



# THE HUSKIE LEADER



**May 2022**

## Heartland Community School News

# SUMMER



**Summer Reading  
Program  
PK - 6th Grade  
"Oceans of Possibilities"  
June 14th - July 21st  
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. 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 and participate in the program. Reading packets will be sent home with the students at the end of school. Packets are also available at the office. 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.



### OUR MISSION

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

**May 3**

12:00 PM Elementary Field Day (make-up date)

**May 8**

2:30 PM Graduation

**May 9**

8:00 PM School Board Meeting

**May 12**

District Track

**May 13**

Elementary Spring Sing

**May 15**

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Retirement Open House for Mr Best

**May 16 & 17**

District Golf

**May 17**

Last Day of School

**May 20 & 21**

State Track @ Omaha Burke

**May 24 & 25**

State Golf @ Elks Country Club, Columbus

**June 14 - July 21**

Summer Reading Program

## HEARTLAND SCHOOLS GRADUATION

The Heartland Community Schools Commencement activities will be held on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. in the north gym.

**Congratulations 2022  
Heartland Graduates!**



### Heartland Represented at National Level

Recently Mr. Best and Mr. Carr were asked to present at the National School Board conference in San Diego.

The presentation focused on the great work of the board, staff, and patrons in the implementation of our behavioral and mental health program in cooperation with Fillmore County Hospital.



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Henderson/Bradshaw



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## 4TH GRADE

4th grade students recently visited the Archway in Kearney and Rowe Sanctuary Wildlife Refuge in Gibbon.



## 5th GRADE

5th graders made their way to Lincoln to enjoy the sights of our capital city.

### GOVERNOR'S MANSION



### CAPITOL BUILDING AT LINCOLN'S STATUE



### ANN WILLIAMS'S ART CENTER



### ROTUNDA

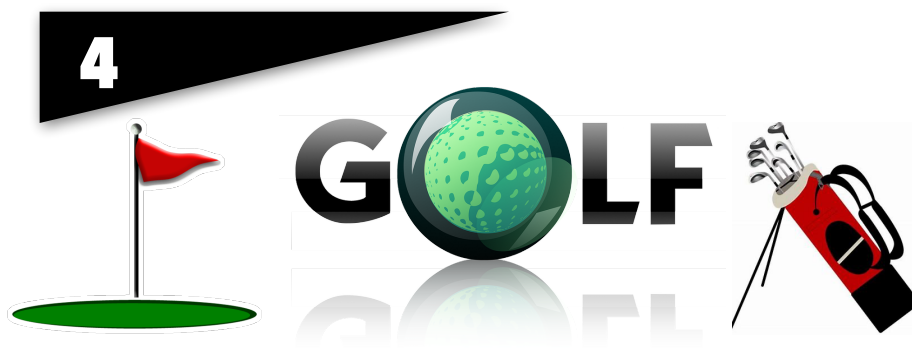


### PIC•COLLAGE

## 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. Thank you!





**T**he Heartland Huskies boys golf team has been hard at work in the month of April. They traveled to Friend and battled through the wind, with the team finishing in 6th with a 410. Jacob Regier led the team with a 98 and placed 12th. Creighton Friesen followed with a 99 and placed 14th. Alex Goertzen finished with a 105, Andrew Franz finished with a 108, and Ryan Hiebner rounded out the team with a 120. The Huskies then traveled to Geneva for the Fillmore Central Invite. The team improved and finished 1st with a 396. Jacob Regier placed 3rd with a 92 and Mason Hiebner placed 4th with a 94. Alex Goertzen and Creighton Friesen both finished the day with a 105 and Reeve Oswald finished with a 108. On April 20th, the Huskies were back at it at David City for the David City Invite. They were close to breaking the team score record finishing 3rd with a 334. Mason Hiebner finished with a career low 77 and placed 3rd. Creighton Friesen also finished with a career low 84. Reeve Oswald finished with an 86 and Jacob Regier finished with an 87. Alex Goertzen finished with a season low of 92.





