



# THE HUSKIE LEADER

June/July 2021  
Heartland Community School News

CONGRATULATIONS!

## Staff Celebration and Recognition

We recognized a number of staff on the last workday of this school year. Congratulations to those meeting longevity milestones and those who retired in 2020 and 2021!



Back row L to R: Linda Koehler (25 yrs, retiring), Charlotte Greenwall (5 yrs), Deborah Rowe (5 yrs), Dorthie Randles (14 yrs, retiring), Dot Quiring (32 yrs, retired 2020), Shirley Ulrich (14 yrs, retiring), Margalee Thomas (41 yrs, retired 2020) Gina Mestl (10 yrs)  
Front row L to R: Micah Sundberg (5 yrs), Valorie Quiring (15 yrs), Michelle Naber (5 yrs)  
Not pictured: Teresa Friesen (5 yrs), Katie Waegli (5 yrs)

## IMPORTANT DATES

### June 14

8:00 pm School Board Meeting

### June 15 - July 22

Tuesday & Thursday Summer Reading Program

### July 12

8:00 pm School Board Meeting

### August 9

8:00 pm School Board Meeting

### August 10 & 11

Professional Development Days

### August 12

School Starts  
Dismiss at 11:40 am



Royce Schweitzer (45 yrs)

From  
the desk  
of...

## Mr. Brad Best, Superintendent

*We can proudly say that we have completed the 2020-21 school year amongst a worldwide pandemic. It was a very challenging year full of uncertainties and ever-changing rules and regulations. After having to close our doors a year ago, the staff has done an amazing job of not only serving our students, but making up the time that we missed last spring. Their dedication and focus on putting students before all else made for an amazing year of learning under difficult circumstances. We are so thankful for all of the trust and support that we received from our students, parents, and health care providers in our district. Thank you for all of your efforts!*

*The plan for August, barring any other major issues, is that we are planning to open our doors without restrictions in what we commonly refer to as a more “normal” school environment. As we did this year, we will closely monitor any new information available to us and make sure that we are doing what we need to do in order to keep our students and staff safe.*

*The year took a big toll on people. The stress and anxiety felt by many was at a level unseen in my 4 decades in education. There were challenges and disagreements and hundreds of additional hours invested in trying to take care of everyone as safely as possible and maintain a high level of learning for our students. The physical and mental health of students and staff continues to be a focus as we move through the summer. We are hopeful that the summer schedule giving folks a better chance to “breathe” will refuel everyone for an exciting opening in a couple of months. Please let us know if you have any concerns.*

*I hope that you have a safe, restful, and family-filled summer break! Thanks again for your trust and support over the last year. Heartland is a great place to be!*



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Koehler



33 Years in Education

25 Years at serving  
families in Henderson  
& Bradshaw

- Guidance Counselor
- Former English Teacher



Shirley  
Ulrich



14 Years serving  
students at Heartland

- Food Service Helper



Dorthie  
Randles



33 Years in Education

26 Years of helping  
students at Heartland

- Paraprofessional
- Former Elementary Teacher



# National Honor Society



The end of the school year brings many activities and special recognitions for the students of Heartland Community Schools. On April 30, 2021, it was a pleasure to recognize 48 students that have been members of or were inducted into the Heartland National Honor Society Chapter. With the interruption of the school year due to Covid-19, the members of the Junior class that should have been inducted last spring, missed that opportunity for recognition. With the leadership of the Senior NHS officers, an induction ceremony was held to recognize both the new incoming Sophomore members as well as the current Junior members. The officers for the 2020-2021 school year were: President: Lauren Quiring, Vice-President: Cora Johnson, Secretary: Kaelyn Buller, Treasurer: Cooper Regier and Publicist: Gabi Siebert. After the new members were recognized and given their certificates, the new officers for the 2021-2022 school year were announced. The new officers include: President: Lisa Buller, Vice-President: Dawson Ohrt, Secretary: Elizabeth Mestl, Treasurer: Carson Ott and Publicist: Abigael Stebbing.

To conclude the evening, the graduating Seniors were recognized for their service and received their honor chords. The Seniors being recognized were: Nolan Boehr, Kaelyn Buller, Tobin Glinsmann, Ellyn Hall, Mallorie Hiebner, Maverick Hiebner, Cora Johnson, Josie McCormick, Madison Miller, Lauren Quiring, Cooper Regier, Wyatt Regier, Taylynn Scheil, Cassidy Siebert and Gabrielle Siebert.

