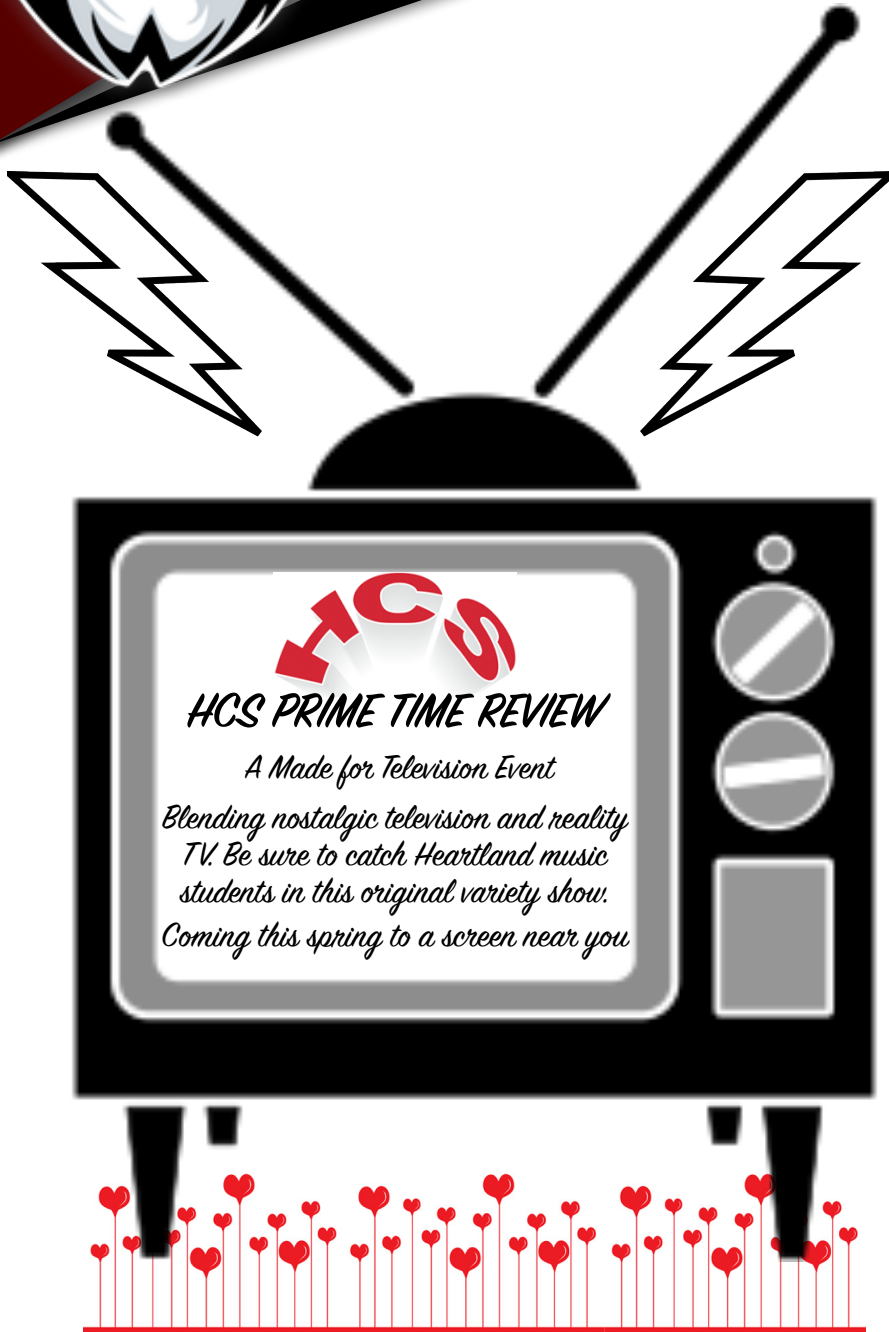




THE HUSKIE LEADER

February 2021
Heartland Community School News



IMPORTANT DATES

February 1 - 6
SNC Basketball

February 3
York County Spelling Contest

February 10
York County Spelling Contest
(make up day)

February 8
School Board Meeting

February 8 - 12
FBLA Week

February 12
No School

February 15
No School - Teacher
Professional Development

February 15 - 18
Girls Basketball Sub-Districts

February 22 -25
Boys Basketball Sub-Districts

February 22 - 26
FFA Week

OUR MISSION

Heartland Community Schools - Henderson/Bradshaw strives to provide challenging educational opportunities for ALL students to reach their highest level of excellence.

