



HEARTLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HUSKIE LEADER

November 2026

HAPPY VETERANS DAY



Heartland Community Schools

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 11, 2026 ~ 9:00 a.m.

Heartland Community Schools Theater

*All veterans and the general public are invited.
A reception for veterans and their guests will follow in the
school cafeteria.*

Enter through the activities entrance doors.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 1

Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 2

7:30 PM Fall Vocal Concert
(Grades 5th-12th)

November 9

7:00 PM School Board Meeting

November 11

9:00 AM Veteran's Day Program

November 16

10:00 AM-4:00 PM NHS Blood Drive

November 23

7:30PM Fall Band Concert (6th-12th)

November 24

7:00 PM One Act Community
Performance

November 25-27

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

November 30

6:00PM Winter Tipoff Food Trucks
7:00PM Winter Tipoff Pep Rally

December 10

2:30PM / 7:00PM
K-6 Holiday Concert

December 11

7:30PM JH/HS Holiday Band
(6th-12th) & Vocal (7th-12th)

December 14

7:00 School Board Meeting
7:30PM Bradshaw Christmas Concert
(9-12)

December 21

No School - Professional Development
Day

December 22 - January 6

No School - Holiday Break

OUR MISSION

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE - Every Student, Every Day



Mr. Jeremy Klein, Superintendent

As the calendar turns to November, we will begin to prepare ourselves for colder weather and the eventual arrival of the winter season. Over the coming months the potential will exist for us to have late starts or school closures due to weather and hazardous, travel conditions. Weather-related decisions regarding late starts and school closings will always be made with the highest regard for the safety our students, parents, and staff.

Information related to late starts or school closures will be shared in a variety of ways to help ensure that you have access to this information in an accurate, timely, and reliable manner. This information will also be provided via phone and email our automated messaging service, School Messenger. Through social media, this information will be shared on the Heartland Facebook and Twitter pages – you can follow these accounts or find them on the homepage of our website. This information will also be provided to the following media outlets: KAWL (1370AM), KHAS, KLKN, NTV, and KOLN.

Our goal will be to make decisions as early as reasonably possible in order to provide parents, students, and staff with as much advance notice as is possible. If decisions can be made the night before a late start or a cancellation, we'll communicate that information no later than 10PM. If closure decisions cannot be made the night before, our goal regarding early-morning decisions will be to communicate with you between 6:00 AM - 6:30 AM.

We ask that you keep the school up to date with your contact information (i.e. phone and email) to ensure that our School Messenger broadcasts are delivered to you. You can verify or update your contact information by contacting the school office at 402-723-4434.

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4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO AG FEST

Fourth Graders went to the York County Fairgrounds to spend the day learning all about Agriculture in the state of Nebraska. We were able to have many different learning opportunities about technology in Ag, dairy cows, and beef products. The favorite seemed to be food science and making our own homemade ice cream!



KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH



The Kindergarten class had a wonderful time at the pumpkin patch! The cold and very windy weather did not keep us from running, bouncing, and picking big pumpkins! A special thank you to the chaperones that helped supervise our kids!

EIGHT FBLA MEMBERS ATTEND 2026 FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Nebraska FBLA Fall Leadership Conference was held on September 22nd in Kearney at the UNK campus. The conference was a one-day workshop for FBLA officers and members. The Nebraska state officers shared the 2026-2027 state goals during the opening general session. The keynote speaker was Patty Hendrickson, a Certified Speaking



Professional. Her presentation focused on being a leader and how to train your younger members to become future leaders.

After the opening general sessions, the officers and members attended workshops presented by the FBLA state officers, Communicate with Confidence, Connections to Contributions, Making the Most of Your Membership, Lean In to Know What You Need to Succeed, and many more.

The following members attended the conference: Tara Buzek - President, Meggan Friesen - Vice President, Maddox Regier - Secretary, Kate Haidle - Treasurer, Ashlyn Friesen, and three additional members Andi Stebbing, Brooks Burgess, and Isabelle Buller as well as Karma Yantzie, Adviser.



HEARTLAND FBLA CONTINUES TO CONNECT WITH ALUMNI

The Heartland FBLA Chapter wants to continue to grow our alumni database. This database will be utilized for a variety of resources to the chapter through connecting our members with potential guest speakers, SLC test prep assistance and individuals to provide guidance for our SLC projects. By maintaining the database, this will aid our chapter in earning the *Spark You FBLA Legacy Ribbon* at the State Leadership Conference. All Heartland FBLA Alumni are welcome to complete this short survey to join our database.



HEARTLAND FBLA RECOGNIZED WITH CHAMPION CHAPTER SUMMER STARTER AWARD



Heartland FBLA has earned recognition for achieving the Champion Chapter – Summer Starter challenge. This award honors chapters that actively engage members during the summer months through goal setting, planning, and community involvement.

