



THE HUSKIE LEADER



May 2024

Heartland Community School News



IMPORTANT DATES

April 30

12:00 PM Elementary Field Day

May 5

2:00 PM Graduation

May 6 - 10

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8

District Track @ Kenesaw

May 13

8:00PM School Board Meeting

May 14

District Golf

May 15

Elementary Awards & Spring Sing

May 17

Last Day of School dismiss
@ 11:30AM

May 17 & 18

State Track @ Omaha Burke

May 21 & 22

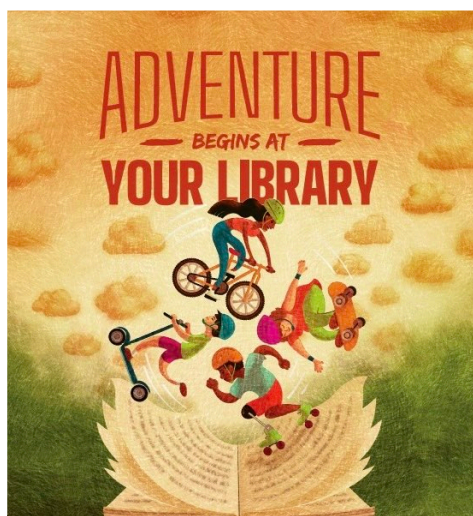
State Golf @ Columbus

May 23 - 25

Band & Choir Trip

June 11 - July 18

Summer Reading Program



SUMMER READING PROGRAM "Adventure Begins At Your Library"

Tuesday and Thursday mornings

June 11th - July 18th

Elementary Library

9:00AM - 12:00PM

***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 - elementary students are welcome to participate. Packets will be sent home with the students at the end of the school year or may also be picked up 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.

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From
the desk
of...

Mr. Jeremy Klein, Superintendent

The Class of 2024 will soon hold its Commencement Exercises and 19 graduates will have successfully completed their K-12 education. The Class of 2024 is an outstanding group of young men and women. They've achieved a great deal of success across a vast array of endeavors and they've given all of us an innumerable number of occasions to be proud of them. Congratulations to all of our graduates and their families.

We are rapidly approaching the conclusion of a successful 23-24 school year here at Heartland Community Schools. All of our students, from our youngest to our oldest, have grown, learned, developed, and excelled in a manner in which we all can be proud. Our teachers, our coaches, and our staff have worked tirelessly to support our students, their learning, and their success. Our parents and our communities also continue to be extremely proud and supportive of our school and the very special opportunities that we provide to our students here at Heartland Community Schools. Heartland Community Schools is a uniquely special place, at the heart of it all are the talented, caring, and supportive people that make up our school and our communities.

The final day of the 23-24 school year will be Friday, May 17th. On that final day of school, there will be an early dismissal at 11:30 AM.

OUR MISSION

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE - Every Student, Every Day

SUPERINTENDENT



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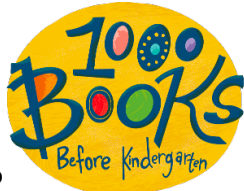
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GRADUATION CEREMONY

*The Heartland Community Schools Commencement Exercises will be held on
Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the north gym.*

*Congratulations to all 2024
Heartland Graduates!*



**TEACHER APPRECIATION
WEEK
MAY 6th - 10th**



Who is eligible?

Any child that resides in the Heartland Community School district ages birth to Kindergarten.

Where do I get gently used books to read and return?

Heartland Community Schools
1501 Front Street / Henderson

Bradshaw Village Office
455 Lincoln St. / Bradshaw

Henderson City Hall
1044 N. Main / Henderson

How do I get started?

- ♦ Pick up a free 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Reading Log at the above mentioned locations.
- ♦ Each time you read a book to your child, record it on your Reading Log. Every 100 books read, bring in your reading log and collect your prize book from a location listed above.

*Teacher
Appreciation
Week*



**Thank You
Teachers!**

HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS

The Heartland High School Robotics Teams competed in the 2024 Create US Open Robotics Tournament on March 21-23 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The teams placed 5th, 9th, and 10th in the skills challenge.

