



THE HUSKIE LEADER

October 2020

Heartland Community School News



Maverick Hiebner and Maddie Miller were crowned 2020 Homecoming King and Queen.



Homecoming Court L to R: Cooper Regier, Maddie Miller, Maverick Hiebner, Ellyn Hall, Nolan Boehr, Kaelyn Buller, Wyatt Regier, Lauren Quiring, Seth Randles, Cora Johnson

IMPORTANT DATES

October 9

No School

October 12

8:00 PM School Board Meeting

October 14

School Pictures

October 30 - November 2

FFA National Convention (Virtual)

November 2

7:30 PM Fall Vocal Concert (5th - 12th)

November 4

School Picture Retakes

November 6

No School

Professional Development Day

November 24

7:30 PM Fall Band Concert (6th - 12th)

November 25 - 27

Fall Break - No School

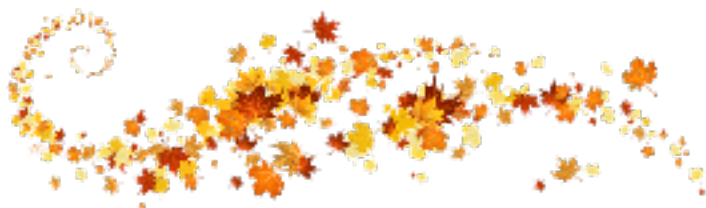
OUR MISSION

Heartland Community Schools - Henderson/Bradshaw strives to provide challenging educational opportunities for ALL students to reach their highest level of excellence.

2020-21 Budget Information

	General Fund Budget	Property Tax Asking	General Fund Levy	Special Building Fund Levy	Total Levy
2015-16	\$6,231,686	\$4,530,730	0.5169	0.0084	0.5253
2016-17	\$5,935,124	\$3,920,773	0.4663	0.0077	0.474
2017-18	\$6,209,007	\$3,903,973	0.4665	0.077	0.5435
2018-19	\$6,254,098	\$3,858,206	0.4659	0.0078	0.4737
2019-20	\$6,379,022	\$3,932,842	0.4880	0.0080	0.4960
2020-21	\$6,586,526	\$3,957,978	0.4993	0.0080	0.5073

The Heartland Community School Board held their annual budget and tax asking hearings earlier this month. This is only the second time in the last 7 years that we have asked for more taxes than the previous year. Our tax asking is at the level we were at in 2011-12.



Heartland School Board Members L to R: Tammy Ott, Paul Brune, Glen Ott, Kent Allen, Gary Braun, Steve Stebbing

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Wednesday, October 14th

Modern Images will be taking school pictures again this year. All students in grades Pre-K-12th grade will be photographed on Wednesday, October 14th from 8:30am - 12:00pm on the stage in the south gym. Packets for ordering photos will be sent home with each student one October 1st. If you did not receive a packet, they are available in the school office.



Our Huskie Beef Program is still going strong and our students continue to enjoy quality, locally raised beef several times a week for school lunch. Even though we are no longer raffling or selling steaks, funds are still needed to help cover costs of processing the beef. All donations benefit the students through the food service program at Heartland. Personal checks should be made out to the Henderson Community Foundation. Thank you!

November 1



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.



Congratulations, Mr. Best!



Hearthland Superintendent Brad Best was surprised recently when he was presented with the Nebraska Rural Community School Association (NRCSA) Superintendent of the Year Award for 2020.

Jack Moles, executive director of the NRCSA, visited the school in order to present the award in person to Mr. Best.

The organization represents more than 75,000 students in Nebraska school systems, and considers superintendents across the state for this annual award. Best was chosen as this year's winner by a selection committee after being nominated.

During the surprise assembly, Moles spoke of the respect other schools' administrators have for Best and the work he's done at Heartland.

This is typically awarded at a statewide convention in March. The award presentation was delayed due to the pandemic and the cancellations of schools.

Now, with school back in session, the award presentation could be held. Mr. Best's family members were in attendance – they've known since last March that he was chosen for the superintendent of the year, but still were able to keep the secret in order for his grand surprise.

After graduating from the former Geneva High School, Best earned his bachelor of science degree at Dana College, his master's from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his educational specialist degree from Wayne State College.

