

The Huskies Leader

From Brad Best, Superintendent...

To our parents and supporters,

For as long as I can remember, student athletes have made their college intentions known, often times during a press conference, by signing a “letter of intent”. We have several of these students each year and are excited to arrange for their announcement of where they will be competing at college. It is an exciting day for them and we are certainly excited, as well.

In most cases, students who do well academically receive much more financial support for college via an academic scholarship than they do for participating in an activity. We have students in that situation this year, as well. I have always wondered why we don’t have an “academic letter of intent” signing day. I don’t know of another school in this part of the country that recognizes students in this way. So, this year we are conducting that academic letter of intent day here at Heartland.

At 10:30 AM on May 3rd, we will gather those students that are accepting academic scholarships from the college they will attend and their parents for a ceremony. Stay tuned for photos and information in local news outlets and in our next newsletter.

One other gathering that is new this year will be a Huskie Beef kickoff assembly. The program in which we utilize high quality, donated, locally raised beef in our lunch program is off to a great start. We will gather the students together to hear about the program from the Nebraska Beef Council, Circle 5 Beef, the Farm to School program at the Department of Education, and the York County Extension office. We will also take the opportunity to say a big “thank you” to our donors and have them join the students for a beef lunch. This all happens in the theater at 10:45 AM on May 9th, if you would like to join us for the program.

As the summer break approaches, let me say that it has been a fun, productive, and exciting year for Heartland. Thank you for your continued support!

Upcoming Dates

May 1-5, 2017
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

May 2, 2017
Awards Night @ 7:00pm

May 7, 2017
Commencement @ 2:30pm

May 8, 2017
School Board Meeting @ 8:00pm

May 11, 2017
District Track Meet @ Thayer Central

May 15, 2017
Golf Districts @ TBA

May 23, 2017
Last Day of School
Dismiss @ 11:30am

May 24, 2017
Teacher Professional Development

May 19-20, 2017
State Track Meet @ Omaha

May 26, 2017
State Golf Meet @ TBA

OUR MISSION: The Heartland Community Schools of Henderson & Bradshaw is dedicated to educating all students by providing challenging opportunities to learn according to individual needs.

District Music Contest

The Heartland music department took part in the Class C and D District Music Contest at Sutton on Thursday, April 20th and Friday, April 21st. Overall, the musicians received 18 superior ratings and 4 excellent ratings. The students and the directors appreciated the support from the Heartland patrons who traveled to attend the contest.

Musicians and their ratings are:

- Ethan Hall** – vocal, superior and tuba, excellent
- Colton Monnier** – vocal, superior
- Connor Boehr** – vocal, superior
- Ana Gage** – vocal, superior
- Karah Joyner** – vocal, superior
- Megan Kroeker** – vocal, superior
- Addie Swartzendruber** – vocal, superior and vocal duet, superior
- Brittany Quiring** – alto sax, superior
- Megan Kroeker** – flute, superior
- Mark Perez** – trumpet, excellent and trumpet ensemble, excellent
- Olivia Casper** – French horn, excellent
- Brooklyn Epp** – vocal duet, superior and trumpet ensemble, excellent
- Emily Goertzen** – trumpet ensemble, excellent
- Katrina Hiebner** – trumpet ensemble, excellent
- Kate Bergen** – trumpet ensemble, excellent
- Kori Siebert** – trumpet ensemble, excellent

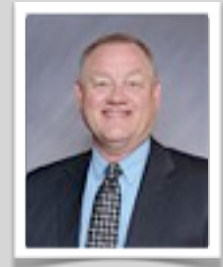
Woodwind Choir, Brass Choir, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus, Madrigal, and Mixed Chorus – superior

8th Graders Attend College Access Day at UNL



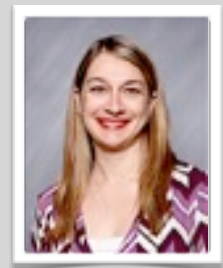
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HEARTLAND FBLA ATTENDS STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Thirty Heartland FBLA members attended the Nebraska State Leadership Conference in Omaha on April 6-8. Ten students won 21 awards during the three-day conference. Students attending the conference along with adviser **Kristy Most** were: (Seniors) **Leslie Braun, Ethan Hall, Megan Kroeker, Mark Perez, Ellie Steingard** and **Brooke Weisheit**; (Juniors) **Aaron Buller, Sadie Carr, Hayes Oswald, Kristan Perez, Bailey Peters, Brittany Quiring, Jaden Regier, Alexa Siebert** and **Isabelle Vanderneck**; (Sophomores) **Kate Bergen, Audric Bulin, Jade Hiebner, Colton Monnier and Kristina Rowe** and (Freshmen) **Timberly Carr, Rachael Dente, Grace Janzen, Allison Kroeker, Odessa Ohrt, Harmon Perez, Halle Peters, Jackson Stebbing, Kalea Wetjen** and **Rhianna Wilhelm**.

