



HEARTLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HUSKIE LEADER

March 2025

Band German Smorgasbord



The annual Band German Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, March 22, 2025. The meal will be served from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM the band concert will begin at 7:45 PM. Adult tickets are \$20.00, children ages 4-12 are \$10.00. Children under the age of 4 are free. Tickets may be purchased from any band member or by calling or stopping by the Heartland School offices.

Tickets must be purchased in advance

MENU

KOHL SALAT
(cole slaw)
PARTZILKE
(New Years Cookies)
PLUMA MOS
(raisin and prune mouss)
PRIESHKE AND PLAUTZ
(fruit filled pastries)
SCHNETYA
(lady fingers)
WEIT BROT an BUTTA
(wheat bread and butter)
TWIEBACK and JELLE
(Zweiback and jelly)
CUFFA (coffee)
MILCH (milk)

KUMPST BORSCHT
(cabbage soup)
KLUPTZ
(ground meat patties)
WORSCHT
(sausage)
SCHAUBLA-met schmont fot
(beans with cream gravy)
KIELKE-met schmont fot an sippla
(noodles with cream gravy and onions)
VERENIKE-yebrot oda yekookt
(cottage cheese bundles—fried or cooked)
KORN (corn)
GESCHMUCKE—relish
(pickles, celery, carrots, beets)

IMPORTANT DATES

March 7

No School -Professional Development

March 10

7:00 PM School Board Meeting

March 10 & 11

4:30 - 8:30 PM Parent / Teacher Conferences

March 12

10:00AM - 4:00PM NHS BloodDrive

March 13 & 14

No School

March 22

Smorgasbord
5:00 - 7:30 PM Meal
7:45 PM Band Concert

March 28

9:00 AM / 1:00 PM Kindergarten Round-Up

March 28 & 29

7:00 PM All School Play

March 31

5:00PM FFA Pancake Feed & Silent Auction

April 15

No School

April 18 & 21

No School, Spring Break

April 26

Prom

OUR MISSION

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE - Every Student, Every Day



Mr. Jeremy Klein, Superintendent

UPDATE ON PROPERTY PURCHASED FROM KROEKER GRAIN

National Concrete Cutting Inc. began its demolition work on the district's recently purchased bin site in mid-February. This demolition and clearing work involves clearing all of the structures and removing various concrete pads and footings. The district will attempt to leave some of the flat concrete in place for the time being (e.g. the concrete under the flat building adjacent to the alley). Leaving some of this existing concrete in place might allow for some immediately useable parking space on the site without incurring additional costs. Weather permitting, the demolition, clearing, and leveling of the site should be completed by mid-March.

H&H SPORTS COOPERATIVE

The boards of Heartland Community Schools and Hampton Public Schools both approved a sports co-op agreement in February. The cooperative sponsorship agreement includes all sports currently offered at Heartland as well as cheerleading. All programs except high school football will begin competing as a cooperatively sponsored team this coming fall. High school football will begin competing as a cooperatively sponsored program in the fall of 2026.

The cooperatively sponsored programs will compete as the H&H Bearcats. The official colors will be black, white, and silver. Final mascot selection was completed by a student vote on Monday, February 24th.

Among the first tasks to complete in the newly established co-op will be the hiring and assigning of coaches to the coaching staffs of each sport. That work will begin with the coaches for the upcoming fall sports seasons over the coming weeks. Coaches for the winter season sports will be selected later this spring. Coaches for spring season sports will be selected after the conclusion of the upcoming spring sports seasons.

DAYCARE PARTNERSHIP WITH HENDERSON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The early childhood facility that is being constructed as a part of Heartland's comprehensive facilities project is on track to be completed by early-summer. Over the past few months, the Heartland Board of Education has been working to secure a partner to operate daycare services in the new early childhood facility.

In January, the board reviewed letters of interest from potential partners who would be interested in operating a daycare facility within the new building. In February, the board selected the Henderson Child Development Center (HCDC) as the preferred partner for providing daycare services inside the new facility. HCDC officials and Heartland's board are currently working together on finalizing a lease agreement that would allow HCDC to operate private daycare operations within the new facility. The Heartland Board of Education hopes to approve a final agreement with HCDC in March. Through this partnership, the district would provide the space/facility to HCDC, and HCDC would provide the actual daycare services and run its operations entirely separate from the operations of the school district.