## **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 2022-2023 school year will need a sports physical (this is in addition to the 7th grade physical)

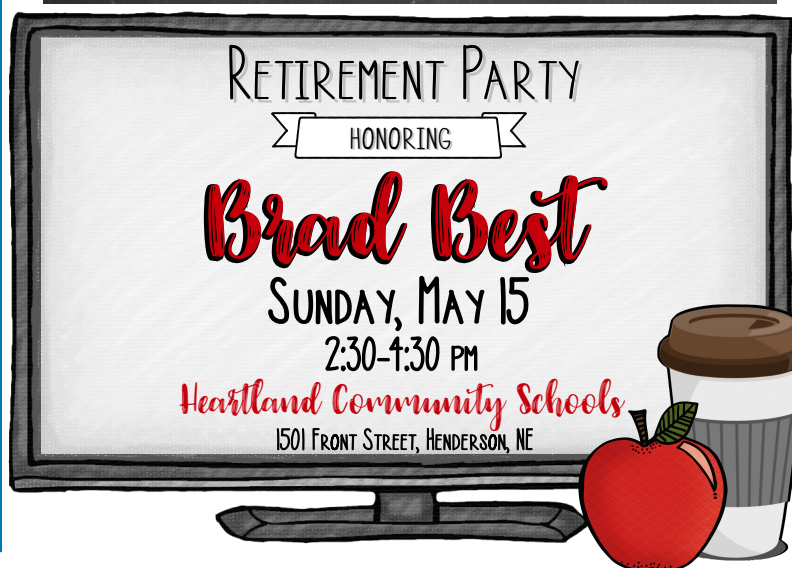
**Sports Physical: \$60**

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.

## **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 2nd - 6th**



## **2022 Drivers Education**

Drivers Education classes will be offered to Heartland students through Nebraska Drives. The classes will take place at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson. Open to all area students who are 14 years of age by October 10, 2022. All students need a permit as soon as possible.

Date: June 27 - June 30, Monday - Thursday

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Driving: Set by appointments, 5 1/2 hours total, online sign up with a partner

Cost: \$405 payable to Nebraska Drives due by the first day of class.

May be mailed to PO Box 345, Henderson, NE 68371

\*Only one session will be offered this summer, June 27th - 30th, from 8:00am to 1:00pm with driving scheduled on students' own time.

Contact information: [nebraskaroadways@gmail.com](mailto:nebraskaroadways@gmail.com)

David Coleman Home 402-723-4595 or Cell 402-309-3913



# Bond Issue Info

The ideas for these proposals precipitated from a building and facility study completed over the last 9 months. From that study, it was apparent that there were instructional needs for teaching in small groups, security needs, and updates to areas of the building that have not seen renovation in the last 40 years.

Teaching strategies have changed over the last 4 decades and security issues have, unfortunately, come to the forefront of what the district deals with on a daily basis. The instructional space limitations and limited ADA access in the weight room and locker rooms also contribute to potential safety issues as training regiments have changed significantly in that period of time.

For many years, the preschool and daycare options along with a housing shortage have limited growth in our communities and in some cases affected business' ability to hire new staff. The board would like the patrons to decide if they want to make this investment in the future of our school and communities.

Fortunately, we have also seen a trend in the last 10 years of former graduates returning to the area to work and raise their families. The City of Henderson is beginning work on a 30+ lot housing subdivision and Bradshaw has had conversations of expanding housing, both of which will certainly bring more families to the Heartland district.

The school board has passed a resolution calling for a bond issue vote at the May primary election. The ballot will include two questions. While they are both planned to accommodate and expand services for our families, the two questions are not dependent upon one another. As standalone projects, one may fail while the other may pass.



## Question #1

To complete additions and renovations in these areas:

- Front entrance renovation for security and necessary updates;
- Additional classrooms to provide space for changes in instructional strategies and increasing enrollment;
- New locker rooms and weight room to provide necessary updates, ADA access, improve safety surrounding physical education and activities, and secure community access;
- Connecting the satellite ag and industrial tech shop with the main building to provide for increased security and environmental advantages;
- Add air conditioning and replace the bleachers in the north gymnasium.

