
The Huskies Leader

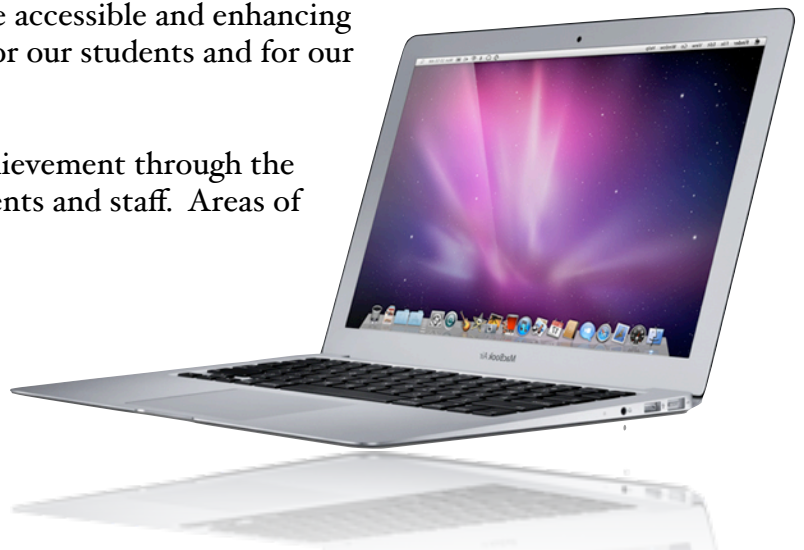
From Brad Best, Superintendent...

Technology Initiative Receives Board Approval

The school's technology committee has been visiting schools over the last two years and gathering information to determine what a technology initiative may look like here at Heartland. At the March school board meeting, a proposal that included a compilation of their information and ideas was presented. The school board approved the project and we are quickly moving forward with its implementation, making technology more accessible and enhancing learning in the classroom. It is an exciting time for our students and for our community.

The goals of the project are increased student achievement through the improvement of 21st century skill sets of our students and staff. Areas of emphasis will include:

- Creativity and innovation
- Communication and collaboration
- Research and information fluency
- Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making
- Digital citizenship
- Technological operations and concepts



The initiative will provide students in grades 7-12 with a laptop computer, updates to our computer labs, and additional iPads in the elementary school at a ratio of one device for every two students. Additional upgrades to our current computer network, technology used by teachers, and training opportunities to enhance the teaching and learning process are also part of the initiative. The project will be paid for with budgeted and depreciation funds.

Updated technology will be issued to teachers this spring, student devices will be prepared throughout the summer, and laptops distributed to students in grades 7-12 in August. We are looking to further engage parents in their child's learning with these devices through informational meetings, open houses, and suggestions posted on our website at various times throughout the next year. Please stay tuned for the timing of these meetings and additional information over the next few months.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Summer Opportunities



There are some wonderful opportunities for students to get involved in career exploration this summer. See Mrs. Koehler for more information about any of these summer workshops.

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) – July 8-12 in Lincoln. Open to juniors and seniors. Selection based on leadership skills, interest and involvement in agriculture. Deadline: April 15. Free. More info: <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/index.html>

Nebraska Rural Electric Association's Youth Energy Camp – July 15-19 in Halsey, NE. Students must presently be a freshman, sophomore, or junior whose families are customers of NREA member systems may apply. Deadline: May 15. Free. More information: <http://nrea.org/content/nrea-youth-programs>

ALL GIRLS/ALL MATH Summer Mathematics Camp – July 14-20 and July 21-27 at UN-L. Designed to provide a fun, challenging, and supportive environment for girls to develop their mathematical interest and ability. Girls entering grades 10-12 (next fall) are eligible. Cost is \$125. Deadline: May 3. More info: <http://www.math.unl.edu/programs/agam/>

Career Exploration: Architecture, Landscape Arch & Interior Design at UN-L – June 9-15. Students who have completed two or more years of high school are eligible. Cost is \$585. Deadline: April 5. More info: http://architecture.unl.edu/programs/arch/hs_workshop.shtml

Health Career Camp at Bryan College of Health Science – Designed to give students age 16 or older the opportunity to investigate different health careers. Cost is \$350. Deadline: May 1. July 8-12 or July 22-26. More information: bryanhealthcollege.edu.