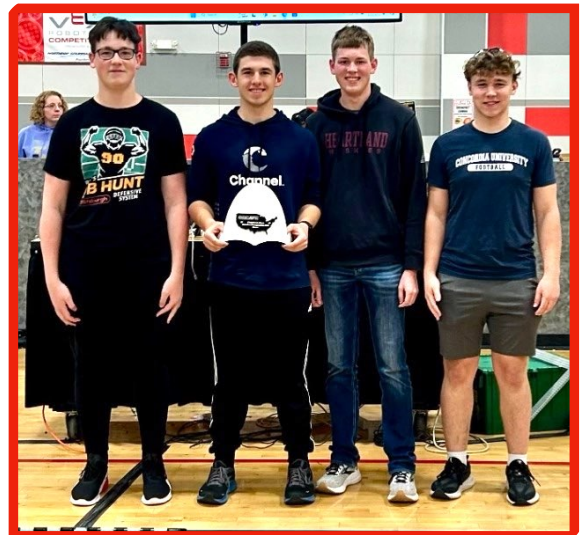
In the Alliance Championship Tournament, they placed 2nd, 3rd, and 5th.

They also won the Honor Award which is considered to be the highest award given.

Congratulations to the teams and their coach, Marc Regier!



Devin Homolka, Leo McCormick, Brady Goertzen, Andrew Franz, Austin Schmidt, Ryan Hiebner, Ben Janzen, Jordan Nolan, Jack McCormick





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: \$80
Sports Physical: \$80

Students grades 7th -12th planning to participate in sports during the 2024-2025 school year will need a sports physical (this is in addition to the 7th grade physical).

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.

Keep scanning this summer!



EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE LABEL:



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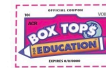


EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES ONLINE?

You can still earn Box Tops for your school with your e-receipt!
See how at [BTFE.com/emailgroceryreceipts](https://www.btfec.com/emailgroceryreceipts)



2024 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. Brochures are available in the school office.

Date: June 24 - June 27, Monday - Thursday

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Driving: Set by appointments, 5 1/2 hours total

Cost: \$415 due by the first day of class.

Contact information: nebraskaroadways@gmail.com

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



HEARTLAND FBLA ATTENDS THE NEBRASKA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Twenty-nine Heartland FBLA members attended the Nebraska State Leadership Conference in Kearney on April 11-13. Thirteen students won 20 awards during the three-day conference.

Students attending the conference along with adviser James McCartney and parent chaperones Stephanie Buzek and Sarah Goertzen were: (Seniors) Carlotta Bertarione, Kaylee Goertzen, Ryan Hiebner, Devin Homolka, Jack McCormick, Hayden Mierau, Hunter Perez, Reese Regier, Hudson Regier, Ava Stebbing, Hendric Switzer, Mariah Tessman, Nicholas Thieszen; (Juniors) Jaelyn Brown, Brady Goertzen, Lydia Jahnke, Isabel Johnson, Jamisen Klein, Siddalee Kliever, and Austin Schmidt; (Sophomores) Samuel Friesen, Mia Hiebner, Laura Splinter, Hallie Tessman; (Freshmen) Tara Buzek, Meggan Friesen, Maddox Regier, and Andi Stebbing.

Our Heartland FBLA Chapter President Austin Schmidt ran for the Office of Nebraska State FBLA Treasurer and ran a strong campaign coming in as one of the top two candidates for the State Treasurer position. Despite the election results not going in his favor, we're incredibly proud of Austin for seizing the opportunity to represent our Chapter and Community during his campaign.

The keynote speaker of the Opening Session was John Beede, an adventurer who has traveled to 56 countries and hiked all the highest mountains. He presented a great message about challenges in becoming a leader, taking a step into the unknown, and the adversity we must face to become successful at what we do.

The leadership conference was filled with testing, presenting, and job interviewing. The group also enjoyed the amenities offered by the Younes conference center location including bowling. The top eight winners in each event were announced at the Awards Program on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

The students who placed in the top of each event will represent Nebraska at the National Leadership Conference in Orlando this summer. The following students won top eight awards:

- **Brady Goertzen, Ryan Hiebner, Austin Schmidt**
 - 1st place Digital Animation
- **Nick Thieszen**
 - 1st Place Business Law
 - 1st Place Personal Finance
- **Lydia Jahnke, Austin Schmidt, Nick Thieszen**
 - 2nd Place International Business
- **Austin Schmidt**
 - 2nd Place Accounting 1
 - 3rd Economics
- **Kaylee Goertzen**
 - 3rd Place Spreadsheet Applications
- **Mariah Tessman**
 - 5th Place Personal Finance
- **Lydia Jahnke, Sidda Kliever**
 - 6th Place Website Coding and Programming
- **Brady Goertzen, Ryan Hiebner, Jack McCormick**
 - 7th Place Graphic Design
- **Mia Hiebner**
 - 8th Place Accounting 1

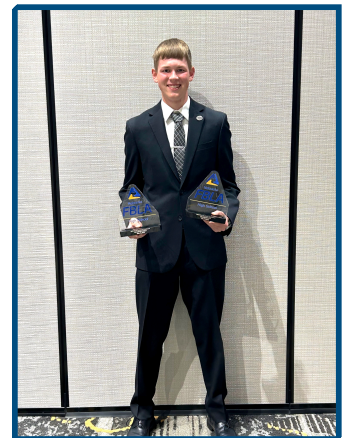


The following students won Honorable Mention awards which recognized those who placed in the top 4% of each competitive event:

- **Isabel Johnson**
 - Advertising
- **Lydia Jahnke**
 - Business Law
- **Tara Buzek**
 - Intro to Business Concepts
 - Intro to Business Communication
 - Intro to Financial Math
- **Sam Friesen**
 - Intro to Information Technology
- **Austin Schmidt**
 - Personal Finance
- **Hendric Switzer**
 - Personal Finance

Nick Thieszen earned Who's Who in Nebraska FBLA for our chapter.

Congratulations to all members for a great conference!!



The Heartland FFA competed and participated in the Nebraska State FFA Convention April 3rd through the 5th. Members who attended State Convention had the opportunity to compete in competitions, attend sessions, and participate in workshops, help with the courtesy corp, and package food for those less fortunate.

Ben Janzen, Zach Miller, Hayden Powers, and KatrinaMarie Epp participated in the State Choir.

Allie Boehr, Andrew Franz, and Ben Janzen received their State FFA degrees, the highest degree that the state can bestow on them.

The Food Science team consisting of Allie Boehr, Riley Quiring, Grace Splinter, and Faith Hiebner received blue as a team. Grace Splinter received blue individually in the food science competition and Faith Hiebner received a white.

The Ag Science team consisting of Emma Ott, David Hiebner, Kinsley Friesen, and Hayden Powers received red as a team. Individually, Emma Ott received blue, and David Hiebner, Kinsley Friesen, and Hayden Powers all received red.

The livestock judging team consisted of Kaleb Ostrander, Brayden Ogorzolka, Maddie Janzen, and Miles Kliever. Individually, Brayden Ogorzolka received a red ribbon.

Emma Ott received silver for creed speaking.

Allie Boehr placed 3rd in the Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism Management proficiency area. Ben Janzen placed 1st in the forage production proficiency area.

Ben Janzen was also recognized as a state star finalist for his work in forage production.



Seniors Allie Boehr, Ben Janzen, and Andrew Franz received their State FFA Degree.



Ben Janzen was recognized as a State Star Finalist in Agriculture Production.



Senior Allie Boehr placed 3rd in the area of Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism Management Proficiency. Senior Ben Janzen placed 1st in the Forage Production Proficiency area.



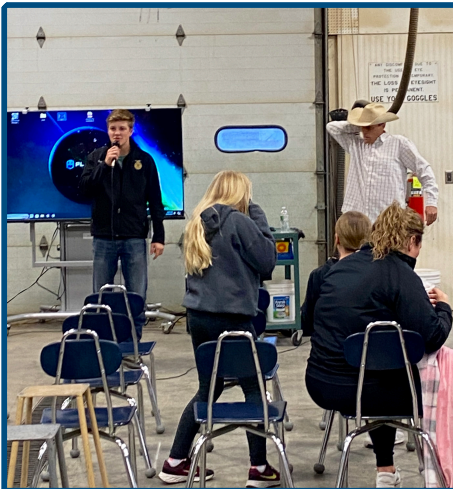
Junior Livestock Judging Team members had an early morning on Friday, April 5th. Team members are Maddie Janzen, Miles Kliever, Brayden Ogorzolka, and Kaleb Ostrander.

