

The Aggie Express

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Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award



The faculty and senior class of Beal City High School are proud to announce Melanie Schafer as their DAR Good Citizen recipient for the 2013-2014 school year. The selection process for DAR Good Citizen is based on the qualities of Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism.

Throughout her high school career Melanie has been involved in FFA, marching band, pep band, concert band, jazz band, her church youth group, NHS, and Spanish club. She also participates in basketball, volleyball and track.

Melanie was nominated by the high school faculty and then selected through a voting process by her classmates. She is the daughter of Gregg and Kathleen Schafer. Melanie plans to attend Mid Michigan Community College in the fall, later transferring to Grand Valley State University to major in Occupational Therapy.

Veterans Day Assembly

Beal City Public Schools will be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony to honor Veterans and present members from all branches of the military. If you are a veteran, or a current member of the military, please attend the Veterans Day ceremony held in the Beal City High School gymnasium starting at 10:00 a.m. on November 11, 2013. The whole program will only last about 30 -40 minutes. The entire community is invited and if you know of someone who is a veteran or a member of the military please let them know about the ceremony. We would love to have all of them attend the Veteran Ceremony to honor those who have fought and are fighting for our country and our way of life here in the United States of America.

After the ceremony there will be a luncheon for all veterans and their significant other in the School's Media Center. Please RSVP for the luncheon by calling the Beal City Administration Office at 644-3901.

If you would like your military picture included in the slide show, please drop it off at the Beal City Administration Office. On the back of the photo include your name, branch of service and your years of service (the picture will be returned to you on November 11th).



Staff Member of the Month

The Beal City Board of Education, in appreciation of the hard work that is done by all staff members of Beal City Public Schools, would like to honor one staff member each month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. This month's honoree is Cindi Gigowski.

Mrs. Gigowski lead a group of students who practiced and performed throughout the weekend of October 19th & 20th in a Broadway Bootcamp. The Beal City High School students worked all day Saturday and Sunday on their performance and did an outstanding job with their musical. Thank you Cindi for all the hard work you do and congratulations to the whole group for their great performance.

----- THANK YOU-----

The Tilmann Family would again like to thank everyone in the community that donated so graciously. We all are very honored to be a member of the Beal City community and to feel the prayers, love and support of each and every one of you. A very special thank you to Lou Rau and all that helped put the "Yellow Out" together, it was a very heartwarming experience to see everyone in yellow. Also thank you to Julie Christensen, student council and everyone at Beal City Public Schools who supported us by purchasing class colored t-shirts during homecoming week. We appreciate it all very much.

Geno continues to get good results from his bone marrow transplant and we are praying for his levels to continue to decrease.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.
Geno, Pam, Trevor and Ryan

BOARD BRIEFS

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on October 21, 2013:

- General Fund payments of \$291,314.16, Hot Lunch payments of \$18,383.92, and Athletic Fund payments of \$8,770.40.
- The 1st Reading of the Neola Policies as presented.
- The following coaching recommendations as presented: Chadd Fletcher – Varsity Girls Basketball – Returning, Jeff Klapp – JV Girls Basketball – 1st year, Pete Lorenz – Voluntary Girls Basketball – Returning, Dan Beckwith – Voluntary Girls Basketball – Returning, Larissa King – Voluntary Cheer – Returning, Derek Stoneman – Voluntary Boys Basketball – 1st year, Jaime Farrell – Voluntary Boys Basketball – 1st year, Jeff Bruggema – Voluntary Boys Basketball – 1st year, Kyle Gross – Voluntary Boys Basketball – 1st year, Matt Bleumer – Voluntary Boys Basketball – Returning, and Kelly David – Voluntary Girls Basketball Assistant.

The following coaches have been recommended for hire through PCMI: John Hoyle – JV Boys Basketball – Returning, Todd Schafer – Freshman Boys Basketball – Returning, Dan Neely – 8th Grade Boys Basketball – Returning, Clayton Comstock – 7th Grade Boys Basketball – 1st year, Jordan Garcia – 8th Grade Girls Basketball – Returning, Kaley Hall – Sideline Cheer – Returning, and Alissa Steele – 7th Grade Girls Basketball – 1st year.

To locate the Beal City Board of Education agenda and minutes from the monthly Board meetings, please see the Beal City website. Click on District Info, Board of Education, then click on the Board of Education on the left hand side to receive a menu. From there click on Meeting.



