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## From Brad Best, Superintendent ...

Happy holidays to all of you!
It has been a great first half of the school year and the students and faculty continue to show great dedication and success in their daily activities. So many of our students are great at juggling their studies, extra-curricular activities, and family. It is inspiring to see them in action and to see the positive attitudes that they carry each and every day here at school. Their focus, kindness, maturity, and support from parents truly make them a pleasure to associate with day in and day out.

I know that our staff, from teachers to secretaries and from kitchen help to board members love working with the parents and community to shape our youth into outstanding young men and women. This dedication and focus makes Heartland Community Schools a great place to work and raise a family. Thank you for your continued support!

This caring approach combined with our continuing effort to update technology, curriculum, and other areas of the building helps to create an environment in which our students and staff members thrive. If you have not had a chance to see some of the changes around the building, please stop in any time and we would be glad to point them out to you. I would also invite you to check out the honor roll board, message boards, and kiosk in the lunchroom and north hallway. We will continue to expand the ways we recognize students for their hard work in the classroom and to keep people informed about the great things happening at Heartland.

Thank you for being partners with us to provide a top-notch education. We wish you a safe, restful, and family-filled holiday season!

## School Closing Information

As the winter approaches, occasional bad weather necessitates the closing of school for the safety of our students. School closing information will be announced over the radio station KAWL (1370) and television stations KHAS, KLKN, NTV and KOLN.

We also use an automated phone message service through School Messenger which we will use to contact parents about school closings as well. With this service it is very important that we have current numbers on file. Please call the school office if anything changes.

You may also call our school closing phone line at 402-723-4421. If a decision has been made the night before, the closing will be announced around 10:00pm. In the mornings it will be announced on the half hour from 6:30am to 8:00am.


OUR MISSION: The Heartland Community Schools of Henderson \& Bradshaw is dedicated to educating all students by providing challenging opportunities to learn according to individual needs.

## National FFA Convention Experience

written by Rachael Dente, Nema Stracener, and Lauren Quiring
"I can. We will." This was the motto of the 2017 National FFA Convention. Indianapolis, Indiana, was the home to this year's convention held October 25-28. Over 67,000 people attended this year, with six of our own chapter members in attendance. These members were
Rachael Dente, Nema Stracener, Lauren Quiring, Noah Hiebner, Reagan Weisheit,
and Trevor Goertzen. All of these members were given the opportunity to learn about leadership, the future of agriculture, career opportunities through agriculture, and the influence FFA has on people's lives.
Our chapter took this year's trip with seven other Nebraska schools. We rode on a snazzy charter bus for io and a half hours until we got to Indianapolis, Indiana. Upon our arrival, we attended the National FFA Convention opening ceremony in Bankers Life Fieldhouse. We spent the entire next day exploring the convention center by attending workshops, checking out the career fair, meeting members from other states, and talking to college representatives. The next day followed almost in the exact fashion, but we were also able to attend tours of local businesses, including a greenhouse heated by a landfill, golf course, and a candy maker. On the last and final day, we attended the American Degree Ceremony in Lucas Oil Stadium. Once the ceremony presented all of the Nebraska recipients, we headed home. We finally arrived back home at i2:00 Sunday morning. Although we were tired,
 we were already missing the Convention and the friends we made along the way.

Noab Hiebner, Trevor Goertzen, Reagan Weisheit, Lauren Quiring, Nema Stracener, and Rachael Dente

