion of its Phoenix, Arizona operational and shop facility during the quarter. The facility will serve as the Company's base of operations for its Western United States transportation services. This past week the Company moved to its new corporate headquarters in North Liberty, Iowa. The new facility consolidates our corporate headquarters employees into one building and will accommodate future growth. A new shop facility adjacent to the corporate facility was completed and occupied prior to quarter end.

This press release may contain statements that might be considered as forward-looking statements or predictions of future operations. Such statements are based on management's belief or interpretation of information currently available. These statements and assumptions involve certain risks and uncertainties. Actual events may differ from these expectations as specified from time to time in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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John Cosaert, Chief Financial Officer
319-626-3600

HEARTLAND EXPRESS, INC.
AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(UNAUDITED)

	Three months ended June 30,		Six mon Jun
	2007	2006	2007
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OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 149,103,425	\$ 143,058,628	\$ 292,532,451
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OPERATING EXPENSES:			

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Salaries, wages, benefits	\$ 50,950,587	\$ 46,040,770	\$ 98,964,316
Rent and purchased transportation	5,643,406	6,772,305	10,865,171
Fuel	39,696,911	37,789,391	76,510,208
Operations and maintenance	3,499,310	3,358,967	6,703,360
Operating taxes and licenses	2,338,260	2,203,726	4,618,618
Insurance and claims	5,687,899	4,835,933	11,277,730
Communications and utilities	1,013,024	943,092	1,868,942
Depreciation	11,876,953	11,181,612	23,580,708
Other operating expenses	4,439,034	4,158,378	8,564,157
Gain on disposal of property & equipment	(4,111,910)	(9,724,303)	(9,778,152)
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	121,033,474	107,559,871	233,175,058
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Operating income	28,069,951	35,498,757	59,357,393
Interest income	2,905,704	2,906,972	6,221,768
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Income before income taxes	30,975,655	38,405,729	65,579,161
Federal and state income taxes	11,134,509	13,634,068	23,184,714
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Net income	\$ 19,841,146	\$ 24,771,661	42,394,447
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Earnings per share	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.43
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Weighted average shares outstanding	98,251,889	98,428,589	98,251,889
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Dividends declared per share	\$ 2.02	\$ 0.02	\$ 2.04
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HEARTLAND EXPRESS, INC.
AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS	June 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
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	(unaudited)	
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,579,024	\$ 8,458,882
Short-term investments	162,240,604	322,829,306
Trade receivables	48,741,950	43,499,482
Prepaid tires	5,050,605	5,075,566
Other prepaid expenses	4,804,333	1,635,077
Deferred income taxes	29,712,000	29,177,000
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Total current assets	\$261,128,516	\$410,675,313
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PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	\$351,672,008	344,323,852
Less accumulated depreciation	109,607,867	96,293,111
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	\$242,064,141	\$248,030,741
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OTHER ASSETS	\$ 10,555,412	\$ 10,363,658
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	\$513,748,069	\$669,069,712
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$ 12,188,502	15,075,647
Compensation & benefits	14,655,037	15,028,378
Income taxes payable	470,127	21,418,610
Insurance accruals	58,986,754	56,651,853
Other accruals	8,269,890	8,248,415
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Total current liabilities	\$ 94,570,310	116,422,903
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LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Income taxes payable	\$ 35,537,701	--
Deferred income taxes	51,391,000	57,623,000
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	86,928,701	57,623,000
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COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Capital stock: common, \$.01 par value; authorized 395,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 98,251,889	\$ 982,519	982,519
Additional paid-in capital	438,701	376,029
Retained earnings	330,827,838	493,665,261
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	\$332,249,058	\$495,023,809
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	\$513,748,069	\$669,069,712
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END OF REPORT