

From Brad Best, Superintendent...

One hopes that March will bring us weather that is above the freezing mark. It has been a cold winter, but in regard to school closings, we have been fortunate. I have appreciated everyone's cooperation on a couple of those mornings that were a bit more difficult getting to school. I wouldn't have minded at all if the timing of those storms had been a few hours earlier or later. Since we did cancel classes for one day so far, our last day of school will move one day later to Monday, May 19th. If we have other weather cancellations, the last day of school will move an equal number of days later for each day cancelled.

In case you have not heard, we have hired a new elementary principal who will replace the retiring Mrs. Huebert. Her name is Sadie Houck and she comes to us from the Holdrege area. Her background includes working with special education students and is versed in assessments, curriculum development, and reading instruction. Mrs. Houck is married to Zane and they have two young children. She has been in the community looking for housing, visiting with teachers, and meeting community members. If you have the opportunity, please make her feel welcome as you did for me a couple of years ago.

Have a wonderful spring and please stop in for a visit if you have the time.



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 to 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 14, 2014** in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.



Ch.I.L.D. Day Provided by Heartland Community School

Heartland Community School is setting aside a special time for parents of children age 5 and below to participate in **Ch.I.L.D. Day**, which stands for <u>Childhood Information on Language and Development</u>. Just as parents take their young children to the doctor for medical check-ups, the school can provide to parents the services of a *"developmental wellness visit"*. The early childhood personnel at the school can provide current and useful information to parents concerning the early development of their baby, toddler, or preschooler.

Ch.I.L.D. Day is a childfind effort conducted by the Heartland Community School District. School districts are required to conduct childfind activities to ensure that young children who need early intervention services are identified. Involvement in Ch.I.L.D. Day is a free, completely voluntary service and is conducted in a confidential manner.

Ch.I.L.D. Day is set for **Thursday, March 20 2014 from 4:00 – 8:00pm** and will be held in the Heartland Preschool room. Interested parents who live in the Heartland School District can call the school office to register for a 45-minute time slot when they can bring their child to the school. Parents will be able to ask questions about their child's development, complete a developmental checklist, and have their child play and interact informally with adults knowledgeable about young children. Further information may need to be gathered at a later time if the parents and school staff see any concerns. Parental permission is required for any further evaluation.

Heartland Community Schools wishes to extend this invitation as one way of providing support and information to parents of young children in our district. Again, parents of young children in the Heartland school district are invited to call the school at 402-723-4434 to register for Ch.I.L.D. Day

Ch.I.L.D. Day

Childhood Information on Language and Development

Thurs., March 20, 2014 from 4:00-8:00PM Call for a 45-min. appointment in the preschool room

Heartland Community School-402-723-4434



NEBRASKA TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY IS MARCH 4, 2014. THANK YOU TEACHERS FOR ALL YOU DO!

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NHS Hosts a Benefit Concert Performed by Paul Siebert for the Farmer's Valley Cemetery Project

The Heartland National Honor Society had the pleasure of hosting a benefit concert on January 24th for Farmer's Valley Cemetery featuring musician and historian, Paul Siebert. Paul opened the show in Low German with a quote from his great, Russian grandfather asking his, "Boys, promise me you won't go back across the ocean to the wild land." Siebert followed with an entertaining presentation that demonstrated the, "Echoes of an Era," that molded Nebraska's state history in the framework of our state flag.

Paul connected the symbols of Nebraska's State flag to the value they held for the people who settled here in Nebraska. These images were coupled with Paul's songs that not only connected to the flag, but also to our local Farmer's Valley. Paul highlighted the value of a Blacksmith and metalwork, trees, the Blue River, the effect of the weather, the railroad and the value of the land to pioneers. In response, attendees donated over \$1,500 to the restoration of the Farmer's Valley effort to mend the damage that occurred due to vandalism at the historic site this fall. To date, NHS has collected over \$8,500 in funds that will be matched (up to \$10,000) by Henderson State Bank to support this cause. Donations will be collected through the end of the school year. If you would like to contribute, please make your check to the "Plainsman Museum" noting "FV Cemetery" in the memo, then send your check to the school. NHS appreciates Paul Siebert and your support in restoring Farmer's Valley Cemetery.