**\$5.69 Million**







## Question #2

To complete an addition to::

- House expanded preschool services;
- Serve as a secure facility for before and after school care;
- Provide space designed to house a community operated daycare facility.

\$1.37 Million



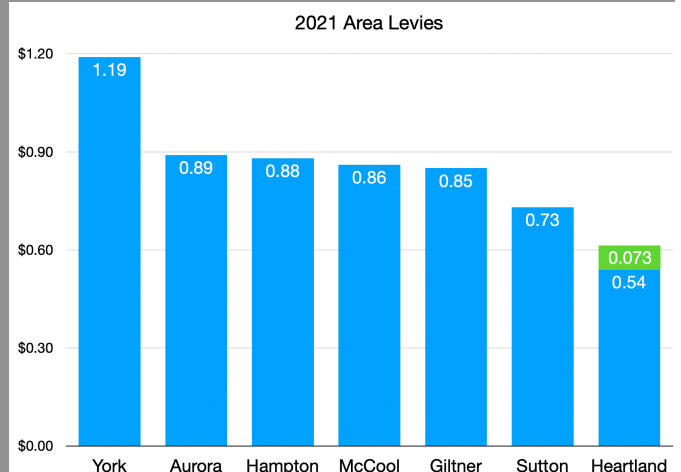
### *Tax Impact for Question #1:*

- Every \$100,000 in residential or commercial property translates to an increase of \$59.00 per year or \$4.92 per month.
- For every \$100,000 of agricultural property, one would expect to pay an additional \$29.50 per year or \$2.46 per month. Using a per acre value of \$10,000, the taxes would be approximately \$2.95 per acre per year.

### *Tax Impact for Question #2:*

- Every \$100,000 in residential or commercial property translates to an increase of \$14.00 per year or \$1.17 per month.
- Agricultural land would be valued at 50% for bond purposes, so for every \$100,000 of property, one would expect to pay an additional \$7.00 per year or \$0.58 per month. Using a per acre value of \$10,000, the taxes would be approximately \$0.70 per acre per year.

**Heartland's current tax levy is \$0.54. The total levy for both projects would add \$0.073, bringing the total levy \$0.613. Even at this higher rate, we would maintain a levy \$0.12 below our lowest taxing neighboring school.**



# HEARTLAND FBLA ATTENDS THE NEBRASKA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Thirty-six Heartland FBLA members attended the Nebraska State Leadership Conference in Kearney on April 11-13. Seventeen students won 23 awards during the three-day conference. Students attending the conference along with adviser Kristy Most and parent chaperone Sarah Goertzen were: (Seniors) Ashley Brown, Cynthia Cerveney, Ella Friesen, Elizabeth Mestl, Dawson Ohrt, Ayden Rea, Mason Regier, Abigael Stebbing, and Kale Wetjen; (Juniors) Liliana Alvarez, Tucker Bergen, Lilly Carr, Eloise Casper, Riley Goertzen, Savannah Hurlbut, Felicity Johnson, Owen Mierau, Trev Peters, and Garrett Regier; (Sophomores) Kaylee Goertzen, Hayden Mierau, Naomi Onnen, Hunter Perez, Hudson Regier, Reese Regier, Ava Stebbing, Hendric Switzer, Mariah Tessman, and Nicholas Thieszen; (Freshmen) Jaelyn Brown, Brady Goertzen, Lydia Jahnke, Isabel Johnson, Siddalee Kliwer, Weston Ohrt, and Austin Schmidt.

