



HEARTLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HUSKIE LEADER

May 2025



Summer Reading Program

June 10th - July 17th

Heartland Community School Elementary Library

(Enter through the Junior High doors)

9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

The theme is **COLOR OUR WORLD**. Entrance for summer reading will be through the west Junior High hallway since the front lobby will be under construction.

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.

Reading packets will be sent home with the students at the end of the school year. Additional packets may be picked up at the office. All preschool and elementary students are welcome 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 1

6:30PM FFA Banquet

May 6

7:00 Awards Night

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

May 11

2:00 PM Graduation

May 12

School Board Meeting

May 21

Last Day of School
dismiss @ 11:30

June 10 - July 17

Summer Reading Program

August 14th

First Day of School

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE

- Every Student, Every Day



Mr. Jeremy Klein, Superintendent

Graduation

Heartland High School will hold its 27th Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 11th. The ceremony will be held in the north gym and will begin at 2 PM. The Class of 2025 will include 22 graduates who will have successfully completed their K-12 education. This year's graduating class is an outstanding group of young men and women. Over these past years, they've demonstrated a wide range of talents, and they've given us many occasions to be proud of them. Congratulations to all our graduates and to their families.

Last Day Of School

We are rapidly approaching the conclusion of a successful 24-25 school year here at Heartland Community Schools. The final day of the 24-25 school year will be Wednesday, May 21st. There will be an early dismissal at 11:30 AM on that final day of school.

Construction Project

Steady progress continues to be made on our comprehensive facilities and construction project. We anticipate being near completion in our early childhood/daycare building, our locker room weight room addition, and our expanded activities entrance by late-May or early-June. While the area will not be finished, we are striving for being able to utilize the new activities entrance for our May 11 th graduation ceremony in the north gym. We also plan to have limited occupancy in our weight room facility on May 27th which will allow our coaches and student-athletes to utilize the new weight room facility during the entire summer offseason.

While much of the project will be approaching completion in the early part of summer, there will be considerable work that will still need to be completed during the brief summer break.

The main entrance/office renovation will begin immediately after the end of the school year with the goal of completing this area prior to the start of the 25-26 school year. The north gym will also be an area where a great deal of work will be done during the summer. The removal of existing bleachers, the installation of HVAC, the refurbishment of the gym floor, and the installation of new bleachers will all take place in the north gym during the summer months.

Work in the north gym is likely to run through mid-July. Fire suppression installation in both the new and the existing buildings began in early-January, and completion of this installation is also likely to run through mid-July.

Our general contractor (Hausmann Construction) and our design team (Clark & Enersen Partners) have been great partners throughout the entire process. We continue to strive for substantial completion of the entire project prior to the start of the 25-26 school year, and we're confident that our school and our communities will be proud of the final product.

H & H Sports Cooperative

The H & H Bearcats comprehensive sports cooperative between Heartland Community Schools and Hampton Public Schools continues to take shape in preparation for the coming 2025-2026 school year. All coaching spots for the Fall seasons have been successfully hired and filled.

Hiring for the Winter seasons is currently underway, and head coaches for both the boys and the girls high school basketball teams have been selected. A working group that includes representatives from both districts is working with UNANIMOUS, a creative and graphic design agency out of Lincoln, on the development of branding and logo assets. The group hopes to complete its initial work in May.

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GRADUATION CEREMONY

*The Heartland Community Schools
Commencement Exercises will be held on
Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the
north gym.*

*Congratulations to all 2025
Heartland Graduates!*



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 5TH - 9TH



HEARTLAND NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Thirteen new National Honor Society Inductees



The senior members received their honor cords for graduation



Thirteen students were inducted into the Heartland Community Schools National Honor Society chapter. The evening started with the current officers reviewing the four pillars that membership is based on. As each candle was lit, the qualities of Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service were outlined. After the repeating of the pledge by new inductees, the officers for the 2025-2026 school year were announced. The outgoing senior members were recognized by sharing their future plans and were given gold cords to wear at the upcoming graduation ceremony.

