



# The Aggie Express

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## A HUGE Thank You

Beal City Public Schools would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters of the Beal City community for their continued support and commitment to the district and our students and staff.

Both 18 mill non-homestead millage proposals passed by fairly good margins. In rough numbers the 1st proposal (18 mill non-homestead millage renewal and Headlee override was about 65% to 35%) the 2nd proposal (headlee restoration was about 54% to 46%) as reported by the Morning Sun.

While the state of Michigan struggles to fully fund k-12 schools, our community has done its part by passing these proposals. It will now be four years until the school district will need to come back to the voters to renew the 18 mill non-homestead millage.

Also a big congratulations to the four candidates who filled the four Board of Education seats, new comers Denise McBride, Ed VanAvery and the incumbents Frank Fox and Bob Pasch. Your support of and commitment to our community and school is welcomed and appreciated. Thank You for your service.

Again, a HUGE Thank You to the community. The Beal City community and school district are a united partner in the education of our children just as our Mission Statement says:

*Beal City Public Schools, in harmony with home and community, will educate our children in a positive environment that meets individual needs and goals in order that all students successfully function in an ever-changing global society*

## Memorial Hill in Place

Beal City Schools has received donations from community members, classes that have graduated, family members and friends, for memorials in honor of loved ones. Trees were purchased in their honor. The memorial trees were originally planted in front of the old high school, but when the new addition was built, the trees were moved east of the old football field. When the sports complex was built in 2002, we dedicated the hill west of the pressbox as Memorial Hill in hopes that the trees would not have to be moved again. During the moves the plastic monuments have been misplaced, broken or have come up missing.



We just recently installed a sign marking Memorial Hill and will be marking the trees with cement monuments next spring. The school is asking that anyone with information on past donations for memorials, to please contact John Graham or Bill Chilman at 644-3901 with the information.

# DAR Good Citizen Award



The faculty and senior class of Beal City High School are proud to announce that Taylor Baumann is their DAR Good Citizen recipient for the 2008-2009 school year. The selection process for DAR Good Citizen is based on the qualities of Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism.

Taylor has participated in Varsity Football, Varsity Track and Field, Junior Varsity Football, Freshman Basketball, and 4 years of Golf League while in high school. He has also been involved in his Parish Youth Group and Project Pals. He has earned several academic awards as well as being selected for the Citizenship Award every year in high school. He has spent many hours volunteering at school and in the community.

Taylor was nominated by the faculty in the high school and selected by his classmates through a voting process. He is the son of Steve and Khris Baumann. He plans to attend college where he will major in Golf Management or Community Recreation.

Since winter weather has officially arrived, we want to remind you of the seasonal clothing requirements for recess. When the temperature is 41-50 degrees coats, gloves and hats are necessary. Below 40 degrees, it is necessary for students to wear snowpants and boots in addition to the other items. Students coming to school unprepared to go outside will receive a warning the first time. If required winter clothing is forgotten a second time, students will be put on the wall. **STUDENTS WHO REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDS OF DRESS WILL BE CONSIDERED INSUBORDINATE AND WILL BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY.**

Thank you for helping us to keep your child warm, safe and comfortable.

## More Second Grade Adventures

On Monday, November 24, the second graders traveled to Midland for a full day field trip to Dow Gardens and Whiting Forest. They have recently finished a science kit unit on living things, plants in particular, and have witnessed the full growth cycle of bush beans and pumpkin seeds. They also participated in several different experiments involving begonias and geraniums. The students were excited to plant a White Pine seedling and other plants while at Dow Gardens. It made for a wonderful and rich learning experience.



## Santa's Shop

Our elementary PTO will again be sponsoring Santa's Shop which will take place in Mrs. Natzel's classroom on Friday, December 12. Each year students are allowed to take a "shopping trip" where secret purchases can be made for family members and friends. The PTO will send more information home with students on December 5. Please remember that students are not required to participate by purchasing gifts. This event does not generate any profit for the PTO; it is strictly for the benefit of the children.