PKI (Peter Kiewit Institute) Summer Academies – The PKI Summer Academies include: Holland Academy of Excellence (June 9-12), Academy of Modeling & Simulation (July 8-11), Academy of Cyber & Information Assurance (July 15-18), Academy of Sustainable Environments & Renewable Energy (July 22-25). To apply and for more information, visit <http://www.piki.nebraska.edu/new/> and click on the "Outreach" link. Deadline: April 12.

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FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

On April 12 and 13, Heartland music and drama students will present the musical "Fiddler on the Roof."

Tickets for "Fiddler On the Roof" can be purchased through the high school office. Adult tickets will be available for \$8.00 while student tickets will cost \$6.00.



Junior-Senior Banquet & Prom

On May 4th, 2013, we will hold the Junior-Senior Prom. There will be a banquet meal for Juniors and Seniors and their guests at 6:30pm in the old gym. The cost for the meal is \$15.00 for juniors and \$15.00 guest, complimentary for seniors. After the banquet, the students will do a walk-through from the cafeteria to the theater starting at 7:45pm. Pictures may be taken at this time. The 9-12 student body, parents and guests are invited to the Royalty ceremony held in the school theater starting at 8:15pm. The prom dance will be held in the South (Old) Gym starting at 9:00pm. Students will need to purchase a \$5.00 ticket to the dance and post prom activities from the High School office. All activities are chaperoned by parents. Any students leaving the prom early will need sponsor permission and parents will be called.



Miss Renz & Sara Brune Attended An Art Workshop In North Platte

Miss Renz and Sara Brune attended a Assistive Technology for art workshop in North Platte. Here are some pictures of the equipment and activities they learned about.



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. Please send the completed form and registration fee to PO Box 30578, Lincoln, NE 68503-0578. Checks should be made 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.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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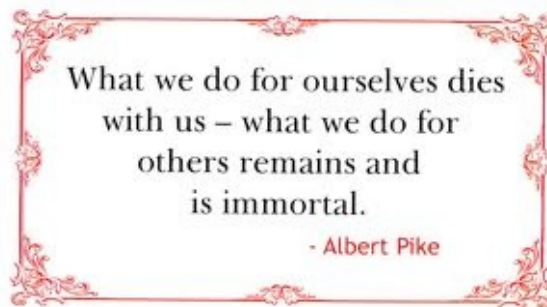
Volunteer Recognition Week is April 21-27

A special thank-you to all those who volunteer in so many ways to help the students and staff at Heartland. We sincerely appreciate everyone who helps out, whether it be assisting in an elementary classroom, in the lunch room, at athletic events, or through the parent teachers organization. Each person is a valuable asset to the education of Heartland students.



Art Club Hosting Two Art Shows

Coming up in April the art club will be hosting two art shows. The Elementary Art Show will be on Tuesday, April 9th from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm and the High School Art Show will be on Tuesday, April 30th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Several awards will be chosen by judges, including Best of Show in 2-D and 3-D, as well as Honorable Mentions in both categories. Also, along with the high school art show, the art club will have a silent auction again this year. These activities will be located in the theater hallway. Please come and bid to purchase your favorite piece of artwork done by the high school students.



Volunteer Dinner Planned

The Heartland Administration will host a special dinner for all of the volunteers who have volunteered on a regular basis during the school year. The dinner will be held during the National Volunteer Week on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 12:00 noon in the cafeteria. A special invitation will be sent out to each of you who have been volunteering on a regular basis during the current school year.