It has been an interesting school year with the ever-changing protocols related to COVID. The staff and students continue to press forward with safe practices and if we need to do this through the end of the year, we will. We are hopeful that if everyone does their best now, we will be back to what we would consider “normal” this next fall. Thank you for your continued support!

Every year, we look at data and feedback when considering areas of focus for the next school year. This school improvement process is fluid and adapted to priorities that may arise. Up to this point, most of this work has been accomplished within our community and without procedural guidance from an outside group. Every so often, however, we all need to step back and be open to help and advice from experts from outside our school or community. The school board embarked on this process with the Nebraska Association of School Boards a year ago. Unfortunately, the opportunities to meet with community members to gather input has been difficult with restrictions on gatherings. At the January meeting, the board decided to pause the process until this fall and are hopeful that we can have the opportunity to discuss the future of our school district in face-to-face meetings with our constituents. Stay tuned!

Another state requirement is that we have a team of outside experts visit our school and, based upon international standards, evaluate our effectiveness and grant us accreditation every five years. This team from a group called Cognia will be conducting their research in March of this year and will provide us this feedback. The last time they were here in 2016, we received very high ratings and some quality direction for improvement. This year, they will have to conduct this visit remotely, so it will be interesting not having them get “the feel of the school”, which we hold as a very important quality. Our staff is extremely busy compiling a small book to address all of the standards and we will be transparent and confident in the systems that we have in place.

As part of our accreditation visit, we will be conducting surveys of various groups. If you are a community member, but do not have children in school, please complete the brief, eighteen question Community Engagement Survey at <https://bit.ly/3bXNbTq>

Parents will be surveyed via email in the next couple of weeks. We appreciate your feedback! Have a great month and wish for warmer weather!

Brad Best, Superintendent



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FOOTBALL HONORS

1st Team All District - Nolan Boehr, Cord Spencer, Kale Wetjen

2nd Team All District - Dawson Ohrt, Trev Peters, Zach Quiring

All-District Honorable Mention - Carson Ott, Seth Randles, Wyatt Regier

Lincoln Journal Star All-State Honorable Mention - Nolan Boehr, Dawson Ohrt, Carson Ott, Zach Quiring, Kale Wetjen

ONE ACT PLAY

York K-Dub Competition - 6th Place

Overall Best Tech Award for Class C Tech Crew -

Cindy Cerveney, Lauren Quiring, Maddie Miller

Outstanding Acting Awards - Lilly Carr, Aaron Goertzen, Tobin Glinsmann, Ellyn Hall, Tyler Lewis, Cooper Regier, Taylynn Scheil, Abigael Stebbing

Conference Competition on Nov 17 at Fillmore Central - 3rd Place

Outstanding Acting Awards - Lilly Carr, Aaron Goertzen, Ellyn Hall, Cora Johnson, Tyler Lewis, Elizabeth Mestl, Taylynn Scheil, Ava Tessman

District Competition at McCool Junction - 5th Place

Outstanding Acting Awards - Taylynn Scheil, Ellyn Hall, Elizabeth Mestl, Samantha Adamson, Ashley Brown, Cheyenne Danielson, Abigael Stebbing, Lilly Carr, Aaron Goertzen

VOLLEYBALL

Southeast Nebraska All Conference

Honorable Mention - Gabrielle Siebert

Lincoln Journal Star All-State Team

Honorable Mention - Cassidy Siebert, Gabrielle Siebert

Omaha World Herald All-State Team

Honorable Mention - Cassidy Siebert, Gabrielle Siebert

York News Times All-Area Team

Honorable Mention - Ashley Brown, Kaelyn Buller, Cora Johnson, Cassidy Siebert and Gabrielle Siebert

GOLF

District Golf - Class C-1

Elizabeth Mestl - 2nd

Maddie Miller - 3rd

Team 3rd- Maddie Miller, Josie McCormick, Elizabeth Mestl, Lilly Carr, Ruby Kliewer

State Golf - Class C

Elizabeth Mestl - 5th

Girls' Golf Super-State/All-State Teams

Elizabeth Mestl



School Closing Information

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 to notify 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.

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.



HERE'S THE NEWS

Play

Learn

Grow



Heartland Preschool
2021 - 2022
Attention parents (3-5 years old)

Heartland Preschool is currently gathering interest for the 2021-2022 school year to determine if the program needs to be restructured. Currently, preschool serves students ages three to five. Students cannot attend if they are Kindergarten eligible (5 by July 31, 2021). Please call the school office to express your interest before February 26, 2021.

