



HEARTLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HUSKIE LEADER

October 2026



2026-2027 H&H CHEER SQUAD



Back Row, Left to Right - Madison James, Paisley Joseph, Ashlyn Rotter, Trinity Mooney, Lydia Holtorf
Middle Row, Left to Right - Kennedy Johnson, Avery Hiebner
Front Row, Left to Right - Emma Ott, Jillian Farris, Meggan Friesen



OUR MISSION

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE - Every Student, Every Day

IMPORTANT DATES

October 3

Harvest of Harmony Parade

October 12

8:00 PM School Board Meeting

October 13

6:30 - 7:30PM 5th Grade Band
Instrument Display

October 19

NO SCHOOL - Professional
Development

October 19 & 20

4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Parent
Teacher Conferences

October 19 & 20

8:00AM - 8:00PM
Scholastic Book Fair

October 26

School Picture Retakes

November 3

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 25-27

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
Break





In September, the Heartland School Board adopted the annual budget and tax request for the 26-27 fiscal year. Tax request information is listed below.

26-27 Tax Request Information

	General Fund	Special Building Fund	Bond Fund	Total of All Funds
Tax Request	\$5,388,564	\$100,000	\$1,045,425	\$6,533,989
Levy	\$0.454995	\$0.008444	\$0.116241	\$0.57968

25-26 Tax Request Information

	General Fund	Special Building Fund	Bond Fund	Total of All Funds
Tax Request	\$4,992,965	\$35,265	\$1,045,425	6,073,655
Levy	\$0.437652	\$0.003091	\$0.120433	\$0.561176

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2026 - 2027 H&H FALL SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL



Front row (L to R): Paizley Dennis, Lakyn Quiring, Braelyn Klooster, Avery Hiebner, Stella Spirk, Lydia Holtorf, Amanda Goertzen
2nd row: Madalyn Janzen, Khloe Luebbe, Kynleigh Joseph, Jada Quiring, Julia Tessman, Atleigh Klute, Paisley Joseph, Willabelle Panko, Isabelle Buller
3rd row: Keely Burgess, Maylie Friesen, Kate Haidle, Ashlyn Friesen, Ashlyn Rotter
4th row: Katy Farrall, Kali Barta, Kayleigh Frisbie, Jillian Farris, Sophie Minary, Sydney Rempel, Trinity Mooney

GIRLS GOLF

L to R: Brinley Mierau, Kinsley Friesen, Meggan Friesen, Tara Buzek, Emma Ott, Violet Goertzen, Makaelyn Goertzen



FOOTBALL

Front row (L to R): Miles Kliewer, Colby Frisbie, Nevada Gloystein, Hayden Powers, Kyler Rojewski, Rylee Scheidemann, Camden Riggs
2nd row: Landen Hansen, River Glinsmann, Noah Miller, Brian Bearinger, Brayden Wolinski, Brooks Burgess, Mason Wiens, Landen Rojewski, Waylon Tessman, Rigs Newton, Ben Thomas
3rd row: Wyatt Friesen, Hayden Perez, Roman Wolfe, Bentley Hagan, Luke Janzen, Cason Barnesberger, Jagger Regier, Jack Goertzen, Jace Kisler
4th row: Jack Bearinger, Cashton Meyer, Lawson Haberer, Daniel White, Ethan Litz, Grayson Rojewski, Braxton Arnett, Micah Haidle

HEARTLAND BAND AT YORKFEST



First in Class C at Yorkfest for the Heartland Band!
Congratulations to Mr. Hiebner and the Heartland Band!



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.

HEARTLAND FFA ATTENDS STATE FAIR

Labor Day weekend and FFA weekend at the Nebraska State Fair goes hand in hand. This year was no exception. Members from across the state braved the heat to show their livestock and static exhibits. Heartland members attended the fair on Friday, September 4th to help set up the static exhibit area located in the 4H/FFA Fieldhouse. On Saturday, static exhibits were judged. Sunday the livestock barns hosted the showmanship and breeding shows. A special shout out to Emma Ott, Overall Grand Champion winner with her swine and Easton Siebert, who exhibited a Reserve Champion and Grand Champion with her bulls. Monday brought the close of the fair, market shows, and clean up of the static exhibits. Below is a list of exhibitors and their results:

Brian Bearinger – Welding Display Boards: Gas Welding/Brazing: Purple
 Adrik Friesen – Welding Display Boards Welding: ARC: Blue
 Adrik Friesen – Welding Display Boards: MIG: Blue
 Adrik Friesen – Welding Display Boards: TIG: Purple
 Adrik Friesen – Welding Display Boards: Gas Welding/Brazing: Red
 Adrik Friesen – Ag Mech: Horticulture Medium Items (epoxy table): Purple
 Kinsley Friesen – Ag Mech: Horticulture Small Items (forged flower): Purple (Fair Boards choice)
 Kayleigh Frisbie – Ag Mech: Horticulture Medium Items (Adirondack chair): Purple
 David Hiebner – Ag Mech: Horticulture Small Items (plant stands, planter boxes, signs)13021Purple
 David Hiebner – Ag Mech: Production Small Items (staple puller): Blue
 David Hiebner – Ag Mech: Production Large Items (Supplement bunk): Reserve Champion
 David Hiebner – Ag Mech: Production Medium Items (Mineral feeder): Grand Champion
 David Hiebner – Ag Mech: Production Medium Items (Livestock Panel): Blue
 David Hiebner – Ag Mech: Utility Small Items (step): Purple
 David Hiebner – Ag Mech: Utility Small Items (boot scraper): Blue
 David Hiebner – White eggs: Purple
 David Hiebner – Brown eggs: Purple
 David Hiebner – Colored eggs: Purple 2
 David Hiebner – Artificial Floral Arrangement: Blue
 David Hiebner – Apples, red: Blue
 David Hiebner – Potatoes, red: Blue
 David Hiebner – Apples, yellow: Red
 David Hiebner – Peppers, Sweet bells: Purple
 David Hiebner – Horticulture board: Purple
 David Hiebner – Ears of Corn, Yellow: Blue
 David Hiebner – Alfalfa Sheath:Blue
 David Hiebner – Shelled Yellow Corn: Purple 1
 David Hiebner – Stalks of Corn, Yellow: Purple1
 Luke Janzen – Ag Mech: Horticulture Small Items (handmade guitar): Purple
 Madalyn Janzen – Beef: Market Steer Middleweight: Blue
 Madalyn Janzen – Beef: Market Steer Lightweight: Blue
 Madalyn Janzen – Beef Showmanship: Senior: Purple
 Madalyn Janzen – Stalks of Corn: Purple
 Jasper Kinsey – Goat: Market GoatsClass 1 Market Does: Purple 2
 Jasper Kinsey – Goat Showmanship: Junior: Blue
 Lily Lackey – Horticulture board: Blue
 Emma Ott – Swine: Crossbred Breeding Gilts Light Colored Crossbred Breeding Gilt: Blue
 Emma Ott – Swine: Crossbred Breeding Gilts Dark Colored Crossbred Breeding Class: Overall Grand Champion
 Emma Ott – Swine: Purebred Breeding Gilts Purebred Chester White: Blue
 Jagger Regier – Ag Mech: Horticulture Medium Items (adirondack): Blue
 Jagger Regier – Soybean Plants: Purple
 Jagger Regier – Stalks of Corn: Purple
 Easton Siebert – Beef: All Other Breeds Bulls: Reserve Champion
 Easton Siebert – Beef: Red Angus Bulls: Grand Champion
 Easton Siebert – Beef: Red Angus Heifers: Purple
 Easton SiebertBeef: Red Angus Heifers: Purple
 Easton Siebert – Beef Showmanship: Junior High: Blue
 Waylon Tessman – Welding Display Boards: ARC: Blue
 Waylon Tessman – Welding Display Boards: MIG: Purple



Emma spent the weekend showing pigs. She won the FFA Overall breeding gilt division with her dark colored cross gilt.



Volunteers are needed in many aspects of the fair. David volunteered his time to help with the crop judging this year.



Kinsley received a Fair Boards Choice ribbon for her metal forged flower she created last year.

Heartland members have volunteered their time to set up and clean up the FFA static exhibits at the fair, for the last 15 years. Here, Willow is helping clean up the ears of corn display.



Jasper showed a goat in showmanship and market goats. He received 2nd in his class for the market show.



Maddie Janzen received a purple ribbon in Senior FFA Beef Showmanship.



David received Reserve Champion for his supplement bunk, that he will use for his cattle operation.



David received Grand Champion in Ag Mechanics Production for his mineral feeder that he will use for his SAE project.



Emma Ott received Reserve Champion in the Chester White Breeding Gilt class.



