

# The Huskies Leader

## From Brad Best, Superintendent...

It is a short month, so I am using that as an excuse to have a short article. My guess is that not too many people will mind.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Julie Goertzen for her 37 years of service to the Heartland Community Schools. Mrs. Goertzen has announced her retirement, effective at the end of this school year and we wish her all the best. She has definitely earned the rest.

The board and administrative team are meeting this month to discuss district goals on which to focus over the next couple of years. This is an important exercise for moving our district forward and having common goals between the board and staff. My hope is that we identify 2 or 3 goals and some ideas on strategies to implement.

Our staff and school board have also been discussing the enhancement and accessibility of technology in our school. The technology committee has done considerable work in researching various other schools and scenarios with the goal of integrating technology into the regular school day's instruction. We see a computer as a tool. It is a more engaging and interactive text, a quicker and more comprehensive encyclopedia, and an efficient real-time communications device. They won't replace instruction or a teacher; they will only enhance what we have already identified as important for our students.

Which leads me to the last item. Our staff is working diligently during the professional development days to align specific topics that are taught within each subject and grade level, first to the state standards and secondly between grade levels. When the process is complete, we will have detailed outlines of every topic taught in every classroom for every subject. It is going to take a few years, but we will start posting these guides on our website as they are completed.

Stay warm and stop in for a visit whenever you are able!

Occasional bad weather requires the closing of school for the safety of our students. School closing information will be announced over the radio station KAWL (1370) and television stations KHAS, KLKN, and KOLN.

We have implemented an automated phone message service through School Reach which we will use to contact parents about school closings as well. You may also call our school closing phone line at 402-723-4421. If a decision has been made the night before, the closing will be announced around 10:00PM. In the mornings it will be announced on the half hour from 6:30AM to 8:00AM.



## Option Enrollment

Heartland Community Schools is open to accepting more option enrollment students and we feel that we have much to offer! A student from another district may enroll at Heartland when approved through the option enrollment program.

If you know of someone who would be interested in enrolling their children to Heartland, please have them call the superintendent's office at 402-723-4434. High school students must have an option enrollment application filed and approved before March 15, 2013 in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.

## Band German Smorgasbord

The annual Band German Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, March 16, 2013. The meal will be served from 5:00PM to 7:30PM and a band concert will be held at 7:45PM. Adult tickets are \$11.00, children ages 4-12 are \$6.00. Any child under the age of 4 is free. Tickets will go on sale February 14, 2013 and may be purchased from any band member or by calling or stopping by the Heartland School Offices. Tickets must be purchased in advance.



## Seniors- Scholarship News

The Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship application is available. This scholarship must be used at a Nebraska public college/university or community college. Students with an annual family income of \$95,000 or less are encouraged to apply. Check out the link below for more information.

<http://www.buffettscholarships.org/eligibility.shtml>

Seniors: Filling out the FAFSA this year? Wondering what it's all about? Check out this video by EducationQuest!

<http://www.educationquest.org/fafsa-tools/fafsa-demo/>



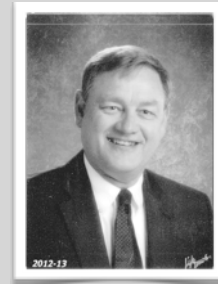
## HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

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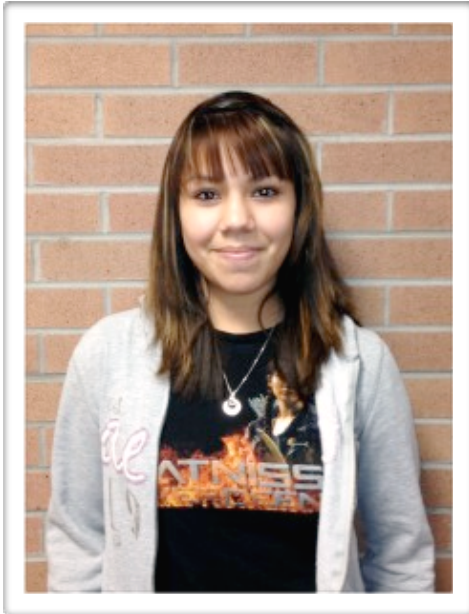
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## Heartland Student of the Month

Freshman Silvina Cruz has been selected as the HeartlandBeat Student of the Month by Heartland Principal Tim Carr and Mrs. Julie Goertzen, Language Arts Instructor. She was commended for her willingness to help a new student transition to Heartland at semester. "Silvina went above and beyond helping a new student find their classes, deal with lockers, and provide companionship at lunch," said Carr.