To earn this distinction, the Heartland FBLA officers completed a series of leadership and chapter development activities designed to prepare for a successful school year. Their efforts reflect the chapter's commitment to the FBLA mission of building leadership, teamwork, and business skills.

Congratulations to Heartland FBLA on this outstanding achievement and a strong start to the year!



Congratulations to Zaine Swartzendruber for being selected to the Nebraska All-State Choir!





GIVE SOMETHING THAT Means Something®
Give Blood

Blood Drive
Heartland Community Schools
Theater Lobby

Monday, November 16, 2026
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For an appointment, contact the school office, (402) 723-4434



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Heartland Places Third and Qualifies for Nationals at State Land Judging

Students and instructors from over 40 high schools met near Beatrice to compete in State Land Judging Oct. 14, 2026. The Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District (NRD) hosted this year's competition.

It was a brisk fall morning as 150 students judged soil pits on Paul and Cheryl Kimmerling's farm north of Beatrice.

"Land judging gives students a better understanding of the soil beneath their feet and how it affects the land we depend on for farming and natural resources," said Scott Sobokta, Lower Big Blue NRD general manager. "We're pleased to host this competition and give students the opportunity to put their knowledge to work in the field."

Land Judging is a high school competition that challenges students to gain a better understanding of soil structure and land evaluation. Teams consist of four students from the same FFA chapter and a few individuals who qualified separate from a team. Each participant learns how to recognize the physical features of the soil, determine land capability for crop production, and evaluate management practices needed for proper stewardship.

During the competition, students judge four soil pits using an evaluation card to make assessments on: soil depth, surface texture, permeability, slope, thickness of surface, and erosion. The evaluation card is scored to determine overall placements for individuals and the team. To compete in the state contest, teams advance from one of the seven regional competitions hosted across the state in September and October.

2026 State Land Judging Individual Champions:

1. Kailey Hartman, Pawnee City
2. Gage Hobbs, Syracuse
3. Mason Wiens, Hampton
4. Jamison Stava, Bishop Neumann
5. Colton Sigler, Aurora

2026 State Land Judging Team Champions:

1. Hampton (Mason Wiens, Noah Miller, Cason Barnesberger, Brayden Wolinski)
2. Johnson County Central (Cooper Jones, Stefani Peters, Tegan Topp, Tim Johns)
3. Heartland (David Hiebner, Jagger Regier, Luke Janzen, Waylon Tessman)
4. Ansley (Madie Loy, Kaleb Meyers, Abby Hickenbottom, Garittee Smith)
5. Bishop Neumann (Jamison Stava, Natalie Cantrall, Josie Opp, Connor Himmelberg)

These top five Nebraska teams will advance to the national competition hosted in El Reno, Oklahoma, May 2027. For more information on Nebraska Land Judging, visit <https://www.nrdnet.org/land-judging>.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD), the trade association for Nebraska's 23 Natural Resources Districts (NRD), works with individual districts to protect lives, property and the future of Nebraska's natural resources. NRDs are unique to Nebraska, and act as local government entities with broad responsibilities to protect Nebraska's natural resources. Major Nebraska river basins form the boundaries of the 23 NRDs, enabling districts to respond to local conservation and resource management needs.

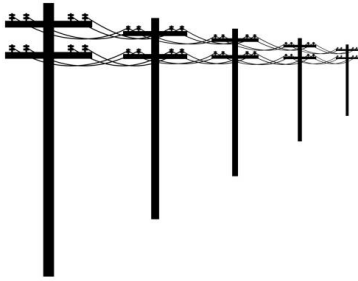


Heartland Competes At State Land Judging

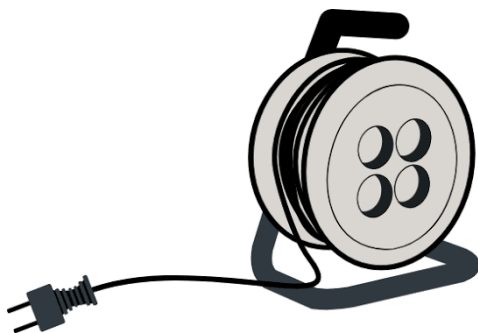
The Heartland FFA competed at State Land Judging and placed third. Since their Bearcat friends from Hampton FFA placed first, they will both travel to Oklahoma in May for the national contest.



THANK YOU TO PERENNIAL POWER FOR EDUCATING THE 4TH - 6TH ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ABOUT ELECTRICAL SAFETY!



Perennial Power recently visited 4th - 6th grade and used their hot line trailer to teach electrical safety. If you have a 4th - 6th grader make sure to ask them about it!



Hearthland Art students attended the Celebrate Creativity event at the Joslyn Art Museum. Students participated in two workshops and toured one section of the museum. After lunch, they attended a performance from the Omaha Symphony. As they listened, the director asked the audience questions about the music, emotion, and visuals that came to mind.


A decorative border surrounds the table, featuring autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red, along with various school supplies like pencils, a ruler, a clock, and a magnifying glass.

