

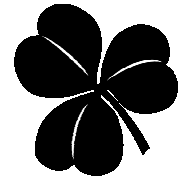


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Dear Parents, Patrons, and Friends of Heartland Community Schools,

The Heartland Board of Education has named Brad Best as the new superintendent of Heartland to begin on July 1, 2012. Mr. Best is currently the curriculum director at Seward Public Schools. Please see the more detailed article included in this newsletter. I hope each one of you will reach out and make him feel very welcome to the school district and the communities. I can assure you I will do my best to help him make a smooth transition into his new position. I am very grateful for all of the support you have given me over the past 27 years. He was in town looking for housing this past weekend and also stopped in at the Henderson Home Show on Saturday. As there is not a lot of housing to choose from, please let the local realtors know if you are aware of available housing that might not be listed.

Mrs. Sherryl Friesen, 5th grade teacher, has announced her retirement effective at the end of the current school year. We congratulate Mrs. Friesen for her 27 years of service to the former Henderson and current Heartland School District. We wish her well in retirement. We are currently interviewing candidates for her replacement as well as an additional kindergarten teacher. We are excited that we will have 30-32 kindergarteners for the next two years. As a result, the board has given approval for us to hire an additional teacher.

The boys and girls basketball programs came to an end this past week. I commend the coaches and players for their never give up attitude and the fact that all of them played hard to the very end. Congratulations to each one for their hard work this past season.

Miss Bartling and the cast of "Wrangler Ranch" are hard at work preparing for their performances which will be on Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24, 2012. Please come out and support their performances.

Heartland has the opportunity to host both the District Music Contest on Thursday evening, April 19 and all day Friday, April 20th, 2012 and the District Track Meet on Wednesday, April 9, 2012. As a result we will be dismissing classes at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 and there will be no school on April 20th or May 9th. All staff are involved in helping to host each of these events. Volunteers are also needed for both events. If you would be willing to help out please call the school office and let us know.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, March 19 and Thursday, March 22 from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. each day. Please make plans to attend your child's conferences for the opportunity to communicate with your child's teachers. These are very important events for teachers, students, and parents.

Sincerely,
Dr. Norm Yoder, Superintendent

BRAD BEST NAMED NEW SUPERINTENDENT AT HEARTLAND

Brad Best, currently director of curriculum and staff development for the Seward Public Schools has been named the new superintendent for Heartland Community Schools. Best will officially begin his duties on July 1, 2012. Best received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Dana College, his Master's Degree from The University of Nebraska and his Educational Specialist's Degree from Wayne State College.

Best has been in his current position since 2005. He previously served as secondary principal at Creighton Community Schools, Creighton, Nebraska from 1992-2005, assistant principal in Elkhorn Public Schools, Elkhorn, Nebraska 1990-92, and a science teacher and coach at Bellevue Public Schools, Bellevue, Nebraska from 1983-1992. In addition he currently serves as an adjunct professor in Educational Administration for Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska.

Best has worked at coordination of the alignment and development of curriculum in the Seward Public Schools. He has worked closely with staff and administration to develop school improvement goals and professional development activities based upon student data. He has worked at coordination and budgeting for multiple federal funding sources, staff identification system, and crisis management procedures for the district.

Board President, Paul Brune, commented, "Mr. Best is a well qualified candidate who I believe has the right skills, knowledge, and personality for the Heartland District and we are excited to have him join the Heartland staff."

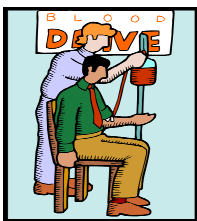
Mr. Best stated, "It was obvious to me from my visit with the school board, administration, faculty, and community members that Heartland is focused on each and every student. I am excited to become a part of the school's culture of doing the right work in such a caring environment. I am honored to join this team and look forward to being a part of these efforts."

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

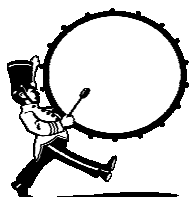
The Heartland National Honor Society will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive.

Where: Heartland High School Old Gym

When: Monday, March 5th, 2012
12:00 PM until 6:00 PM



Remember to drink plenty of fluids and bring a photo ID! Students who are 16 years old may donate blood with parental consent.



SMORGASBORD

The annual Band German Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, March 17, 2012. Serving will be from 5:00PM to 7:30PM and a band concert will be held at 7:45PM. Adult tickets are \$10.00, children ages 4-12 are \$5.00. Any child under the age of 4 is free. Tickets are on sale now. They can be purchased from any band member or by stopping by the Heartland school office.