This year's Homecoming court members were David Reihl and Ariel Salter, Alexia Lynch and Sam Steffke, Sara Schafer and Austin Cook, and for the Senior class, Melanie Schafer, and Ty Rollin, Chloe Steffke and Carson Salisbury, and Ashley Finnerty, and Ryan Tilmann. Our Homecoming King and Queen were Melanie Schafer and Ryan Tilmann. Angel Sian and Cody Mogg were this year's Mr. Nice Guy and Ms. Congeniality. This year's Junior Royalty was Lilly Leppert and Neil Finnerty and the Grand Marshalls were John and Cindy Graham.



The Beal City Sports Boosters Need Your Help

Beal City spirit has been extremely high and filled with much excitement. As some of our Fall regular season schedules are coming to an end we have post season events that we are very excited about, along with new events beginning. That's part of the joy of being a part of Beal City. The student athletes make it so exciting and fun for the community to want to come out and support them. The Beal City Athletic Association would like to thank all the volunteers who helped in the concession stand during the Fall sports season. We could not continue to support these programs without you. We should be hosting at least the first round of football district tournaments, and we will be in need of volunteers to help run the concession stand and support our team. This is **VERY IMPORTANT**. If you can't work, please ask a family member or friend to step in and assist. Please contact Denise Schafer at 989-289-1108 or Lisa Schneider at 989-289-8689 as soon as possible. We need to fill these spots. **OUR success depends on YOU!!!!**



Beal City Varsity football players and cheerleaders read to kids....

Stressing the importance of being great role models for the elementary age students in our community, the Beal City Varsity Football players and cheerleaders gave their time on Friday, October 4, during the Homecoming festivities to read to the Kindergartens, First, Second, Third and Fourth grade students at St. Joseph the Worker and Mayes Elementary. They stressed the importance of reading and education, being in school, being a good role model and setting good examples. They also enjoyed a little treat. This is a good way for the players and cheerleaders to give back and thank their community for all the support they give to Beal City Football.



Students at St. Joseph and Mayes Elementary enjoy being read to.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

November 1	1st 9 Week Marking Period Ends, ½ day for students, no lunch
November 7	PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.-Mrs. Davis Classroom
November 4-8	Book Fair
November 7	Parent Teacher Conferences, No School for Students/Book Fair
November 9	Apple Pie Fundraiser (Volunteers – 7 a.m.-12 p.m. & pick-up 10 a.m.-12 p.m.)
November 11-20	Holiday Wreath Orders
November 15	No School, Opening Day Firearms Deer Season
November 19	Elementary School Picture Retakes
November 25	Holiday Wreath Pick-up (2:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.)
November 25	Project PALS Thanksgiving Dinner
November 28 & 29	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 19	Holiday Program and Senior Citizen Reception

Winter Clothing

It's that time of year again! Now that colder temperatures have finally arrived, we wanted to remind parents of our "Seasonal Clothing" policy, in the Parent/Student Handbook. When the temperature is 41 – 50 degrees, coats or sweatshirts are necessary. In addition, at 40 degrees or below, boots, gloves and hats are required for all grades, and students in K-4th grade have to wear snowpants. If a student comes to school unprepared to go outside, he/she will receive a warning the first time, and remain on the blacktop. If cold weather clothing is forgotten more than one time, students will have to stand against the wall or serve lunch detention. At all times, best judgment in accordance with weather conditions is expected. Remember, it could be warm in the morning and cool off throughout the day. It's better to pack the extra winter gear than to be caught without it when the weather turns.

Holiday Program

Mark your calendars now for the annual Mayes Elementary Holiday Program to be held on Thursday, December 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the small gym. The Senior Citizens Reception will take place in the gym before the program at 12:30 p.m. All families and community members are invited to attend.



Elementary SUPER HEROES of the Month

Left to Right, Sidney Upton (6th grade) daughter of Mark and Michele Upton, MacKenna Sellers (2nd grade) daughter of Patrick Sellers and Abby Sellers, Terrell Zuker (5th grade) son of Kevin and Angela Zuker, Rylee Fike (4th grade) daughter of Edwin and Carrie Fike, NoleTheisen (kdg.) son of Mark and Lori Theisen. Not in picture, Tailor Onstott (3rd grade) daughter of Nick and Jodi Onstott and Bella Davis (1st grade) daughter of Mitch and Jenny Davis.