Cruz herself was a new student at Heartland this fall and is originally from Scottsbluff. "I really love this school—the students and teachers. I've learned more here than anywhere else I've been," said Cruz. It's evident to Mrs. Goertzen that Cruz wants to be successful in her school experience here. "In English class, she always does her best work, is diligent in completing assignments, and is respectful to her peers and teachers," said Goertzen.

Cruz moved to Henderson last June where she lives in the Grace Children's Home Girl's Cottage. She had many highlights during the summer there and especially enjoyed the challenge and fun of riding a bike over 60 miles round-trip from Henderson to Timberlake Camp. She also learned how to water ski and enjoyed her time swimming at the Henderson Aquatic Center. Basketball is her favorite sport, but due to a back injury she is unable to compete this season.

She enjoys listening to music, drawing, and especially loves to read. One of her favorite books she just finished and recommends is "The Giver". Stories about the Holocaust especially interest her and her favorite subject is history. Most weekends Cruz is able to visit her family in Scottsbluff where she has a brother, two sisters, and three stepbrothers.

Congratulations to our student of the month, Silvina Cruz, for being such a good role model and dedicated student at Heartland High School!

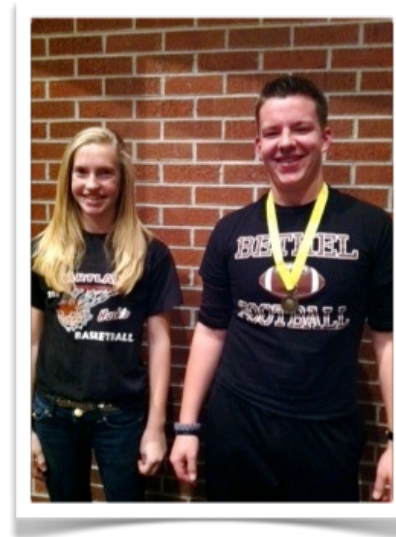
*Article borrowed from the Heartland Beat. Article written by Shannon Siebert*

## 2013 National Geography Bee

Do you know which country has a historical region named Dauphine that was occupied by ancient Burgundians? Ethan Hall answered, "France," to win Heartland's 2013 National Geography Bee. Kristine Goertzen was the runner-up.

Semi-Finalists were Josh Elliott, Hayes Oswald, Kyle Ott, Reid Huebert, Zach Dente and Cade Oswald.

Other participants were Leslie Braun, Aaron Buller, Isabelle Vanderneck, Peyton Ott, Emily Goertzen, Grace Janzen, Odessa Ohrt, Zach Taggart and Benny Ginter.



*Kristine Goertzen-Runnerup;  
Ethan Hall-First Place*

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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[jtessman@heartlandschools.net](mailto:jtessman@heartlandschools.net)Creative Things Happening in Mrs. Ohrt's  
English Classes

Mrs. Ohrt's English students completed their first semester units with a variety of creative activities. First, colorful kites are flying around the perimeter of Room 103 thanks to the seniors who created kites after completing Khaled Hosseini's book, *The Kite Runner*. Next, freshman completed a *Romeo and Juliet* unit by either rewriting a scene, creating an oral presentation or visual interpretation inspired by the play. The creative results were outstanding. Projects included dramatic acting, a sock puppet show, cartoon strips and a holiday themed rewrite of Act 1, Scene 5 (the party preparation) including reindeer, penguins and snow-woman characters. Finally, be wary of the "Avalanche of Books" near the high school office created by the sophomores' book reports. Each book is highlighted by a description, an image of the book, and a QR code that leads to a book trailer, author website or book review. Stay tuned for more creative updates as the portfolios in room 103 go digital for parent teacher conferences.



