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# From Brad Best, Superintendent ...

We hope that your fall has been as productive and enjoyable as ours has been. Seems hard to believe that we are approaching the half-way point of our school year already.

Next month, we will share our annual report to patrons in regard to student achievement, finance, membership, etc.. We continue to make gains in all areas of our curriculum and we are excited for our

of our curriculum and we are excited for our students.

The Advanced Ag class has been working with an agronomist to run soil samples in preparation for spring planting in their area of the courtyard. The results came back as decent soil, so they moved on to planting a cover crop for the winter. It will be exciting for them to plant in the spring and see how their crops fair over the next summer.

HCS senior Ethan Hall was honored as a 2016 Believer and Achiever by the Nebraska



This is a statewide program designed to recognize to Nebraska's future leaders. Students who show a commitment to good citizenship, are involved in school and community projects, and maintain a high grade point average are honored by the program. A total of 48 high school seniors from across the state are chosen for this award each year. Congratulations Ethan!

We here at Heartland Community Schools wish you and yours a safe, happy, and family-filled holiday season!

# School Closing Information

As the winter approaches, occasional bad weather necessitates 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, NTV and KOLN.

We also use an automated phone message service through School Messenger which we will use to contact parents about school closings as well. With this service it is very important that we have current numbers on file. Please call the school office if anything changes.

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.



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.



**Ethan Hall** with his NSAA Believers and Achievers Award.



Clockwise from top center: Agronomist Marc Peters, Peyton Ott, Reid Huebert, Addie Swartzendruber, Austin Stubr

# FFA NATIONAL CONVENTION

This year, ten of the Heartland FFA members were selected to go to National FFA Convention. This gave these members the opportunity to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana on October 18-22, 2016.

This was a fun and educational experience. On the way, they stopped and were able to go to the Science Museum in St. Louis, Missouri. They attended the first general opening session that was held on Thursday, October 20. During this session, the key note speaker was Mrs. Diana Nyad. She shared her story about how she never gave up, after many attempts, to swim from Cuba to Key West, Florida. After trying time after time, she finally made it. After the general session, members went to the Indiana Convention Center and watched fellow member, **Addie Swartzendruber**, as she competed in the National FFA Talent Show. Members then had the opportunity to attend workshops and walk around the career fair. Friday, October 21, members attended three industry tours. At an orchid farm, located in Cloverdale, IN, members learned about hand pollinating the orchids and what to look for in eye appeal of certain orchids. At a wind turbine farm, they learned how wind turbines are fabricated and how they generate electricity. In northern Indiana, members learned about shrimp production; which Indiana is known for.

As the week came to an end, Heartland FFA members went to watch recipients receive their American Degree, and then made the long trip back home.



From L-R: Emily Goertzen, Reagan Weisheit, Angelica Bassett, Shauna Spencer, Kori Siebert, Bailey Ulmer, Emily Nunnenkamp, Karah Joyner, Cheyenne Hiebner, Aidan Swartzendruber





# **One Act Play**

Congratulations to the One Act Cast and Crew and director **Tara Swartzendruber** for placing 3rd at SNC One Act competition. Outstanding actor awards went to **Ethan Hall** and **Zach Dente**.





## **COMING SOON!**

The annual Report to Patrons is currently being updated. When it is completed it will be posted to our webpage for you to review. Watch the webpage for updates!

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# HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

## Heartland Community Schools-Henderson/Bradshaw 2016-17 School Year Quarter 1 Honor Roll

#### 12th Grade

Ashely Bailey Angelica Bassett Leslie Braun Ben Driewer Andrew Fhuere Kristine Goertzen Ethan Hall Shelby Hurlbut Sidney Hurlbut Megan Kroeker Ryne Mierau Mark Perez Kori Siebert Ellie Steingard Austin Stuhr Addie Swartzendruber Bailey Ulmer Brooke Weisheit

#### 11th Grade

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#### 10th Grade

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#### <u>9th Grade</u>

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#### <u>8th Grade</u>

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#### <u>7th Grade</u>

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## **Heartland Robotics**

The First Lego League robotics team challenge for this year is Animal Allies. Our teams are asked to look at animal interactions, identify a problem, and come up with a solution while working through their core values. The teams went to the Central Nebraska Humane Society in Grand Island to take a tour and then spent time with animal socialization by walking dogs and playing with cats. The teams have worked with Margalee Thomas on programing robots and running them through mazes. The Cy-Dawgs consist of **Wyatt Panko**, **Owen Mierau**, **Dawson Ohrt**, **Tyler Lewis**, **Lisa Buller**, **Aaron Goertzen**, **Karla Cool**, **Ayden Rea**, **Eli Hiebner**, and **Austin Wichman**. The Heartland Robobots consist of **Kevin Quiring**, **Cooper Regier**, **Tobin Clinsmann** Lauren Ouiring, Taylynn Scheil

Glinsmann, Lauren Quiring, Taylynn Scheil, Zach Wichman, Heath Perez, Josh Caldwell, Justin Caldwell, and Jamie Rowe. The teams are preparing for their Qualifying Competition that will be in Columbus on January 28, 2016.