Junior members: Ashley Brown, Lisa Buller, Cynthia Cerveney, Ella Friesen, Aaron Goertzen, Eli Hiebner, Tyler Lewis, Elizabeth Mestl, Dawson Ohrt, Carson Ott, Mason Regier, Abigael Stebbing and Kale Wetjen.

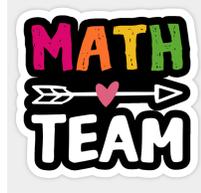
Sophomore members: Samantha Adamson, Liliana Alvarez, Tucker Bergen, Lilly Carr, Eloise Casper, Riley Goertzen, Felicity Johnson, Ruby Kliewer, Madelyn Maltsberger, Merrick Maltsberger, Owen Mierau, Cole Miller, Wyatt Panko, Trev Peters, Zachariah Quiring, Garrett Regier, Grace Regier, Jacob Regier, Kaden Siebert and Ava Tessman.

In addition to our yearly projects which include the Veterans' Day assembly, Dr. Seuss Day, Holiday Food Drive and multiple blood drives, the members are excited to implement some new ideas and activities in the upcoming year.





**2020 - 2021  
Heartland Quiz Bowl  
& Mathematics Teams**



The Heartland quiz bowl and mathematics teams have been busy this spring. The first competition was the SNC quiz bowl tournament held in David City. Heartland was able to enter two teams consisting of five members. After a few practice rounds, the double-elimination bracket was set up and both teams performed well. The highlight of the day was when both Heartland teams competed against each other. It was a close match with the A team pulling out the win. Both teams were able to play and win multiple rounds before heading home, both finishing in the top half of the 17 teams in attendance from the conference.

On March 24th, eight students traveled to Nelson, to compete in the Lawrence-Nelson quiz bowl tournament. The tournament is set up differently than most, but we adapted quickly and through three rounds, the team was able to score enough points to compete for the championship. When the last question was answered, the score was tied. Sandy Creek was able to answer the tie-breaker question and we left Nelson as the runner-ups.

Twelve students traveled to Seward to compete in the ESU 6 tournament. Heartland had two teams and it was a tough day for both teams. Unfortunately, both teams lost in the first round of the single-elimination tournament.

In April, eight students woke up early to attend a new quiz bowl event at Osceola. Each team made up of four students were able to compete in seven rounds and they did a great job. The last competition of the year took place on May 5th and was the Underclassmen tournament in Seward. Heartland took two teams and both of them ended up in the top half of the competing teams.

The mathematics team was able to attend the annual Harvard Math Day on March 29th. The day consisted of three different competitions. The first event was a "Fast Math" test that required students to answer mental math questions in a timed situation. The students then moved on to the written math test that was used to seed the teams for the "Math Bowl" bracket. Both teams ended up seeded in the top half of the bracket. The day was full of impressive results with both math bowl teams ending up in the top half of the competition. The following awards were also earned: Kale Wetjen 4th place in Fast Math and 8th place on the written exam, Eli Hiebner finished in 9th place on the written exam and Aaron Goertzen finished in 10th place on the written exam.

Our seasons would not have been as successful without the help of some special people.. Mrs. Gina Mestl, Ms. Marietta Adams, Mrs. Stephanie Buzek and Mrs. Rebekah Onnen graciously helped both teams by providing additional supervision and transportation when there were two teams competing. Thank you to Mr. Matt Quiring for making sure we always had a vehicle or two ready to go for our early departures. Thank you to Mrs. Charlotte Greenwall for making sure fees had been paid and we had money to make our traditional trip to DQ. Special thanks to the three Seniors, Tobin Glinsmann, Lauren Quiring and Cooper Regier, who have been dedicated to both teams for the past four years. Your leadership, knowledge, and spunk will be missed!

## **OUR MISSION**

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

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**A Census Form for Heartland Community Schools was included in the April Newsletter. Please complete and return this form to the school as soon as possible, 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. They can be left in the labeled box in the entryway if you do not wish to mail it. Thank you!**



### FBLA MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR VIRTUAL NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Six Heartland FBLA members qualified for the National Leadership Conference to be held virtually this summer, June 29 to July 2. The following students will compete: Dawson Ohrt in Personal Finance, Owen Mierau in Introduction to Business, Kale Wetjen in Personal Finance, and the Graphic Design team of Kaylee Goertzen, Abigael Stebbing and Ava Stebbing. Congratulations to these students for qualifying for Nationals!



