## The <br> Huskies Leader

From Brad Best, Superintendent...
The new year is well underway and everyone has settled in for another great school year!

## Budget

The school board has approved the budget for the 2018-19 school year and for the fifth year in a row, is asking for fewer tax dollars than the year prior. We have no debt and have been able to update our facilities through our depreciation and special building funds. Our budget is about as tight as it can be, so we are not sure this trend will continue. The staff does a great job of teaching while remaining as fiscally responsible as we are able.

| Tax Asking |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| General Fund | $\$ 4,388,619$ | $\$ 4,391,581$ | $\$ 4,252,170$ | $\$ 3,855,800$ | $\$ 3,840,336$ | $\$ 3,794,919$ |
| Building Fund | $\$ 155,572$ | $\$ 39,839$ | $\$ 69,192$ | $\$ 63,636$ | $\$ 63,636$ | $\$ 63,636$ |
| Qualified Capital Fund | $\$ 143,820$ | $\$ 206,778$ | $\$ 209,369$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| Total Tax Asking | $\$ 4,688,011$ | $\$ 4,638,198$ | $\$ 4,530,731$ | $\$ 3,919,436$ | $\$ 3,903,972$ | $\$ 3,858,555$ |

## PBiS

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBiS) was adopted by Heartland Community School at the beginning of this school year. PBiS is a framework from implementing evidence-based behavioral practices in order to improve academic and behavioral outcomes for all students. The goals of implementing PBiS include:

* Define and teach students school and classroom expectations
* Acknowledge positive behavior
* Develop ways to prevent behaviors before they happen
* Use Data to make decisions

This year, we are focusing on all students learning the expectations throughout common school areas including classrooms, restrooms, hallways, cafeteria, playground, gym, bus and assemblies. We have identified four core values throughout our school into a "PAWS" SLOGAN.

P - Practice Safety
A - Act Responsibly
W - Wise Choices
S - Show Respect
Each month we focus on a different school area. To begin the year, our focus areas include the hallway and restrooms. All PK-6 students received instruction on what the
 expectations are in these areas. Students have been given multiple opportunities to practice. Our focus areas next month include the cafeteria and playground.

Heartland has great kids! We are excited for them to show us what they know and display their citizenship skills. We are proud of their examples and how they represent Heartland in our community.

The process of implementing PBiS into our school will take place over three to five years. Here at Heartland, we are working especially hard during these first weeks of school to teach our expectations. In this way, we are laying the foundation for a productive and positive school year.

## HEARTLAND FBLA: READY TO CREATE, LEAD, INSPIRE.

 held on August 27. The 2018-19 FBLA officers are Kate Bergen, President; Ric Bulin, Vice President; Grace Janzen, Secretary; Jackson Stebbing, Treasurer; Colton Monnier, Reporter, Odessa Ohrt, Parliamentarian; and Rhianna Wilhelm, Committee Representative. President Bergen shared the state theme for this year which is CREATE, LEAD, INSPIRE. She gave information about our business competitions, dues, magazine sales kick-of meeting and congratulated the members who attended the National Leadership Conference in Baltimore this past summer. The members then enjoyed ice cream sundaes and games.Heartland FBLA is excited to announce our new members: Senior: Jade Hiebner; Sophomores: Conner Barr and Jamie Rowe, and Freshmen: Ashely Brown, Cindy Cerveny, Ella Friesen, Elizabeth Mestl, Dawson Ohrt, Ayden Rea, Mason Regier and Kale Wetjen. Returning members are: Seniors: Benjamin Mestl and Kristina Rowe; Juniors: Timberly Carr, Allison Kroeker, Harmon Perez, Halle Peters and Kalea Wetjen; Sophmores: Kaelyn Buller, Tobin Glinsmann, Ellyn Hall, Heath Perez, Cooper Regier, Wyatt Regier and Gabi Siebert.


## FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Nebraska FBLA Fall Leadership Conference was held September 25 in Kearney. The conference was a one-day workshop for FBLA officers and members. The state officers shared the 2018-19 state goals during the Opening General Session. The speaker was Bill Cordes, the YOGOWUPI (You Only Get Out What You Put In.). A great high school experience is determined by what we give not by what we get and in his engaging keynote students learned strategies to maximize their leadership experience in FBLAcontributing more than they consume. We took a ride on the time line of our lives to look at how our past conditioning affects our current realities and gained tools for rekindling our passion for discovery and making an impact on our organization, schools and communities. It was a fun ride filled with humor, reflection and learned to create positive change in the lives of others as well as ourselves.