FFA



Food Science team members had an early morning on Thursday, April 4th. Team members are Riley Quiring, Grace Splinter, Allie Boehr and Faith Hiebner.

Community members gathered to attend the Heartland FFA shop party and had the opportunity to purchase a hamburger meal as well as a bidder's ticket. A total of 179 burger meals were sold. Those who purchased a bidder's ticket had the opportunity to walk around the Ag classroom and bid on items that were provided by FFA members. Items ranged from gift baskets to hours of labor. Thanks to local connections, the FFA also invited YouTube sensation Farmer Derek to present. He talked about how he got started with his YouTube videos and the experiences he has had since starting his channel. The freshmen in Agriscience class, completed agriscience research projects and had them on display as well. The FFA members would like to thank the community for attending and for all their purchases.



President Ben Janzen introduces YouTuber sensation, Farmer Derek Klingenberg.



All members donated items to the annual Silent Auction. This year the auction was staged in the Ag classroom.



David Hiebner stands with his agriscience fair experiment. All freshmen in the agriscience class were expected to complete an experiment. They ranged from Diesel additives to nutritional differences in cattle feeds.

hello SUMMER

1ST GRADE FIELD TRIP TO AURORA EDGERTON CENTER





Heartland Community Schools May 2024



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All grains are whole grain rich.

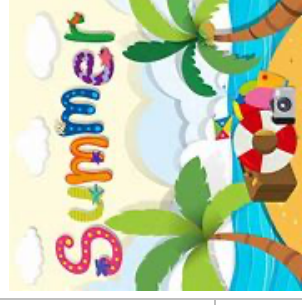
Fresh fruit and vegetable bar offered daily with lunch.

A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast.

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.



May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	12:30 PM JH Track @ Sutton 6:00 PM Facility Walk Through 7:00 PM Bond Election Meeting @ Heartland South Gym	Art Show 9:00 AM Boys Golf @ Sutton 12:00 PM Elementary Field Day (Rain Date) 7:00 PM Awards Night		Boys Golf SNC @ Sutton 1:00 PM HS Track @ Sutton	10:00 AM JH Track SNC @ Fillmore Central	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Cinco de Mayo Orthodox Easter 2:00 PM Graduation	Teacher Appreciation Week		HS Track Class D District Meet 9:30 AM Boys Golf @ Thayer Central	4:00 PM Boys JV Golf @ Galaway Creek		11:00 AM JH State Track @ Gothenburg
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day	8:00 PM School Board Meeting	Boys District Golf @ Indianhead Golf Course	2:00 PM Elementary Spring Sing / Awards @ home		State Track Meet @ Omaha Burke Stadium Last Day of School dismiss @ 11:30AM	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Boys State Golf Meet @ Columbus	FFA COLT Conference Boys State Golf Meet	Band & Choir Trip		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Memorial Day					

Open Letter to the Heartland Family,

I would like to thank the Smorgasbord Committee and the Band Parents for all of the special events planned for Smorgasbord this year. This made it a very special event for my family and myself. Heartland Community Schools is a very special place to be a part of.

All of my children have had the opportunity to start kindergarten here and walk out the door as a Henderson or Heartland graduate. The success they have had is a large part due to the education they received here.

Words alone can not express the gratitude I have for the Henderson and Bradshaw communities. I have enjoyed the people here and all of the graduates who live all over the world have touched my life. All of the notes people wrote will be cherished. On behalf of my family and myself, thank you again for the opportunity to be here and may God's blessings be upon everyone.

~ Royce Schweitzer

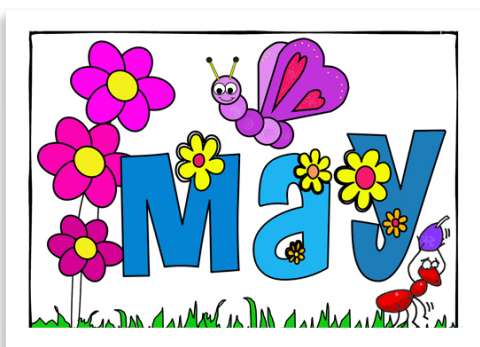


Royce Schweitzer and Willabelle Panko with a quilt presented to him at the Smorgasbord Concert. The quilt was made by Lacey Panko featuring past Heartland Smorgasbord t-shirts.

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