The keynote speaker of the Opening Session was Hoan Do. He is a student success coach, author, and competitor in NBC's hit show, *American Ninja Warrior*. In his inspiring program, Hoan showed students how to become outstanding leaders that make those around them better.

The leadership conference was filled with testing, presenting and job interviewing. At the Friday evening Second General Session, the following students won Honorable Mention awards which recognized those who placed in the top 4% of each competitive event:

Leslie Braun – Job Interview

Ethan Hall – Business Communication and Economics

Aaron Buller – Business Law and Computer Applications

Brittany Quiring – Journalism

Sadie Carr – Personal Finance

Colton Monnier – Introduction to Business and Introduction to Financial Math

Grace Janzen – Introduction to Business

Jackson Stebbing – Introduction to Business Procedures



The top eight winners in each event were announced at the Awards Program on Saturday morning. The students who placed in the top three in each event will represent Nebraska at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California, this summer. The following students won top eight awards:

1st place **Leslie Braun** and **Ethan Hall** – Marketing

Jackson Stebbing – Introduction to Business

2nd place **Brittany Quiring** – Personal Finance

Odessa Ohrt – Introduction to Business

3rd place **Leslie Braun** – Word Processing

6th place **Leslie Braun** – Future Business Leader

Leslie Braun, Ethan Hall, and **Aaron Buller** – Entrepreneurship

Megan Kroeker, Brittany Quiring, and **Odessa Ohrt** – Digital Video Production

8th place **Colton Monnier** – Introduction to Business Procedures

Leslie Braun also earned Who's Who in Nebraska FBLA and All-State Quality Member Award.

Congratulations to all members for a great conference!!



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HEARTLAND SCHOOLS GRADUATION

The Heartland Community Schools Commencement activities will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. in the north gym.

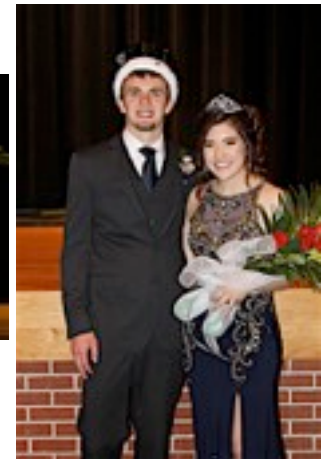
Congratulations 2017 Heartland Graduates!



The 2017 Prom



LtoR Ryne Mierau, Addie Swartzendruber, Andrew Fhuere, Megan Kroeker, Ben Driewer, Kori Siebert, Leslie Braun, Ethan Hall, Mark Perez, and Brooke Weisheit



Prom Queen Kori Siebert & King Ben Driewer.

State FFA

Written by **Karah Joyner**



This State FFA convention was yet another amazing trip for the Heartland FFA. There were many students who did an outstanding job at each of their competitions. I am proud to announce the accomplishments of each of the teams!

The Heartland agronomy team placed 27th out of 107 teams, and received a team blue. The Heartland team consisted of **Addie Swartzendruber** and **Peyton Ott** who received blues, **Karah Joyner** who received white, and **Austin Stuhr**.

The Farm Management team placed 13th out of 72. **Noah Hiebner** and **Austin Stuhr** received blue ribbons. **Kyle Ott** received red. **Noah Boyd** was also a member of the team. Together the team received a blue ribbon.

Food Science competitors were **Bailey Ulmer** who received blue, **Kyle Ott**, **Cheyenne Hiebner**, and **Shelby Hurlbut**. That team received a white over all with a placing of 20th out of 36.

Noah Hiebner received a blue ribbon and was 7th overall in the OA welding. **Bryce Allen** received a white in MIG welding. **Connor Peters** was the Heartland team's ARC welder. This team received a white overall, placing 27th out of 58 teams.

Also competing in career development events for Heartland was a meats team, consisting of **Jared Nunnenkamp**, **Ben Mestl**, **Jesse Mason**, and **Lane Huebert**.

Addie Swartzendruber received a silver for her Natural Resource speech on the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Brooklyn Epp and **Addie Swartzendruber** participated in the Nebraska FFA Talent contest.

Senior members receiving their state degree were: **Angelica Bassett**, **Shelby Hurlbut**, **Kori Siebert**, **Austin Stuhr**, **Addie Swartzendruber**, and **Bailey Ulmer**.