Upcoming Dates

March 3, 2014

NHS Blood Drive @ 10:00AM 9-12 Vocal/Band Winter Concert @ 7:30PM

March 5, 2014 Dr. Seuss Day

March 7, 2014 3rd Grade Invention Convention in cafeteria @ 2:45PM

March 6-8, 2014 G BB State Tournament-Lincoln

March 10, 2014 School Board Meeting @ 7:00PM

March 10 & 11, 2014 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30PM

March 13-15, 2014 B BB State Tournament-Lincoln

March 14, 2014 NO SCHOOL

March 17, 2014 FFA Labor Auction @ 7:00PM

March 18, 2014

NHS Banquet @ 6:30PM

March 22, 2014 German Smorgasbord @ 5:00PM 6-12th Grade Band Performance @ 7:45

March 24, 2014

No School-Teacher Professional Development

March 28 & 29, 2014 All School Play @ 7:30PM March 31, 2014 Sophmore Crane Field Trip @ 5:15AM



Heartland Community Schools will present "Yearbook" by Steven Fendrich

This is a positive play about the humor, determination and caring that exists in every school. The play will be presented on March 28 & 29, at 7:30pm. Tickets will go on sale March 10th and can be purchased through the high school office. The cost for adults and students is \$5.00.



Sidney Dick Receives the Nebraska Scholastic Art Award

Congratulations to Sidney Dick for receiving a Nebraska Scholastic Art Award. Sidney earned a Gold Key for her ceramic fish, Jamison. There was a ceremony at 11:00AM on March 1 in Omaha, where they presented her with this award. Sidney's artwork will be on display in the Omaha Public Schools Administration Building until March 19th.

The Art Club is still in need of small baby food jars as well as other small containers and buttons of any size, shape and color.

Community Alumni Pep Band

On Friday, February 14 the Heartland Pep Band was joined by the alumni of the Bradshaw/Henderson Community for the Heartland/Cedar Rapids basketball game. There were about 55 people playing. Players from as far as Cedar Rapids, Nebraska and Newton, Kansas joined the group.

The pep band invites people to play anytime during the year but the band makes a special effort for the last home game a special night for a large group to join us.



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Kindergarten Roundup Scheduled for April 11, 2014

Heartland Community Schools will hold their Kindergarten Roundup on Friday, April 11th, in the Kindergarten Room. Children who will be five years of age by July 31, 2014 are eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2014 and should consider attending Roundup.

The purpose of Roundup is to provide an opportunity for next year's kindergarten students to meet their teachers, Mrs. Thiesen and Mrs. Peters, and to meet other prospective kindergarteners. Two sessions will be held. The morning session will begin at 9:00AM and the afternoon session will begin at 1:30PM.

Parents will register their children for attendance at Heartland Community Schools in the conference room with Elementary Principal, Cindy Huebert. Parents should bring their child's immunization records with them as well as an original copy of their child's birth certificate.

Birth certificates are available from: Vital Records, PO Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509-5065 or call them at 402-471-2871. You can download a form or fill out an online request by going to <u>www.hhs.state.ne.us/vitalrecords/index.htm</u>.

All eligible children residing in the Heartland District whose names are on the current census list will receive an invitation to Roundup by April 1. If you are planning on optioning your child into the district, all option papers must be turned in by March 14, 2014, for the 2014-2015 school year. If you know of a child who will be five by July 31 and for any reason may not have his or her name on the school census list, please call the school office at Heartland Community Schools at 402-723-4434.







Each year the second grade class at Heartland follows the Iditarod. The Iditarod takes place in Alaska, where mushers and their dogsled teams compete in a race that covers more than 1,000 miles of beautiful but rugged terrain.

Students will pick a musher to follow during the race which starts March 1, 2014. Before mushers are selected, students read the story <u>Balto</u> in their literature book. Balto was a Siberian Husky sled dog that led a dogsled team on the last leg of a diphtheria

antitoxin run from Nenana to Nome, Alaska in 1925. The Iditarod race commemorates this historic run by following parts of the same trail used in 1925. Sled dogs have been an important part of the Alaskan culture but now snowmobiles and airplanes are used more often for transportation of people and supplies.

Our class was very fortunate to have retired teachers and Bradshaw residents Noel and Joyce Frisbie come to our class to share information about daily life in Alaska and their experience with the Iditarod. As teachers in Alaska they taught in several villages. One year while they were in Galena they experienced the race firsthand, as this village is one of the checkpoints for the dogsled race every other year. They shared pictures of sled dogs, Alaskan wildlife, and the beauty of the wilderness in Alaska. They told us about supplies carried in the dogsleds, the booties the dogs wear during the race, and the dangers along the trail the dogs and mushers may experience as they race during the day and night. At the end students tried on clothing they used in Alaska to stay warm including their seal and beaver hats.