Call before February 26
402-723-4434

Children 3 - 5 years old
Cannot be Kindergarten eligible (5 by July 31, 2021)

PAWS iPads	
PRACTICE SAFETY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Hold with two hands * Sit when iPad is on
ACT RESPONSIBLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Keep away from water and food * Charge properly
WISE CHOICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Stay on assigned task
SHOW RESPECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use your own device * Return to charging slot



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Kindergarten

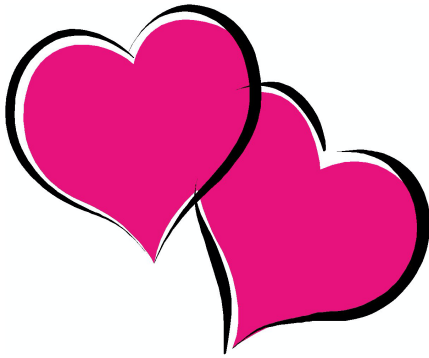
2021 - 2022 - REGISTRATION

Call Tammy or Jessica at (402) 723-4434 to register
 Child must be 5 by July 31, 2021
 Information will be mailed after student is registered regarding Kindergarten Round-Up on April 16, 2021

Smorgasbord Update

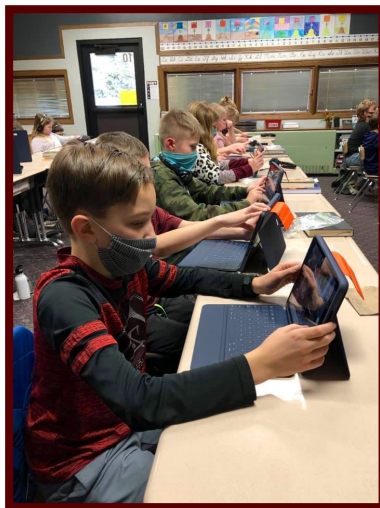
Due to the unknown situation surrounding the pandemic, the annual Heartland Band Smorgasbord will not be held as in years past. For those new to the band, the band parents typically do a Smorgasbord fundraising meal with traditional German food unique to the Heartland area in conjunction with a band concert on a Saturday in the spring. Usually band parents bring a food assignment and do a work assignment that day. Because of social distancing and food preparation requirements, and unknowns about gathering restrictions, we cannot hold Smorgasbord as usual. We are considering an outdoor band concert later in the spring with a freewill offering meal. We are also looking at other possible options to raise funds for the band. We will need band parent assistance for these events and the committee will be notifying band parents about work assignments. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and look forward to the return of Smorgasbord next year.

~ Jason and Kori Lewis Smorgasbord Chairs
Royce Schweitzer, Band Director



iPads for K-6 Students

Recently, Heartland Elementary has implemented iPads for all K-6 students. Each student now has their own device. Students are learning the expectations and safety of the devices. Students are already creating and extending their learning with this technology.



Enrollment

Option Enrollment

Heartland Community Schools is open to accepting more option enrollment students and we feel that we have much to offer! A student from another district may enroll at Heartland when approved through the option enrollment program.

If you know of someone who would be interested in enrolling their children at Heartland, please have them call the superintendent's office at 402-723-4434. High school students must have an option enrollment application filed and approved before March 15, 2021 in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.

What you need to know about scholarships!



Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on community service, school involvement, or talent. Some are based on financial need as determined by the results of your **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Here's where to look for scholarships:

- **ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org** features over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. After you create a profile, you'll be matched with scholarships that fit your criteria.
- **Your school counselor's office.** Visit regularly to check on local and national awards. Mrs. Koehler shares scholarship information through email when a new one is available and through a monthly newsletter. Check your email often!
- **The college you plan to attend.** Contact the school for a list of scholarships they provide and application procedures.
- **National search sites** such as College Board, Peterson's and Chegg.
- **Other resources** could include your coach, clubs and organizations, and your parents' employers and civic organizations.

Two easy-to-apply-for scholarships from EducationQuest for grades 9-12

Nebraska students in grades 9-12 are invited to pursue these \$500 scholarships from EducationQuest:

Get Social Scholarship – By following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, you can enter into a drawing for a \$500 scholarship each time we hit another 250 followers.

Scavenger Hunt Scholarship – Create a ScholarshipQuest profile at EducationQuest.org and then scavenge around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions on a survey. The deadline to apply is **March 31**. We'll draw two winners from those who answer all questions correctly. Go to www.educationquest.org to find out more!

Dual Credit Opportunities!!