Following the Opening General Session, the officers and members attended Business/Industry Sessions presented by UNK College of Business and Education, Hollman Media, KSO CPAs and Younes Hospitality Center. They also attended Program of Work Sessions titled Inspiring Members to Succeed at SLC, Create Community Service, Leading the Way, Foundation Marketing Committee, State \& National Projects, the Stepping Stone to Your Future and March with the March of Dimes for Healthy Babies.

The following members attended the conference: Kate Bergen, Ric Bulin, Timberly Carr, Grace Janzen, Allison Kroeker, Colton Monnier, Odessa Ohrt, Wyatt Regier, Jackson Stebbing and Rhianna Wilhelm.


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## Huskie Band Overall Winner at Yorkfest Parade

The Yorkfest Parade and Band Competition was held Saturday, September 8, 2or8. Parade organizers said this was the largest collection of marching bands that they have had in io years. The weather was beautiful for a parade and the rain that was evident all week was replaced by great parade weather.

The Heartland Band received First in Class C and the Traveling Governor's Trophy for being the best band in the parade regardless of class.

Other placings in the parade were Deshler, First place in Class D, McCool Junction, Second Place and Harvard took Third Place. In Class C First place went to Heartland, Second place to Hastings St. Cecilia and Third went to Cross County. In Class A-B First place went to York, Second to Fairbury and Third place to York Middle School.

The band was excited to see all of the Heartland supporters along the parade route.


## UPCOMING DATES

October 6, 2018
Harvest of Harmony
October 8, 2018
School Pictures
October 8, 2018
School Board Meeting @ 8:oopm
October 9, 2018
K-4, 7th, ioth Health Screening
October 9, 2017
NHS Community Blood Drive
October 12, 2018
Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:00-12:00
October 12, 2018 NO SCHOOL

October 19, 2018
NHS Blood Drive
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
October 23-27, 2018
FFA National Convention
October 29, 2018
School Pictures Retake

## YEAR 300 K

If you did not order last year's 2017-2018 school yearbook but would like to, please contact sostmeyer@heartlandschools.net We have a few extras, but they are going fast. Price remains $\$ 40$. 2018 graduates (or a family member of the graduate) can pickup their yearbooks in Mrs. Ostmeyer's room.

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## National FFA Foundation and Syngenta Award Jacket to Local Student

INDIANAPOLIS (August 2018/National FFA Foundation) - the National FFA Foundation awarded an official FFA jacket to a member of the Heartland FFA chapter. Aurora Cooperative Elevator together with Syngenta participated in the FFA Blue Jacket program as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, to make the award possible. The FFA Blue corduroy jacket is the most recognized symbol of the National FFA Organization and worn only by student members. The FFA Blue Jacket program began with Syngenta in 2008 and awarded 40 FFA blue jackets in its inaugural year. Recently, the program has grown to provide more than 330 FFA blue jackets to deserving members.

Syngenta challenged its retail partners to contribute an amount to be matched by Syngenta as part of its support to the National FFA Organization. In recognition of each retailer's contribution, a local chapter selected by the Syngenta retail partner received an official FFA blue jacket and a $\$ 750$ donation check.
"Meeting the challenge of feeding a world population forecast to top 9 billion people by the year 2050 will require students who understand the science, business and technology of agriculture," said National FFA President Molly Ball. "This generous support from Syngenta and Aurora Cooperative Elevator are helping prepare FFA Members to be the next generation of leaders and innovators for American Agriculture."

The National FFA Foundation is the fundraising arm of the National FFA Organization, which provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 653,359 student members who belong to one of 8 , 568 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

## Constellation Donates To Local FFA Chapters

Constellation participates in the Choice Gas program in Nebraska- a program that allows homeowners, businesses, farmers and ranchers to chose their natural gas supplier each year. This year, Constellation dedicated a specific amount to each FFA chapter in our Nebraska service area and also made an additional contribution based on the number of customers who chose Constellation during the 2018 Choice Gas selection period this past spring. They serve 60 counties in Nebraska. Constellation is providing around $\$_{17}, 000$ to support FFA in their service area. The Heartland FFA Chapter received a check for \$126 to be used towards citizenship and leadership development programs.
"Constellation is a strong supporter of the communities we serve and we are committed to finding ways to invest in the families and young people of Nebraska and the future of our state. We believe that FFA and 4 -H are doing wonderful work and that's why we chose these youth-oriented programs for this initiative," says Donna Hughes, Business Development Manager.

Residents in this county will have the opportunity to support FFA efforts by simply choosing Constellation Energy Marketing as their natural gas supplier during the Choice Gas selection next spring.

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## Fifth Graders Working Towards Goal!