*McKenna Friesen and Rebecca Larson with their sock puppets*

## Upcoming Dates

**Feb 7, 2013**Inservice-11:40 Dismissal-**NO LUNCH****Feb 9, 2013**

ACT Test

**Feb 11, 2013**

School Board Meeting 7:00PM

**Feb 22, 2013**

FFA Barnyard

**Feb 25, 2013**

7-12 Vocal/Instrumental Concert @ 7:30

Track Spring Practice Begins

**Feb 27, 2013**

Inservice-2hr late start

Dr. Seuss Day

**Feb 28-Mar 2**

Girls BB State Tournament



# Spring is Just Around the Corner!



## Elementary News

### One Hundred Days of School

These second graders celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school by participating in a variety of different activities. They made gorp, played domino games, constructed objects out of marshmallows and pretzels, made Fruit Loop necklaces and colored hats as they traveled from Mrs. Thiesen's, Mrs. Peter's, Mrs. Steever's, Mrs. Ratzlaff's and Mrs. Goff's classrooms. They are shown here wearing their 100 day hats. All students in K-2 participated in the above activities. Mrs. Goff's classrooms. They are shown here wearing their 100 day hats. All students in K-2 participated in the above activities.



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County Spelling Bee

**Feb 7, 2013**

Inservice-11:40 Dismissal-  
**NO LUNCH**

**Feb 11, 2013**

School Board Meeting 7:00PM

**Feb 22, 2013**

FFA Barnyard

3rd Grade Field Invention Convention  
@ 2:30

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### Heartland 5th graders having fun at recess!

These 5th grade students have been playing football at recess for months! They ended their season with an awards ceremony, complete with 2 handmade trophies to hand out. It was a tough decision, but an award for M.V.P. and Best Wide Receiver were given.



## FFA News

The senior members of the chapter have been working hard on closing out their 2012 record books and have almost completed their state degree applications. On Feb 6th, they will travel to Palmer, where they will participate in state degree interviews.

Proficiencies are awarded to students who have excelled in their Supervised Agriculture Experience. All members are highly encouraged to apply for this award.



*FFA members socializing before a meeting, by playing paper football.*

Proficiency applications are due on Feb 10.

National FFA week will be held Feb 18-22. The chapter plans to keep the same activities as what have been done in previous years, including the petting zoo being held on Friday, Feb 22.

Due to unfortunate circumstances, the chapter will not host the community welding contest this year. Instead, members are busy preparing for Career Development Events that will be held March 5, 2013.

## Jr. High Choral Festival

Heartland hosted their annual Jr. High Choral Festival. Over 400 students from 18 different schools joined together and rehearsed on the afternoon of January 25th. Guest clinicians and accompanists worked with boys and girls separately and together to perform for an audience of over 600 guests. Mr. Hall, high school students, maintenance staff, and other teachers all worked together to make this festival a success!



## Honor Band and Choral Clinic Held At UNK

Fifteen Heartland Musicians were chosen by audition to participate in the UNK Music Honor Clinic on Monday, January 28, 2013. Musicians chosen for voice were: Daniel Quiring; Aaron Jensen; Emily Ott; Kaci Hiebner; Morgan Michel; Tierney Casper; Lincoln Ruybalid and Ashton Kroeker. Leah Friesen and Ashley Quiring were chosen for clarinet, Rachele Allen for Tenor sax, Aubrey DeBraal for Baritone Sax, Sam Boardman and Kaitlyn Quiring for trumpet and Sheppard Ruybalid for Percussion.

The Festival Band was directed by Dr. Brian Alber, Honor Band by Dr. Duane Bierman, the Womens Choir by Cheri Hilmer-Rieneche, the Festival Choir by A. J. Reimer and the Honor Choir by David Baur.

To conclude the event the students performed in front of a full house. The Health and Sports Arena on the University Campus has 3,000 available seats.