By Ms. Widick The Heartland Quiz Bowl and Math Teams have gotten off to a successful start this year. On October 18th, six young ladies attended the Young Woman's Quiz Bowl in Seward. The team performed well and was undefeated in the round robin competition. The afternoon brought a single elimination tournament and the team advanced to the second round before falling to Friend. The day ended with a 4-1 record, which was especially impressive, as only one student had competed at the high school level before. Participants were Seniors
Krynn Arbuck and Isabelle Vanderneck, Junior Rachael Dente, Sophomore Katelyn Gage and Freshmen Lauren Quiring and Nema Stracener.
October 25th found the team traveling to Seward again for the History/Geography Quiz Bowl at Concordia University. Heartland was represented by Seniors Krynn Arbuck, Aaron Buller, Kyle Ott and Isabelle Vanderneck and Junior Colton Monnier. The day was very similar to the previous week, in that the team went undefeated in the round robin and advanced to the second round in the tournament before being defeated by Osceola.
The final Quiz Bowl competition found the Huskies traveling with the Junior High team to Seward for the AMI Freshman tournament. This was a great experience for the younger team members. The team ended the day with a record of 1-3 after a first-round tournament loss to Bellevue East. Team members included Tobin Glinsmann, Jamie Rowe, Lauren Quiring and Nema Stracener.
The final competition for the fall semester involved the
 Math Team attending the 28th Annual UNL Math day in Lincoln. With the help of Ms. Thomas, seven students were able to attend the day long competition. Heartland was represented by Seniors Lane Huebert and Sadie Carr, Junior Noah Hiebner, Sophomore Katelyn Gage and Freshmen Tobin Glinsmann, Lauren Quiring and Nema Stracener. Following a welcome ceremony in the UNL Coliseum, the students headed to the Student Union to take a one-hour test covering numerous math topics. The students were then given a tour of the campus before heading to the team competition. After a one-point first round loss to eventual runner-up, Plainview, the team won four consecutive matches. This advanced them to the match for 3rd place, where they were defeated by Nebraska Lutheran. Finishing 4th in such a competitive competition is a great accomplishment.
It has been a pleasure to work with these exceptional students. I look forward to the spring semester, when we will continue to represent Heartland in different competitions in the area. Stay tuned for more updates!

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## Heartland Community Schools-Henderson/Bradshaw 2017-18 School Year Quarter 1 Honor Roll

| High Honor Roll |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Aaron Buller | 12 |
| Sadie Carr | 12 |
| Cheyenne Hiebner | 12 |
| Kyle Ott | 12 |
| Bailey Peters | 12 |
| Brittany Quiring | 12 |
| Taylor Quiring | 12 |
| Isabelle Vanderneck | 12 |
| Kate Bergen | 11 |
| Emily Goertzen | 11 |
| Katrina Hiebner | 11 |
| Noah Hiebner | 11 |
| Reid Huebert | 11 |
| Benjamin Mestl | 11 |
| Timberly Carr | 10 |
| Rachael Dente | 10 |
| Grace Janzen | 10 |
| Allison Kroeker | 10 |
| Odessa Ohrt | 10 |
| Halle Peters | 10 |
| Rhianna Wilhelm | 10 |
| Kaelyn Buller | 9 |
| Ellyn Hall | 9 |
| Cora Johnson | 9 |
| Lauren Quiring | 9 |
| Cooper Regier | 9 |
| Wyatt Regier | 9 |
| Wynema Stracener | 9 |
| Aaron Goertzen | 8 |
| Tyler Lewis | 8 |
| Felicity Johnson | 7 |
| Madelyn Maltsberger | 7 |
| Merrick Maltsberger | 7 |
| Owen Mierau | 7 |
| Zachariah Quiring | 7 |
| Garett Regier | 7 |
| Jacob Regier | 7 |


| Honor Roll |  |
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| Krynn Arbuck | 12 |
| Connor Boehr | 12 |
| Noah Boyd | 12 |
| Kyra Dick | 12 |
| Lane Huebert | 12 |
| Hayes Oswald | 12 |
| Kristian Perez | 12 |
| Connor Peters | 12 |
| Jaden Regier | 12 |
| Erina Sakata | 12 |
| Alexa Siebert | 12 |
| Devon Stamp | 12 |
| Oscar Wadmark | 12 |
| Joshua Waldron | 12 |
| Audric Bulin | 11 |
| Olivia Casper | 11 |
| Zachary Dente | 11 |
| Nathan Edelman | 11 |
| Brooklyn Epp | 11 |
| Jade Hiebner | 11 |
| Colton Monnier | 11 |
| Peyton Ott | 11 |
| Collin Rowe | 11 |
| Kristina Rowe | 11 |
| Delaney Siebert | 11 |
| Alexis Amack | 10 |
| Devyn Bell | 10 |
| Trevor Goertzen | 10 |
| Andrew Park | 10 |
| Harmon Perez | 10 |
| Josh Quiring | 10 |
| Jackson Stebbing | 10 |
| Aidan Swartzendruber | 10 |
| Reagan Weisheit | 10 |
| Kalea Wetjen | 10 |
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| Honor Roll |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Nolan Boehr |  |
| Tobin Glinsmann | 9 |
| Mallorie Hiebner | 9 |
| Maverick Hiebner | 9 |
| Josie McCormick | 9 |
| Madison Miller | 9 |
| Seth Randles | 9 |
| James Rowe | 9 |
| Taylynn Scheil | 9 |
| Cassidy Siebert | 9 |
| Gabrielle Siebert | 9 |
| Cord Spencer | 9 |
| Zachary Wichman | 9 |
| Trajan Arbuck | 8 |
| Ashley Brown | 8 |
| Lisa Buller | 8 |
| Cindy Cerveny | 8 |
| Donald Ficken | 8 |
| Ella Friesen | 8 |
| Alex Goertzen | 8 |
| Eli Hiebner | 8 |
| Mason Hiebner | 8 |
| Elizabeth Mestl | 8 |
| Dawson Ohrt | 8 |
| Carson Ott | 8 |
| Mason Regier | 8 |
| Liliana Alvarez | 7 |
| Tucker Bergen | 7 |
| Lilly Carr | 7 |
| Eloise Casper | 7 |
| Riley Goertzen | 7 |
| Savannah Huebert | 7 |
| Ruby Kliewer | 7 |
| Cole Miller | 7 |
| Reeve Oswald | 7 |
| Wyatt Panko | 7 |
| Trev Peters | 7 |
| Grace Regier | 7 |
| Kaden Siebert | 7 |
| Ava Tessman | 7 |