We all had an amazing time at State Convention and are proud of the teams and competitors!

Essay Winner Ben Janzen

Ben Janzen was one of 10 fifth grade finalists in the state for the Nebraska Mothers Association essay contest. He honored his mother Wendy by reading his essay to her in front of the other finalists and mothers in the Warner Chambers of the state capitol building. Also present were Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley, Senator Lou Ann Linehan, and members of the Nebraska Mothers Association along with other honorees.

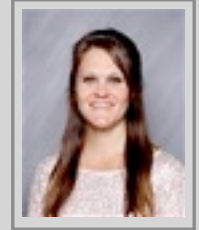


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1st Grade Field Trip to Lincoln Zoo



The first graders enjoyed a beautiful day on their field trip to the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

P.A.C. Fundraiser

Heartland Elementary's "Principal's Advisory Council" (PAC) is set to purchase a new water bottle filler for the Junior High hallway that would be installed this summer. They are determined to purchase one more for the elementary hallway too.

As a fundraiser, PAC has partnered with Diamond Down Designs, a small business right here in Nebraska.

Diamond Down Designs creates handcrafted leather cuffs and has designed some for Heartland. Please consider getting some new Huskie gear and helping these PAC members reach their goals.

Order forms can be picked up at the office and are due back by May 10th at 3:30pm.

PAC members are:

Grade 4:

Emersyn Oswald

Braelynn Renz

Tucker Robinson

Thane Wetjen

Grade 5:

Ben Janzen

Jack McCormick

Nick Thiesen

Grade 6:

Lilly Carr

Maddie Maltsberger

Trev Peters



HERE'S THE NEWS

May 2, 2017
Elementary Field Day @ 2:00pm

May 3, 2017
3rd Grade Field Trip Hastings Museum 8:30am - 3:15pm

May 5, 2017
3th Grade Field Trip to Hastings Museum

May 22, 2017
4th Grade Trip to Farmers' Valley Cemetery



Quiz Bowl Team Will Compete in State

The Heartland Quiz Bowl competed at the ESU6 Quiz Bowl meet in Seward on Wednesday, March 29th.



Two teams of four competed including team captain, Ethan Hall, and his teammates Leslie Braun, Aaron Buller, and Colton Monnier, and team captain, Kyle Ott, and his team Brooke Weisheit, Isabelle Vanderneck, and Noah Hiebner.



After winning one game in the three-game pool play, the Heartland B team, led by Ott, was seeded 12th and lost their first round in a close match against NE Lutheran A (5th seed) 25 to 30. The Heartland A team led by Hall was seeded 4th after two wins and one loss in the pool play, but came back to beat 13th seed Centennial B, 5th seed NE Lutheran A, and 1st seed Friend A all before defeating NE Lutheran B in the championship match with one 10-point question (60 to 50). With the win, Heartland has the opportunity to compete in the state tournament in Holdrege, NE on Wednesday, April 26th!

March Madness Book Contest

Rachael Dente was our winner of the March Madness Book Contest. The winning book was the Golden Sower nominee, *Hunt for the Bamboo Rat* by Graham Salisbury.



Stuhr Receives Award

Austin Stuhr won the Johnny "The Jet" Rodgers Over the Top Award as "Western Nebraska's Best Football Player in 2016". Austin was one of two high school football players to be honored at the April 12th banquet. Bellevue West stand-out and Nebraska recruit Jaylin Bradley was awarded as the Eastern Nebraska winner. In attendance at the Omaha banquet was Johnny Rodgers, Greg Pruitt, Rick Upchurch, Eric Crouch, Rich Glover, and Mike Rozier.



Sophomore Crane Trip

On March 27, the Biology and English Sophomores traveled to the Rowe Sanctuary by Gibbon, Nebraska to view the Sandhills Crane migration. Students arrived at 6:30 am to view cranes on the river first hand. They received a guided tour and instruction from personnel at the Rowe Sanctuary.



Renz Wins Governor's Choice Award

To celebrate Nebraska Agricultural Week, the Nebraska Department of Ag hosted a poster contest. This years theme was "Nebraska Agriculture: Good Life. Great Roots." The contest was optional for first thru sixth grade students across Nebraska. **Braelynn Renz** won the Governor's Choice award for her poster against all the third and fourth graders throughout the state.

<http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/kids/2017contest.html#third-fourth>



Annual Notice to Parents:

Right to Request Teacher Qualifications

Our district receives federal funds for Title I programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

You have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s).

If you request this information, the district or school will provide you with the following as soon as possible:

1. If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction;
2. If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived;
3. The type of college degree major the teacher has and the field of discipline for any graduate degree or certificate; and
4. If your child is receiving Title I services from paraprofessionals and, if so, his/her qualifications.