### Sara Brune's Artwork Accepted Into the 2013 Bridge Exhibition

Senior, Sara Brune, had artwork accepted into the 2013 Bridge Exhibition at Nebraska Wesleyan University. The exhibition was on display from Jan. 17 through Jan. 27, 2013 at the Wesleyan Gallery

The Bridge Exhibition gives high school senior art students the opportunity to participate in a juried exhibition, see their work hung in a professional gallery, and compete for one of two \$10,000 scholarships as well as Best of Show honors.



*Lilly Cheetah and Circles Fill The Room*



*Disney in Clay*



*Majestic Castle*

*“Remember there’s no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.”  
-Scott Adams*

## Drivers Education 2013

Drivers Education Classes will again be offered to Heartland students through the Nebraska Safety Council. The classes will take place at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson. The fee for the classes are \$299.00 per student for the summer of 2013. You can go online and download a registration form at [www.nesafetycouncil.org](http://www.nesafetycouncil.org). Please send the completed form and registration fee to PO Box 30578, Lincoln, NE 68503-0578. Checks should be mad out to the Nebraska Safety Council. Students can also pick up a registration form from the school office. The fee must be paid the first day of class



- **Advanced registration and payment are required.**
- **Students must possess a school learner's permit, a school permit or a learner's permit to enroll.**

Only one session will be offered this summer and will run July 8-11 2013 from 8:00-1:00PM. The behind-the-wheel classes will be arranged during the classroom sessions. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

## 2013 Build a Computer Day

On Monday, January 14, 2013, the Heartland TECHS team traveled to Milford and participated in building a computer at ESU 6. The ESU10 staff from Kearney conducted the entire events for the day. There were five schools and about 25 students involved in making a computer for their schools. Our TECHS team members this year are: Alex Brodrick, Damian Carter, JJ Johnson, and Stephanie Stamp. The members were grouped in pairs so each team built one computer. The students learned the steps in building a computer. They installed the motherboard, CPU processor, dvd player, hard drive, and RAM. The team followed instructions and a diagram while connecting the cables properly from the internal devices to the motherboard and power supply. After installing the hardware



*J.J. Johnson and Stephanie Stamp prepare their robot for testing.*



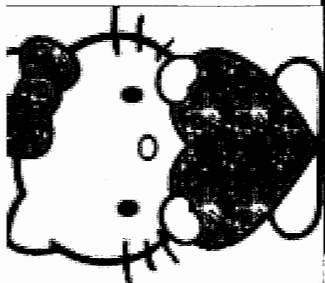
*Damian Carter and Alex Brodrick work on assembling their computer.*

components, the team installed the free Open Source Linux operating system.

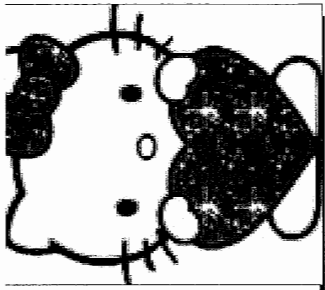
While the OS was installing, the team members learned to use Poll Everywhere, take a quiz using Socrative, and create a photo collage using the PicCollage app. The students learned to create a survey with Google forms and a web page using Google Sites. All of the above activities were completed by using either an iPad or Smartphone. The students also connected with a Twitter account to see the capabilities of using this in schools. The ESU10 staff also showed how to create a movie using iMovie app on an iPad. These activities were to promote smart technology usage in all curricular areas.

Another new project the students are working on is building a robot using Legos and NXT products. The kit is borrowed from the ESU10 unit and is an introduction to programming. The building of the robot took about 2 hours. After this the students learned how to program using controls on the robot itself and then using a Macbook with robotic NXT software. A couple of competitive programming lessons will include a drag race and the robot will travel 4 feet into a ring to launch a ping pong ball. The final test will be to program the robot to move through a pre-designed maze.