Juniors & sophomores: registration for your junior and senior years will be happening soon. Have you thought about taking dual credit classes? Most HCS students take dual credit classes through Southeast Community College because it is very affordable and the Career Academy is an optional part of it too. But there are other colleges the you can obtain dual credit through including UNL's Nebraska Now program <https://admissions.unl.edu/specialized-information/nebraska-now/>, and Peru State College <https://www.peru.edu/dualenrollment/>. Contact Mrs. Koehler if you'd like to explore others. Also, check out www.transferology.com to see how your dual credit class will transfer to other colleges! More info to come soon!

Boys & Girls State

JUNIORS: It's time to apply for Cornhusker Boys & Girls State! This leadership seminar will be held May 31 - June 6, 2020 in Lincoln. Boys & Girls State brings together juniors from across the state to learn about government, leadership skills and make new friends. Henderson State Bank has offered to pay the fee for those students who would like to attend. Deadline: Feb 21 for Girls State, March 9 for Boys State. Check out their websites for more information: <https://cornhuskerboysstate.org/home/> and <http://girlsstate.net/nebraska/wp/>.

Heartland Tradition Took On a Successful New Look In December



The Holiday season at Heartland Community Schools has included the Annual Food Drive for over 30 years. 2020 added a few unexpected twists to past years. With Covid restrictions in place, the annual night of Caroling for Cans had to be cancelled. In its place, the NHS, FFA and FBLA students paired up with the teachers to create the Heartland Celebration Circle. Community members were able to pre-order chili, chicken noodle soup and cinnamon rolls that were made by the kitchen staff to be picked up in the circle drive. The circle drive was decorated with Christmas lights and other holiday decorations to welcome those that were picking up their “goodies” or were dropping off their food drive donations. Students helped deliver the food to the cars, collected donations and even sang a few Christmas carols.

Throughout the two weeks before Christmas break, all students, along with teachers and community members, brought a wide variety of non-perishable items to donate. In addition to the non-perishable items that were donated, with the help of our gracious community members, the gift boxes this year also included a ham from Henderson Meat Processors and a gift card to Henderson Food Mart.

The students and sponsors at Heartland Community Schools want to thank everyone that donated to the food drive this year. We were able to deliver gift baskets to 35 families in the Henderson and Bradshaw communities that were grateful for the extra help during these difficult times.



Grace Regier, State Qualifier in Jr. Public Speaking

FFA Students Compete at District LDE's

Heartland FFA students headed to The Leadership Center in Aurora, Wednesday, January 13th, to compete at District LDEs. LDEs, or Leadership Development Events, provide FFA members with experience in the practice of influencing others through speaking parliamentary procedure competitions. Students compete at District LDEs in order to qualify for competition at State FFA Convention in the spring. Members who placed: Carson Ott, Purple, Sr. Public; Cheyenne Danielson, Purple, and Ben Janzen, Blue in Creed Speaking; Lauren Quiring, Purple, Natural Resources; Maddie Miller, Red, and Maverick Hiebner, Red in Employment Skills; Tyler Lewis, Purple (3rd), in Extemp speaking; Grace Regier, Purple (2nd and State Qualifier), and Allie Boehr, Red in Jr. Public Speaking.



L to R: Lauren Quiring, Maddie Miller, Carson Ott, Grace Regier, Maverick Hiebner, Cheyenne Danielson, Tyler Lewis, Ben Janzen





Heartland Community Schools
February 2021

1	French Toast Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	2 Egg & Cheese Biscuit Crisitos Nachos Steamed Broccoli	3 Cherry Frudel  French Dip Sandwich French Fries Green Beans	4 Breakfast Pizza French Toast Sticks Egg & Sausage Patty 100% Juice Tri Tater	5 Waffles  Pizza Steamed Corn Slushies	All grains are whole grain rich. Fresh fruit and vegetable bar offered daily with lunch.
8	Tornado Pig in the Blanket Baked Beans Steamed Peas	9 Egg Taco Chicken Noodle Soup Cinnamon Rolls Saltines	10 Mini Pancakes Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	11 Strawberry Bagel  Hamburger Chips Cookie	12 NO SCHOOL	A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast. A variety of low-fat and fat-free milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch.
15	NO SCHOOL	16 Breakfast Pizza Waffles Egg & Sausage Patty 100% Juice Tri Tater	17 Coffee Cake  Goulash Steamed Corn Garlic Bread	18 Sausage & Biscuit Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	19 Loaded Hashbrown  Taco Salad Steamed Corn Long John	Menu is subject to change without notice.
22	Long John  Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green Beans	23 Tornado  Enchilada Green Beans Muffin	24 Mini Pancakes Chicken Strips French Fries Slushies	25 Cherry Frudel Deli Sandwich Chip Cookie	26 Chocolate Chip French Toast  Pizza Steamed Corn Slushies	All beef is donated and locally raised.