The new facility will have a total capacity to serve up to 40 children, ages 6-weeks up to 5-years old. Completion of the newly constructed building, as well as HCDC's licensure process will ultimately dictate when the HCDC daycare can begin operations inside of the new facility. August 1st is currently a rough estimate for when HCDC might be able to begin providing daycare services inside of the newly constructed facility. Information about applying for daycare services, operational information, etc. will be provided in the future by HCDC.

Spelling Bee



Congratulations to all the students that participated in the York County Spelling Bee at the Holthus Center.

First Row L to R: Elliot Buller, Ryker Lewis, Tamsyn Splinter.

Second Row L to R: Ella Eckman, Taylor Schmidt, Scarlett Farrall, Tori Buzek, Grace Goertzen

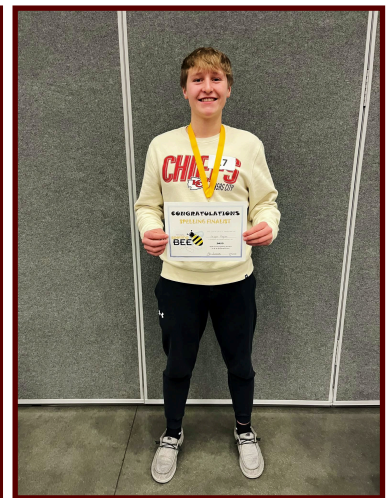
Back Row L to R: Isabelle Buller, Willabelle Panko, Finley Eckman, Jackson Bearinger, Jagger Regier



5th & 6th grade division 2nd place winner - Tori Buzek (left) and 3rd place winner - Taylor Schmidt (right)



3rd & 4th grade division 3rd place winner - Ryker Lewis



7th & 8th grade division 4th place winner - Jagger Regier



Who is eligible?

Any child that resides in the Heartland Community School district ages birth to Kindergarten.

Where do I get gently used books to read and return?

Heartland Community Schools
1501 Front Street / Henderson

Bradshaw Village Office
455 Lincoln St. / Bradshaw

Henderson City Hall
1044 N. Main / Henderson

How do I get started?

- ◆ Pick up a free 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Reading Log at the above mentioned locations.
- ◆ Each time you read a book to your child, record it on your Reading Log. Every 100 books read, bring in your reading log and collect your prize book from a location listed above.

Elementary Spring Testing Schedule

K	May 6	DIBELS
1st	May 8	DIBELS
2nd	May 1 - 2 May 7 - 8 May 6	MAP Reading MAP Math DIBELS
3rd	April 9 - 10 April 22 - 23 April 29 / May 1 May 6 - 7 May 5	NSCAS ELA NSCAS Math MAP Reading MAP Math DIBELS
4th	April 9 - 10 April 22 - 23 April 29 / May 1 May 6 - 7 May 8 May 5	NSCAS ELA NSCAS Math MAP Reading MAP Math MAP Science DIBELS
5th	April 9 - 10 April 22 - 23 April 24 - 25 April 29 / May 1 May 6 - 7 May 7	NSCAS ELA NSCAS Math NSCAS Science MAP Reading MAP Math DIBELS
6th	April 9 - 10 April 22 - 23 April 29 / May 1 May 6 - 7 May 7	NSCAS ELA NSCAS Math MAP Reading MAP Math DIBELS

Please avoid scheduling appointments on these important dates.

NSCAS = State Testing

MAP & DIBELS = District Testing

IT'S SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR TIME!

Scholastic Book Fair
Heartland Community School is excited to have the Scholastic Book Fair back for students grades K-12!
It will be held in the High School Library.
Monday, March 10 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, March 11 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

SIGN UP FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES ONLINE

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on the evenings of March 10th & March 11th. Parents of all PK-12 students can choose which available time works best in their schedule using our website at heartlandschools.org. In the top menu, choose "Parent Teacher Conferences" and follow the screen prompts. You will be asked to log in to the website. If you do not already have an account, you can create one during this process. You can use your account to receive other information, as well. If you would like detailed instructions on how to schedule conferences, go to our website and click on the "For Parents" menu. Give us a call with any questions at 402-723-4434.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

Spring Forward

**NHS
BLOOD
DRIVE
MARCH 12**



The Heartland Community Schools FBLA Chapter traveled to Kearney today to compete in the 7th Annual UNK Loper Business Invitational. Students competed by putting their knowledge to the test in three separate subjects from Business Communication, Economics, Intro to Business Concepts, Supply Chain Management, Intro to Financial Math, Personal Finance, Organizational Leadership, Healthcare Administration, Intro to FBLA, and one student participated in a Job Interview.