### SCHOOL & SPORTS PHYSICALS

**Physicals are available at  
Henderson Healthcare**

Students going into Kindergarten & 7th grade  
are required to have a physical.

**Kindergarten Physical: \$80**

**Seventh Grade Physical: \$60**

Students grades 7th -12th planning to  
participate in sports during the 2021-2022  
school year will need a sports physical (this is in  
addition to the 7th grade physical)

**Sports Physical: \$60**

**Call (402) 723-4512 to schedule an  
appointment between the hours of  
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through  
Friday.**

Payment is due at time of service.

Questions? Please call (402)  
723-4512 to schedule an  
appointment.



### FFA Trash Pick Up



FFA members finished the year off with Highway  
trash pickup and a few yard games!

**Happy summer!**

## New Artwork for the Elementary Library

This year each elementary class (K-6) worked together to create a new piece of artwork to display in the Elementary Library. Each class was given a list of 3 or more well-known children's books that they got to vote on. With the help of Art teacher Mrs. Janzen, the students got to help color, paint and glue together the images of these well-known children's books. Next time you are in the elementary library make sure to check them out!



## Henderson State Bank Teaches A Valuable Lesson On Saving



Jill Weisheit pictured with the Heartland 3rd grade class



Jill Weisheit pictured with the Heartland 4th grade class

**H**enderson State Bank and the Giltner State Bank – a Branch of Henderson State Bank – teamed up to present the American Bankers Association Education Foundation's Teach Children to Save Program. Jill Weisheit gave presentations to 244 - 3rd and 4th grade students at Heartland Community School, Giltner Public School, Central Valley Public Schools, York Elementary, York St. Joseph's School and York Emmanuel-Faith School.

The students were taught a valuable lesson on saving money while discussing the concept of saving, how interest makes money grow, how to budget and determining financial needs and wants. The importance of owning and depositing into a savings account at a bank was stressed to keep money safe and out of harms way.

To encourage the students to save, each student was given a \$10 Savings Certificate inviting them to open or add to a savings account at Henderson State Bank (Henderson, York or Greeley) or Giltner State Bank. An additional \$10 will be added to the savings account the following year to reward the student if they continue to save.

## GIRLS ON THE RUN IS so much fun



Girls On The Run had 20 meetings that took place on Tuesday and Thursdays after school. To finish the season, girls completed a 5K race that was held in Lakeview Park. This year the girls selected different areas around the Henderson Community to pickup trash for their impact project! GOTR participants were: (First row, left to right) Keely Burgess, Isabelle Buller, Willabelle Panko, Lakyn Quiring, Violet Goertzen. (Back row, left to right) Stella Fielder, Paizley Dennis, Kate Haidle, Avery Hiebner, Maylie Friesen, and Makaelyn Goertzen. Not pictured: Cadence Swim.

## Middle School Math Competition



Middle School students competed at Thayer Central's Math Competition. These students took a 40 question individual test, a 15 question group test, and a grade level quiz bowl tournament. Heartland students represented our school and competed very well. Austin Schmidt placed 3rd in the 8th grade individual test. Tara Buzek and Maddie Janzen placed 1st and 5th, respectively, in the 6th grade competition. The 8th grade team of Zach Miller, Brady Goertzen, and Austin Schmidt won the 8th grade quiz bowl tournament while the 6th grade team of Maddie Janzen, Emma Ott, and Tara Buzek place 3rd. In the overall competition, Heartland placed 2nd as a school. Congratulations to the students that competed!



## 2021-2022 Heartland Community Schools Elementary School Supplies

### KINDERGARTEN – SHERRY THIESEN

- 1 Large Book Bag (easily zipped by child)
- 4- #2 pencils, **sharpened**
- 2 Dry erase markers
- Fiskar scissors
- Standard size colored pencils (box of 12)
- Fat classic color markers (box of 10)
- 4 Jumbo glue sticks
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex (250 count)
- 3 Ring binder, 1" wide, (white with clear sleeve cover)
- 1 Zippered pencil pouch (fits in a binder)
- 1 Metal ring for word cards
- Oversized paint shirt – labeled (FOR ART)
- 1 Wide-ruled composition journal
- 1 Large container of Clorox wipes
- 1 set child headphones - labeled with name for I-pads
- 1 water bottle labeled with name (Please return filled each day)

\*Markers and colored pencils may need to be replaced at semester.

