



HEARTLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HUSKIE LEADER

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Heartland Staff Celebration and Recognition

We recognized a number of staff members on the last workday of this school year at our staff luncheon. Congratulations to those meeting longevity milestones. Left to Right, front row: Michelle Naber (10 years), Katie Waegli (10 years), Valorie Quiring (20 years), Lynn Hall (Retiring), Joshua Struckman (5 years) Anne Regier (15 years), Kelsey Gooder (5 years), Thank you to these employees for all of their work at Heartland.

2026 BEARCAT GOLF



Varsity Golfers won 2nd place at David City meet



Landen Hansen with his 5th place medal at David City



Aiden Bartek competing at SNC meet in Hebron



Bearcat JV players hosted a golf triangular at Galaway Creek



Weston Panko competing at SNC meet



Heartland Elementary

BACK to SCHOOL NIGHT

PK-6 Students and Families

AUGUST 11, 2026

General Session: 6:00pm
(South Gym)

Tour Classrooms:
5:30 - 5:50pm OR After
General Session



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

DONATE BLOOD

FBLA BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who donated blood on May 11th FBLA blood drive. We collected 22 units!

The Heartland FBLA Chapter will host their next blood drive on July 10th.

Friday, July 10, 2026
11:00 AM - 05:00 PM

Faith Evangelical Bible Church
740 S Main Street, Henderson, NE 68371
Room Name: Fellowship Hall

OUR MISSION
EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE - Every Student, Every Day

HCS Finishes Runner-Up in Underclassmen Quiz Bowl

The Heartland Quiz Bowl Team recently traveled to Seward to compete in the Underclassmen Quiz Bowl Tournament.

The morning consisted of three rounds of competition, and the team finished undefeated with victories over McCool Junction B, Nebraska Christian B, and Howells-Dodge. This set the team up to earn the #3 seed in the Small School Division Single-Elimination Tournament.

The Huskies faced the #14 seed from High Plains and defeated them in dominant fashion by a score of 175-20.

The next round was a rematch with the B team from Nebraska Christian, and although the score was much closer this time, the team advanced to the next round.

The third round opponent team was the #2 seed from McCool Junction A. Once again, the team was victorious and advanced to the championship round against the A team from Nebraska Christian.

The match did not go as well as planned, and the Huskies lost a lopsided match to bring home the runner-up trophy.

The quiz bowl team had a very successful season. With a number of members returning and new members joining, we look to build on this year's success.



Runner-up team members: Emma Ott (11), tournament representative, Tara Buzek (11), Rigs Newton (10), Brian Bearinger (10), Nic Opfer (11), and Daniel Vasquez (10)



SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS

It is the policy of Heartland Community Schools, in accordance with the Nebraska law, that special education records be destroyed five years after they are no longer needed to provide educational services to a student.

If your child was dismissed from special education five or more years ago, his/her special education records will be destroyed. A permanent record of name, address, phone number, grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed and year completed will be maintained at the school.

If you would like a copy of your child's records, please contact the school at 402-723-4434. If we do not receive a request from you, your child's records will be destroyed beginning September 15, 2026.

HEARTLAND ACADEMIC SIGNING 2026



Heartland held the 2026 Academic Signing Day on Wednesday, April 29th. Congratulations to the 22 seniors who received scholarships from their institution specifically awarded for academic achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS BEARCAT STATE TRACK COMPETITORS!

H&H BEARCATS

Results

State Track Meet

Maddox in High Jump: 5th place (6'02")
4x800 M Relay: 9th place (8:29.66)
Tara in 800 M Run: 15th place (2:25.93)
Trenton in 1600 M Run: 21st place (4:43.28)

Maddox Regier, Trenton Goertzen, Holden Switzer, Tara Buzek, Brooks Burgess, Zaine Swartzendruber (Alternate), Mason Wiens

FFA SILENT AUCTION & BANQUET



On April 16, 2026, the Heartland FFA tried something new by holding their Silent Auction and Banquet on the same night. The plan worked great and drew a good crowd.

The night started in the South Gym with the Silent Auction. Every FFA member contributed to the auction, by providing gift baskets, homemade ag projects or offering labor. While people shopped and bid, the FFA Booster Club served a hamburger dinner for the Chapter and guests.

After eating, the group moved to the theater for the awards ceremony. It was a busy year, and many students were recognized for their hard work at fairs and competitions. Some of the big moments included:

- Freshman getting their Greenhand degrees
- Sophomores earning their Chapter degrees
- Seniors being honored for receiving their State Degrees
- Braden Janzen winning the FFA Booster Club Scholarship

The night ended with the naming of the new Chapter Officers for next year. A few of the retiring officers gave a small speech, and installed the new officers for the 2026-2027 school year.

- President: Emma Ott
- Vice President: Maddie Janzen
- Reporter/Secretary: Brian Bearinger
- Sentinel: Adrik Friesen
- Treasurer: Nevada Gloystein
- Student Advisor: David Hiebner

It was a very eventful evening, and a great way to celebrate all of the accomplishments of the FFA members during the 2025-2026 school year.





