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## LEADER

May 2020

### Heartland Community School News



#### HEARTLAND SCHOOLS GRADUATION

The Heartland Community Schools Commencement activities will be held on **Saturday, August 1**, pending allowance by directive health measures. If the conventional ceremony is not possible, we will have a virtual graduation.

**Congratulations 2020  
Heartland Graduates!**

#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### MAY 5

Virtual Honor's Night released  
7:00 PM Virtual Academic Letter  
of Intent Ceremony

##### MAY 6

Senior Checkout  
(students received an email with their  
assigned time)

##### MAY 12

Last Day of Meal Distribution  
And Elementary Enrichment Packets

##### MAY 18 - 20

Grades 7th - 12th Checkout  
(students received an email with their  
assigned time)



#### OUR MISSION

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



## **Mr. Brad Best, Superintendent**

Normally, we would be busy with wrapping up another school year, putting the final touches on graduation, having banquets, and nursing sunburns from track meets and the elementary field day. The conditions surrounding the closure due to the pandemic have felt very strange, to say the least. Teachers have been very busy with keeping in contact with students and encouraging them to participate in enrichment activities, but as they work from home, it just isn't the same around here. The building is largely quiet; only a handful of people continue to work in their offices paying bills, building a budget and ordering supplies for next year, and assembling learning packets for students. Our administrative team is constantly involved in Zoom meetings to learn more about best practices, required reports, talking with teachers, and sifting through new information released from the governor or state department.

The office ladies have been working in shifts to manage the phones and keep the rest of us sane. They truly are the ones that "keep it together" and enable us to accomplish what we are required to do. Our food service staff is turning out over 1,200 lunches and as many breakfasts every week so that we can ease that burden for our patrons and their children. Custodians will be coming back in shifts, as there is grass to mow, rooms to clean, maintenance to complete, and walls to paint. I honestly don't feel very settled, right now. I work in the office every day and am busy, but it doesn't feel right. There are no little people greeting us with their toothless smiles or high school students putting the wraps on another school year.

I have always enjoyed seeing seniors mature over the last semester of their schooling. I think the reality of the situation finally soaks in for them and they realize that in a few months, they will be working full time or off on their own to discover themselves in a whole new setting. It is a noticeable and fun change to watch when you see them here every day. I will really miss that this year. We have another great group of young men and women that will be successful in life and represent us, their parents, and themselves well along whatever path they choose.

Education is a marathon, not a sprint, and I am confident that we will all be just fine when this is over. I understand that you are struggling at times, as we are, but I want you to know that there is no need to put undue pressure on yourselves or your children. Now is the time to take care of one another. We will come out of this in great shape and I am fully confident that we will be "back on track" in short order come fall. I ran across this letter of sorts on social media awhile back and wanted to share it with you, with a few small changes. I tried to attribute it to someone in particular, but can only credit it to "anonymous":

*Dear Parents,*

*Don't stress about schoolwork. In September, we will get your children back on track. We are educators and that is our superpower. What we can't fix is the social-emotional trauma that prevents the brain from learning. So right now, we just need you to share your calm, share your strength, and share your laughter with your children. No kids are ahead. No kids are behind. Your children are exactly where they need to be.*

*With love,  
All of us in education*

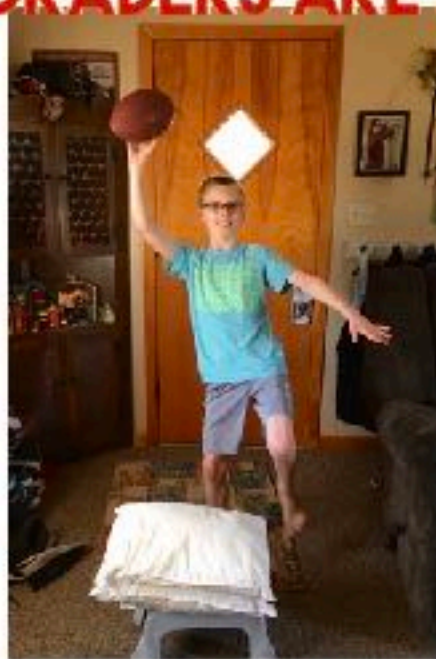
**Please take care of one another, be well, and enjoy this time together. If we are patient and do what we need to do each day to remain healthy, we will bounce back and be better for it.**