HEARTLAND FBLA ATTENDS THE NEBRASKA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Twenty-eight Heartland FBLA members attended the Nebraska State Leadership Conference in Kearney on April 10-12. Nine students won 15 awards during the three-day conference.

Students attending the conference along with adviser Karma Yantzie and parent chaperones Stephanie Buzek and Sarah Goertzen were: (Seniors) Luis Alvarez, Jaelyn Brown, Creighton Friesen, Brady Goertzen, Lydia Jahnke, Isabel Johnson, Jamisen Klein, Siddalee Kliever, Emersyn Oswald and Austin Schmidt; (Juniors) Samuel Friesen, Mia Hiebner, Will Regier, Laura Splinter, Holden Switzer, Hallie Tessman; (Sophomores) Tara Buzek, Meggan Friesen, Maddox Regier, and Ariane Sololuze; (Freshmen) Kali Barta, Ashlyn Friesen, Kate Haidle, Sophie Minary, Cadence Swim, and Julia Tessman.

The keynote speaker of the Opening Session was Kyle Willkom, a keynote speaker, author, and entrepreneur. He is focused on helping young people become the best versions of themselves.

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 and mini golf. 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 Anaheim, California this summer.

The following students won top eight awards:

- Tara Buzek
 - 1st Place Accounting 1
- Austin Schmidt
 - 1st Place Accounting 2
 - 1st Place Business Law
- Tara Buzek, Brady Goertzen, Austin Schmidt
 - 2nd Place Website Coding & Development
- Mia Hiebner, Lydia Jahnke
 - 2nd Place Financial Statement & Analysis
- Isabel Johnson
 - 3rd Place Advertising
- Lydia Jahnke, Jamisen Klein, Siddalee Kliever
 - 3rd Place Digital Animation
- Austin Schmidt
 - 4th Place Future Business Leader
- Kate Haidle
 - 5th Place Introduction to Business Communication
- 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:

- Tara Buzek
 - Intro to Business Concepts
 - Intro to Financial Math
- Mia Hiebner
 - Business Communication
- Lydia Jahnke, Isabel Johnson, Siddalee Kliever
 - Business Management



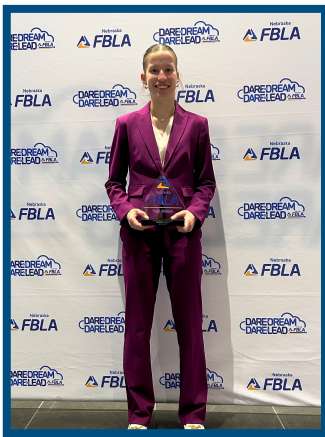
Austin Schmidt

Austin Schmidt earned Who's Who in Nebraska FBLA for our chapter.

Congratulations to all members for a great conference!!

We're proud to announce that Tara and Austin will represent one of the 12 top-scoring teams in the LifeSmarts FBLA Challenge at the National Leadership Conference this summer! The LifeSmarts FBLA Challenge is a dynamic, knowledge-based competition that kicks off online. Out of hundreds of participants across the nation, the top 12 teams from the Fall and Spring Challenges earn the chance to compete live and in person at the NLC.

At the State Leadership Conference, Mrs. Yantzie was recognized for 20 years of service as an FBLA adviser. She has spent two decades helping students grow as leaders and preparing them for the future. Thank you, Mrs. Yantzie, for your dedication and hard work!



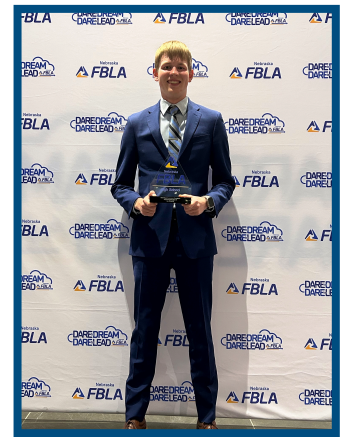
Tara Buzek



Tara, Brady, Austin



Lydia Jahnke and Mia Hiebner



Austin Schmidt



Lydia, Jamisen, Sidda



Austin Schmidt



Mia Hiebner



Kate Haidle



Austin Schmidt



Mia Hiebner



Tara Buzek



Sidda, Lydia, Isabel



Mrs Karma Yantzie



2024 - 2025 FBLA Members



Isabel Johnson



FFA STATE CONVENTION



Blake Goertzen and Zach Miller were selected as State Star Finalists for their respective Supervised Agriculture Experience areas.