Upcoming Dates

April 1, 2013**NO SCHOOL-Spring Break****April 3-5, 2013**

State FFA Convention-Lincoln

April 4-6, 2013

FBLA State Convention-Omaha

April 5, 2013

Jr. Hi Meridian Honor Choir & Band Clinic @ 9:30AM

April 8, 2013NHS Blood Drive @ 10:00AM
School Board Meeting @ 7:00PM**April 12, 2013**

ACT Test

April 12-13, 2013

All School Musical @ 7:00PM

April 18-19, 2013

District Music Contest @ Sutton

April 24, 2013

Teacher Inservice-2hr early dismissal

April 25, 2013

FFA Banquet @ 6:30PM

April 30, 2013HS Art Show-Silent Auction @ 6:30PM
Spring Vocal/Band Concert @ 7:30PM

ELEMENTARY NEWS**Kindergarten Makes
Homemade Ice Cream**

Over the last few weeks, the kindergarteners have been learning about money during their Grocery Store activities. To extend their learning beyond the classroom, the kindergarten classes went shopping at the Henderson FoodMart. The items on their list were ingredients for Homemade Ice Cream! Each child had the opportunity to mix his or her own bag of ice cream and then enjoy this special treat during snack time.



The Kindergarteners at the grocery store.



Mrs. Peters' class making their homemade ice cream.



Mrs. Thiesen's class mixing the ingredients for homemade ice cream.

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April 8, 2013

NHS Blood Drive @ 10:00AM

School Board Meeting @ 7:00PM

April 9, 2013

Elementary Art Show @ 2:30PM

April 12, 2013

Kindergarten Roundup @ 8:30, 10:00 & 1:00

April 12-13, 2013

All School Musical @ 7:00PM

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April 24, 2013

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Elementary Principal

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**JUST A REMINDER**

Kindergarten Round-up will be held on Friday, April 12, 2013 at Heartland Community Schools. If you live in our district and have not received a letter of invitation, please call the school office 402-723-4434.

Rhianna Wilhelm Was Among 12 finalists for the American Mothers Writing Contest



Rhianna Wilhelm (5th from left) was among 12 finalists for the American Mothers writing contest. There were 245 participants from schools across the state. The finalists were invited to the Capitol for a ceremony where they read their essays about their mothers. Congratulations, Rhianna!

The Biology and English 10 Classes Take A Field Trip to See The Cranes

On March 25th, the Biology and English 10 classes braved an early morning of cold winds to view the Sandhill Cranes at Rowe Sanctuary. Students viewed Sandhill Cranes, and Bald Eagles from a blind on the Platte River. The classes will use this experience to develop a better understanding of the Ecology of Nebraska and responding to literature and nature through writing.



NSAA Academic All State Winners

Girls Golf



Paige Mestl



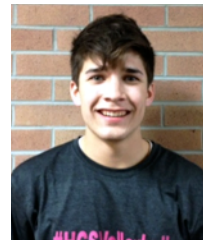
Sam Boardman



Mikaelyn Dick



Ashley Quiring



Lincoln Ruybalid



Daniel Quiring

Volleyball

Football

Play Production



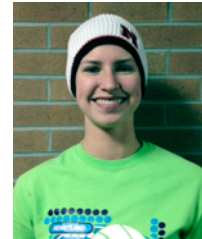
Cody Kroeker



Ashton Kroeker



Mattison Hiebner



Ashton Kroeker



Lincoln Ruybalid



Jordan Heinrichs

Girls' Basketball

Boys' Basketball

Omaha World Herald All Class Honorable Mention Class D

Brent Regier, Jordan Heinrichs, Cole Nickels, Ashton Kroeker, Mikaelyn Dick, Sara Brune, Allison Braun and Bailey Carr.

Individual Track Meet Event Schedules can be found on the QuickLinks of the Heartland Schools Home Page or through the following link:

<https://dl.dropbox.com/u/38094890/2013-Track%20Schedule.htm>

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Included in the newsletter is a Census Form for Heartland Community Schools. Please complete & return this form to the school office by May 17, 2013 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!

FFA News

On March 4th the Heartland FFA held their annual Labor Auction. It was a great turnout. The chapter was presented with a \$2,500 check from Monsanto. Former member, Abbie Rempel, won the Grow Communities contest that Monsanto sponsors and chose to donate the money to the chapter. Glenn Larson, Monsanto representative, presented the check to the chapter.