If you want to learn more about the Iditarod race or follow the mushers as they arrive at the various checkpoints along the race, visit the website <u>www.iditarod.com</u>.

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS



The fifth grade just participated in the Measurement Olympics! They performed such mental feats as metric M&M weight lifting, centimeter ant flick, and metric packing peanut shot put. There were many decorated metric athletes.

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	Quadrangular	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	4:15PM	Heartland	Henderson	
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The 7th grade FCS students are currently doing sewing projects.



The 7th Graders busy working on their pillow projects.



Front Row: Brooklyn Epp & Jade Hiebner. Back Row: L to R: Ben Mestl, Collin Rowe, Ric Bulin, Bryce Allen, Shauna Spencer, Kate Bergen, Olivia Casper & Bailey Roberts-Fischer.

The 8th Grade FCS students made "melted" snowmen marshmallow cookies.



L to R: Connor Boehr, Bailey Peters, Tyler Lear, Jaden Regier & Sadie Carr.

8TH GRADE VISITS YORK COLLEGE



On February 19, HCS 8th graders got a chance to see college life up close on a visit to York College. Throughout the day the students got to listen to Admissions Office and coaches talk about how to prepare for college life, eat in the cafeteria, sit in on a YC Choir rehearsal, and explore the campus by completing a photo scavenger hunt. The day ended at the Holthus Field House where students received York peppermint patties, YC M & M's, a Panther t-shirt and college materials. A big thank you to the York College Admissions staff and the college itself for treating our students to a fantastic day and getting them enthused about college!





HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 2014

Heartland FFA has been keeping very busy. On February 5, six senior members went through their state degree interviews, while six members completed proficiency award applications. Proficiency applications are to award FFA members for the work they do for their Supervised Agriculture Experiences, or their jobs. Members of the Heartland FFA chapter do anything from lifeguarding to farm labor to pollination and detasseling. Two members' applications were chosen to go on to state reviews. This past Saturday those applications were chosen as top three finalists in the state of Nebraska. During state convention in April, **Leah Friesen** and **Megan Boardman** will undergo an interview and then be awarded first, second, or third in the area of Specialty Crop Production for their work at BASF and Pioneer as pollinators.

This past week, FFA members across the country celebrated National FFA Week. The Heartland FFA had several activities. On **Tuesday**, members held a pizza party at lunch; **Wednesday**, members had cinnamon rolls and attended the first annual FFA day at the Cattlemen's Classic; **Thursday**, members hosted the annual barnyard and on **Friday**, members held a pancake breakfast for staff appreciation and drive your tractor to school day.

Currently, FFA members are working on preparing for Career Development Event contests, which will be held on March 4th. Also, the annual FFA Labor Auction will be held on March 17 with the annual pancake appreciation feed kicking off the event.



FFA members, **Bailey Ulmer, Addie** Swartzendruber, Kori Siebert & Kristine Goertzen, attended the annual Made for Excellence Leadership Conference held in Kearney, Nebraska.



Cale Friesen & Langdon Arbuck enjoying the sheep at the barnyard.



Brandon Boardman & Leah Friesen flipping pancakes.

Digital Citizenship: Safe, Responsible, and Respectful Use of Information Technology

Ryan Sothan, of the Nebraska's Attorney General's office is giving a presentation on 'Digital Citizenship' in York. (Digital Citizenship is the 'vogue' name for being safe on the Internet). The presentation will take place on Thursday, March 6th at 7:00PM in the YHS Theater . It will be about an hour long presentation, but is absolutely loaded with information that will give parents and community members a lot to think about on how to keep themselves and their kids safe in this digital world.

Presentation: Digital Citizenship: Safe, Responsible, and Respectful Use of Information Technology

Presented by: Ryan Sothan, Consumer Outreach Coordinator, Consumer Protection & Anti-Trust Division, Nebraska Department of Justice, Attorney General Jon Bruning

Description: We live in a digital world. Today's digital life demands digital citizenship. Digital citizenship is the safe,



responsible, and respectful use of information technology. It begins with your digital footprint, your public presence in cyberspace containing all information about you found online. Your footprint can help or hurt your image and future opportunities including your chances for college admission and employment. The purpose of this presentation is to help individuals think critically about harnessing the positive potential of digital life and avoiding its perils. Focus and emphasis will be given to cyberbullying and sexting, two online behaviors fraught with risk and capable of distorting the characteristics of your unique digital footprint. Bottom line: Behave online as you would in person. You are never truly anonymous. Your digital footprint persists and endures—often permanently—outside your control.