# FEATURED NEW BOARD MEMBER

Denise McBride



I graduated from Beal City High School in 1984 and next year will be my 25th class reunion! I have been married to Chris McBride (Beal City class of '85) for 18 years. We have two daughters: Megan who is a Senior and will be attending CMU in the Fall and Jessica who is a Freshman at Beal City.

After getting married, I moved to Utah to join Chris who was serving in the Air Force. While in Utah, I received (in addition to Megan) my Bachelor's Degree in Management/Human Resources. We moved back to Michigan and I started working at CMU. I have worked at CMU for 10 years. I was hired as a Functional Analyst on the SAP HR system. In December 2003, I completed a Master of Science in Information Systems degree. About 4 years ago I switched to the IT Department as they were implementing a new Student Lifecycle Management system for the students of CMU. I am now the Lead SAP Analyst. Chris also works at CMU. He is the Lead for the Process Integration Group.

I was the Beal City Athletic Association President the last 4 years before stepping down this year. I am also a member of the band parent group, Tempo. I thoroughly enjoy attending band concerts, football, volleyball and softball games; really anything to support our school. My daughters are involved in FFA, 4H, German Links, Youth in Government, Natural Helpers, Drama Club, Pep band and Jazz band.

I ran for school board as an opportunity to be even more involved in the school. I look forward to working with others on this new endeavor.

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School will be closed from December 24-January 4 for winter break.

School will resume on Monday, January 5. REMEMBER: BOOKS make great gifts!!! WE WISH YOU SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

# FEATURED NEW BOARD MEMBER

Ed VanAvery



Ed VanAvery lives in the Beal City School District with his wife, Janet and two sons. Jared attends Beal City High School and Jordan attends St. Joseph the Worker Catholic School. Ed works at Mid Michigan Community College as the

Coordinator of Technical Training and also teaches technical trades at the M-TEC Center on the Harrison Campus. Ed obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Integrated Manufacturing from Central Michigan University and is close to completing his Dual Master of Science Degrees in CTE / Postsecondary Administration and CTE / Curriculum & Instruction Administration at Ferris State University. Ed enjoys watching movies, camping, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities with his family.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to serve the students and community as a School Board Member here at Beal City Public Schools where I can share my knowledge and experience working in post-secondary education. I am looking forward to being involved in the continued support of academic and athletic achievement that places Beal City Public Schools in the elite class of excellence. Thank you".

The school will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to walk the halls.



*"The Twelve Days of Christmas," will be performed for family, friends, and all other interested community members on Thursday, December 18 at 1:00 p.m. It will be preceded by the Senior Reception at 12:30 p.m. Both events will take place in the small gym. All area Senior Citizens are invited to attend the Senior Reception and enjoy coffee, punch and Christmas treats and being serenaded by the jazz band. They are encouraged to stay for the performance afterward. We appreciate your support and hope to see you all on December 18th!*

## Christmas Outreach

Mayes Elementary students and staff will again be collecting items for the Isabella County Christmas Outreach program to benefit needy families in keeping with our Character Counts pillars of Caring and Citizenship. Students should have brought home a list of toys, toiletries, and school supplies as suggested items needed to fill our classroom Christmas stockings. Due to increased need this year, we are also asking for additional gifts of non-perishable food items that will be donated in addition to the stockings this year. Please do not wrap these items. This is strictly a voluntary program. If you are able to donate items, please send them to school by Wednesday, December 10. We appreciate your generosity at this special time of year.

## PROJECT PALS



November is always a very busy month for the second graders of Mayes Elementary. Our annual Project PALS Thanksgiving Dinner was held on Wednesday, November 19. We had over 200 people attend this year! The children performed a 20 minute presentation that included a short three act play and several poetry readings. They worked very

hard to memorize their parts and are quite proud of their accomplishments. Marci Faber, Food Service Director, and her amazing staff prepared a delicious traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner with "all the fixings" while the high school PALS contributed salads and desserts. We were definitely "stuffed" by the end of this fun and entertaining evening.

We are adding an additional activity this year to Project PALS. The building trades class built two bat boxes for the PALS to auction off. We are hoping the money raised will help to off-set the cost of such a large Thanksgiving dinner crowd. The children will also be selling some of their plants from science class to raise funds.



## Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on November 17, 2008:

- ✍ General Fund payments of \$259,249.95, Hot Lunch payments of \$19,728.42, Athletic Fund payments of \$4,322.29, Debt Retirement 2002 payments of \$34,295.74, and Debt Retirement 2004 payments of \$66,981.25.
- ✍ Dan Beckwith's coaching resignation as Junior High Boys Track Coach.
- ✍ The following coaching recommendations: Dan Beckwith – JV Boys Basketball, Tom LaVoie – Varsity Girls Basketball, Chad Fletcher – 7th Gr Boys Basketball, Mitch Hall – 8th Gr Girls Basketball, Maureen Sheridan – 7th Gr Girls Basketball, and Jeremy Griffis – Voluntary Assistant Boys Basketball.
- ✍ The Resolution Authorizing the Board President to Execute an Electrical Contract for the District.

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- 07 HOOGERHYDE, NICHOLAS
- 07 STEFFKE, CHLOE B.
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- 08 LARE, ANDREW M.
- 08 COLE, MANISHA R.
- 08 DAVID, MONICA R.
- 08 RAU, JONATHAN D.
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- 08 SCHWERIN, LARISSA E.
- 09 BECHTEL, ANDREW D.
- 09 FREEZE, SAMANTHA A.
- 09 HOOK, CHAZ A.
- 09 SALISBURY, CAL W.
- 09 SCHAFFER, LOGAN
- 09 SMITH, KAREN N.
- 09 SMITH, KERSTEN L.
- 10 BROWN, ZACHARY T.
- 10 CARRICK, TORI
- 10 FLAUGHER, KENDRA M.
- 10 MOORE, SHAWN D.
- 10 POWELL, RACHEL L.
- 10 SCHAFFER, ABIGAIL S.
- 10 WARD, HALEY N.
- 10 WICHERT, BRITTNEY A.
- 11 RAU, JORDAN J.
- 11 STEFFKE, LOGAN A.
- 11 STRATTON, TROY
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- 12 POHL, KEVIN T.
- 12 STRAUS, KATHERINE M.
- 12 WILSON, KRISTIN
- 08 MEAD, CORY J.
- 08 PUHLMAN, JUSTIN M.
- 08 RAU, OLIVIA J.
- 08 RECKER, EMILY M.
- 08 ROWE, KIMBERLY
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- 08 STEFFKE, ASHLEY M.
- 08 YUNCKER, COREY J.
- 08 ZEIEN, ADAM F.
- 09 ARNDT, AMBER M.
- 09 BURMAN, JACOB A.
- 09 EGBERT, JANEL E.
- 09 FOWLER, RACHEL L.
- 09 GRIFFIS, HEATHER J.
- 09 GUTHRIE, LAUREN N.
- 09 HALL, ALEXANDRA R.
- 09 HAUCK, MIRANDA L.
- 09 POHL, ANDREW W.
- 09 POHL, TRACEY
- 09 ROWE, TIMOTHY
- 09 SCHAFFER, ADAM J.
- 09 SCHAFFER, SHELBY J.
- 09 SCHAFFER, TRAVIS A.
- 09 SMITH, CICILY V.
- 09 SMITH, EMILY C.
- 09 STEFFKE, CONNER J.
- 09 THEISEN, KYLEE M.
- 09 TILMANN, TREVOR J.
- 09 WATTERS, NICHOLAS C.
- 09 WINEGARDNER, COURTNEY
- 09 WITT, LINDSEY C.