Thirty-two students participated in the Career Development Contests on March 5 in Columbus and March 12 in Albion. Clay Bergen received 1st overall in the Agriscience contest, Livestock Management 14th, Ag Mechanics 9th, Ag Sales 4th, Floriculture 7th, Livestock Nursery and Landscape 4th, Welding 2nd, Vet Science 7th, Junior Livestock Judging 10th, Senior Livestock Judging 7th, Agronomy 8th, Meats 4th and Agriscience 4th.

The following students will compete in contests at State Convention April 3rd through the 5th. The **Welding contest**: Matthew Hiebner, Brent Regier, and Deit Driewer; **Agscience contest**: Clay Bergen, Jose Romo, Trevor Friesen, and Matthew Buller; **Farm Management**: Maelyn Huebert, Mattison Hiebner, Steph Stamp, and Brandon Boardman; **Agronomy**: Emily Ott, Kelli Bergen, Megan Boardman, and Parker Goertzen; **Job Interview**: Sam Boardman, which she won at Districts in December; **Extemp Speaking**: Brent Regier who placed 2nd at Districts in December. Eighteen members will volunteer their time as Courtesy Corps members at the Convention. Aaron Jensen, Ashton Kroeker, Daniel Quiring, and Coby Steingard will participate in the State Honor Choir. Leah Friesen will interview for first place in her proficiency award area of Specialty Crops.

The freshmen FFA students took a fishing trip on Thursday, March 14th. The goal was to catch a fish, talk about it's exterior anatomy, observe the fish in a classroom tank, and then dissect the fish to learn more about the inside anatomy. Though the weather cooperated, the fish did not. If you get the chance to catch a fish, feel free to donate it, so that the students can learn more about the anatomy of a fish.

Upcoming events for the Heartland FFA Chapter include: April 25th Chapter Banquet and April 29th Highway Clean-up.

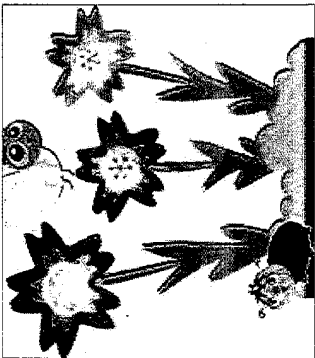
As the summer gets closer, Mrs. Miller would like to remind all members, parents, and employers of FFA members to take pictures while students are fulfilling their daily work load. These pictures will be used in their proficiency application.



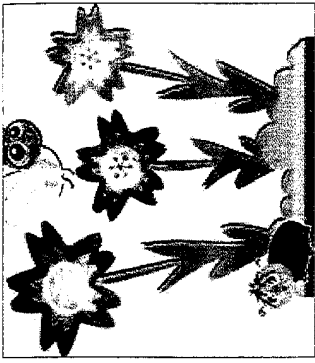
Trevor Friesen & Jose Romo patiently waiting for the fish to bite.
















FFA chapter receiving the Monsanto check. Left to Right: Stephanie Miller-Ag Instructor; Sam Boardman, Matthew Hiebner, Abbie Rempel & Glen Larson-Monsanto Representative.



April 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NO SCHOOL 	2 Ham & Noodles Cornbread Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar	3 Sloppy Joes Fries Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar 	4 Pork Tenderloin M.P./Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	5 Corndog Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Veggie Bar 	6 
7 	8 Chicken Nuggets M.P./Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	9 Hamburger Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar 	10 Taco Salad Blueberry Muffin Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	11 Pizza Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	12 Grilled Chicken Sandwich Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar	13 
14	15 Veggie Beef Soup OR Chili Cinnamon Roll Saltines Fruit & Veggie Bar	16 Turkey Club Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar	17 BBQ Meatballs Cornbread Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar	18 Ham Dinner M.P./Gravy Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	19 BBQ Pork Sandwich Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar 	20
21 	22 Baked Potato B. Chicken Strips Bread Stick Fruit & Veggie Bar	23 Taco's Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar 	24 Spaghetti Green Beans Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar	25 Teriyaki Chicken Rice Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Veggie Bar	26 Pig in the Blanket Baked Beans Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar 	27
28	29 Enchilada's 1/2 Long John Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar	30 Cold Sandwich Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar 				