March 2014



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HEARTLAND FBLA MEMBERS ATTEND THE PERU STATE COLLEGE BUSINESS COMPETITION

Fifteen Heartland FBLA members traveled to Peru State College to participate in their annual business competition on February 12. The students participated in a variety of tests from accounting and business communications to business law and marketing.

The following nine members won awards: Allison Braun 1st Advanced Accounting; Bailey Carr 3rd Business Math; Colton Siebert 3rd Advanced Accounting; Ethan Hall 3rd Keyboarding I

Objective; Rachelle Allen 4th Business Law; Haley Huebert 4th Accounting and 4th Personal Finance; Ellie Steingard 4th Keyboarding I Skills; Tyler Brown 5th Advanced Accounting; Leslie Braun 5th Introduction to Business. Congratulations to these students for a job well done!



Front Row: Haley Huebert, McKenna Friesen, Bailey Carr, Leslie Braun & Allison Braun. **Middle Row**: Ellie Steingard, Kaitlyn Quiring, Kaeli Lundstrom, Gina Grady and Rachelle Allen. **Back Row**: Owen Wurst, Ethan Hall, Tyler Brown, Colton Siebert and Jonathan Larson.



Front Row: Rachelle Allen, Ellie Steingard, Bailey Carr, Leslie Braun & Allison Braun. **Back Row:** Ethan Hall, Tyler Brown, Colton Siebert & Haley Huebert.

Drivers Education 2014

Drivers Education Classes will again be offered to Heartland students through the Nebraska Safety Council. The classes will take place at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson. The fee for the classes are \$299.00 per student for the summer of 2014. Download a registration form at <u>www.nesafetycouncil.org</u>. Please send the completed form and registration fee to PO Box 30578, Lincoln, NE 68503-0578. Checks should be made out to the Nebraska Safety Council. Students can also pick up a registration form from the school office. The fee must be paid the first day of class.

- Advanced registration and payment are required.
- Students must possess a school learner's permit, a school permit or a learner's permit to enroll.

Only one session will be offered this summer and will run July 7-10 2014 from 8:00-1:00PM. The behind-the-wheel classes will be arranged during the classroom sessions. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Blind Date with a Book

In February, Heartland students were invited to go on a Blind Date with a Book. Students could check out a book based on its profile. A bookmark inside each book could be filled out to enter a drawing for a free pizza from Henderson Food Mart.

Congratulations to Destiny Bloxton, the winner of the contest!



Band German Smorgasbord

The annual Band German Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, March 22, 2014. The meal will be served from 5:00PM to 7:30PM and a band concert will be held at 7:45PM. Adult tickets are \$11.00, children ages 4-12 are \$6.00. Any child under the age of 4 is free. Tickets will go on sale February 20, 2014 and may be purchased from any band member or by calling or stopping by the Heartland School offices. <u>Tickets must be purchased in advance</u>.



Junior - Senior Prom

On April 12, 2014, we will hold the Junior-Senior Prom. There will be a meal for the Juniors and Seniors and their guests at 6:30pm in the old gym. The cost for the meal is \$15.00 for Juniors and \$15.00 guest, complimentary for Seniors. After the meal, the students will do a walk-through from the cafeteria to the theater starting at 7:45pm. Pictures may be taken at this time. The 9-12 student body, parents and guests are invited to the Royalty ceremony held in the school theater starting at 8:15pm. The prom dance will be held in the South (old gym) starting at 9:00pm. Students will need to purchase a \$5.00 ticket to the dance and post prom activities from the High School office. All activities are chaperoned by parents. Any students leaving the prom early will need sponsor permission and parents will be called.

To decorate for Prom, the Junior Class is in need of lanterns, white Christmas lights, and battery operated candles. Items may be dropped off at the school. Please have your name on everything so it can be safely returned. Thanks!

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April Reminders

April 3-5 2014

FBLA State Convention-Omaha

April 8, 2014 Art Club Elementary Art Show @ 2:30

April 9-11, 2014

FFA State Convention-Lincoln

April 12, 2014 ACT Test Date



Prom-6:30/Dance-9:00 April 14, 2014

FFA Banquet @ 6:30PM

School Board Meeting @ 8:00PM April 18 & 21, 2014

Spring Break-NO SCHOOL

April 25, 2014 FFA Banquet @ 6:30PM

April 24-25, 2014

District Music Contest

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