The fifth graders are working towards a big goal this year! Each student is going to read 40 books or more by the end of the year. You might see a lot of these poses as they work hard towards reaching this goal. Help up encourage them!
(Pictured working hard: Hallie Tessman, Abby Nolan)



Kindness Retreat: Tuesday, August 2I, our 5th Grade students attended the YF (Youth Frontiers) Kindness Retreat at Centennial Public Schools. Youth Frontiers is a non profit organization. The retreat focused on how kindness makes a positive difference in our school and society. Ideas such as being a hero for classmates, small group circles, positive discussions, problem solving and empathy were discussed. The goal is to encourage students to take positive risks and connect in positive ways with each other.

## The Burger Battle

Heartland's Culinary Foods Class held its 2nd annual Burger Battle. Three teams battled it out for 48 minutes to see who would walk away as the Burger Battle Champion. Not only did the students walk away with the thrill of a food showdown, but they also walked away with the following skills as well:

* History and research of the hamburger
* Creating a winning recipe
* Grocery shopping for their food supplies

* Raw meat handling techniques \& tips
* Grilling techniques \& tips
* Plating \& presentation of food
* Presenting a winning hamburger to judges
* Teamwork \& cooperation under pressure


## Preschool News:

Heartland Preschool has established an early childhood advisory committee as required by Nebraska Department of Education Rule in Regulations for Early Childhood Education Programs. The committee is made up of parents of Heartland Preschool students and has written the following purpose statement and goals:

> Heartland Preschool Parent Advisory Committee (H-PreK P-A-C)

PURPOSE: To provide the Heartland Preschool families and staff a cooperative network of support.
GOALS:
To serve as an advocate group for the families of the Heartland Preschool students.

To be a representative voice for the parents of Heartland Preschool students.

To provide fun activities that promote connections among the Heartland Preschool families.

To give informative support and reassurance to Heartland Preschool parents as they raise their children.

The H-PreK P-A-C meets quarterly. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 15 at 7:oopm in the elementary library at the Heartland Community School. Future meetings are set for December 3, February ir, and April 15. All meetings are open to the public, so interested community members are welcome. Please contact Dot Quiring at the school for any questions or to make a request to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

## 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 Reach which we will use to contact parents about school closings as well. With this service it is very important that we have current contact 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.
If you prefer an app or text alert, please download the school messenger info center app and follow the instructions. You can set your alert preferences to your liking. You must use the email associated with our records in the Powerschool system.


## 2018-2019 National Honor Society (NHS)

The 2018-2019 Heartland Community Schools National Honor Society chapter is ready to begin a busy year of activities. NHS is an organization to which students with a GPA of at least 3.4 can apply to join. Acceptance is based on each individual applicant's leadership, service and character. Teachers also complete recommendation surveys on students they believe have the potential to excel in the values of NHS.

The members of NHS started the year with their first morning of recycling. Each classroom has a recycle bin for students and teachers to put recyclable papers into. Once per month, the members meet before school to gather, sort and bag the paper to be taken to the recycle center.

The first BLOOD DRIVE of the school year will be held on Friday, Oct. 19th from 10:00am -2:00pm at the high school. Please contact Ms. Widick at (402)723-4434 to schedule an appointment. Other activities that the NHS will be involved in include the Veteran's Day program, Carol for Cans, Holiday Food Drive, Dr. Seuss Day, and an additional blood drive during the spring

Heartland's National Honor Society is represented by the following students:
Seniors: Olivia Casper (President), Kate Bergen (Vice President), Brooklyn Epp (Treasurer), Reid Huebert (Secretary), Peyton Ott (Student Council Representative), Ric Bulin, Emily Goertzen, Katrina Hiebner, Benjamin Mestl and Colton Monnier.
Juniors: Odessa Ohrt (Publicist), Timberly Carr, Rachael Dente, Grace Janzen, Harmon Perez, Halle Peters, Josh Quiring, Jackson Stebbing, Aidan Swartzendruber, Kalea Wetjen and Rhianna Wilhelm.


Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver school announcements via phone calls and email messages.

With this new system, we can also send text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

If you know how to use QR codes, you can scan the image to the right and touch "send".


## 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.
Your 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:
I. 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.

## Talking to your Children about Lunch

It is important to discuss school lunch with your student
-What do you plan on eating this week?
-The menu says tater-tot casserole on Monday; did you know that has potato tots, beef, cheese, and your choice of corn or green beans in it?
-Will you be eating the hot item on Thursday? Your other choice is either a yogurt OR a cheese stick?
-What items will you eat off the salad bar?
-Would you rather have me pack you a lunch for Friday? Many students are eating what most would consider a snack during lunchtime.

Please speak to your student(s) about lunch so that they are prepared to make better choices through the lunch line or so that a lunch can be prepared and brought to school.