Front row from left: Tobin Glinsmann, Jamie Rowe, Austin Wichman, Owen Mierau, Aaron Goertzen, Ayden Rea, Kevin Quiring

Back row from left: Lisa Buller, Tyler Lewis, Heath Perez, Zach Wichman, Karla Cool, Cooper Regier, Dawson Ohrt very back: Marietta Adams

#### NEBRASKA ALL STATE CHOIR

Heartland Community Schools students **Zach Dente**, **Ethan Hal**l, and **Addie Swartzendruber** were selected to participate in 2016 Nebraska All-State Choir held November 16-18 on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. These students were selected from among 2000 singers across the state who auditioned for a spot in the 450 voice choir.

This year's All-State Choir was directed by Dr. Richard Bjella, Director of Choral Studies at Texas Tech University. The choir rehearsed with Dr. Bjella for 3 days and presented a final concert, in conjunction with the All-State Jazz Band on Friday, November 18. Addie (Alto I) and Ethan (Bass I), both seniors, share the honor of being 3year All-State Choir members. Zach (Tenor II), a sophomore, was selected in his first year of eligibility.



L - R Zach Dente, Addie Swartzendruber, and Ethan Hall

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# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## **FBLA HOST BINGO NIGHT**

Members of Heartland FBLA hosted an evening of BINGO at the Henderson Care Center on October 24. The committee of **Ellie Steingard**, **Jaden Regier**, and **Hayes Oswald** led the group by calling out the numbers. **Leslie Braun**, and **Brittany Quiring** handed out the prizes to the lucky winners. Prizes included pencils, lotion, candy, socks, chapstick, Kleenex, notepads, and word searches. Other members attending the BINGO night were **Brooke Weisheit**, **Sadie Carr**, **Colton Monnier**, **Rachael Dente**, **Odessa Ohrt**, **Kalea Wetjen**, **Timberly Carr**, **Grace Janzen**, **Halle Peters**, and **Rhianna Wilhelm**. The evening concluded by sharing cookies with the Care Center residents.



# **Excellence In Career Education**

The Nebraska Department of Education hosted a Commissioner's Recognition for Student Excellence in Career Education on November 14th in the Rotunda of the State Capitol. Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley and Commissioner of Education Matt Blomstedt presented the awards to the national winners in each of Nebraska's career student organizations.

The Heartland Entrepreneurship Team of **Ethan Hall**, senior at Heartland Community Schools, **Haley Huebert**, freshman at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and **Owen Wurst**, freshman at Creighton University received an award for placing fourth in the nation in Entrepreneurship at the 2016 FBLA National Leadership Conference in Atlanta this past summer. This event recognizes FBLA members who demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed to establish and manage a business. In addition to learning business decision-making skills, team participants apply these skills when they present the team's solution to an entrepreneurial case study before a panel of business professionals.



Commissioner of Education Matt Blomstedt, Ethan Hall, Haley Huebert, Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley, and Owen Wurst.

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# Counselor

Looking for scholarship and other college planning information? Check out the section of the Heartlandschools.org website called *Counselor Corner*. New information will be added frequently so check often.



Junior high students learn to work together in team-building challenges every week during homeroom.

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# ELEMENTARY NEWS



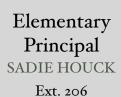


Fifth graders Graduated from the DARE program Tuesday, November 15. Deputy Gillespie of the York county Sheriff's Department spent 10 weeks teaching the kids about the harmful affects of drug and alcohol. They are also given tools to cope with stress and bullying as well as tools to be better communicators.





Mrs. Peter's class had a lot of questions about voting in the upcoming election. On November 8th, we read the book, *If I Ran for President*, filled out a voter registration card, and "voted" for President.





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# 4 & 5 GRADES RED RIBBON WEEK

During Red Ribbon Week, students discussed their natural highsomething they enjoy doing. We watched videos from many famous people to learn about their natural high such as dancing, playing football, and acting. We wrote our natural high and added our own chain with the school so we can work together to keep each other drug free!











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## **Quiz Bowl**

Heartland's Quiz Bowl was on the road several times this fall. After the Literature Bowl in September, three young ladies attended the Young Women's Quiz Bowl in Seward, NE on October 19th. Leslie Braun, Ellie Steingard, and Brooke Weisheit represented Heartland with 2 wins and 1 loss in the pool play rounds in the morning, but were defeated by Thayer Central in the first round in the afternoon.