If you would like to request this information, please contact your child's school 402-723-4434.

SPORTS & SCHOOL PHYSICALS

All students grades 8-12 planning to participate in sports during the 2017-18 school year will need a physical.

Sports Physical: \$40

Students going into Kindergarten and Junior High School are also required to have a physical.

Kindergarten Physical: \$80

Seventh Grade Physical: \$80

Student must be accompanied by a parent or provide a written or verbal parental consent prior to appointment.

Call (402) 723-4512 to schedule an appointment between the hours of

9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Payment due at time of service.

Questions? Please call us at (402) 723-4512.



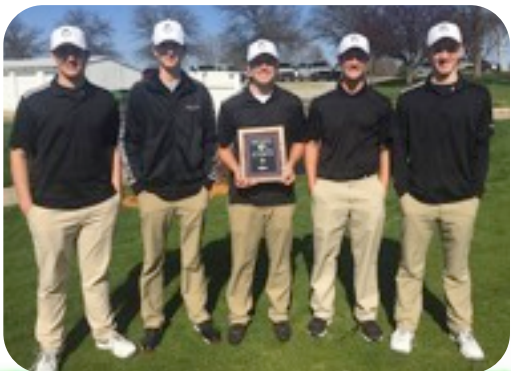
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Boys Golf Ties for 1st Place

The Huskies tied Fillmore Central for first place at Fillmore's Golf Invite April 11th. In a tie breaker, the Huskies received the Runner-up plaque.



Huskie Ladies Track Team Places 1st

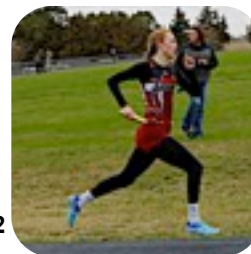
Congratulations to the girl's and boy's track teams. The girls finished 1st and the boys finished 7th at the Sandy Creek Invitational Track Meet on April 4th.
 1st - Heartland Girl's Team Score 117 pts.
 7th - Heartland Boy's Team Score 22 pts.



Heartland Track Meet Results

Congratulations to the girl's and boy's track teams. The girls finished 1st and the boys finished 8th at the Heartland Invitational Track Meet yesterday.

- 1st Places:** Sadie Carr – 200 Meter Dash - Time: 28.24
 Taylor Quiring – Long Jump - Distance: 17' 3", 400 Meter Dash - Time: 1:00.86, 800 Meter Run - Time: 2:20.55
 Girls 1600 Meter Relay – Bailey, Taylor, Brittany, Ellie -Time: 4:19.23
 Olivia Casper – Pole Vault - Height: 9'
 Taylor Quiring – Long Jump –Distance: 17'3"
 Kyle Ott – Shot Put
- 2nd Places:** Brittany Quiring – 800 Meter Run – Time: 2:25.13
 Kori Siebert – 100 Meter Hurdles – Time: 17.73
 Girls 400 Meter Relay – Bailey, Olivia, Sadie, Ellie – Time: 52.97
 Girls 3200 Meter Relay – Brittany, Odessa, Kyra, Bailey – Time: 10:41.92
 Krynn Arbuck – High Jump – Height: 4'9"
 Ellie Steingard – Long Jump – Distance: 16'8.75", Triple Jump – Distance: 32' 2.25"
- 3rd Places:** Sadie Carr – 100 Meter Dash - Time: 13.57, Pole Vault – Height: 8'6"
 Aaron Buller – Shotput – Distance: 43' 6"
- 4th Places:** Lane Huebert – 200 Meter Dash – Time: 24.15
 Kyle Ott – Discus – Distance: 126'8"
- 5th Places:** Kate Bergen – 100 Meter Hurdles – Time: 18.53
 Lane Huebert – 100 Meter Dash – Time: 11.95
- 6th Places:** Kalea Wetjen – 200 Meter Dash – Time: 29.19
 Olivia Casper – 800 Meter Run – Time: 2:41.96
 Odessa Ohrt – 1600 Meter run – Time: 6:15.57



Congratulations to Taylor Quiring for breaking the high school track records in the long jump and 800 meter run.