The keynote speaker of the Opening Session was Brooks Harper. He is from Columbia, South Carolina, and is an author, speaker, and career expert. His keynote led students through the steps to develop, market, and sell their talents, skills, and abilities to bring tangible value to the marketplace. Turn learning into earning! The leadership conference was filled with testing, presenting and job interviewing. The group also enjoyed swimming, bowling, and miniature golfing. The top eight winners in each event were announced at the Awards Program on Wednesday morning. The students who placed in the top of each event will represent Nebraska at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago this summer. The following students won top eight awards:

**Austin Schmidt**

1st Introduction to Business Concepts  
1st Word Processing  
2nd Introduction to Information Technology  
4th Introduction to Financial Math

**Lydia Jahnke**

2nd Introduction to Business Concepts

**Dawson Ohrt and Kale Wetjen**

3rd Sports and Entertainment Management

**Hendric Switzer**

3rd Introduction to Business Concepts

**Kaylee Goertzen**

3rd Introduction to Business Procedures

**Brady Goertzen, Weston Ohrt, Austin Schmidt**

3rd International Business

**Tucker Bergen, Trev Peters, Kale Wetjen**

4th Entrepreneurship

**Elizabeth Mestl**

5th Word Processing

**Nicholas Thieszen**

5th Accounting I

**Isabel Johnson**

5th Introduction to Business Procedures

**Riley Goertzen, Dawson Ohrt, Abigael Stebbing**

6th Marketing

**Owen Mierau**

7th Computer Problem Solving

**Kaylee Goertzen and Ava Stebbing**

7th Publication Design

The following students won Honorable Mention awards which recognized those who placed in the top 4% of each competitive event:

**Kale Wetjen** Economics

**Hendric Switzer** Accounting I

**Nicholas Thieszen** Introduction to Business Procedures

**Lydia Jahnke** Introduction to Business Communication

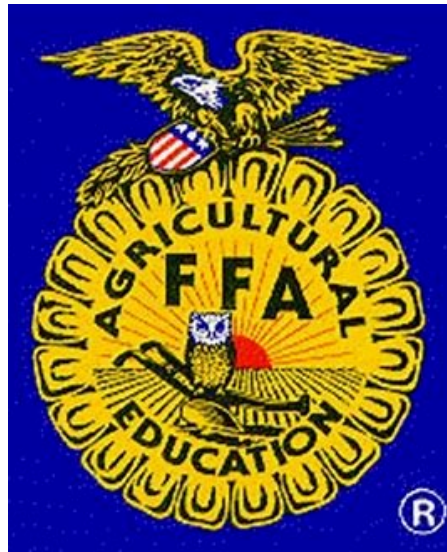
**Weston Ohrt** Introduction to Business Concepts and Introduction to Business Procedures

**Kale Wetjen** earned Who's Who in Nebraska FBLA for our chapter.



**Congratulations to all members for a great conference!!**





## 2022 FFA State Convention



- Alex Goertzen placed 8th in OA welding
- Carson Ott placed 5th in Natural Resources Public Speaking
- Grace Regier received a bronze medal for Senior Public Speaking
- Mason Hiebner placed 3rd in Grain Production Proficiency
- Alex Goertzen, Mason Hiebner, Carson Ott, and Lisa Buller received their State FFA degree at State Convention on April 8
- Alex Goertzen (blue ribbon), Wyatt Panko (white ribbon), Zach Quiring, and Mason Hiebner (white ribbon) competed in Welding. The team received a white ribbon.
- The Food Science team received a white ribbon. Members competing at state were Grace Regier, Kambel Newman, Maddie Maltsberger (red ribbon), and Celesta Teijema (red ribbon)