#### **Geography Bowl**

The next week in October, two teams competed in Concordia University's History and Geography Bowl on Concordia's campus in Seward. **Ethan Hall** (Captain), *Kyle Ott*, and **Aaron Buller** made up one of Heartlands' teams and **Brooke Weisheit** (Captain), **Isabelle Vanderneck**, and **Noah Hiebner** made up the second team. Both teams won 2 and lost 2 matches that day.

## **Math Club**

The Math Club has also gone on the road this fall. Two students attended the UNO Math Day on October 28<sup>th</sup> held on UNO's campus. **Noah Hiebner** and **Mark Perez**, pictured below, worked together to complete the Data Analysis questions during the event. Starting at 9 AM in Omaha, the students had 45 minutes to individually work through a set of 20 multiple choice questions. Then students each worked through a set of 10 target questions. The students were given the target questions in pairs and were allotted 10 minutes to work through both problems. The afternoon was a team contest, which could include up to 5 students. Noah and Mark

represented Heartland well although a few more minds may have alleviated the stress of the time constraint. Overall, the day was a success and the specialty buffalo chicken and macaroni pizza prepared by UNO students was delicious!



Our last event for the fall was the UNL Math Day. All eight students who attended took the Probe I test right away in the morning and the top three scorers for Heartland were **Lane Hueber**t, **Noah Hiebner**, and **Ellie Steingard**. The quiz bowl round was limited to six students with only three competing at a time. It was a great experience for our first time attending the event since 2006 and the students are looking forward to attending again next year.



Picture L to R (back row) Noab Hiebner, Mark Perez, Ellie Steingard, Austin Stubr, and Lane Huebert, and (front row) Sadie Carr, Brittany Quiring, and Leslie Braun.



# **December Upcoming Dates**

Dec. 5, 2016

FFA/FBLA Caroling for Cans 7:00PM Dec. 8, 2016

State One Acts Dec. 8, 2016

K-6 Holiday 2:30/7:00

**Dec. 12-22, 2016** NHS Food Drive 2:30/7:00

Dec. 10, 2016 ACT Test

Dec. 12, 2016 School Board Meeting-7:00pm

Dec. 20, 2016 Band 6-12/Vocal 7-12 Holiday Concert 7:30PM

> Dec. 23.-Jan. 4, 2016 Winter Break-NO SCHOOL

Dec. 23-27, 2016 NSAA Moratorium-gyms closed

**Dec. 28-30, 2016** G & B BB Holiday Tournament @ NE Wesleyan



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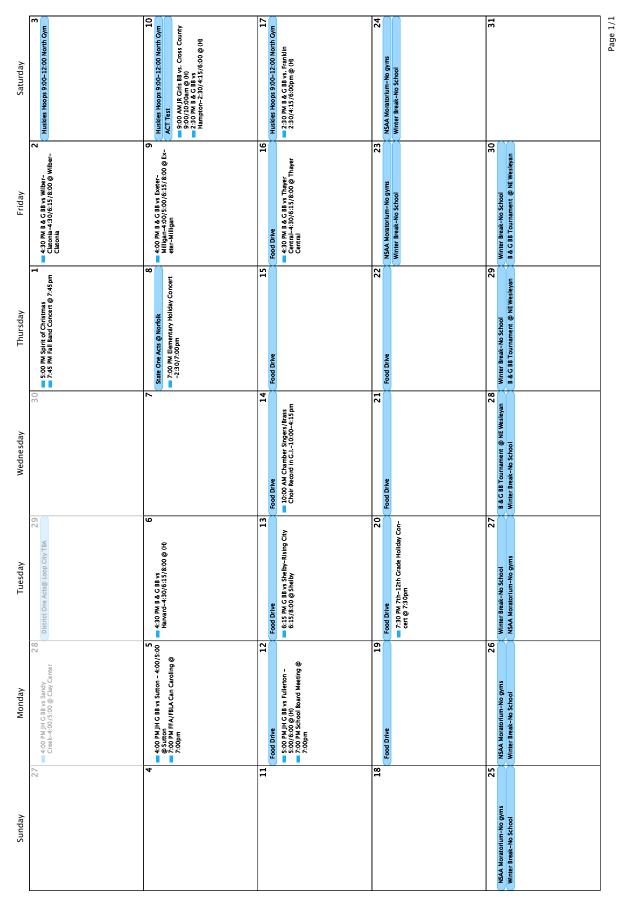
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**Heartland Community Schools January Menu 2017** 