# 5th Grade

**F**ifth graders are doing some creative learning during their time away from school and their teachers. Meggan, Colby, Zaine, Aiden, and Maddox are showing just a few examples of this!



**5TH GRADERS ARE BUSY!**



PIC•COLLAGE



## ***Congratulations 2020 Heartland Seniors!***



Alexis Amack



Devyn Bell



Tanner Bottorf



Alessia Giovaruscio



Trevor Goertzen



Grace Janzen



Emily Nunnenkamp



Jared Nunnenkamp



Odessa Ohrt





Timberly Carr



Rachael Dente



Katelyn Gage



Anna Kollerup



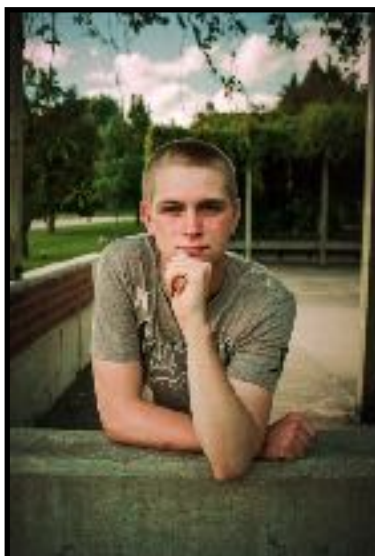
Allison Kroeker



Morgan Maltzberger



Cade Oswald



Andrew Park



Harmon Perez



Halle Peters



Joshua Quiring



Jackson Stebbing



Aidan Swartzendruber



Reagan Weisheit



Kalea Wetjen

*Congratulations*



Rhianna Wilhelm

*Class of 2020*





## High Honor Roll

Carr, Timberly	12
Dente, Rachael	12
Janzen, Grace	12
Kollerup, Anna	12
Kroeker, Allison	12
Ohrt, Odessa	12
Peters, Halle	12
Quiring, Joshua	12
Stebbing, Jackson	12
Swartzendruber, Aidan	12
Wilhelm, Rhianna	12
Buller, Kaelyn	11
Hall, Ellyn	11
Johnson, Cora	11
Quiring, Lauren	11
Regier, Cooper	11
Goertzen, Aaron	10
Ohrt, Dawson	10
Ott, Carson	10
Wetjen, Kale	10
Goertzen, Riley	9
Johnson, Felicity	9
Quiring, Zachariah	9
Regier, Garrett	9
Regier, Grace	9
Regier, Jacob	9
Tessman, Ava	9
Boehr, Allie	8
Goertzen, Kaylee	8
McCormick, Jack	8
Mierau, Hayden	8
Regier, Hudson	8
Stebbing, Ava	8
Switzer, Hendric	8
Tessman, Mariah	8
Thieszen, Nicholas	8
Goertzen, Brady	7
Jahnke, Lydia	7
Johnson, Isabel	7
Kliwer, Siddalee	7
Miller, Zachary	7
Ohrt, Weston	7
Schmidt, Austin	7