Heartland Community Schools Presents



Wealthy Mrs. Fitzhugh has finally located her long lost grandson, Alexander, working in a New Jersey pizza parlor. To expose this clumsy teenager to a healthy environment, she enrolls him in Wrangler Ranch School. Even with his dislike for fresh air, being allergic to horses and an outrageous scheme plotted against him by Mrs. Fitzhugh's niece and nephew, Alexander tries his best to become a true Wrangler Rancher.

This incredible score with a modern country twist will be presented by Heartland Community Schools on March 23rd & 24th at 7:00 pm. Students, choreographers, and directors have been hard at work to produce an entertaining evening. Hope to see you there!

Tickets go on sale March 5th in the office.
Adults: \$4.00 Students: \$4.00

Best replaces Dr. Norm Yoder, who is retiring on June 30, 2012, after serving the Heartland District and previous Henderson District for the past 27 years.

OPTION ENROLLMENT

A student may enroll in on-resident school districts when approved through the option enrollment program. Individuals may only option once unless they change residences. Heartland Community Schools is open to accepting more option enrollment students.

If you know of someone who would be interested in option enrolling their children into 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, 2012 in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.

HEARTLAND KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 8th

Heartland Community Schools will hold Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, March 8th, in the kindergarten room.

The purpose of Roundup is to provide an opportunity for next year's kindergarten students to meet their teacher, Mrs. Thiesen, and to meet other prospective kindergarteners, while their parents register their children for attendance at Heartland Community Schools. Children who will be five years of age by July 31 of 2012 are eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2012 and should consider attending Roundup.

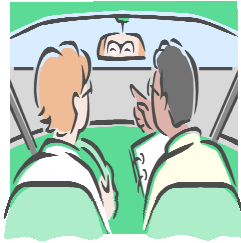
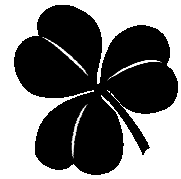
Two sessions will be held. The morning session will begin at 9:00 A.M. and the afternoon session will begin at 1:00 P.M. Parents will meet in the conference room with Cindy Huebert, elementary principal. Parents and guardians will have this time to register their children for attendance in kindergarten next year.

Parents should bring their child's immunization records with them as well as an original copy of their child's birth certificate. Birth certificates are available from: Vital Records, P.O. Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509-5065 for \$12.00, 402-471-2871. You can download a form or fill out an online request by going to www.hhs.state.ne.us/vitalrecords/index.htm.

All eligible children residing in the Heartland district whose names are on the current census list will receive an invitation to Roundup by March 8th. If you are planning on optioning your child into the district, all option papers must be turned in by March 15th, 2012, for the 2012-2013 school year. If you know of a child who will be five by July 31 and for any reason may not have his or her name on the school census list, please call the school office so that an invitation can be prepared for them. The office number at Heartland Community Schools is 723-4434.



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2012 DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Driver Education instruction will again be offered to Heartland students through the Nebraska Safety Council. The instruction will take place at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson. The fee for the instruction will be \$280.00 per student for the summer of 2012.

You can go online and download a registration form at www.nesafetycouncil.org. Please send 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 5-July 10. The behind-the-wheel instruction will be arranged during the classroom sessions. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

"CHECK OUT" WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Now you can access our library card catalog anywhere!

To view our book titles follow these steps:

1. Log onto Internet Explorer, or the web browser of your choice.
2. Go to www.heartlandschools.org
3. Under Quick Links click on **Destiny Library**
4. Click on the link to access the catalog.

OR

Scan the QR Code, then Click on the link to access the catalog



Have Fun Searching!!!



Congratulations to Jen Yoder and Sondra Buller for receiving a Nebraska Scholastic Art Award. Jen received an Honorable Mention on a ceramic monster. Sondra received an Honorable Mention on a pointillism owl and on lily pad Batik. ­­­

TEACH YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLER TO BOUNCE BACK FROM FAILURE

No parent ever wants to see his child fail. But failure is a part of a life, and many students first begin to realize this during the middle school years. Now classes are more challenging. More study is needed. And a lack of organization can really set a child back.

You can't always prevent your child from failing. But you can do something even more important: Encourage her to get back up and try again. To do this:

- **Be a role model.** Adults do not succeed at everything they try either, especially the first time. Every day, show your child you are trying, whether it is to get a new job, learn a new skill or get organized at home. Say things like, "Sometimes I get discouraged, too, but I know I will make this happen if I keep at it."
- **Emphasize effort.** Children often think that ability is the only key to success. If they fail a math test, they may say: "I just stink at math." The way not to "stink" at something is to keep practicing it. Praise your child's *efforts* and not just *results*.
- **Encourage interests.** Your child is just like any other person—she is more willing to stick with an activity she enjoys. And by sticking with it—whether it is reading, sports or piano—she will get better. This helps her overall self-concept. With a boost in confidence, she may be more willing to tackle less desirable and more difficult activities, because she believes she can eventually prevail.