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- 07 BIERSCHBACH, ALEAH M.
- 07 COTTER, MIKAELA D.
- 07 ESCH, SAMANTHA J.
- 07 FLAUGHER, KELSEY A.
- 07 FOUTY, ANDREA J.
- 07 HUBER, HAYDEN E.
- 07 KLUMPP, SHELBY T.
- 07 HARRISON, ELIJAH
- 07 NEYER, HANNAH C.
- 07 REIHL, ANNA M.
- 07 ROLLIN, TY M.
- 07 SALISBURY, CARSON L.
- 07 SCHAFFER, GARRETT J.
- 07 SCHAFFER, MELANIE R.
- 07 SCHUMACHER, ADDIE L.
- 07 THOMPSON, ALEXUS P.
- 07 WARD, NICHOLAS A.
- 07 WATTERS, SOPHIA E.
- 08 BURMAN, SHAYLA E.
- 08 CLARK, CHARLES P.
- 08 CLARK, ELTON W.
- 08 HANDZIAK, JULIANN M.
- 08 HOLLAND, MICHAELA J.
- 08 JONES, MIKAYLA B.
- 08 KENNEDY, JADE E.
- 08 KOLB, MARGARET G.
- 08 LEY, MEGAN K.
- 08 MASTER, REBECCA A.
- 10 BELLINGER, ALYSSA C.
- 10 BLISS, JACQUELINE M.
- 10 BLOCK, BREANNA C.
- 10 CHRISTENSEN, JACOB A.
- 10 DAVID, MARIA R.
- 10 FABER, RYAN R.
- 10 FUNNELL, ALEX M.
- 10 GALINSKI, MORGAN L.
- 10 KARCHER, COURTNEY
- 10 MCCARTHY, BECKI M.
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- 10 PHILLIPS, EMILY J.
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- 10 SCHAFFER, SARAH A.
- 10 SCHUTT, CODY J.
- 10 STEFFKE, KRISTEN M.
- 10 VANAVERY, JARED W.
- 10 WARNER, JAY
- 11 ANTCLIFF, KELSEY N.
- 11 ARNDT, CHADWICK S.
- 11 BELLINGER, CAITLYN S.
- 11 BELLINGER, NATHANIEL J.
- 11 BLISS, BRITTANY P.
- 11 DAVID, KELLY M.
- 11 GROSS, PAUL M.
- 11 HOLLAND, NICHELLE M.
- 11 HUBER, BROOKE E.
- 11 MASSEY, SEAN D.
- 11 ROJAS, KEGAN S.

- 11 SANDERS, DANI L.
- 11 SMITH, NICOLE L.
- 11 SMITH, TRENT M.
- 11 STEELE, ALISSA A.
- 11 THEISEN, JARED F.
- 11 YUNCKER, MORGAN
- 11 ZEIEN, TIANDRA M.
- 12 ATKIN, MONICA J.
- 12 BARNES, ALEXANDER J.
- 12 BAUMANN, TAYLOR G.
- 12 BECHTEL, KOHL T.
- 12 BLOCK, NATALIE
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- 12 FABER, TRAVIS W.
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- 12 FOUTY, KAITLYN E.
- 12 FOX, KYLE D.
- 12 GROSS, KATIE
- 12 HOLSWORTH, COURTNEY A.
- 12 MALLEY, JACOB B.
- 12 MCBRIDE, MEGAN R.
- 12 MCDONALD, TYLER J.
- 12 PROMINSKI, MATTHEW P.
- 12 ROBINSON, ASHLEY A.
- 12 SCHAFFER, CHELSEA M.
- 12 SHARRAR, JUSTIN D.
- 12 SMITH, EDDIE J.
- 12 STEFFKE, NATHAN M.

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- 07 BALL, DANIEL
- 07 BELLMER, KENIESHA K.
- 07 BLEISE, KEVIN J.
- 07 BROWN, CHASE A.
- 07 CARSON, JORDAN A.
- 07 FINNERTY, ASHLEY A.
- 07 GARRETT, JUSTIN P.
- 07 GROSS, KURT P.
- 07 MOGG, CODY T.
- 07 MOTTIN, CODY M.
- 07 PHILLIPS, SARA J.
- 07 SCHAFFER, JENA K.
- 07 SCHAFFER, LUCAS W.
- 07 SCHAFFER, PATRICK N.
- 07 SCOTT, ELIZABETH A.
- 07 STRAUS, KEVIN M.
- 07 TILMANN, RYAN M.
- 07 WARD, ROGER J.
- 08 CLEMENTS, KYLE W.
- 08 CRAVEN, CHANCE L.
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- 08 MATHIS, BRANDI
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- 12 BAILEY, CASSANDRA K.
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- 12 COOK, PATRICK G.
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- 12 LAMBOURN, NIKLAS
- 12 SMITH, LILAH I.
- 12 STEVENS, CHAD D.
- 12 TITMUS, ZACHARY
- 12 VOGEL, CLAY A.
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**First Quarter  
Honor Roll**

# MENU

December 8 - 12, 2008

Monday **Breakfast** -Cinnamon-glazed french toast, cheese stick, granola bar, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, breadstick, salad bar, fruit and milk

Tuesday: **Breakfast** -Egg/cheese omelet, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk.