**PLEASE LABEL EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WITH CHILD'S NAME**

### GRADE 1 – KATIE BRINAMEN / ANNE REGIER

- Book bag
- 8 – #2 plain pencils
- 2 Large erasers and pencil top erasers
- 4 – Colored fine tip expo dry erase markers
- 1 – Jumbo glue stick
- Pencil box (labeled)
- 1 Small box of crayons - 24 or less
- 2 –Durable **PLASTIC** pocket folders
- 1 Box of sharpened colored pencils
- 1 Box classic colored markers
- 1 Over-sized paint shirt (FOR ART) - **Labeled**
- 1 Container of Clorox wipes
- 1 Set ear buds or small headphones
- 1 – 3 Ring binder – 1" wide (White w/Clear Sleeve)
- 1 – 3 Ring binder – 1" wide (any color)
- 3 Tab dividers
- 1 Wide Ruled Notebook
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex (250 count)

\*Markers and colored pencils may need to be replaced at semester

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### GRADE 2 – KASEY BLASE

- 1 Large book bag
- 2 – Large Erasers
- 3 – Jumbo glue sticks
- 1 Bottle of glue
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Colored pencils (Twistables are fine with me!)
- 1 Large box Kleenex (250 + count)
- Pencil Box
- Thick washable markers
- Dry Erase markers
- Composition notebook
- 2 – Durable **PLASTIC** pocket folders
- 5 – #2 pencils
- 1 Container Clorox wipes
- 1 Set of headphones or ear buds (need to fit comfortably)
- Oversized paint shirt

**PLEASE LABEL EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WITH CHILD'S NAME**



### GRADE 3 – MICHELLE NABER

- Book Bag
- 1 Pencil bag
- Pencils (Regular or Mechanical, if mechanical please send extra lead)
- Erasers - pencil top or large
- 1 Pkg of 4 Dry erase markers (**fine tipped**)
- Colored pencils (twistables)
- 1 Box of broad tip classic colored markers
- Scissors
- 1 Composition notebooks
- 1 Container Clorox wipes
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex (250+ count)
- 1 Set of earbuds or small headphones for iPads
- 1 Red double pocket folder
- 1 - 3 Ring binder 1" wide
- 1 package of wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 1 Oversized paint shirt (**FOR ART**)
- Water bottle

### GRADE 4 – KIM HIEBNER

- Pencils – Regular or Mechanical)
- Erasers – pencil top or large
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex (250+ count, shared with the class)
- Markers – broadline – 10 count
- Crayons – 24 count
- Expo Dry erase markers – 8 pack, broad tip
- Eraser for Dry Erase Board
- 2 Jumbo glue sticks
- Scissors
- Oversized paint shirt for Art
- Earbuds or headphones
- 1 package of wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 2 pencil bags - please do not bring pencil boxes

### GRADE 5 & 6 – TARA MALTSBERGER/KATIE WAEGLI/ CHRISTA GERGEN/GREG VEERHUSEN

- Pencils
- 2 Glue sticks
- 2 Red pens
- 1 Box of colored pencils or crayons
- 1 Box of markers
- 1 Sharpie (black) (fine or extra fine point)
- 4 Highlighters – different colors
- 4 Expo dry erase markers and eraser
- Scissors
- 1 Package of 3x5 index cards
- 6 - **3 Hole punch double pocket folders (no brads or prongs)**
- 1 - 3 Ring binder
- 1 Pack of lined loose leaf paper
- 5 Composition notebooks
- 1 Large boxes of Kleenex
- Deodorant
- 1 Oversized paint shirt (**FOR ART**)
- 1 Set of ear buds/headphones
- Water bottle

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## 2021-2022 Heartland Community Schools Jr High & High School Supplies

### **JH HOMEROOMS**

2 boxes of Kleenex  
2 containers of Clorox wipes

### **ACCOUNTING I & II - Mrs Most**

Pencils  
Eraser  
Calculator  
Folder or 3-ring binder  
Book Cover  
Box of Kleenex

### **AG CLASSES (Including Welding and Projects) - Mrs Miller**

3-Ring Binder w/notebook paper  
Folder  
Writing Utensil

### **ART JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL - Mrs Gooder**

Sketchbook 9"x 12" or 8.5" x 11" (ring binding preferred)  
2 pocket folder (if Sketchbook has pockets folder isn't needed)