STATE MILK QUALITY PRODUCTS CONTEST

Five Heartland FFA members competed in the State Milk Quality Products contest on Friday, August 28. This contest was held on Central Community College's campus in Grand Island. This year, there was a record high of 93 competitors across the state that made up 13 teams. The competition consisted of a written test, identifying a variety of cheeses, distinguishing various milk flavors/fat contents, and recognizing possible milk defects.

Heartland's team consisted of seniors David Hiebner and Maddie Janzen, and sophomores Brin Mierau, Willabelle Panko, and Sydney Rempel. As a team, they placed 4th. Individually, Willabelle placed 3rd, David placed 8th, Sydney placed 30th, Brin placed 33rd, and Maddie placed 43rd.



David Hiebner, Willabelle Panko, Brinley Mierau, Madalyn Janzen, Sydney Rempel

CONGRATULATIONS TO FFA EXHIBITORS AT THE 2026 YORK COUNTY FAIR



York County Fair Grand and Reserve Static exhibitors receive a medal. Those winning a medal this year are (L to R): Waylon Tessman, Luke Janzen, David Hiebner, Brian Bearinger, and Jake Mierau



Receiving multiple purples throughout the beef show was Maddie Janzen.



Jasper Kinsey and Brynlee Langley each exhibited a goat at the county fair. Brynlee won showmanship, while Jasper received a purple. Both goats received a purple in their respective classes.



HSB HUSKIE BRANCH BANKING



n Wednesday, September 2, the Heartland Elementary gathered with community members to celebrate the ribbon cutting of the Huskie Branch of Henderson State Bank, an in-school savings program. The goal is to provide every student with the tools, habits, and confidence to build a bright financial future one deposit at a time.

Elementary Principal Dana Reinke opened the ceremony with appreciation to Henderson State Bank, the Heartland FBLA, the University of Nebraska Council on Economic Education, and city officials. Present from the community was:

Kevin Postier – President of Henderson State Bank
Justin Ott – Senior Vice President of Henderson State Bank
Cassy Rowe – Personal Banker of Henderson State Bank
Nicole Mierau – Henderson Chamber of Commerce Director

Jami Schmidt – Chief Financial Officer of Henderson State Bank
Elizabeth Hiebner – Customer Service Representative of Henderson State Bank
Connie Brown – Henderson City Clerk

During the 2025–26 school year, Nebraska had 89 in-school savings programs throughout the state. Within these programs, 7,852 students deposited money and saved \$490,105. This is an average of \$62.42 per student. Heartland Community Schools is now on the Nebraska map as another public school district partnering with a local financial institution to promote savings.

Last spring, all fifth grade students had the opportunity to apply to be sixth grade student tellers during this school year. They were required to complete an application, gather a teacher's signature of recommendation, and complete an in-person interview with representatives from Henderson State Bank. Seven students successfully completed this process and were selected to become our first-ever student tellers.

Beginning last spring, they began participating in teller training sessions before school. Those training sessions continued into this school year. These students also participated in a visit to Henderson State Bank to gain hands-on experience. They will be at the forefront of the savings mornings where they will assist with all the jobs and responsibilities involved. Thank you to Adelaide Bartek, Elliot Buller, Elinor Kroeker, Zoe Mills, Tynslee Ogorzolk, Tamsyn Splinter, and Hyde Switzer for your willingness to serve as student tellers.

Our FBLA has taken on this program as a project for their chapter. The FBLA officers have been and will continue to be instrumental in the program. Thank you to Tara Buzek (President), Meggan Friesen (Vice President), Maddox Regier (Secretary), Kate Haidle (Treasurer), and Ashlyn Friesen (Reporter).

The University of Nebraska Council on Economic Education provided a money machine for the kickoff event. All students who returned their permission slips by August 31 were eligible for their grade level drawing. One student per grade was selected. These students were able to enter the money booth and grab as many fake bills as possible. Based upon the bills they acquired, Henderson State Bank is graciously depositing one dollar per every bill into their Huskie Branch savings account.

Those who were selected for the opportunity included: Jacinta Wall (6th Grade), Rylan Nunnenkamp (5th Grade), Annistyn van den Berg (4th Grade), Madden Carbajal (3rd Grade), Tanner O'Brien (2nd Grade), Zayon Epp (1st Grade), and Eloise Hiebner (Kindergarten).

The students also learned what they should expect when they come to the school bank.