These seven students were chosen by their grade teachers as the SUPER HEROES of the Month. They not only showed great effort and enthusiasm in the classroom, but they also demonstrated positive character traits and were model students. For being selected for this award, each student received a certificate, a pencil, and their picture posted outside the office. Congratulations to our Outstanding Students!!

2013 Gratiot-Isabella RESD Vocational Education Millage by Jan C. Amsterburg, GIRESD Superintendent

Why is a Vocational Millage being requested?

On November 5th, 2013, voters in the Gratiot and Isabella County Education Service District will be asked to consider a millage for vocational education programming. The amount of the request is 1.0 mil for 10 years. This 1.0 mil will generate approximately 2.616 million dollars a year for vocational education. Currently, it costs \$2,800 for each vocational education student to take one class. Since there isn't a vocational millage at this time, the money comes from the school district's general fund. At this time, there are approximately 1,000 high school students taking vocational courses. The total cost of this program is approximately 2.8 million dollars. A successful vocational millage vote would almost self-fund this program. That fact is significant because currently the funding for vocational education comes from our district's general fund. A successful millage vote would put money back into a district's general fund that otherwise would have gone to vocational programs. Pressures on school finance have increased dramatically over the past years: Schools are funded two main ways; student enrollment and a dollar amount per pupil. From the school year of 1998-99 to last year's count in 2012-13, schools across Gratiot and Isabella have seen a decrease of 2,355 students! Based on funding from the State per pupil at \$6,996 each, this represents a decrease in funding across our local school districts of \$16,475,580 for just this year. The dollar amount per pupil has decreased significantly since 2003. This per pupil funding decrease coupled with decreasing enrollment has put great pressure on all of our district's finances. Vocational education is one of the areas that has been negatively affected by these decreases.

Where will funds from the millage be applied to?

This millage revenue will be applied directly to programs, instructors, equipment and transportation. No new buildings will be built. This new funding will allow the nine superintendents in Gratiot and Isabella Counties to greatly increase the vocational programming in Gratiot County and Isabella County.

What does Vocational Education offer students?

Vocational Education is an excellent option for students that will lead to high skill, high wage, and high demand jobs. Vocational Education will help keep students in school (dropout prevention). Vocational Education gives Gratiot and Isabella Counties the skilled workforce necessary to attract new business and industry. The proposed millage will keep the money currently spent on Vocational Education (Career Technical Education) in each district's general fund, which will help offset budget cuts.

Where do I get more information?

Please contact Dr. Jan C. Amsterburg, Superintendent, Gratiot-Isabella RESD, 1131 E. Center Street, P.O. Box 310, Ithaca, MI 48847 Phone: 989-875-5101 or contact your local school district superintendent.

JH Boys Basketball

Thurs. Nov. 7	6:00 p.m.	Lake City
Mon. Nov. 11	6:00 p.m.	@Manton
Thurs. Nov. 14	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC
Mon. Nov. 18	6:00 p.m.	@Marion
Thurs. Nov. 21	6:00 p.m.	@Pine River
Mon. Nov. 25	6:00 p.m.	Evart
Tues. Dec. 3	5:00 p.m.	McBain
Thurs. Dec. 5	5:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Mon. Dec. 9	6:00 p.m.	Manton
Thurs. Dec. 12	6:00 p.m.	@McBain NMC
Mon. Dec. 16	6:00 p.m.	Marion
Tues. Dec. 17	6:00 p.m.	@McBain

BEAL CITY BANDS

... in harmony with the home and community...

MARCHING AGGIES

Marching Band Invitational

Thank you to our enthusiastic community for hosting the Marching Aggie Invitational on Monday, September 23. Bands from White Cloud, Morley-Stanwood and Pine River joined the Marching Aggies on Frank A. Schafer Field to perform their halftime shows and received some important comments and critique from veteran band director, Norm Logan. Our groups were very appreciative of the supportive crowd and the opportunity to perform before MSBOA Marching Band Festival. Already several others bands from our area have expressed interest in joining us next year! Look for more groups to be in town in late September of 2014!