Source: L. Clark, "Helping Children Achieve Success and Learn from Failure," The Ohio State University Extension, <http://ohioline.osu.edu/flm01/pdf/FS14.pdf>.



**COMMUNITY NIGHT AT WENDY'S!
March 12, 2012**

Eat at Wendy's on this night between 5-8pm and they will donate 10% of their sales to Heartland.

At the end of the year the school with the highest sales will have their donations **DOUBLED!**

HEARTLAND FBLA MEMBERS SWEEP THE COMPETITION

"While most are dreaming of success, winners wake-up and work hard to achieve it." Unknown

Heartland FBLA members are not amateurs when it comes to hard work and competition. Every year, multiple Heartland FBLA members from grades 9-12 attend several practice competitions. At these business competitions, members take tests in preparation for the state convention. This year, students were able to attend competitions at Southeast Community College in Beatrice, University of Nebraska-Kearney, or Peru State College.

The members who attended each competition took two to three tests over subjects ranging from Keyboarding Knowledge to Economics. An awards ceremony announcing the winners of each test followed later in the afternoon. Over all three competitions, Heartland took home 15 first place awards, 9 second places, 5 third places, 2 fourth places, 3 fifth places, 1 eighth place, and 1 ninth place for a total of 36 awards. Individual results of the competitions are as follows:

Seniors: Cody Brown – 1st place in Computer Applications (SCC), 1st in Economics (Peru), 1st in Economics (UNK), 2nd in Accounting II (SCC), 2nd in Accounting II (UNK), 2nd in Advanced Accounting (Peru), 3rd in Economics (SCC), and 5th in Parliamentary Procedure (UNK)

Sondra Buller – 1st place in Marketing (Peru), 1st in Marketing (UNK), 5th in Filing (UNK), and 9th in Introduction to Business (SCC)

Rachel King – 3rd place in Entrepreneurship (Peru), and 4th in Marketing (Peru)

Juniors: Mikaelyn Dick – 8th place in Word Processing (SCC)

Ashley Quiring – 1st place in Accounting II (SCC), 1st in Accounting II (UNK), 1st in Advanced Accounting (Peru), 1st in Word Processing (SCC), 1st in Business Math (Peru), 2nd in Business Math (SCC), 2nd in Business Systems and Procedures (UNK), 3rd in Business Math (UNK), and 4th in Business Communications (Peru)

Lincoln Ruybalid – 3rd place in Business Systems and Procedures (UNK)

Sophomores: Allison Braun – 1st place in Accounting I (Peru), 2nd in Keyboarding II Production (UNK), and 5th in Introduction to Business (SCC)

Bailey Carr – 1st place in Keyboarding II Production (UNK)

Aubrey DeBaal – 2nd place in Spelling (UNK)

Freshmen: Kaitlyn Quiring – 1st place in Keyboarding I Production (UNK), and 1st in Keyboarding I Speed (UNK)

Colton Siebert – 2nd place in Keyboarding I Production (UNK), 2nd in Introduction to Business (SCC), and 3rd in Keyboarding I Speed (UNK) **Sheppard Ruybalid** – 1st place in Keyboarding I Skills (Peru)

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS -

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Regular Board Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2012
Conference Room
7:00 PM
MINUTES

Members Present: Gary Braun, Debra Wilhelm, Glenn Larson, Boyd Stuhr, Jr. and Kent Allen. Members Absent: Paul Brune. Others Present: Supt. Norm Yoder, Principals Tim Carr, and Cindy Huebert. Faculty Gina Mestl and Patron Jon Ruybalid.

I. Call to Order

Vice President Braun called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the absence of President Brune.

II. Vice President Braun declared the meeting to be open, legal and properly advertised with all members having been informed of the nature of the meeting and having received related information. He also indicated the posting of the open meetings law at the front of the room.

III. **Action 1:** Motion by Wilhelm, second by Larson, to excuse Paul Brune because of illness. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-absent (Brune).

IV. Approval of Agenda

Action 2: Motion by Stuhr, second by Braun, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-absent (Brune).

V. Audience with Individuals and/or Committees

VI. Election of Officers

President: Paul Brune
Vice President: Gary Braun
Secretary: Deb Wilhelm
Treasurer: Boyd Stuhr, Jr.