Emma Ott 6th overall Food Science



Blake Goertzen received recognition for proficiencies in 2nd place in Grain Production and 3rd place Diversified Agriculture Entrepreneurship



Seniors receiving their FFA State Degrees were Sam Quiring, Jacob Buller, Blake Goertzen, Thane Wetjen, Jace Friesen, Zach Miller, Madison Mason, KatrinaMarie Epp



2025 Nebraska State FFA Awards - Congratulations Heartland FFA Students!

Nine seniors received their state degrees:

- Jacob Buller
- KatrinaMarie Epp
- Jace Friesen
- Cale Friesen
- Blake Goertzen
- Madison Mason
- Zach Miller
- Samuel Quiring
- Thane Wetjen

The chapter received the Connecting Chapters Ag Literacy award and was recognized as a Premier National Chapter Award (Superior rating)!



The Food Science Team placed 2nd. Team members were Emma Ott (placing 6th overall), Kinsley Friesen, Grace Splinter, and Riley Quiring

Two proficiency finalists:

- Blake Goertzen in the area of Diversified Agriculture Entrepreneurship
- Blake Goertzen in Grain Production

Two Top 24 State Star Finalists:

- Zach Miller was a finalist in Placement
- Blake Goertzen was a finalist in Production

The FFA sent two competing teams to state:

- Food Science team placed 2nd (Emma Ott, Kinsley Friesen, Grace Splinter, and Riley Quiring)
- Emma Ott placed 6th in the state
- Agriscience placed 29th (Brian Bearinger, Katy Farrall, Ashlyn Rotter, Damon Ostrander)

Three members were selected into the State Honor Choir:

- Zach Miller
- Braden Janzen
- Lexi Inglsbee

Congratulations to the Heartland FFA Chapter on a great experience at the 2025 Nebraska State FFA Convention!



Zach Miller, Braden Janzen, and Lexi Inglsbee were selected as part of the honor choir.



Heartland Vice Presidents (KatrinaMarie Epp, Thane Wetjen, and Madison Mason) filled out the National Chapter Award and received a superior rating.

Heartland Quiz Bowl at Seward

The Heartland Quiz Bowl team traveled to Seward on April 2nd to participate in the GFWC/NFWC Classic quiz bowl competition.

The day started with each of Heartland's two teams competing in three round-robin matches. Both teams ended the morning with a perfect 3-0 record. When the seedings came out for the double elimination tournament after lunch, the A team was seeded 2nd and the B team was seeded 5th.

The tournament pitted the B team against the B team from McCool Junction for a rematch of an earlier round. The Huskies won 45-20 and then faced the number 4 seed from Nebraska Lutheran A. The match went back and forth with Heartland pulling out a 75-65 victory. This led to a final four matchup with the A team from McCool Junction. The Huskies came out on the losing end of a well played match. The Heartland B team then faced the B team from Nebraska Lutheran and came home with 3rd place.

The A team had a first round bye before taking on the A team from Friend. The Huskies won the match handily and then faced the B team from Nebraska Lutheran for a trip to the finals. The A team won the match 95-55 and then faced the A team from McCool Junction for the championship. The win was never in doubt with a convincing 145-25 victory over the Mustangs. The team brought home the trophy and gold medals.