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<p>Senior High Track...stponementDate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30 PM JH Track Invitational Sutton 12:30pm @ Sutton 3:30 PM GOTR 3:30pm-4:45pm 6:00 PM Final Week of NeSA Testing Make-Up Test 	<p>3rd and 4th Grade...iMAP Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM B Golf Invitational Sutton 9:00am @ Fox Holl Sutton 12:00pm (opt. 1) 12:00 PM Elementary Field Day @ 12:00pm (opt. 1) 6:00 PM Final Week of NeSA Testing Make-Up 6:30 PM Art Show (HS) 6:30-8:30 7:00 PM Awards Night @ 	<p>5th and 6th Grade...iMAP Assessment</p> <p>Last Day for Seniors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Elementary Field Day @ 12:00pm (opt.2) 1:00 PM JH Math Contest @ Thayer-1:00pm 3:30 PM GOTR 6:00 PM Final Week of NeSA Testing Make-Up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM B Golf SNC Tournament 10:00am @ Hidden Hills Country Club-Fillmore Central 1:00 PM Track Invitational vs. Sutton 1:00pm @ Sutton 6:00 PM Final Week of NeSA Testing Make-Up Test 	<p>Golf Postponement Date</p> <p>4th Grade Science MAP Assessment</p> <p>3rd Grade Field Trip...8:30am-3:15pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM JH Track SNC 10:00am 6:00 PM Final Week of NeSA Testing Make-Up Test 	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	<p>4th Grade Farm... Cemetery@TBA</p>	<p>Earliest Las Vegas...smis@1:30am</p>	<p>Professional Dev...ment-NeSchool</p>	<p>Boys State Golf-TBA</p>	<p>COL Leadership...ference@Aurora</p> <p>Latest Last Day of school</p> <p>Boys State Golf-TBA</p>	<p>COL Leadership...ference@Aurora</p>
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Are you interested in becoming a local substitute?

During most times of the year, but especially in the spring, we scramble to find substitute teachers. There is a state permit program that allows for individuals without a teaching degree to substitute up to 45 days at their local school. Please consider obtaining this permit and spending some days with us during the school year!

The Local Substitute Teaching Permit is valid for three (3) years and is limited to forty-five (45) days of teaching in any school year. This type of Permit is valid for teaching only in the Nebraska school system requesting the issuance. This Permit requires a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours of college coursework with at least one (1) course in professional Education.

The following documents must be submitted for the Local Substitute Teaching Permit:

- The Application form and non-refundable application fee online at www.education.ne.gov/tcert OR Print, complete sign and date the Application form from the Supporting Forms Supporting Forms link at www.education.ne.gov/tcert and your payment by check or money order AND
- Record of Residence Form online if you have lived in Nebraska for the immediate past five (5) years, OR complete a Livescan fingerprint card at a State Patrol office OR two (2) ink rolled fingerprint card(s) and fingerprint fee by check or money order. Order the fingerprint packet at AND
- Official Transcripts indicating sixty (60) semester credit hours of college coursework to include a professional education course. A professional education course is any course with an education prefix or a course in child psychology, child growth and development, classroom management, school organization, child abuse and neglect, observation of children or in general terms, anything dealing with children, schools, or education AND
- Written request from the Superintendent for issuance of the Permit. This request must be signed by the Superintendent or the personnel director of the school system. Include a statement indicating that the issuance of the Permit is approved or requested by the local governing board.
- Official transcripts for a pre-approved course to meet the Human Relations Training requirement. NOTE: The Temporary Certificate, valid for SIX MONTHS, will be issued if the Human Relations Training requirement has not been met.

Please give us a call at school if you are interested in obtaining a local substitute permit.



The Heartland Junior High Family and Consumer Science classes held their annual Cupcake Wars! The students divided into teams. These teams were given a theme to work with, and brainstormed how they could create the winning cupcake. Students then bake, decorated, and presented their cupcakes to a panel of judges.

During the cupcake unit students demonstrate industry standards in selecting, using, and maintaining food production and food service equipment. Preparation of baked goods using safe handling and professional preparation techniques is also mastered as well during the cupcake unit.





Summer Reading Program 2017

Build a Better World, is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program which begins June 13 and ends July 20. The elementary library will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-12:00 pm, with a story time feature at 9:30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Students who read 100 minutes per week can bring in proof of their minutes, making them eligible for reading incentive prizes and books. Transportation will be provided for students who live in the Bradshaw area. At the end of the school year, information packets will be sent home with the students. Parents of preschoolers may pick up packets at the office or when they first attend.

Volunteers are needed to read, tell, or dramatize a story for the children during the story hour. Stories need not follow the summer library theme but may be on any book or topic appropriate for children. Especially needed are readers who want to share their own writing or life experiences involving stories.

If you would like to get involved in reading to children during the Summer Library Program, please call the school office at 402-723-4434.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

A Census Form for Heartland Community Schools was included in the April Newsletter. Please complete & return this form to the school office by May 15, 2017 even if your children do not attend Heartland Community Schools.

It is important that you fill out this form and return it to the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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