# Heartland Community Schools May 2022



<b>2</b>	<b>Strawberry Bagel</b>  Grilled Hotdog Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli	<b>3</b>	<b>Cereal</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>Pancake Wrap</b>  French Toast Sticks Egg & Sausage Patty 100% Juice Tri Tater	<b>5</b>	<b>Blueberry Waffle</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>Tornado</b>  Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Steamed Peas Ice Cream	All grains are whole grain rich.  Fresh Fruit and vegetable bar offered daily with lunch.  A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast.
<b>9</b>	<b>Egg &amp; Cheese Biscuit</b> 	<b>10</b>	<b>Cereal</b>  Deli Sandwich Chips Cookie	<b>11</b>	<b>Muffin &amp; Yogurt</b>  Sweet & Sour Chicken Steamed Broccoli Brown Rice	<b>12</b>	<b>Cinnamon Breadstick</b> 	<b>13</b>	<b>Cherry Frudel</b>  Popcorn Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Dinner Roll Steamed Peas	A variety of low-fat and fat-free milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch.  Menu is subject to change without notice.  All beef is donated and locally raised.
<b>16</b>	<b>Apple Bosco Stick</b> 	<b>17</b>	<b>Variety Breakfast</b> (7:45 Breakfast Only)  Last Day of School <b>NO LUNCH</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>19</b>		<b>20</b>		
<b>23</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>25</b>		<b>26</b>		<b>27</b>		
<b>30</b>		<b>31</b>								

# SUMMER



# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month	2 ■ 9:00 AM Teacher Appreciation Week ■ 10:00 AM Track: Varsity vs. Fairbury, Shickley, Cooper, Dasher, Davenport, & Central Middle School Friend ■ 12:30 PM Track: JH vs. Heartland Community Brainerd-Davenport/ Shickley Coop Exeter-Miligan Fillmore Central Middle School Friend Hampton Harvard Hastings Catholic Schools Meridian Sandy Creek Junior/ Senior > Multiple Schools (Away)	3 ■ Teacher Appreciation Week ■ 9:00 AM Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Heartland Community Brainerd-Davenport/ Shickley Coop Dasher Davenport Exeter-Miligan Fillmore Central Friend Hastings Catholic Schools High Plains Community Milford Osceola Sandy Creek Junior/Senior > Multiple Schools (Away) ■ 12:00 PM Elementary Field Day (rain date)	4 Quiz Bowl (underclassmen) Math Day @ Thayer Central ■ ... Teacher Appreciation Week	5 Cinco de Mayo ■ ... Teacher Appreciation Week ■ 1:00 PM Track: Varsity vs. Heartland Community High Plains Community Milford Superior Junior/Senior > Multiple Schools (Away) ■ 9:30 PM Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Central Junior-Senior (Away)	6 ■ Teacher Appreciation Week ■ 10:00 AM Track: JH vs. Thayer Central Community School (Away)	7
8 Mother's Day ■ 2:30 PM Graduation	9 ■ 10:00 AM Track: JH vs. Thayer Central Community School Make up day (Away) ■ 8:00 PM School Board Meeting	10	11 ■ 9:30 AM Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Thayer Central Community School (Away)	12 ■ 10:30 AM District Track: Varsity (Away)	13 ■ 2:00 PM Elementary Spring Sing/Awards	14 Track: JH vs. Gothenburg (Away)
15	16	17 Last Day of School dismiss @ 11:30AM District Golf: Boys Varsity (Away)	18 Professional Development Day	19	20 ■ 9:00 AM State Track: Varsity vs. Omaha Burke (Away)	21 ■ 9:00 AM State Track: Varsity vs. Omaha Burke (Away)
22	23	24 ■ 9:00 AM State Golf: Boys Varsity (Away)	25 ■ 9:00 AM State Golf: Boys Varsity (Away)	26	27	28
29 Memorial Day	30	31 First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month	1	2	3	4

**5TH GRADER IS A FINALIST IN ESSAY CONTEST  
“WHAT MY MOTHER MEANS TO ME”**

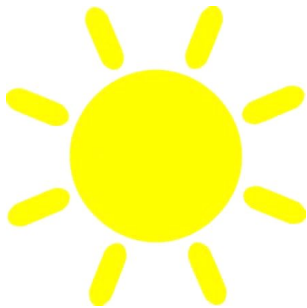


Willabelle Panko was honored as a top 10 finalist for the American Mothers association “What My Mother Means to Me” essay contest. Her essay was chosen from hundreds of essays in the state. She read her essay, alongside her mother Lacey, at the state Capitol building in front of an audience, including Governor Pete Ricketts. Willabelle is in Mrs. Maltzberger’s 5th grade class.

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