Austin Schmidt (12), Brian Bearinger (9), Rigs Newton (9), Nic Opfer (10), Tara Buzek (10), Kate Franz (11), Mia Hiebner (11), Andrew Onnen (11)



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2024-25 Heartland Robotics #079600A Team "Spaced Out"



Holdrege Tournament

Nebraska Christian Tournament

3rd Place Alliance Tournament
2nd Place Total Skills
4th Place Driver Skills

Holdrege Tournament

1st Place Alliance Tournament
2nd Place Autonomous Skills
2nd Place Driver Skills
2nd Place in Qualification Tournament
Design Award

NPPD Tournament

1st Place Alliance Tournament
1st Place Driver Skills
1st Place in Qualification Tournament
2nd Place Autonomous Skills

Honor Award

U.S. Open Championships

2nd Place in Qualification Tournament
3rd Place in Alliance Tournament
Amaze Award



NPPD Tournament

Team Members

Brady Goertzen Sr.
Zach Miller Sr.
Austin Schmidt Sr.
Sam Friesen Jr.
Braden Janzen Jr.
Weston Panko Jr.









U.S. Open Championships



Heartland Community Schools May 2025



			1	Cereal Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	2	Tornado 	<div>All grains are whole grain rich.</div> <div>Fresh Fruit and vegetable bar offered daily with lunch.</div> <div>A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast.</div> <div>A variety of low-fat and fat-free milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch.</div> <div>Menu is subject to change without notice.</div> <div>All beef is donated and locally raised.</div> 	
5	Egg & Cheese Biscuit Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli French Bread	6	Strawberry Bagel 	7	Chicken & Biscuit Sweet & Sour Chicken Steamed Broccoli Brown Rice	8		Cinnamon Breadstick 
12	Chocolate Chip French Toast 	13	Long John Deli Sandwich Cookies Chips	14	Apple Frudel Hamburgers Chips Cookie	15		Sausage Biscuit Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Steamed Peas Ice Cream
19	Breakfast Grilled Hotdogs Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli	20	Breakfast Chicken Patty Sandwich French Fries Steamed Peas	21	Breakfast LAST DAY NO LUNCH 11:30 DISMISSAL	22		
26		27		28		29		
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May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 HS Track Central Nebraska Invite @ CINW Cloud 4:00PM HS Track @ Centennial	29 9:30AM Boys JV/Varsity Golf @ Red 5:00PM Art Show	30 Art Show 12:00PM Elementary Field Day	1 2:00PM JH Track @ Fillmore Central 6:30PM FFA Banquet	2 9:00AM 9:00am Academic Signing, Theater	3 10:00AM HS Track SNC @ Tri County TBA
4	5 Teacher Appreciation Week Circo de Mayo 12:30PM JH Track @ Sutton	6 9:00AM Boys Golf @ Sutton 12:00PM Elementary Field Day (Rain Date) 7:00PM Awards Night	7 Underclassmen Quiz Bowl	8 9:00AM Boys SNC Golf @ Galaway Creek 10:00AM HS Track @ Cross County	9 JH SNC Track @ Centennial TBA	10
11 Mother's Day 2:00PM Graduation	12 8:00PM School Board Meeting	13	14 9:30AM Boys Golf @ Thayer Central	15 9:00AM HS Track District Meet TBA 3:00PM Boy/JV Golf @ Galaway Creek	16 1:00PM Elementary Spring Sing / Band Blast and Awards @ home	17 JH Track State Meet @ Cothenburg TBA
18	19 Boys Golf Districts TBA	20 Boys Golf Districts TBA	21 Last Day of School dismiss @ 11:30AM	22	23 State Track @ Omaha Burke	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28 Boys State Golf Meet	29 Boys State Golf Meet	30	31

**Play
Learn
Grow**

**Heartland Preschool Registration
2025 - 2026
Attention parents of 3-5 year olds**

Heartland Preschool is currently gathering interest for the 2025-2026 school year. Preschool serves students ages three to five. Students cannot attend if they are Kindergarten eligible (5 by July 31, 2025).

Please call the school office to express your interest. After doing so, you will need to obtain and submit a time sensitive application to the Heartland School Office. Please note that space is limited and not guaranteed.



Questions call:
402-723-4434

**Children 3 - 5 years old
Cannot be Kindergarten eligible (5 by July 31, 2025)**



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.

School Lunch



The Heartland Community Schools kitchen staff is looking for someone to help our crew for the remainder of this school year and the 2025-2026 school year. Hours would be from 10AM-2:30PM Monday-Friday, on school days only. This would include meal prep, serving and clean up of lunch. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Val Quiring @ 402-723-4434.



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