FFA NATIONAL LAND JUDGING



Hearthland FFA had the opportunity to attend the National Land & Range Judging competition, after qualifying back in October. The last time Heartland competed in National Land Judging was in 2022. Team members Lane Farrall, Riley Quiring, Faith Hiebner, and Maddie Janzen traveled to El Reno, Oklahoma for the event. While all 50 states are eligible to compete, there were 35 states represented at this year's competition. Members visited with Natural Resources Conservation employees to learn more about the practices of conserving the soil. While practicing, before the competition, members also got to visit with Natural Resource Conservation Service Chief Aubrey Bettencourt.

Participants must identify the surface and subsurface textures based on feel. This will determine the permeability of the soil. Using no extra tools, they have to decide on the depth of soil and slope. The slope of the land will help determine the amount of surface runoff. Finally, a little bit of math is involved to figure erosion. In Oklahoma, all land is considered Class 1 land. This is the best farm ground available. However, some of the factors that contestants figure will pull the land from a Class 1 land, down to anywhere from a Class 2-8. Classes 1-4 are used for row crops, while Classes 5-8 are used for rangeland and wildlife. Once a class is selected, contestants will prescribe treatments for the land, to assure conservation of the soil.

This year's team placed 30th out of 102 teams. There were 398 FFA members from across the country competing. The Heartland FFA members all placed in the top half of competitors. Placings for Heartland members were: Riley Quiring - 69th, Maddie Janzen - 110th, Lane Farrall - 165th, Faith Hiebner - 187th.

2026-2027 Heartland Community Schools Elementary School Supplies

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 Large Book Bag (easily zipped by child)
- 4- #2 pencils, **sharpened**
- 2 Dry erase markers (large)
- 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)
- 2 Vinyl pocket folders (no brads)
- 3 Ring binder, 1" wide, (white with clear sleeve cover)
- 1 Zippered clear pencil pouch (fits in a 3 ring binder)
- 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
(No bluetooth - need cord)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)



Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)

Tennis shoes required daily for PE

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

PLEASE LABEL EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WITH CHILD'S NAME

GRADE 1

- 1 Large book bag
- Pencil box
- 1 pack of No. 2 pencils
- 2 Plain Erasers
- Set of 4 Dry Erase Markers
- 2 Boxes of Crayons - 24 count
- 2 Folders - two pocket
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 Box of sharpened colored pencils or twistable
- 1 Box of markers
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Pack Binder Dividers (minimum of 5)
- 1 Over-sized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
- 1 set headphones (NO EARBUDS) (No bluetooth - need cord)
- 2 - 1" white binders with clear pocket front
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Large container of Clorox wipes
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)

Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)

Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)

GRADE 2

- 1 Large book bag
- Pencil Box
- 1 Pack of #2 Pencils
- 1 box of Crayons
- Dry Erase markers
- Thick washable markers
- Colored pencils (Twistables are fine with me!)
- 7" Scissors (intermediate size or larger)
- 3 Ring binder, 1" wide (with clear sleeve cover)
- 1 Durable **PLASTIC** pocket folder
- 2 Large Erasers
- 5 Jumbo glue sticks
- 5 Binder Dividers
- 1 Bottle of TACKY glue (BROWN BOTTLE)
- 4 Large boxes of Kleenex (250+ count)
- 1 Container Clorox wipes
- 1 Set of **HEADPHONES - not earbuds (no bluetooth - need cord)**
- Over-sized paint shirt (labeled FOR ART)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)

Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)

Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)

Label all items

GRADE 3

- Book Bag
- 1 Pencil bag or box
- Pencils (Regular or Mechanical, if mechanical please send extra lead)
- Erasers - pencil top or large
- Colored pencils
- Scissors
- 1 Composition notebook

- 1 Container Clorox wipes - shared
 - 2 Large boxes of Kleenex - shared
 - 1 Set of Earbuds or small headphones for iPads
(no bluetooth - need cord)
 - 1 Oversized paint shirt (labeled FOR ART)
 - 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)
- Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)**
- Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)**

GRADE 4

- Pencils – (no mechanical pencils)
 - Erasers – pencil top or large
 - 2 Large boxes of Kleenex- to be shared with the class
 - Markers – classic colors, 10 count
 - Crayons – 24 count
 - Colored Pencils (no more than 36 count)
 - Expo Dry erase markers (do not bring erasers or cleaners)
 - 2 containers of wipes to be shared with the class
 - 2 Jumbo Glue sticks
 - Scissors
 - Oversized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
 - 2 wide ruled composition notebooks
 - Earbuds or headphones (no bluetooth - need cord)
 - 1 package of wide ruled loose leaf paper
 - 1 plastic, 2 pocket folder (blue)
 - Please DO NOT bring any pencil boxes or bags (They will be provided)
 - 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)
- Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)**
- Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)**
- Please leave everything in the original packages**