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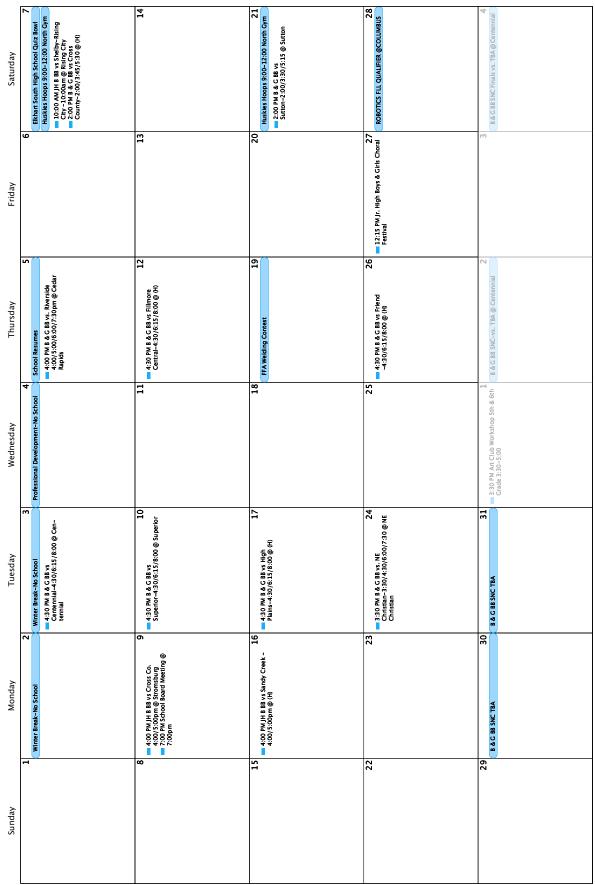
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**The National Honor Society, FFA, and FBLA** of Heartland Community Schools will host a food drive at the school. The donations will be distributed to people in our community and the immediate area within our district. No one is required to participate, but the generosity will be appreciated by the families and individuals receiving these gifts. The food drive will start on Monday, December 12, 2016, and will end Thursday, December 22, 2016. Food will be delivered on Thursday afternoon, Dec 22, 2016.

If you know a family that is in need of this gift or if you have any questions, please call Mrs. Nora Ohrt at the school or email her at <u>nohrt@heartlandschools.net</u>

**Dec 12: PASTA, SOUP, AND CRACKERS:** spaghetti, lasagna noodles, noodles, macaroni, canned sauces, macaroni and cheese.

**Dec 13: CANNED VEGETABLES** 

**Dec 14: BREAKFAST**: Cereal, pancake mix, syrup, muffin mix, jelly and pop tarts.

**Dec 15: CLEANING SUPPLIES**: Pledge, dishwashing soap, Ajax. Windex, Mr. Clean and sponges.

**Dec. 16: PAPER AND PERSONAL**: Soap, toothpaste, toilet tissue, paper towels, Kleenex, deodorant, shampoo, combs, razors and toothbrushes.

**Dec. 19: PROTEIN:** Tuna, peanut butter, cheese whiz, salmon, and chicken.

**Dec 20: DESSERT AND CHRISTMAS FOODS**: Cake mix, Jell-O, pudding, chocolate chips, pie fillings, nuts, Christmas candy, cookie and bar mixes.

DEC. 21: APPLES, CANNED FRUIT, AND ORANGES



# 6-12th Grade Holiday Concert & Social

There will be a 6-12th Instrumental /7-12 Vocal Christmas Concert on Monday, December 20 at 7:30 followed by a cookie social in the cafeteria. The social is sponsored by the band parents. Junior high band, senior high band and the senior high choir members are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies per family to the kitchen before the concert.

# Just A Reminder

School offices will be closed on Dec. 26, 2016 & Jan 2, 2017

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## A \$500 Fine & 3 points off your Driver's License

**STATE LAW:(1)** Upon meeting or overtaking, <u>from the front or rear</u>, any school bus on which the yellow warning signal lights are flashing, the driver of a motor vehicle shall reduce the

speed of such vehicle to not more than twenty-five miles per hour, shall bring such vehicle to a complete stop when the school bus is stopped, the stop signal arm is extended, and the flashing red signal lights turned on, the stop signal arm is extended, and the flashing red signal lights are turned on, and shall remain stopped until the flashing red signal lights are turned off, the stop signal arm is retracted, and the school bus resumes motion. This section shall



not apply to approaching traffic in the opposite direction on a divided highway or to approaching traffic when there is displayed a sign as provided in subsection (8) of this section directing traffic to proceed. Any person violating this subsection shall be **guilty of a Class IV** 

misdemeanor, shall be fined five hundred dollars, and shall be assessed points on his or her motor vehicle operator's license pursuant to section <u>60-4.182</u>.



# Jan. 4, 2017 NO SCHOOL

Teacher Professional Development

Jan. 5, 2017 Begin Second Semester

Jan. 9, 2017 School Board Meeting 7:00PM

**Jan. 27, 2017** Jr. Hi Vocal Clinic-Concert @ 7:00PM



Heartland Community Schools Board Of Education, Administration, Faculty, And Staff Would Like To Wish You A Very Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year!

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