On special bank mornings before class starts, you can visit the branch in the south gym.

At Station 1, one of our tellers will give you your check register.

At Station 2, one of our tellers will fill out a small piece of paper called a deposit slip with your name and how much money you brought.

At Station 3, you hand your money to the banker at the counter. They will count it, put it safely away, and give you a receipt. That receipt is like a scorecard that shows your savings going up, up, up!

Finally, you will visit Station 4, the prize station, where you will receive incentives for saving.

A few reminders for participating students:

- Permission slips are required prior to participating
- Any amount of coins and bills can be deposited
- Bring your money in an envelope, plastic bag, or pouch
- Withdrawals are allowed when you complete 6th grade or leave Heartland Elementary
- Henderson State Bank will match up to \$5.00 on the first day of banking on September 8
- The Huskie Branch will be open every other Tuesday from 7:50 – 8:10 a.m. in the south gym

We look forward to beginning this exciting new program to positively impact the futures of our students!



Parent / Teacher Conferences
Monday, October 19 & Tuesday, October 20
4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

* Parents will need to sign up online for all PK-12th grade conferences at heartlandschools.org

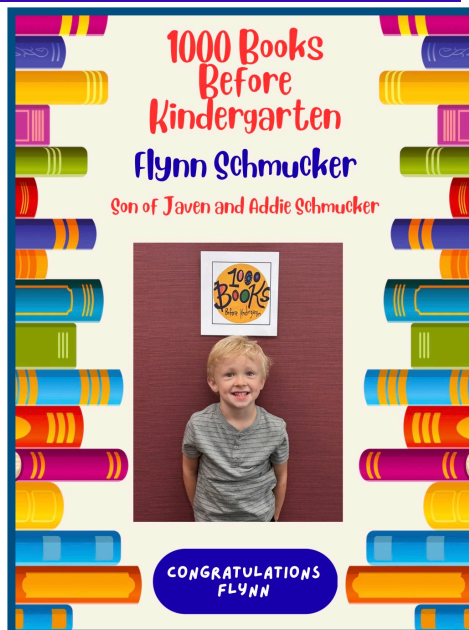
Parents of PK-12 students may schedule conferences from 4:30p.m. - 8:30p.m. both evenings. All conferences will be for a maximum of 15 minutes. Please note that Heartland will be hosting high school volleyball games on Tuesday, Oct. 20th. If you plan to attend the volleyball games, please schedule your conferences accordingly. Also, because we are hosting games, Mr. Struckman and Mrs. Anne Regier will not be available for conferences on Tuesday, October 20th.

Fifth grade parents will sign up for conferences with Mrs. Maltsberger. Sixth grade parents will sign up for conferences with Mrs. Lindsay.

You will be asked to log in to the website. If you do not already have an account, you can create one during this process. You can use your account to receive other information, as well. If you would like detailed instructions on how to schedule conferences, go to our website and click on the "For Parents" menu. Then select "PT Conference Information."



Congratulations on 1000 Books Before Kindergarten!





Heartland Community Schools

October 2026



			1 Egg & Cheese Biscuit Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Peas Pudding	2 Cinnamon Breadstick Burrito Bowl (Rice, Chicken) Corn Seasoned Black Beans Mini Cinnamon Donuts	All grains are whole grain rich.
5 Chocolate Chip French Toast Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli French Bread	6 Strawberry Bagel Cheeseburger Mac & Cheese Peas Dinner Roll	7 Pancake Wrap Grilled Chicken Sandwich French Fries Cookie	8 Mini Pancakes Tacos Long John Steamed Corn	9 Sausage Biscuit Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Hash Brown	Fresh fruit and vegetable bar offered daily with lunch.
12 Tornado Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	13 Blueberry Waffle Deli Sandwich Chips Cookie	14 Apple Frudel Fajita's-Chicken OR Beef Green Beans Long John	15 Breakfast Pizza Chicken Noodle Soup OR Chili Cinnamon Rolls Saltines	16 Long John Pizza Steamed Corn Jello	A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast.
19 NO SCHOOL	20 Egg Bites Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green Beans	21 Sausage Biscuit Chicken Patty Sandwich French Fries Steamed Peas	22 Mini Pancake Taco Salad Steamed Corn Mini Donuts	23 Cinnamon Breadstick Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	A variety of low-fat and fat-free milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch.
26 Pancake Wrap Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Peas Pudding	27 Chocolate Chip French Toast Sloppy Joe French Fries Ice Cream	28 Egg & Cheese Biscuit Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	29 Tornado Grilled Hotdog Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli	30 Cinnamon Roll French Toast Sticks Egg & Sausage Patty 100% Juice Tri Tater	Menu is subject to change without notice.