Mr. Best began his teaching career in Bellevue but his first administration position came as an assistant principal at Elkhorn Middle School.

He was then the high school principal at Creighton Community Schools in Creighton, before becoming the curriculum and staff development director for Seward Public Schools.

Mr. Best joined the Heartland District in 2012. He is in his 38th year in education.



**Free
School
Meals**



COVID related grant funding allows for us to offer free meals to ALL students enrolled in Heartland Community Schools. This program will start on Monday, September 14th and continue through the end of December or until funding ends. A letter with specifics was included in elementary student backpacks and announced to students in grades 7-12. A letter was sent to all parents via email. You may see a copy of this letter on our website.

If your child typically does not eat breakfast, but will now, please let us know so that we can anticipate participation numbers. *Current debt does not go away, so please make sure to settle negative accounts soon.





EARLY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK SERVICES COORDINATION

What is Early Development Network Services Coordination?

Services Coordination helps families of children with special needs below age three:

- Find services to meet developmental, educational, financial, health care, child care, respite care and other needs
- Work with multiple providers to make sure services are provided as needed
- Why is Service Coordination Needed?

Nebraska families of children with special needs have found it difficult to locate needed services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and then to coordinate the services with the providers.

Who is Eligible for Services Coordination?

Eligible families are those with an infant or toddler below age 3 who has a disability or developmental delay and qualifies for special education through the public schools.

Year round services coordination is provided.

There is no cost to families.

How Can Families Apply?

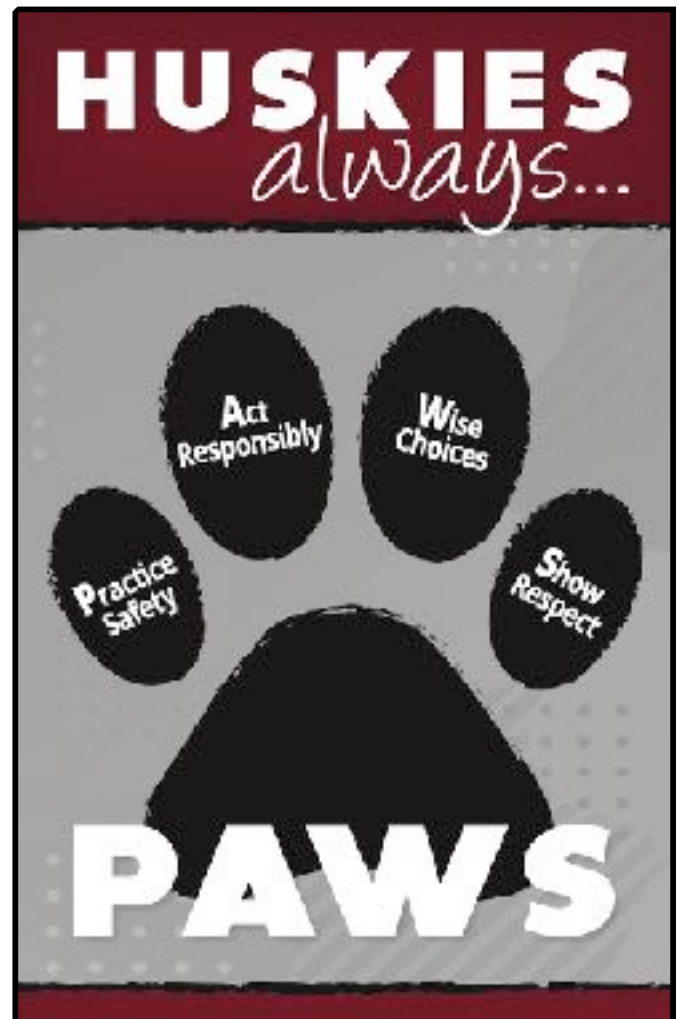
To request Early Development services for your child or to refer a child, call the local number below. With prior parental permission, referrals may be made by anyone who suspects a developmental delay in an infant or toddler.