In addition to testing, students had the opportunity to check out the UNK food scene in the Nebraskan Student Union as well as play bingo for an opportunity to learn more about what UNK has to offer. Students who completed the bingo card were eligible for a drawing to win a variety of prizes, and Heartland was lucky enough to have three winners!

While competing against students from all school classifications, Heartland earned third place honors in a very competitive field. I am very proud of this group who have continued to work hard this past year to better themselves and continue to compete at the highest levels and represent Heartland Community Schools. The individual results from the competition are as follows: Intro to Business Concepts, Tara Buzek - 3rd Place; Personal Finance, Austin Schmidt - 1st Place; Intro to Financial Math, Tara Buzek - 2nd Place; Business Communications, Austin Schmidt - 1st Place; Intro to FBLA, Tara Buzek - 2nd Place; Job Interview, Austin Schmidt - 5th Place.



The Heartland FBLA chapter celebrated FBLA Week with a variety of exciting activities, prizes, and treats, making it a memorable experience for all members. This special week aimed to engage students, promote business education, and recognize the impact of FBLA on future business leaders. Each day, students were presented with interesting FBLA facts and a question of the day. This interactive challenge gave members the chance to test their knowledge about FBLA while competing for a fun prize. It was a great way to increase awareness about the organization while keeping students engaged. With their correct responses, Tara Buzek and Ben Thomas won prizes, demonstrating their knowledge and enthusiasm for FBLA.

To express gratitude for their support and dedication, teachers were treated to delicious cookies from the Hatchery. This small gesture was a way to thank them for their guidance and encouragement in helping students develop leadership and business skills.

One of the most exciting activities of the week was the candy heart guessing contest. Students had the opportunity to guess the number of candy hearts in a jar, with the winner receiving a candy-filled heart and a pizza party for two. This friendly competition added a fun and festive touch to the celebration. With a guess of 527, Thane Wetjen won the grand prize! The jar contained 517 candy hearts, making Thane's guess impressively close.

To show appreciation for their dedication, members were surprised with locker treats, bringing smiles to their faces. Additionally, Henderson State Bank generously provided breakfast tacos, giving members a delicious way to start their day. The support from the local community was a great reminder of how FBLA connects students with business leaders and professionals.

The celebration concluded with members proudly wearing their Heartland FBLA chapter t-shirts, showing their spirit and dedication to the organization. This final day served as a reminder of the friendships, learning experience that FBLA provides.

Heartland FBLA Week was a fantastic success, bringing together students through education, fun, and community support. With exciting activities and meaningful engagement, members were reminded of the many opportunities FBLA offers for growth and success.

As we look ahead, the Heartland FBLA chapter remains committed to fostering leadership, business skills, and teamwork. Here's to another great year of FBLA!

100TH DAY CELEBRATIONS





**Kindergarten
Registration**
2025 - 2026

Child must be 5 by
July 31, 2025

Call Tammy or Dandi @
402-723-4434 to Register

Information will be mailed after student
is registered regarding Kindergarten
Round-Up on March 28, 2025



In January the FFA hosted an Ag Olympics with FFA members after their regular monthly meeting. FFA families competed in a variety of activities in the South Gym, making sure that each member was able to participate. The activities included Needle in the Haystack (members searched for nuts, bolts, and washers), Feed Sack Stacking, Hog Walking, and Grain Bucket foot race.