Marching Band Festival

On Monday, October 14, the Marching Aggies traveled to Owosso to perform for the very first time at MSBOA Marching Band Festival. Our students created quite the buzz in the stands and from attending music educators, duly impressed with our first foray into Festival performances.

Glow Show

On the evening of Friday, October 25, the Marching Aggies introduced what we hope will become a new tradition: Glow Show! Nearly 600 glow sticks were worn by the Marching Aggies to perform the show in the dark! Our hope is to do this each year to excite our crowd and provide a new level of excitement from the Marching Aggies!

Practice Shows Progress

A reminder to all sixth grade and middle school band parents: Practice Records are your weekly progress reports for your student and are graded assignments for your student. Each Monday, students submit them to Mr. Lowe and pick up a new form. If they forget, forms are available online at the school website and the band website: bealcitybands.weebly.com.

Get Up to Speed in TEMPO

TEMPO (tem'po) n. the speed at which music is played 2. rate of activity. Band parents or any community member interested in helping our amazing band program thrive now and into the future, join us on each second Monday in the Band Room at 7PM. Beal City TEMPO Club supports, assists and implements much of the activities of the Beal City Bands. Next meeting: Monday, November 11

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to our community for the support of our biggest fundraiser - our Annual Cookie Dough Sales! It was another great year of sales and support from you our ardent supporters and valued community! We can't continue to do what we do without you!



MENU

November 4 - 8, 2013

Monday: Breakfast – bagel/cream cheese stick or cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – popcorn chicken w/wg dinner roll, green beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

Tuesday: Breakfast – pancake wrap or cereal w/light cheesestick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – breakfast pizza or hash brown, muffin, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

Wednesday: Breakfast – scrambled eggs/ham or cereal w/light cheesestick, hashbrown, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – hot turkey sandwich (wg bread) with mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, garden bar, fruit juice and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

Thursday: Breakfast – NO SCHOOL.

Friday: Breakfast – wg muffin or wg cereal, sausage links, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch** – nachos chips/cheese/meat, refried beans, garden bar, fruit, and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

November 11 – 15, 2013

Monday: Breakfast – wg french toast sticks w/syrup or wg cereal w/light cheesestick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – sloppy jo w/wg bun, celery, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg breadstick.**

Tuesday: Breakfast – egg and sausage on a bagel or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – corn dog nuggets, sweet potato fries, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg breadstick.**

Wednesday: Breakfast – wg cereal bar or wg cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – twisty chicken alfredo, wg garlic breadstick, broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg breadstick.**

Thursday: Breakfast – wg breakfast pizza or wg cereal w/light cheesestick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – scalloped potatoes/ham w/wg dinner roll, cookie, corn, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg dinner roll.**

Friday: NO SCHOOL.

November 18 - 22, 2013

Monday: Breakfast – bagel/cream cheese stick or cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – tangerine chicken w/wg rice, stir fry vegetables, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

Tuesday: Breakfast – pancake wrap or cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – hot dog w/wg bun, cooked carrots, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

Wednesday: Breakfast – scrambled eggs/ham or cereal w/light cheesestick, hashbrown, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – salisbury steak w/mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, dinner roll, garden bar, fruit juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

Thursday: Breakfast – wg breakfast pizza or wg cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chicken strips w/wg dinner roll, broccoli, garden bar, fruit juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

Friday: Breakfast – wg muffin or wg cereal, sausage links, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chicken quesadilla, refried beans, garden bar, fruit juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

November 25 - 29, 2013

Monday: Breakfast – wg french toast stick w/syrup or wg cereal w/light cheesestick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – popcorn chicken w/wg dinner roll, green beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

Tuesday: Breakfast – egg and sausage on a bagel or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – breakfast pizza or hashbrown, muffin, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

Wednesday: Breakfast – wg cereal bar or wg cereal w/yogurt, juice and milk. **Lunch – Thanksgiving Dinner** – hot turkey sandwich (wg bread) with mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, stuffing, fruit juice and milk. **No weekly option today.**

Thursday: Breakfast – NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK.

Friday: Breakfast – NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK.

New federal regulation changes to our menu: *WG = Whole Grain. All students must take a fruit or vegetable with a hot lunch. This menu is based on K-8 menu guidelines. See new Federal Regulations in the Aggie Express. Note: Menus are subject to change without notice.

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