CONTACT: Tracy Head - Services Coordinator - ESU 6 — 402-759-3143 - tracy.head@esu6.org
Cami Buller- Preschool Teacher - H.C.S — 402-723-4434 - cbuller@heartlandschools.net
Dana Reinke - Elementary Principal - H.C.S — 402-723-4434 - dreinke@heartlandschools.net



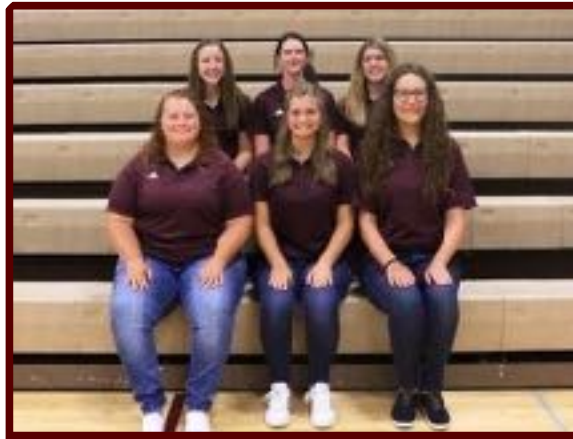
Henderson Health Care recently provided our school with a brand new Telehealth Computer & Services, Vital Sign Monitor, and Mobile Infrared Temperature Screening System (coming soon) as part of a grant they received associated with the CARES Act. They stated, “we firmly believe school is the healthiest place for kids from a learning, social, and emotional aspect. As a leading healthcare provider in the area, we can provide knowledgeable staff, resources, and equipment to schools to help keep students safe and healthy!”

The system will be used to connect students, who are not feeling well, with nurses at the clinic to determine if they are in need of further medical attention. We are very thankful for this partnership with Henderson Health Care.



HUSKIE SPORTS TEAMS

GIRLS GOLF



Front row: Maddie Miller, Elizabeth Mestl, Josie McCormick. Back row: Lilly Carr, Christina Adamson, Ruby Kliewer. Coach: Gina Mestl



VOLLEYBALL

Front row: Gabrielle Siebert, Cora Johnson, Cassidy Siebert, Taylynn Scheil, Ellyn Hall, Kaelyn Buller. Second row: Grace Regier, Riley Goertzen, Ashley Brown, Cynthia Cerveney, Ella Friesen, Ava Tessman, Felicity Johnson. Third row: Liliana Alvarez, Savannah Hurlbut, Eloise Casper, Maddie Maltsberger, Samantha Adamson, Savannah Huebert. Back row: Naomi Onnen, Mariah Tessman, Hayden Mierau, Allie Boehr, Reese Regier, Ava Stebbing, Kaylee Goertzen. Head Coaches: Christa Gergen and Heidi Widick



FOOTBALL



Front row: Maverick Hiebner, Jordan Huebert, Wyatt Regier, Seth Randles, Nolan Boehr, Cord Spencer, Zach Wichman. Second row: Dawson Ohrt, Joseph Nelson, Kale Wetjen, Carson Ott, Garrett Regier, Cole Miller Third row: Zach Quiring, Merrick Maltsberger, Reeve Oswald, Trev Peters, Wyatt Panko, Tucker Bergen, Kaden Siebert. Back row: Jack McCormick, Hudson Regier, Andrew Franz, Hunter Perez. Head Coach: Ben Lindsay, Assistant Coaches: Greg Veerhusen, Micah Sundberg



Heartland FFA Chapter of Henderson, Nebraska, named 3 Star Chapter for 2020 National Chapter award by National FFA Organization

INDIANAPOLIS (2, September, 2020/National FFA Organization) The Heartland FFA chapter of Henderson, Nebraska, has been recognized in the 2020 National Chapter Award Program from the National FFA Organization.

The program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters from throughout the country that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

Chapters that received star ratings during judging this summer and will be recognized at the 2020 National FFA Convention & Expo, Oct 27-29.

All star-rated FFA chapters receive honors made possible by corporate sponsor John Deere. Chapters must first go through their state review and be selected as a top 10% chapter. Applications are then sent on to National FFA for review. Chapters are selected as a 1, 2, or 3 star program with 3 being the highest rank.

"Feeding some 9 billion people by mid-century brings with it unprecedented challenges for today's farmers," said Amy Allen, manager, national corporate contributions for John Deere. "The skills and experiences learned through the National Chapter Award Program will help meet the critical needs."

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 760,000 student members as part of 8,700 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



5TH GRADE BOOK CHALLENGE

Heartland 5th graders are working towards the goal of reading 40 books this school year! In the month of August, 17 out of the 21 students met their goal that will help them work towards the 40 book goal.