**Lunch** - popcorn chicken or baked potato, dinner roll, hot vegetable, salad bar, fruit and milk

Wednesday: **Breakfast** - Pretzel/cheese, muffin, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk.

**Lunch** -beef stew/biscuit or hamburg/bun, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk

Thursday **Breakfast** -Breakfast pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** -broccoli casserole or grilled chicken/bun, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk

Friday: **Breakfast** Egg and sausage on a biscuit, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - broccoli casserole or grilled chicken/bun, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk

December 15 - 19, 2008

Monday: **Breakfast** - Waffle sticks, muffin, yogurt, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - Pizza King/ ham pizza, cheese filled breadstick, salad bar, fruit and milk

Tuesday: **Breakfast** -Scrambled eggs/ham, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk

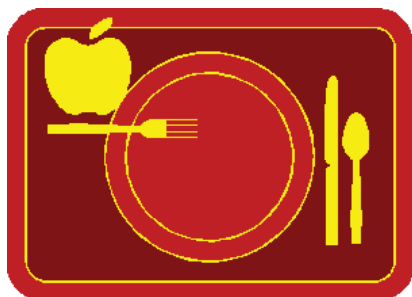
**Lunch** - hot dog/bun or sloppy jo/bun, chips, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: **Breakfast** -Pretzel/cheese, muffin, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - goulash or chicken patty/bun, garlic bread, salad bar, fruit, fruit and milk

Thursday: **Breakfast** -Bagel sausage pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - chicken nuggets or bbq beef/bun, hot vegetable, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk

Friday: **Breakfast** Hot Pocket, yogurt, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch**

- **Winter Wonderland** – chicken strips, au gratin potato's, green bean casserole, dinner roll, Christmas cookies, salad bar, fruit and milk



December 22 - 23, 2008

Monday: **Breakfast** - Mini pancakes, sausage, granola bar, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - Big Daddy's cheese pizza, cheese-filled breadstick, salad bar, fruit and milk

Tuesday: **Breakfast** - Egg/cheese omelet, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** -grilled cheese sandwich or fish/bun, tomato soup, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday: **No School Christmas Break**

January 3 - 5, 2009

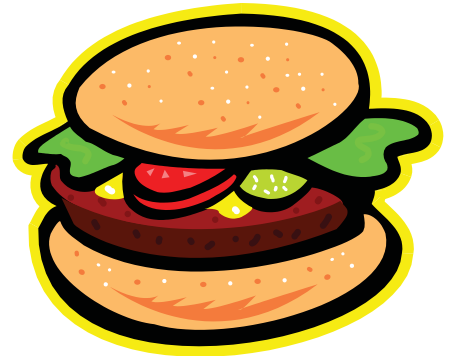
Monday: **Breakfast** - Oatmeal, cheese stick, granola bar, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - Pizza King/ ham pizza, cheese filled breadstick, salad bar, fruit and milk

Tuesday: **Breakfast** -Scrambled eggs/ham, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - taco or scalloped potato/ham, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk

Wednesday: **Breakfast** -Pretzel/cheese, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - chicken strips or chili, cornmeal muffins, hot vegetable, salad bar, fruit and milk

Thursday: **Breakfast** -Bagel sausage pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - "Elvis Day" – hound dog nuggets or king hamburger/bun, heartbreak fries, blue suede Jell-O, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: **Breakfast** -Egg and sausage on a bagel, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - chicken stir fry or chicken parmesan, dessert, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk.



*Menus are subject to change, and no child shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap.*

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