OCTOBER 19, 2018

Give the gift of life. Donate blood

Blood Donation
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Heartland NHS is sponsoring a Community Blood Bank Blood Drive in the circle drive at Heartland Community School on Monday, October 19th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm . Please support this lifesaving effort by making your appointment today by contacting a Heartland NHS member, Heidi Widick at the school 402-723-4434 or hwidick@heartlandschools.net.

## Recess Reminder: As Colder Weather Approaches

Active play is a vital part of a child's everyday needs. Please make sure that your children come to school prepared for colder weather. This may mean a heavy coat, and if necessary, a hat, mittens/gloves, and boots. We will be going outside whenever possible as it is important for children to get some fresh air and exercise during the day. Staying indoors for recess will be decided by the elementary principal. If the weather is not severe, children will be outside for recess if the temperature is above 20 degrees and the wind chill is above 10 degrees.


October 2018



From left: Yosie McCormick, 1oth Grade; Maddie Miller, soth Grade; Elizabeth Mestl, 9th Grade

High School Volleyball Team


Front Row-Timberly Carr, Rhianna Wilhelm, Olivia Casper, Ana Gage, Kalea Wetjen, Grace fanzen, Allison Kroeker
Second Row-Cora Yobnson, Cassidy Siebert, Gabrielle Siebert, Kaelyn Buller, Ellyn Hall, Taylynn Scheil, Student Manager Riley 2uiring, Assistant Coach Cbrista Gergen
Third Row-Head Coach Sarah Ostmeyer, Ashley Brown Cindy Cerveny, Raphaela Weber, Katelyn Gage, Ella Friesen, Karla Cool. Not Pictured: Daniela Cuadros Rodriguez and Lexi Inglsbee, Student Manager


Back Row from Left: Larry Vancura, Corbin Tessman, Erik Wetjen, Mike Bergen, Daniel Wagner, Ben Lindsay, Greg Veerhusen, Lynn Hall
Front Row: Gina Mestl, Carrie Regier, Cbrista Gergen, Tara Maltsberger, Sara Ostmeyer, Heidi Widick, Micab Sundberg. Not Pictured: Foe Leinen

High School Football Team


Front Row-Peyton Ott, BryceAllen, Reid Huebert, Benjamin Mestl,
Second Row- Morgan Maltsberger, Fackson Stebbing, Fared Nunnenkamp, foshua 2uiring, Cade Oswald.
3 rd Row- Seth Randles Nolan Boehr, Cord Spencer, Wyatt Regier, Zachary Wichman
4th Row- Student manager Weston Ohrt, Assistant Coach Greg Veerbusen, Carson Ott, Kale Wetjen, Dawson Ohrt, Head Coach Benjamin Lindsay, Assistant Coach Micab Sundberg, Not Pictured: Student Managers - Creighton Friesen and Devyn Bell

## 2018-2019 Ouiz Bowl and Math Team

The fall season for the Quiz Bowl Team and the Math Team is about to begin. The Quiz Bowl Team is made up of 28 students and half of those students will be representing Heartland as members of the Math Team. The first activity of the year had many of the members representing the teams by walking in the annual Homecoming parade. This was the first opportunity for many of the students to participate in the annual parade and even though it was super hot, we threw a lot of candy (Thank you Booster Club) and enjoyed being part of the festivities. The group also worked concessions to raise funds to help with costs throughout the year.

The fall season consists of the following competitions:

Quiz Bowl
Oct. 12th Wesleyan University Quiz Bowl
Oct. 17th Young Woman's Quiz Bowl in Seward
Nov. 14th Freshman Quiz Bowl in Seward

The students participating in Quiz Bowl and Math Team are:
Seniors: Kate Bergen, Ric Bulin (both), Olivia Casper, Noah Hiebner (both), Benjamin Mestl (both), Colton Monnier (both), and Peyton Ott.
Juniors: Timberly Carr (both), Katelyn Gage (both), Grace Janzen, Odessa Ohrt (both), Halle Peters, Kalea Wetjen, and Rhianna Wilhelm.
Sophomores: Nolan Boehr, Tobin Glinsmann (both) Ellyn Hall, Jordan Huebert, Lauren Quiring (both), Cooper Regier, Taylynn Scheil, and Nema Stracener (both).
Freshman: Lisa Buller, Aaron Goertzen (both), Eli Hiebner (both), Tyler Lewis (both), Elizabeth Mestl, and Kale Wetjen (both)..

## November Reminders

November 2, 2018
NO SCHOOL - Teachers
Professional Day
November 4, 2018
Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 5, 2018
Fall Vocal Concert (5-12th) @
7:30pm
November 12, 2018
School Board Meeting @

> 8:00pm

November 20, 2018
Fall Band Concert @ 7:30pm
November 21, 22, \& 23, 2018
Fall Break -No School

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