Heartland Students Load Up on Dual Credits!

Students at HCS are getting a head start on college this semester by enrolling in dual credit courses from Southeast Community College! New this year is the in-house course Analytic Geometry & Calculus, taught by Mrs. Buzek.

Some dual credit statistics for 1st semester:

- 21 juniors & seniors are taking at least one dual credit course from Southeast Community College for a total of 34 courses.
- A total of 120 credit hours are being taken this semester.
- 10 of those students are taking a Career Academy which means that they won't pay any tuition! This is a total of \$3,600 in tuition savings for HCS families!
- 24 courses are taken via the SCC DC Advantage program which offers half price tuition! This is a total of \$4,320 in savings for HCS families!
- Classes being taken include: Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, American Government, Analytic Geometry & Calculus, College Algebra, Public Speaking, Introduction to Professional Education, and Introduction to Business.



2020-2021 FBLA Officers
 Kale Wetjen - President
 Kaelyn Buller - Vice President
 Lilly Carr - Secretary
 Dawson Ohrt - Treasurer
 Riley Goertzen - Reporter
 Abigael Stebbing - Parliamentarian
 Ellyn Hall - Committee Representative


HEARTLAND FBLA KICKS OF A NEW YEAR

The Heartland Future Business Leaders of America are excited to begin a new year. Our 2020-21 FBLA officers are Kale Wetjen, President; Kaelyn Buller, Vice President; Lilly Carr, Secretary; Dawson Ohrt, Treasurer; Riley Goertzen, Reporter; Abigael Stebbing, Parliamentarian; and Ellyn Hall, Committee Representative. At our first meeting, President Wetjen shared the state theme for this year which is ASPIRE. He gave information about our business competitions, FBLA group t-shirt, magazine sales and Fall Leadership Conference coming up at the end of September. The group then enjoyed ice cream sundaes and two Kahoot games: The Price is Right and FBLA Trivia.

Heartland FBLA is happy to announce our new members: Juniors Joseph Nelson and Ayden Rea; Sophomores Eloise Casper and Felicity Johnson; and Freshmen Kaylee Goertzen, Hayden Mierau, Jordan Nolan, Naomi Onnen, Hunter Perez, Hudson Regier, Reese Regier, Ava Stebbing, Hendric Switzer, Mariah Tessman, and Nick Thieszen. Other returning members are: Seniors Kaelyn Buller, Tobin Glinsmann, Ellyn Hall, Cooper Regier, Wyatt Regier, and Gabi Siebert; Juniors Ashley Brown, Cynthia Cerveney, Ella Friesen, Eliza Lott, Elizabeth Mestl, Dawson Ohrt, Mason Regier, Abigael Stebbing, and Kale Wetjen; Sophomores Liliana Alvarez, Tucker Berger, Lilly Carr, Riley Goertzen, Savannah Hurlbut, Owen Mierau, Trev Peters, Garrett Regier, and Ava Tessman.



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<p>5</p> <p>Cherry Croissant</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Strawberry Bagel</p> <p>French Toast Sticks Egg & Sausage Patty 100% Juice Tri Tater</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Loaded Hashbrown</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Waffles</p> <p>Hotdog Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Corndogs Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Egg & Cheese Biscuit</p> <p>Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll</p>	<p>All grains are whole grain rich.</p> <p>Fresh fruit and vegetable bar offered daily with lunch.</p> <p>A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast.</p> <p>A variety of low-fat and fat-free milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch.</p> <p>Menu is subject to change without notice.</p> <p>All beef is donated and locally raised.</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Chocolate Chip French Toast</p> <p>Deli Sandwich Chips Cookie</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Egg & Cheese Taco</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Apple Frudel</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Cinnamon Roll</p> <p>Cheeseburger Mac & Cheese Steamed Peas Dinner Roll</p> 		
<p>19</p> <p>Long John</p> <p>Teriyaki Chicken Steamed Broccoli Brown Rice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Cherry Croissant</p> <p>Chicken Patty Sandwich French Fries Steamed Peas</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Mini Pancake</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Egg & Cheese Biscuit</p> <p>Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Dinner Roll</p> 		
<p>26</p> <p>Pancake Wrap</p> <p>Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Steamed Peas</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Waffles</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Sausage & Biscuit</p> <p>Chicken Fajitas Green Beans Long John</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Chocolate Chip French Toast</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>Loaded Hashbrown</p> <p>Chicken Noodle Soup Cinnamon Rolls Saltines</p>		