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## 8th Grade Careers Class

The 8th grade Careers class recently toured Henderson Health Care Services while studying the Health Science career cluster. Shelly Amack and Lisa Tessman gave a tour to ten students who were shown CAT Scan machines, the pharmacy, emergency room, physical therapy area and many other careers available locally. Students also listened to people who work in those fields about what kind of education they obtained and what their job is like.
 Students were also encouraged to seek employment while in high school as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) or Dietary Health Aide to gain experience in the health care field in preparation for a career in that field.

## Sophomores: Apply Now for Summer Leadership Seminars!

Sophomores can apply to attend HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar) and NLS (Nebraska Leadership Seminar). These are 2-3 day leadership seminars held each summer where students learn leadership skills. HOBY will be held June $1-3$ on the Concordia University campus in Seward and NLS will

be held June 14-17 on the Southeast Community College campus in Milford. Talk to Mrs. Koehler for more information.

## Ott Receives Award

Kyle Ott was recently selected by the Nebraska School Activities Association as one of 48 Believers and Achievers. Each school is allowed to nominate 2 seniors who demonstrate high academic achievement as well as outstanding NSAA extracurricular involvement and community service. Students were asked to write a citizenship essay about a person from history that
 they would like to interview, and Kyle chose Rosa Parks.

## Quiring named Wendy's State Finalist

Wendy's recently recognized Heartland Community School senior Taylor Quiring as a State Finalist and School Winner in the Wendy's High School Heisman. She was named to a group of 20 high character student ${ }^{-}$ athletes who have displayed excellence and integrity both on and off the field as Nebraska State Finalists. For these
 students, taking the easy way out or cutting corners isn't an option and Wendy's is proud to honor their dedication.

The 2017 Huskie volleyball program would like to thank the community, administration, and student body for the great support this year. Making it to state is truly a memory that we will never forget. We are proud to be a part of the class that is HCS.

Sincerely,
2017 Volleyball team.

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## ELEMENTARY NEWS

# DARE. <br> 26 fifith graders graduatied PROM DARE ON MONDAT, Novenber 16 fH . 



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 Class of 2017$]_{\text {meccomatr }}$
## 6th Grade Science Projects

On November 15, the 6th grade students at Heartland Community Schools presented their science projects to parents and classmates. There were a variety of topics that were presented. The purpose of the project was to apply what they have learned about the scientific process.

The projects included: Nick Thieszen - Popcorn Kernels, Fred Beck - Pop and Mentos, Hunter Perez - Penny Cleaners, Allie Boher - Growing Radishes, Dylan Gage - Pop Fizz Height, Hendric Switzer - Paper Towel, Jack McCormick - Science of Legos, Devin Holmolka - Eggs in Vinegar, Hudson Regier Melting Cubes, Jordan Nolan - The Beat, Reese Regier Melting Liquids, Hayden Mierau - Fizzy Pop, Katie Hallmark - Moldy Bread, Ryan Hiebner - Nerf Gun Accuracy, Andrew Franz - Recharging Batteries, Kayley Paitz - Chocolate Melting, Kaylee Goertzen - Root Beer, Mariah Tessman - The Egg Drop, and BenJanzen - Battery Life.