February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away) Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away) 4:30 PM Basketball: Boys JH vs. Fillmore Central Middle School (Home)	2 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away) Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away) Groundhog Day	3 York County Spelling Bee	4 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away) Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	5	6 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away) Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away) 9:00 AM Basketball: JH Boys vs. Surton (Home)
7	8 9:00 AM FBLA Week 4:00 PM Basketball: Boys JH vs. Harvard (Home) 5:00 PM JV Boys Basketball vs Harvard (Home) 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	9 ... FBLA Week 4:30 PM Basketball: Boys JV vs. Deshler (Home) 4:30 PM Basketball: Girls JV vs. Deshler (Home) 6:00 PM Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. Deshler (Home) 7:45 PM Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. Deshler (Home)	10 FFA District Proficiency/State Degree Interviews York County Spelling Bee make up date ... FBLA Week 9:00 AM FBLA PSC Business Contest	11 ... FBLA Week 4:00 PM Basketball: Boys JH vs. Centennial Junior-Senior (Home) 4:15 PM Basketball: Boys JV vs. Osceola Public Schools (Away) 4:15 PM Basketball: Girls JV vs. Osceola Public Schools (Away) 6:15 PM Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. Osceola Public Schools (Away) 8:00 PM Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. Osceola Public Schools (Away)	12 No School Lunar New Year ... FBLA Week	13 10:00 AM Basketball: Boys JH vs. Friend (Away)
14 Valentine's Day	15 No School-Teacher Professional Development Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away) President's Day	16 Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	17 Ash Wednesday	18 Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	19 6:00 PM Basketball: Boys JV vs. Sandy Creek Junior/Senior (Away) 7:45 PM Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. Sandy Creek Junior/Senior (Away)	20 JH State FLL Robotics
21	22 National FFA Week Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away) 9:00 AM FFA District CDE's	23 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	24 Pre-Recorded/In-person...Concert Band @ ocaib-12	25 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	26 Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	27 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away) HOME JH Robotics Meet Both Gyms
28	1 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away) JH Quiz Bowl in Hebron Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00 PM JH Quiz Bowl 4:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences	2 Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	3 FFA District CDE	4 Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	5 Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)	6 Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. TBA (Away)

2021/22 Calendar - Heartland Community Schools

August 2021						
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Q1 days = 44

November 2021						
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Q2 days = 41 Sem 1 days = 85

January 2022						
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February 2022						
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March 2022						
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Q3 days = 46

April 2022						
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May 2022						
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Q4 = 44 Sem = 90

Students = 175 Teachers = 185

 No School
 Prof. Dev. Day - NO SCHOOL
 P/T Conferences - 4:30-8:30 PM
 End of Term

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School Closing Information: 402-723-4421


PLEASE READ - The last day of school will depend upon the number of snow days used. Currently, the earliest last day is May 17th. If we use one snow day, the last day of school will be May 18th - two snow days, May 19th, etc. Our latest end of the year will be May 24th. We may need to make other adjustments to the calendar if we need more days due to cancellations.

Dates of Interest

Aug 12 First Day - Dismiss @ 11:40
Sep 20 P/T Conf. - 4:30-8:30
Sep 27 P/T Conf. - 4:30-8:30

Dec 22-26 NSAA Moratorium - No gyms
Jan 4 School Resumes
Mar 1 & 8 P/T Conf. - 4:30-8:30


May 8 Graduation - 2:30 PM
May 17 Earliest Last Day
 Dismiss @ 11:30
May 24 Latest Last Day



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High School Principal - Tim Carr
Elementary Principal - Dana Reinke

Nebraska School Board Recognition Week
January 31 - February 6, 2021

Thank you to our Board members! Please take time to recognize and thank the current Heartland School Board members. An important component to our success lies with the school board and their dedication to making decisions that are best for our students. We recognized two of our outgoing members at the December meeting, Paul Brune and Glen Ott. We are very appreciative of their service. In January, we welcomed two new members, Lacey Gloystein and Tyler Newton. We are looking forward to working with our new board to continue growth and success at Heartland!



Glen Ott served the school in this capacity on two separate occasions: 1996-2002 & Aug. 2015-2020. Paul Brune served as a board member from 2007-2020 and also served on the Board of Directors for the Nebraska School Board Association.

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