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Yom Kippur 4:30 PM Football: Boys JH vs. High School 4:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences	29 11:00 AM Golf: Girls Varsity vs. Hastings Catholic Schools Holdrege Kearney Catholic Lexington Northwest > Multiple Schools (Away)	30	1 Volleyball Girls Varsity vs Hastings Cecil/Away	2 7:00 PM Football: Boys Varsity vs. Thayer Central Community School (Home)	3 9:00 AM Volleyball: Girls JH vs. Hastings St. Cecilia (Away)
4	5 Golf: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away) 4:00 PM Football: Boys JH vs. Bruning-Davenport/Shickley (Home)	6 Golf: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away) 5:00 PM Volleyball: Girls JV vs. Doniphan-Trumbull > Multiple Schools (Away)	7 Young Women's Quiz Bowl at Seward FFA District Land Judging	8 5:00 PM Volleyball: Girls Reserve vs. Superior Junior/Senior (Home) 6:00 PM Volleyball: Girls JV vs. Superior Junior/Senior (Home) 7:00 PM Volleyball: Girls Varsity vs. Superior Junior/Senior (Home)	9 No School 7:00 PM Football: Boys Varsity vs. Exeter-Milligan (Away)	10 3:00 PM Volleyball: Girls JV vs. Friend (Home) 4:00 PM Volleyball: Girls Varsity vs. Friend (Home)
11	12 Golf: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away) Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day 4:00 PM Football: Boys JH vs. Exeter-Milligan (Home) 5:00 PM Volleyball: Girls JH vs. Gilmer > Multiple Schools (Home) 8:00 PM School Board Meeting	13 Golf: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away) 5:00 PM Volleyball: Girls Reserve vs. David City (Away) 6:00 PM Volleyball: Girls JV vs. David City (Away)	14 School Picture Day	15 5:00 PM Volleyball: Girls Reserve vs. Sutton (Away) 6:00 PM Volleyball: Girls JV vs. Sutton (Away)	16 7:00 PM Football: Boys Varsity vs. Ravenna (Away)	17
18	19 Volleyball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away) 6:30 PM FBLA Bingo Night at Legacy Square	20 Student Leadership Day & Doane University Volleyball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	21 State Land Judging	22 Volleyball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	23	24 9:00 AM Volleyball: Girls JV vs. Columbus Discoverers Crete Hastings St. Cecilia Union Lutheran Malcolm York > Multiple Schools (Away)
25	26 Volleyball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	27 Volleyball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	28 National FFA Convention (Virtual)	29	30	31 Volleyball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away) Halloween



Crosswalk / Crossing Guard / Bicycle Safety

On August 31, Chief John Prusia from the Henderson Police Department spent the day at school reviewing crosswalk, crossing guard, and bicycle safety with PK-6 grade students. Students were able to practice ways to walk through a crosswalk with and without a bike. A reminder that elementary students are not allowed to ride bikes or walk through the large parking lot on the west side of the school or down the alley street north of the Kroeker Grain buildings. All elementary students need to walk around the water tower and enter the school from front street. This expectation is for all hours, including evenings. Thank you for your help in promoting safety around our school and communities.



GERMBUSTERS

On September 22, Tanya Crawford and Amanda Hackenkamp, York and Polk County Extension Educators, visited Heartland Elementary to discuss the importance of proper hand washing. Their engaging lessons gave PK-6 grade students an opportunity to learn about proper techniques. To practice the skill, students applied a black light lotion to their hands and then washed it off. Finally, students put their hands under a black light where they were able to see the "germs" that they didn't get wiped off. At Heartland, elementary students wash their hands at least three times every school day.



Non-Discrimination Policy

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or handicap in admission or access to or treatment of employment, in its program and activities. If any patron or employee feels they have been discriminated against by any school employee, please contact:

Superintendent, Brad Best
High School Principal, Tim Carr
Elementary Principal, Dana Reinke

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.

Concessions at Heartland Grill

You may now order concessions from your phone! You'll receive a message when your order is ready!



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