K	December 8	DIBELS
1st	December 8	DIBELS
2nd	Nov. 17 & 18 Dec. 1 & 2 Dec. 3	MAP Reading MAP Math DIBELS
3rd	Nov. 17 & 18 Dec. 1 & 2 Dec. 9	MAP Reading MAP Math DIBELS
4th	Nov. 18 & 19 Dec. 1 & 2 Dec. 9	MAP Reading MAP Math DIBELS
5th	Nov. 18 & 19 Dec. 1 & 2 Dec. 3 & 4 Dec. 7	MAP Reading MAP Math MAP Science DIBELS
6th	Nov. 18 & 19 Dec. 1 & 2 Dec. 3	MAP Reading MAP Math DIBELS

Please avoid scheduling appointments on these important dates.

Vocal Concert

A graphic of musical notes on a staff line, flowing across the page.

Grades 5-12
Monday, November 2
7:30 p.m.
Theater

A logo of a husky's head, facing left, with a white and black color scheme.




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2	Long John Deli Sandwich Chips Cookie	3	Pancake Wrap Tacos Cake Corn	4	Mini Pancakes Popcorn Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Peas	5	Sausage & Biscuit Hotdog Chips Steamed Broccoli	6	Blueberry Waffle Pizza Burgers Corn Jello	All grains are whole grain rich. Fresh fruit and vegetable bar offered daily with lunch.	
9	Egg & Cheese Biscuit Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	10	Cinnamon Breadstick Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli French Bread	11	Breakfast Pizza Taco Salad Steamed Corn Mini Donuts	12	Apple Frudel Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	13	Tornado French Toast Sticks Sausage/Egg Patty Tri Tater 100% Juice		A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast.
16	Strawberry Bagel Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Hash Brown	17	Egg Bites Sloppy Joe French Fries Ice Cream	18	Long John Sweet & Sour Chicken OR Popcorn Chicken Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli Egg Roll	19	Chocolate Chip French Toast Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Peas Pudding	20	Mini Pancakes Turkey Dinner Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Corn Cranberry Sauce Dinner Roll		A variety of low-fat and fat-free milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch.
23	Blueberry Waffle Spaghetti Garlic Bread Corn	24	Breakfast Pizza Chicken Patty Sandwich French Fries Peas	25	NO SCHOOL	26		27	NO SCHOOL	Menu is subject to change without notice.	
30	Pancake Wrap Chili OR Chicken Noodle Soup Cinnamon Rolls Saltines									Heartland Community School is an equal opportunity provider.	

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Day/Light Saving Time End	2 Day of the Dead 7:30AM Bearcat Hoops (K-6th) 7:30PM Fall Vocal Concert (5th-12th)	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9 7:30AM Bearcat Hoops (K-6th) 7:00PM School Board Meeting	10 4:30PM H&H JH Girls Basketball vs Cross County @ Hampton	11 Veterans Day 9:00AM Veteran's Day Program	12 4:30PM H&H JH Girls Basketball vs Gilmer @ Hampton	13 4:00PM H&H JH Girls Basketball @ Superior	14
15	16 7:30AM Bearcat Hoops (K-6th) 10:00AM NHS Blood Drive	17 4:30PM H&H JH Girls Basketball vs Fillmore Central @ Heartland	18	19 4:30PM H&H JH Girls Basketball @ Exeter	20	21 10:00AM H&H JH Girls Basketball vs High Plains & McCool Junction @ Heartland
22	23 7:30AM Bearcat Hoops (K-6th) 10:00AM NHS Blood Drive 7:30PM Fall Band Concert (6th-12th)	24 7:00PM One Act Community Performance	25 No School - Thanksgiving Break	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30 7:30AM Bearcat Hoops (K-6th) 4:30PM H&H JH Girls Basketball vs Sandy Creek @ Heartland 6:00PM H&H Winter Tipoff Pep Rally @ Hampton	1	2	3	4	5 Hanukkah (1st day)



**Heartland elementary students
must be accompanied by an
adult at all Heartland activities
and sporting events.
Elementary students are asked
to sit beside the adult
throughout the activity to
ensure everyone's safety and
enjoyment of the event.**

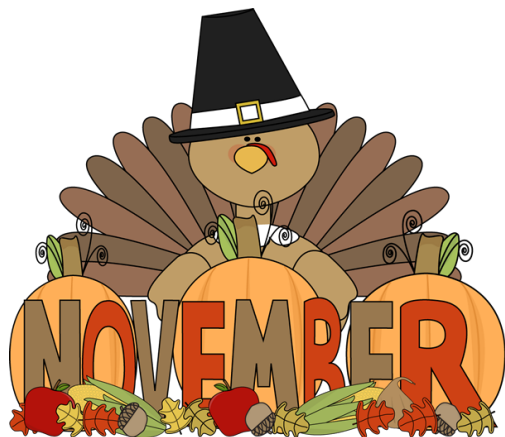
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1

FALL BACK



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