## Honor Roll

Amack, Alexis	12
Bell, Devyn	12
Goertzen, Trevor	12
Maltsberger, Morgan	12
Nunnenkamp, Emily	12
Nunnenkamp, Jared	12
Oswald, Cade	12
Park, Andrew	12
Perez, Harmon	12
Weisheit, Reagan	12
Wetjen, Kalea	12
Boehr, Nolan	11
Bordeaux, Sonya	11
Glinnsman, Tobin	11
Hiebner, Mallorie	11
Hiebner, Maverick	11
McCormick, Josie	11
Miller, Madison	11
Randles, Seth	11
Regier, Wyatt	11
Siebert, Cassidy	11
Siebert, Gabrielle	11
Bell, Alexander	10
Brown, Ashley	10
Buller, Lisa	10
Cerveny, Cynthia	10
Cool, Karla	10
Ficken, Donald	10
Friesen, Ella	10
Goertzen, Alex	10
Hiebner, Eli	10
Hiebner, Mason	10
Lewis, Tyler	10
Mestl, Elizabeth	10
Nelson, Joseph	10
Onnen, David	10
Stebbing, Abigael	10
Adamson, Samantha	9
Alvarez, Liliana	9
Bergen, Tucker	9
Carr, Lilly	9
Casper, Eloise	9
Ficken, Geoffrey	9
Huebert, Savannah	9

## Honor Roll cont.

Kliwer, Ruby	9
Maltsberger, Madelyn	9
Maltsberger, Merrick	9
Mierau, Owen	9
Miller, Cole	9
Panko, Wyatt	9
Peters, Trev	9
Siebert, Kaden	9
Danielson, Cheyenne	8
Franz, Andrew	8
Hallmark, Cathryne	8
Hiebner, Ryan	8
Janzen, Benjamin	8
Nolan, Jordan	8
Onnen, Naomi	8
Perez, Hunter	8
Plummer, Devin	8
Regier, Reese	8
Alvarez, Luis	7
Brown, Jaelyn	7
Buller, Jacob	7
Epp, KatrinaMarie	7
Franssen, Jaxon	7
Friesen, Andrew	7
Friesen, Creighton	7
Friesen, Jace	7
Goertzen, Blake	7
Janzen, Anna	7
Mason, Madison	7
Oswald, Emersyn	7
Provance, Shaelynn	7
Quiring, Samuel	7
Siebert, Carter	7
Stamp, Marisol	7
Wilber, Alexis	7

## Are you interested in becoming a local substitute?

During most times of the year, but especially in the spring, we scramble to find substitute teachers. There is a state permit program that allows for individuals without a teaching degree to substitute up to 45 days at their local school. Please consider obtaining this permit and spending some days with us during the school year!

The Local Substitute Teaching Permit is valid for three (3) years and is limited to forty-five (45) days of teaching in any school year. This type of Permit is valid for teaching only in the Nebraska school system requesting the issuance. This Permit requires a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours of college coursework with at least one (1) course in professional Education.

The following documents must be submitted for the Local Substitute Teaching Permit:

- The Application form and non-refundable application fee online at [www.education.ne.gov/tcert](http://www.education.ne.gov/tcert) OR Print, complete sign and date the Application form from the Supporting Forms link at [www.education.ne.gov/tcert](http://www.education.ne.gov/tcert) and your payment by check or money order AND
- Record of Residence Form online if you have lived in Nebraska for the immediate past five (5) years, OR complete a Livescan fingerprint card at a State Patrol office OR two (2) ink rolled fingerprint card(s) and fingerprint fee by check or money order. Order the fingerprint packet at AND
- Official Transcripts indicating sixty (60) semester credit hours of college coursework to include a professional education course. A professional education course is any course with an education prefix or a course in child psychology, child growth and development, classroom management, school organization, child abuse and neglect, observation of children or in general terms, anything dealing with children, schools, or education AND
- Written request from the Superintendent for issuance of the Permit. This request must be signed by the Superintendent or the personnel director of the school system. Include a statement indicating that the issuance of the Permit is approved or requested by the local governing board.
- Official transcripts for a pre-approved course to meet the Human Relations Training requirement. NOTE: The Temporary Certificate, valid for SIX MONTHS, will be issued if the Human Relations Training requirement has not been met.

Please give us a call at school if you are interested in obtaining a local substitute permit.



### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**A Census Form for Heartland Community Schools was included in the April Newsletter. Please complete & return this form to the school May 15, 2020 even if your children do not attend Heartland Community Schools. It is important that you fill out this form and return it to the school.**





Seventeen Heartland FBLA members competed at the Peru State College Business Contest. Tests were taken in the following areas: Accounting, Business Communication, Business Ethics, Business Law, Business Math, Computer Concepts, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Introduction to Business, Keyboarding, Marketing, Personal Finance, and Word Processing. The following students attended the competition: Odessa Ohrt, Rhianna Wilhelm, Timberly Carr, Ella Friesen, Ashley Brown, Savannah Huebert, Ava Tessman, Dawson Ohrt, Grace Janzen, Cynthia Cerveney, Abigael Stebbing, Riley Goertzen, Mason Regier, Trev Peters, Kale Wetjen, Garrett Regier, and Owen Mierau. The following members won awards: **Odessa Ohrt** - 1<sup>st</sup> place Business Law; **Grace Janzen** - 3<sup>rd</sup> place Business Law; and **Kale Wetjen** - 4<sup>th</sup> place Accounting.

The on-site State Leadership Conference was cancelled this year, but the prejudged events and online events were completed. Our results are as follows:

**Grace Janzen, Odessa Ohrt and Rhianna Wilhelm** - 3<sup>rd</sup> place Marketing

**Ava Tessman** - 5<sup>th</sup> place Client Service

**Grace Janzen, Odessa Ohrt and Jackson Stebbing** - 8<sup>th</sup> place Entrepreneurship

**Odessa Ohrt** - Who's Who in Nebraska FBLA

The Marketing team of **Grace Janzen, Odessa Ohrt and Rhianna Wilhelm** has qualified for the National Leadership Conference. Due to COVID-19, this conference will be online this summer.

Congratulations, FBLA members!





While April is usually full of State FFA Convention news, due to COVID-19 the 2020 State FFA Convention was cancelled. Heartland FFA career development teams that qualified for state were: Agriscience, Agronomy, Food Science, and Welding. Currently, the plan is for these contests to be held virtually sometime before August 22nd. At this time, there is no other information. On May 7th, Nebraska FFA will be hosting a virtual Celebrate FFA Day. During this celebration, the following Heartland senior members will be awarded their State FFA Degree: Rachael Dente, Trevor Goertzen, Emily Nunnenkamp, Cade Oswald, Josh Quiring, Aidan Swartzendruber, and Reagan Weisheit. These members underwent interviews for this degree back in February and were selected as recipients of the highest degree that the state can bestow upon the members.

The Heartland FFA chapter was scheduled to have their annual banquet on Thursday, April 30th. Instead officers worked together to create a virtual movie to end the year. Be on the lookout through social media for this event. Eight candidates applied, interviewed, and were selected as new officers for the 2020-2021 school year: Madison Miller-President, Carson Ott-Vice President, Grace Regier-Secretary, Wyatt Panko-Treasurer, Lisa Buller-Reporter, Maverick Hiebner-Sentinel, Tyler Lewis-Parliamentarian, Lauren Quiring-Student Advisor.



Heartland FFA State Degree recipients: L to R - Reagan Weisheit, Cade Oswald, Josh Quiring, Emily Nunnenkamp, Rachael Dente, Trevor Goertzen, Aidan Swartzendruber.



**HEARTLAND DISTRIBUTES APPROXIMATELY 1250 MEALS EACH WEEK TO KIDS IN THE HENDERSON AND BRADSHAW COMMUNITIES. MANY STAFF MEMBERS VOLUNTEER TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!**



Mr. Hall gives each family a number for meals.



Mr. Best enjoys handing out meals and greeting the families every week.



Mrs. Wilhelm, Mrs. Reinke, and Mrs. Maltzberger love seeing the kids and handing out their weekly packets.



Mr. Reinke and Chief Prusia handed out milk to each family.





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