### **BAND - Mr Schweitzer**

Instrument in good playing condition

### **CAREERS 8TH GRADE - Mr Sundberg**

2 Pocket Folder

### **CALCULUS - Mrs Buzek**

Writing Utensil  
Notebook paper  
Texas Instruments TI-83+/TI-84+ Graphing Calculator

### **COMPUTER APPLICATIONS & 7TH KEYBOARDING - Mrs Most**

Folder  
Black and Red pens  
Box of Kleenex

### **ENGLISH AND READING 7TH & 8TH - Mrs Struckman**

Loose Leaf Paper  
3-Ring Binder  
Highlighters/Pens/Pencils  
Composition Notebook

### **ENGLISH I, II, III, IV, 9, 10, 11, 12 - Mrs Rodrigues**

Notebook paper  
Pencils  
Pens  
Highlighters  
Folder  
Index cards  
Box of Kleenex

### **FCS - Mrs Anne Regier**

None

### **GEOMETRY - Mrs Buzek**

Writing Utensil  
Notebook paper  
Scientific calculator (good choices are TI-30X IIS or Casio fx115ES)

### **HEALTH - Mr Wetjen**

1 Binder  
1 Notebook (or you may submit assignments electronically)

### **INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS - Mrs Most**

Black and Red pens  
Calculator  
Folder or 3-Ring binder  
Book cover  
Box of Kleenex

### **JOURNALISM - Mrs Struckman**

Notebook  
Pocket Folder  
Pens/Pencils

### **MATH & SCIENCE 7TH & 8TH - Mrs Carrie Regier**

3 Ring binder with dividers for math  
3 ring binder with dividers for science  
Highlighters, pens, pencils  
Loose leaf paper  
Scientific Calculator (TI30 works fine)

### **MATH STANDARDS, PRE-CALCULUS, ALGEBRA I & II**

#### **- Ms Widick**

Notebook paper and/or Notebook  
Scientific TI 83+ or TI 84+ Graphing Calculator (if taking additional math classes)

### **MUSIC 7th & 8th, MIXED CHORUS - Mr Hall**

No supplies needed

### **PERSONAL FINANCE, ECONOMICS, MARKETING,**

#### **BUSINESS LAW - Mrs Most**

Black pens  
Folder or 3 Ring binder  
Book cover  
Box of Kleenex

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Mr Wetjen**

Shorts  
T-Shirt  
Running Shoes  
Water Bottle

### **PHYSICAL SCIENCE, BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS - Mr Regier**

Notebook for taking notes  
3-Ring binder  
Scientific Calculator (can make calculations in scientific notation)

### **RESOURCE - Miss Adams**

Pencils  
Notebook  
Box of Kleenex

### **SCIENCE 9TH - Mrs Carrie Regier**

3 Ring binder with paper  
Scientific Calculator  
A brain (preferably your own)

### **SPANISH 1 & 2 - Mr Struckman**

None

### **SPEECH - Mrs Rodrigues**

Notebook paper  
Pencils  
Pens  
Highlighters  
Folder  
Index Cards

### **WOODS, 7th IT, 8th IT, DRAFTING - Mr Buzek**

None



# School Bus Transportation Information for the 2021-2022 School Year

**Do you live outside of the city limits of Henderson  
and have children attending Heartland?**

If you would like for your child to ride the bus, we would appreciate hearing from you! This information will enable the school to design the most efficient routes and have a more accurate record of students riding the bus.

Please return this form to the school office by July 3, 2021, and thank you for your cooperation!

**List every child in your family that will be riding the bus:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Regular Basis</u>	<u>Seldom Basis</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**Parent's Signature**

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**\*Imagine Your Story\***  
**Summer Reading Program**  
**June 15th - July 22nd**  
**Heartland Community**  
**School's Elementary Library**



The Library will be open Tuesdays & Thursdays in Henderson from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for 6 weeks. These hours are for children wanting to check out a book, we will not be having a story time this summer. Weekly prizes will be awarded for every 100 minutes read. Children reading 5 out of the 6 weeks will be rewarded with a grand prize. All preschool and elementary students are welcome to come to participate in the program. Children who spend part of their summer reading or being read to are more likely to read well when they return to school in the fall. The Summer Reading Program gives children the chance to read at their leisure and develop a wider appreciation of books. We look forward to seeing you at the library!

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