# February 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chicken Strips Hash Browns Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar	2
3	4 Grilled Cheese Potato Stars Fruit & Veggie Bar	5 Grilled Chicken Fries Steamed Broccoli/Cauliflower Fruit & Veggie Bar	6 Taco Salad Churo Fruit & Veggie Bar	7 NO LUNCH 11:40 Dismissal	8 Sloppy Joes Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar	9
10	11 French Dip S. Hash Browns Fruit & Veggie Bar	12 Hotdogs Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Veggie Bar	13 Ham & Noodles Green Beans Dinner Roll Ice Cream Fruit & Veggie Bar	14 Spaghetti Corn French Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar	15 Salisbury Steak M.P./Gravy Green Beans Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	16
17	18 Teriyaki Chicken Rice Steamed Broccoli	19 BBQ Pork Sandwich Fries Fruit & Veggie	20 Pizza Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	21 Country Beef Patty M.P./Gravy Roll	22 Baked P. Bar Chicken Strips Bread Sticks Fruit & Veggie Bar	23
24	25 Chili Cinnamon Roll Saltines Fruit & Veggie Bar	26 Tater Tot Casserole French Bread Fruit & Veggie	27 Max Cheese Sticks Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	28 Chicken Fajita Mini Donut Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar		 Menu subject to Change

# February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	7:00 PM Boys BB SNC vs Superior	7:00 PM Girls BB SNC vs Sandy Creek		G & B BB SNC @ Milford TBA		SNC BB Finals @ Milford
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	12:00 PM Art Club Meeting 7:00 PM FBLA Meeting	4:00 PM G & B BB Deshler @ H 4:00/6:15/8:00 4:30 PM FBLA Cake Raffle	Co. Spelling Bee 7:00 AM FCA Meeting 8:00 AM FFA State Degree Interviews @ Palmer	Inservice-11:40 Dismissal 4:30 PM G & B BB Osceola @ H 4:30/6:15/8:00 6:00 PM JH B BB @ Centennial 6:00/7:00	6:00 PM G & B BB @ Cedar 6:00/7:45	ACT Test 10:00 AM Jr High Boys' BB @ Friend 7:00 PM Ted & Co Drama Production
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Girls BB Sub Districts 12:00 PM NHS Meeting 7:00 PM School Board Meeting		Co. Spelling Bee-Snow Date 7:00 AM FCA Meeting 8:00 PM FBLA Business Competition @ Peru	G BB Sub Districts 4:00 PM JH B BB Harvard @ H 4:00/5:15	6:15 PM B BB Doniphan-Trumbull @ H 6:15/8:00	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	National FFA Week B BB Sub Districts 3:00 PM JH B BB Sutton @ H 3:00/4:00	B BB Sub Districts 8:00 PM FBLA Business Competition @ Kearney	7:00 AM FCA Meeting	B BB Sub Districts	FFA Barnyard-Ag Shop G BB District Finals 2:30 PM 3rd Grade Invention Convention	Henderson Homeshow 9:30 AM JH B BB Harvard Tourney @ Harvard
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
	Track Spring Practice Begins 7:30 PM 7-12 Vocal/Instrumental Concert	B BB District Finals	Inservice (2 hr Late Start) Dr. Seuss Day	G BB State Championship	Spring Vacation (No School)	

### Junior High Lip Sync Contest



The junior high students held their annual Lip Sync Contest on Thursday, January 10, 2013. Six groups performed in the theater for the judges, junior high teachers and some parents. Students were scored on creativity, lip sync skill, costumes/props and overall performance. The group of Ethan Hall and Aaron Buller received the highest scores from the judges with Sadie Carr and Megan Kroeker placed second.







**Community Night At Wendy's!  
February 11, 2013**

Eat at Wendy's on this night between 5:00 and 8:00PM and they will donate 10% of their sales to Heartland.

At the end of the year, the school with the highest sales will have their donations DOUBLED!

**March Reminders**

**March 1, 2013**  
Spring Break-No School

**March 8, 2013**  
Spring Break- No School

**March 11, 2013**  
NHS Blood Drive

School Board Meeting-7:00PM

**March 16, 2013**  
Smorgasbord

**March 18, 2013**  
Parent/Teacher Conference

**March 21, 2013**  
Parent/Teacher Conference

**March 22, 2013**  
No School

**March 29, 2013**  
No school ( Good Friday)



*March 11th*



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