GRADE 5

- Pencils (regular or mechanical, if mechanical please send extra lead)
 - 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
 - 3-ring binder/trapper and 3 "hole punched folders OR plastic expanding file
 - 1 Pack of lined loose leaf paper (3 hole punched)
 - 3 Composition notebooks
 - 3 Large boxes of Kleenex
 - 1 container of Clorox wipes
 - Deodorant
 - 1 Oversized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
 - 1 Set of earbuds/headphones (no bluetooth - need cord)
 - 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)
- Snack daily (if needed - child is responsible for their own snack)**
- Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)**

GRADE 6

- Pencils (regular or mechanical, if mechanical please send extra lead)
 - 2 Glue sticks
 - 1 Box of colored pencils or crayons
 - 1 Box of markers
 - 1 Sharpie (black, fine or extra fine point)
 - 2 Highlighters - different colors
 - 4 Expo dry erase markers and eraser
 - Scissors
 - Trapper OR plastic expanding file
 - 1" 3 ring binder
 - 4 Composition notebooks
 - 5 folders
 - 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
 - 1 container of Clorox wipes
 - Deodorant
 - 1 Oversized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
 - 1 Set of earbuds/headphones (no bluetooth - need cord)
 - 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)
- Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)**
- Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)**

2026-2027 Heartland Community Schools Jr High & High School Supplies

ACCOUNTING I & II - Mrs Yantzie

Mechanical Pencils (bring lead)
Big Eraser
Calculator
Folder or 3-ring binder
Book Cover
Box of Kleenex

AG CLASSES (Including Welding and Projects) - Mrs Miller

None

ART JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL - Mrs Gooder

Pencils, pens, erasers
Kleenex

BAND - Mr Hiebner

Instrument in good playing condition

CAREERS 8TH GRADE - Mrs Vnoucek

2 Pocket Folder
Pens/Pencils

CALCULUS - Mrs Buzek

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

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS & 7TH KEYBOARDING - Mrs Yantzie

Headphones

ENGLISH AND READING 7TH & 8TH - Mrs Strong

2 Pocket folders for each class
3 Ring binder
Highlighters/Pens/Pencils
Kleenex
Febreeze
Erasers
Headphones/earbuds
2 Expo markers

ENGLISH I, II, III, IV, 9, 10, 11, 12 - Mrs Pinney

3 Ring Binder and Notebook Paper or Spiral Notebook
Pencils
Pens
Highlighters
Folder
4 X 6 Ruled Index cards
1 large box of Kleenex

FCS - Mrs Anne Regier

None

GEOGRAPHY - 7TH GRADE - Mr Reinke

Highlighters
Pens
Pencils
Notebook

GEOMETRY - Mrs Buzek

Notebook paper
Writing utensil
Scientific calculator (good choices are TI -30X IIS or Casio fx115ES)
Calculator on phones will NOT be allowed!

HEALTH - Mr Wetjen

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

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS - Mrs Yantzie

Folder or 3-Ring binder
Book cover
Box of Kleenex

JOURNALISM - Mrs Gooder

None

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 (T130 works fine)

MUSIC 7th & 8th, MIXED CHORUS - Mrs Linabery

None

PERSONAL FINANCE, ECONOMICS, MARKETING,

BUSINESS LAW - Mrs Yantzie

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
Physical Science/Biology - Scientific Calculator
Chemistry/Physics - TI-83+/TI-84+ Graphing Calculator

PRE-CALCULUS, ALGEBRA I & II - Mrs Ruhl

Pencils
3-ring binder and loose-leaf notebook paper and/or Notebook
Scientific Calculator (NMRP, Algebra I and Algebra II) OR TI 83+
or TI 84+ Graphing Calculator (if taking additional math classes)
Calculator on phones will NOT be allowed!

RESOURCE - Mrs Rotter

Pencils

SCIENCE 9TH - Mrs Carrie Regier

3 Ring binder with paper
Scientific Calculator

SOCIAL STUDIES - Mr Jones

Pencils

SPANISH 1 & 2 - Mr Struckman

None

SPEECH - Mrs Pinney

Notebook paper
Pencils
Pens
Highlighters
Folder
4x6 Ruled Index Cards

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

None

*** JH HOMEROOMS**

2 boxes of Kleenex
2 containers of Clorox wipes



School Bus Transportation Information for the 2026-2027 School Year

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

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 1, 2026, 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>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Phone number

Summer EBT

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Summer EBT Benefits!

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- **More Summer Smiles:** Choose the foods your kids love and keep them fueled.

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Email: DHHS.SEBT@Nebraska.gov

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Scan to find out about the Summer EBT program!

Funding provided in part by the United States Department of Agriculture. Summer 2026.

UPCOMING DATES

June 9 - July 16
9:00AM - 12:00PM Tuesday & Thursday
Summer Reading Program, enter through Main Entrance

June 8
7:00PM School Board Meeting

July 13
7:00 PM School Board Meeting

August 4
7:00PM Bearcat Sports Information Meeting in Hampton (7th-12th)

August 10
5:00PM 7th Grade Orientation
7:00PM School Board Meeting

August 10 - 12
Professional Development Days

August 11
5:00PM - 7:00PM
Computer Distribution
6:00PM Back to School Night General Session

August 13
First Day of School Dismiss at 11:40 AM

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