VII. Consent Agenda

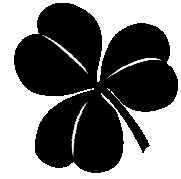
Action 3: Motion by Allen, second by Larson, to approve consent agenda which includes the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2011, the general fund claims, qualified capital purposes undertaking fund claims and financial reports. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-absent (Brune).

VIII. Administrative Reports

The board heard administrative reports that the National Geography Bee will be held for students in grades 5-8, the York County Spelling Bee on February 1, 2012, the Nebraska State Assessment in Writing that will take place for students in grades 4 & 8 on January 23 & February 10, the district has received approximately \$80.00 per month from Wendy's for 10% of their sales on Heartland night which is the second Wednesday of each month from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., NHS delivered food baskets to 29 families, Chamber



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singers and Brass choir members performed on NTV on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, seven Heartland students were recognized by NSAA for the NSAA academic awards, and current student teachers in art, middle school math and social studies, and speech pathology.

IX. Discussion with Neighboring Districts
Nothing to report at this time.

X. Heating and Air Conditioning Project in the Theater
Everything but the final walkthrough by the engineer has been completed as far as the equipment is concerned. The brick wall that will close off the back of the courtyard will be completed in the spring.

XI. Five Year Facilities/Major Maintenance, Vehicle Goals

Action 4: Motion by Larson, second by Allen, to give tentative approval to the Five Year Facilities/Major Maintenance Projects, Vehicle goals. Motion Carried: 5 -for; 0-against; 1-absent (Brune).

XII. Board Self Evaluation
The board reviewed the board self evaluation that each one had completed earlier.

XIII. Policy Review
Board Policies – Section G – Personnel – GBS-GH were reviewed as part of an ongoing review of the Board Policy Manual.

XIV. School Calendar for 2012-2013
Action 5: Motion by Stuhr, second by Braun, to give approval to the school calendar that has school beginning on August 15, 2012 and ending on May 22, 2013. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-absent (Brune).

XV. Board Tentative Annual Calendar of Meeting Topics
The board reviewed the annual calendar of meeting topics with the adjustments for the new timelines for negotiations.
Action 6: Motion by Larson, second by Allen, to approve the tentative annual calendar of meeting topics. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-absent (Brune).

XVI. Review Cooperative Agreements
Supt. Yoder reviewed current cooperative/interlocal agreements that are in place. These include Powerschool, Distance Learning, ESU Internet Agreement and the cooperative with Exeter Milligan for a Spanish Teacher.

XVII. Powerschool Interlocal Agreement Renewal
Action 7: Motion by Wilhelm, second by Larson, to approve resolution for the renewal of the ESU Powerschool agreement. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-absent (Brune).

XVIII Board Retreat
The board reviewed possible agenda items for the board retreat at the York Country Club on Saturday, January 14, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

XIX. Legislative Issues Conference – January 23, 2012
Board members made plans for attending the Legislative Review Conference on January 23, in Lincoln.

XX. Labor Relations Conference – February 6, 2012
Board members made plans to attend the Labor Relations Conference on February 6, 2012 in Kearney.

XXI. Booster Club Track Tent Donation
Action 8: Motion by Wilhelm, second by Stuhr, to approve the booster club donation of a tent for the track team. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-absent (Brune).

XXII. Personnel
Action 9: Motion by Larson, second by Braun, to approve Nathan Melvin, and Jotham Andrews as local substitute teachers. Motion Carried: 4-for; 1-against (Allen); 1-absent (Brune).

Action 10: Motion by Larson, second by Allen, to approve Larry Vancura as Head Track Coach. Motion Carried: 5 -for; 0-against; 1-absent (Brune).

Action 11: Motion by Wilhelm, second by Braun, to go into executive session at 8:46 p.m. to discuss a student issue, negotiations, and the superintendent's search. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-absent (Brune).
Vice President Braun declared the end of executive session at 9:40 p.m.

Action 12: Motion by Larson, second by Stuhr, to admit a student on probationary status as discussed. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1-absent (Brune).

XIII. Adjournment
Vice President Braun adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.



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2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2nd - NO SCHOOL Spring Vacation

March 5th—Red Cross Bloodmobile

March 8th - Kindergarten Round-Up

March 9th - NO SCHOOL Spring Vacation

March 12th - Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM

March 17th - Smorgasbord 5:00-7:30, Concert 7:45 PM

March 19th & 22nd - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 PM-8:30 PM

March 23rd - NO SCHOOL in lieu of Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 23rd & 24th - All School Play 7:00 PM