In February, 15 members submitted their proficiency applications to district review. This application honors members who, through their Supervised Agriculture Experience(s) have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward future careers. Four senior members' applications were selected to move on to state judging. Katrina Epp in Home and Occupational Safety, Blake Goertzen in Swine Production Entrepreneurship, Diversified Agriculture Production, and Grain Production Entrepreneurship, Zach Miller in Beef Production Placement, and Thane Wetjen in Specialty Animal Production. Nine members also interviewed for their Nebraska State Degrees: Jacob Buller, Katrina Epp, Cale Friesen, Jace Friesen, Blake Goertzen, Madison Mason, Zach Miller, Sam Quiring, and Thane Wetjen. Two members also interviewed for their State Star and were selected to move on to state judging. The State Star is to recognize members who have outstanding Supervised Agriculture Experiences, and is awarded to students who are applying for their State Degrees. Each district is allowed to submit two members in the following areas: Placement, Business, Research, and Production. Zach Miller interviewed for a State Star in AgPlacement. Blake Goertzen interviewed for a State Star in Ag Production. They will find out in March if they were selected as a top 24 finalist. Finalists will be recognized on stage at State FFA Convention in April.

National FFA Week was to be celebrated during the week of February 17-22. However, due to weather conditions and cold temperatures, we have decided to move our celebration to National Ag Week, which is held March 16-22.

Students in ag classes had several visitors throughout the month of February. Members spent the day with Alexa Tollman, through the Chapter Visit Program. She is a 2024-2025 Nebraska State Officer. She spent the day talking to the members and discussing the importance of staying involved, working together, and gaining knowledge. Ag Science students learned more about the Nebraska Farm Bureau with a presentation by Karah Perdue. Lastly, Central Valley Ag Cooperative visited classes and presented about chemical safety and food safety.



Chantelle Schulz from CVA visited the classroom and taught students about chemical safety.



Alexa Tollman, Nebraska State FFA Officer, visited with chapter members on February 7. She taught the kids about teamwork, the importance of gaining knowledge, and communication.



2025 State Degree Recipients (L to R): Thane Wetjen, Jacob Buller, Zach Miller, Madison Mason, Blake Goertzen, Sam Quiring, KatrinaMarie Epp, and Cale Friesen (not pictured: Jace Friesen)



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3	Blueberry Waffle  Taco Salad Corn Mini Cinnamon Donuts	4	Sausage Biscuit Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Tri Tater	5	Pancake Wrap  Pizza Green Beans Jello	6	Chocolate Chip French Toast Baked Potato Bar Chicken Strips Steamed Broccoli Muffin	7	NO SCHOOL	All grains are whole grain rich. Fresh Fruit and vegetable bar offered daily with lunch. A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast.										
10	Strawberry Bagel  Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans French Bread	11	Tornado Chicken Fajitas Corn Long John	12	Apple Frudel Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	13	NO SCHOOL	14	NO SCHOOL	A variety of low-fat and fat-free milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch. Menu is subject to change without notice. All beef is donated and locally raised.										
17	Breakfast Pizza Chicken Strips French Fries Dinner Roll	18	Cinnamon Breadstick  Tacos Mini Donuts Steamed Corn	19	Long John  Cheeseburger Mac & Cheese Steamed Peas French Bread	20	Cereal  Grilled Hamburgers Chips Cookie	21	Egg & Cheese Biscuit Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Chocolate Pudding	24	Long John  Spaghetti Green Beans Garlic Bread	25	Chocolate Chip French Toast Hotdogs Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli	26	Tornado Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	27	Pancake Wrap Deli Sandwich Chips Cookie	28	Egg Bites Burrito Bowl (Rice, pulled pork) Seasoned Black Beans Corn Muffin	A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast and lunch.
31	Coffee Cake French Toast Sticks Egg/Sausage Patty 100% Juice Tri Tater									Heartland Community Schools is an equal opportunity provider.										