April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 No School (Easter Vacation)	2 12:00 PM Art Club Meeting 1:00 PM Track Meet Sandy Creek Invite	3 FFA State Convention in Lincoln 9:00 AM Boys Golf Friend Invitational	4 FBLA State Convention in Omaha 2:00 PM Jr. Hi Track Meet Sandy Creek Invite @ Sandy Creek	5 9:30 AM Jr. Hi Meridian Honor Choir & Band Clinic	6 ACT Test 7:00 PM All School Musical
7	8 7:15 AM John Baylor Test Prep 10:00 AM NHS Blood Drive 10:00 AM Boys Golf Fillmore Central Invite @ Geneva 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	9 1:30 PM Track Meet Heartland Invite 2:30 PM Elementary Artshow	10 9:30 AM Boys Golf Milford Invitational	11 1:30 PM Jr. Hi Track Meet Heartland Invite	12 8:30 AM Kindergarten Roundup 1:30 PM Varsity Track-Heartland Invite Rain date 7:00 PM All School Musical	13
14	15 7:00 PM FFA/FBLA Meeting	16 2:00 PM Track Meet Centennial Invite	17 9:30 AM Boys Golf David City Invitational @ David City	18 District Music Contest 1:30 PM Jr. Hi Track Meet Doniphan-Trumbull Invite @ Doniphan	19	20
21	22 2:00 PM Track Meet Central Nebr. Invite @ G. I. 4:15 PM Jr. Hi Track Meet - Centennial Invite @ Utrca	23 4:15 PM Track Meet Centennial, NE Lutheran, Sutton Quad @ Centennial	24 1:30 PM Inservice (Two Hour Early Dismissal)	25 2:00 PM Jr. Hi Track Meet Fillmore Central Invite @ Geneva 6:30 PM FFA Banquet	26	27 9:00 AM Track Meet -SNC @ Thayer Central
28	29 2:00 PM Jr. Hi Track Meet Sutton S- Club Invite @ Sutton	30 9:00 AM Boys Golf Sutton Invitational 6:30 PM HS Art Show-Silent Auction 7:30 PM 7-12 Spring Vocal/Band Concert	1 11:45 AM 3rd Grade to Edgerton Center @ Aurora	2 9:00 AM Boys Golf SNC 1:00 PM Track Meet Sutton Invite 6:30 PM PTO Meeting	3	4 9:00 AM Jr. High Track Meet SNC 6:00 PM Prom



CENSUS DATA

Once again, Heartland Community Schools – Henderson/Bradshaw 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 you're children do not attend Heartland Community Schools.** Please return the completed questionnaire to the school office or mail to the Superintendent's Office, 1501 Front Street, Henderson, NE 68371.

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

FAMILY NAME: _____

FATHER: _____ MOTHER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____
 Street No. P.O. Box

LOCATION OF RESIDENCE
 BY COUNTY: _____
 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 TOWN/STATE	GENDER	GRADE (2013-14)
_____	_____	_____	M F	_____
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(Not attending school 0; Preschool P; Kindergarten K; Grades 1-12; Graduated G)

**PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN THIS FORM
 BY MAY 17, 2013
 EVEN IF YOU'RE CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND
 HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**



Just a Reminder
Ch.I.L.D. Day

Childhood Information on Language and Development

Thurs., April 4, 2013 4:00-8:00PM

Call for a 45-min. appointment in the preschool room

Heartland Community School @ 402-723-4434

*New
Date!*
April 8th



May Reminders

May 4, 2013
Prom @ 6:30pm

May 6-10, 2013
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

May 6, 2013
NHS Banquet @ 6:30PM

May 7, 2013
Activity Awards Night @ 7:00PM

May 8, 2013
District Track @ Kenesaw

May 12, 2013
Commencement @ 2:30PM

May 23, 2013
Golf Districts

May 15, 2013
Elementary Field Day @ 12:30

May 17-18, 2013
State Track Meet-Omaha

May 21, 2013
Last Day of School-Dismiss @ 11:30AM



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