Mariah Tessman


Nick Thieszen


Ryan Hiebner

Jack McCormick


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## December Upcoming Dates

Dec. 4, 2017
FFA/FBLA Caroling for Cans 7:00pm

## Jr High Homeroom Held Thriller Competition

On October 31st, the four junior high homerooms competed in the biennial Thriller Dance Competition. Having practiced for several weeks during homeroom time, each group presented their dance to either the song Thriller or Ghostbusters. Bringing home first place was Mrs. Ostmeyer's homeroom (Orion). Second place went to Ms. Renz's homeroom (Hydra).




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## Rhena <br> Hutidid fớd drive <br> 

The National Honor Society, FFA, and FBLA of Heartland Community Schools will host a food drive at the school. The donations will be distributed to people in our community and the immediate area within our district. No one is required to participate, but the generosity will be appreciated by the families and individuals receiving these gifts. The food drive will start on Monday, December 11, 2017, and will end Thursday, December 21, 2017. Food will be delivered on Friday afternoon, Dec 22, 2017.

If you know a family that is in need of this gift or if you have any questions, please call Mrs. Nora Ohrt at the school or email her at nohrt @heartlandschools.net

## Dec 11: SOUP AND CRACKERS

Dec 12: PASTA: spaghetti, lasagna noodles, noodles, macaroni, canned sauces, macaroni and cheese.

## Dec 13: CANNED VEGETABLES

Dec 14: BREAKFAST: Cereal, pancake mix, syrup, muffin mix, jelly and pop tarts.

Dec 15: CLEANING SUPPLIES: Pledge, dishwashing soap, Ajax. Windex, Mr. Clean and sponges.

Dec. 18: PAPER AND PERSONAL: Soap, toothpaste, toilet tissue, paper towels, Kleenex, deodorant, shampoo, combs, razors and toothbrushes.

Dec. 19: PROTEIN: Tuna, peanut butter, cheese whiz, salmon, and chicken.

Dec 20: DESSERT AND CHRISTMAS FOODS: Cake mix, Jell-O, pudding, chocolate chips, pie fillings, nuts, Christmas candy, cookie and bar mixes.

## Dec. 21: APPLES, CANNED FRUIT, AND ORANGES



## 6-12th Grade Holiday Concert \& Social

There will be a 6-12th Instrumental 7-12 Vocal Christmas Concert on Monday, December 18 at 7:30 followed by a cookie social in the cafeteria. The social is sponsored by the band parents. Junior high band, senior high band and the senior high choir members are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies per family to the kitchen before the concert.

## Just A Reminder

School offices will be closed on Dec. 25, 2017 \& Jan, 1, 2018. With limited staff for the holiday break

## A \$500 Fine \& $\mathbf{3}$ Points Off Your Driver's License

STATE LAW:(I) Upon meeting or overtaking, from the front or rear, any school bus on which the yellow warning signal lights are flashing, the driver of a motor vehicle shall reduce the speed of such vehicle to not more than twenty-five miles per hour, shall bring such vehicle to a complete stop when the school bus is stopped, the stop signal arm is extended, and the flashing red signal lights turned on, the stop signal arm is extended, and the flashing red signal lights are turned on, and shall remain stopped until the flashing red signal lights are turned off, the stop signal arm is retracted, and the school bus resumes motion. This section shall
 not apply to approaching traffic in the opposite direction on a divided highway or to approaching traffic when there is displayed a sign as provided in subsection (8) of this section directing traffic to proceed. Any person violating this subsection shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor, shall be fined five hundred dollars, and shall be assessed points on his or her motor vehicle operator's license pursuant to section 60-4.182.

## January Upcoming Dates

Jan. 3, 2018
NO SCHOOL
Teacher Professional Development
Jan. 4, 2018
Begin Second Semester
Jan. 8, 2018
School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm
Jan. 26, 2018
Jr. HiVocal Clinic-Concert @ 7:00pm


> Heartland Community Schools Board OfEducation, Administration, Faculty, And Staff Would Like To Wish You A Very Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year!

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