October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	10:00AM Girls Golf SNC @ York 4:00PM JH Football @ Centura 6:00PM HS JV Football @ Lincoln Christian	4:30PM HS Varsity Volleyball @ Hastings St Cecilia 4:30PM JH Volleyball vs Centennial @ Hampton		10:00AM Girls Golf @ Centura 4:30PM HS Varsity VB @ Hastings St Cecilia 4:30PM JH "B" Football @ Twin River 4:30PM JH Volleyball @ Fillmore Central	7:00PM HS Football vs Malcolm @ Heartland	Harvest of Harmony Parade
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	- Homecoming Week - Girls Golf District Meet @ TBD 7:30AM Bearcat Hoops (K-6th) 4:00PM JH Football vs Clinton/Harvard @ Hampton 4:00PM JH Volleyball @ McCool Junior 4:30PM HS JV Volleyball @ Nebraska Lutheran 6:00PM JV Football vs GKC @ Heartland	4:30PM JH Volleyball @ Shelby-Rising 4:30PM HS Volleyball @ Giltner		4:30PM JH Football vs Freeman "B" @ Heartland 5:00PM HS Volleyball vs Superior @ Hampton (Senior Night)	- Homecoming Dance following Coronation 2:00PM Homecoming Parade 7:00PM HS Football vs Doniphan Trumbull @ Heartland	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	- Girls State Golf - HS Volleyball SNC Tournament - TBA - Columbus Day - Indigenous Peoples' Day 7:30AM Bearcat Hoops (K-6th) 4:00PM JH Football vs Thayer Central @ Hampton 4:00PM JH Volleyball @ Doniphan-Trumbull 6:00PM JV Football vs Doniphan - Trumbull @ Heartland 8:00PM School Board Meeting	- HS Volleyball SNC @ Milford 6:30PM Band Instrument Display		HS Volleyball SNC @ Milford	7:00PM HS Football @ Wilber-Clatonia	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	- No School - Professional Development Day 8:00AM Scholastic Book Fair 4:30PM Parent-Teacher Conferences 6:00PM JV Football @ Malcolm	- National FFA Convention 8:00AM Scholastic Book Fair 4:30PM Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00PM HS Volleyball vs Centennial / Fillmore Central @ Heartland			7:00PM HS Football vs Lincoln Lutheran @ Heartland	9:00AM HS JV Volleyball @ Friend
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	- HS Volleyball Sub-Districts - School Picture Retakes 7:30AM Bearcat Hoops (K-6th)				HS Football Playoffs	- HS Volleyball District Finals - Halloween



October Banking Days
 October 6
 October 20
 7:50 - 8:10am - South Gym

Heartland FBLA Members, Where Leaders Begin in 2026-27

The Heartland Future Business Leaders of America's first meeting was held on August 24th. The 2026-2027 FBLA officers are Senior Tara Buzek, President; Senior Meggan Friesen, Vice President; Senior Maddox Regier, Secretary; Senior Hallie Tessman, Treasurer; Junior Meggan Friesen, Reporter; Senior Laura Splinter, Parliamentarian; and Senior Holden Switzer, Committee Representative. President Buzek led the meeting and shared information on the following topics:

- Introduction of all of the Chapter Officers and New Members
- Recognized those students who attended the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta this past summer
- Handed out the FBLA Activity Slip and went over all the year's activities
- Briefly discussed the Fall Leadership Conference which the officers and three members will attend at the end of September.
- The group enjoyed ice cream sundaes.

Heartland FBLA is excited to announce our new members:

- Freshman Finley Eckman
- Freshman Micah Haidle
- Freshman Avery Hiebner
- Freshman David Jahnke
- Freshman Ryker Stebbing
- Freshman Tori Thieszen
- Senior Andilyn Stebbing

In celebration of our new membership, the FBLA officer team hosted the New Member Breakfast event. This event was an opportunity for the new members to network with the officer team while learning the endless possibilities that Heartland FBLA has to offer.

We are excited for the additional members and look forward to another successful year of representing Heartland Community Schools at all levels of FBLA!

Thank you~

The FBLA Blood Drive received 19 units of blood.

Thank you to those who donated!



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