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March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
	Varsity Boys Basketball Sub-Districts	ESU 6 Quiz Bowl Varsity Boys Basketball Sub-Districts	8:30AM Band/Choir Winter Concert (9th-12th)	Varsity Boys Basketball Sub-Districts	Varsity Girls Basketball District Finals	HS Robotics Competition @ Norfolk Varsity Boys Basketball District Finals First Night of Ramadan
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Read Across America Week Dr Seuss Day Varsity Boys Basketball District Final 3:45PM Elementary Art Workshop	Varsity Boys Basketball District 3:45PM Elementary Art Workshop	Varsity Girls State Basketball Championship Ash Wednesday	Varsity Girls State Basketball Championship	No School - Professional Development Day Varsity Girls Basketball State Championships	Varsity Girls State Basketball Championships
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Daylight Saving Time	4:30PM Parent-Teacher Conferences 7:00PM School Board Meeting	4:30PM Parent-Teacher Conferences	Varsity Boys State Basketball Championships 10:00AM NHS Blood Drive	No School Varsity Boys State Basketball Championships	No School - Winter Break Varsity Boys State Basketball Championships Holi	Varsity Boys State Basketball Championships
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	St. Patrick's Day		Quiz Bowl @ Seward		HS Track @ Doane	5:00PM Smorgasbord 7:45PM Band Concert
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Quiz Bowl @ Fairbury	1:00PM HS Track @ Sutton			Kindergarten Round Up 9:00/1:00 7:00PM School Musical	7:00PM School Musical
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Eid al-Fitr	Eid al-Fitr (Observed) 5:00PM FFA Shop Party & Silent Auction	April Fools' Day	FFA State Convention	HS Robotics - 2025 CREATE Open Robotics World Championship		

CENSUS DATA

Heartland Community Schools will be conducting a school census during the month of June. In order to get the most accurate and complete number and names of persons living within our district, we are asking the patrons to complete the attached questionnaire. It is important for one form to be filled out for **each household that has children aged birth to 21 years, even if your children do not attend Heartland Community Schools.**

Please return the completed questionnaire to the school office or mail to
Heartland Community Schools, 1501 Front St., Henderson, NE 68371.

This information affects our state funding, it is very important that we have current and accurate data.

FAMILY NAME: _____

FATHER: (Last) _____ (First) _____

MOTHER: (Last) _____ (First) _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____
Street P.O. Box

_____ COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: _____
City, State, Zip Code

NAMES OF ALL CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO 21 YEARS (include children attending college who are living away from home or serving in the Armed Forces).

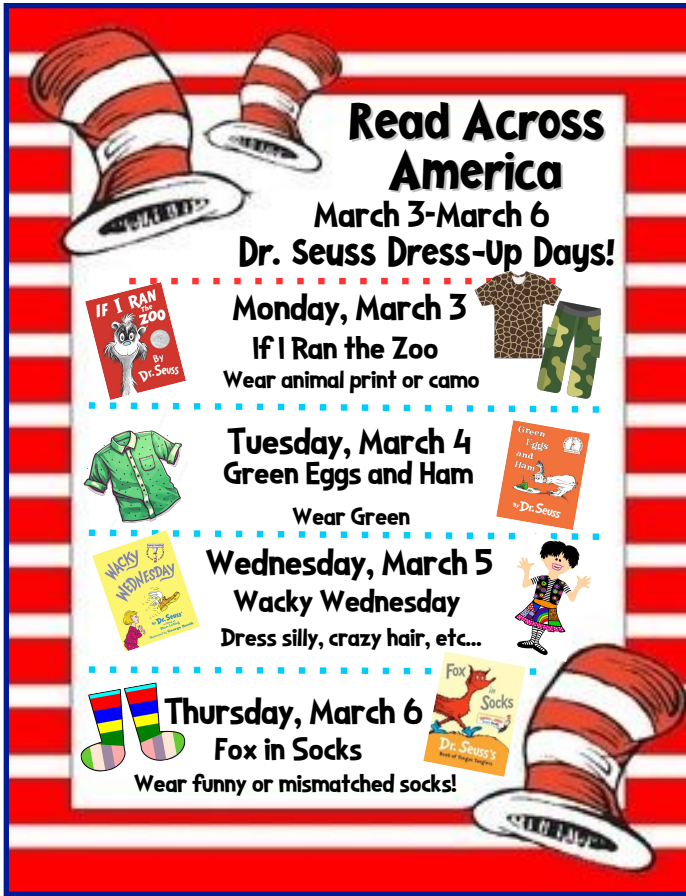
NAME	DATE OF BIRTH Month/Day/Year	PLACE OF BIRTH City/State	GENDER	GRADE (2025-26)
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
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(Not attending school-0; Preschool-P; Kindergarten-K; Grades 1-12; Graduated-G)

PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN THIS FORM
TO THE HEARTLAND SCHOOL OFFICE

**THIS NEEDS TO BE RETURNED EVEN IF YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!



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 at 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, 2025** in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.

**Office of the Superintendent
Heartland Community Schools
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Henderson, NE 68371**

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