



THE AGGIE EXPRESS

Staff Members of the Month

The Beal City Board of Education, in appreciation of the hard work that is done by all members of Beal City Public Schools, would like to honor Cindi Gigowski and Rick Cotter as Staff Members of the Month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. They will both be retiring at the end of this school year and we wish them well.



For the past 20 years, Cindi has taught not only English, Drama and Communications, but life skills, and has shared experiences with thousands of Beal City students. Therefore, it gives us great pleasure to recognize, respect and honor her for the invaluable dedication she has bestowed upon our educational community. We thank her for decades of time, commitment and service to our school, her students and all the educational programs she has managed. Of course, it will be painful to say good-bye, but the legacy she has left behind will inspire everyone that has had the pleasure of crossing her path. We wish her nothing but the best in all of her future endeavors!!

After 33 years of driving bus, Rick has decided to hang up his bus keys. His commitment to the safety and security of the students that he has transported throughout the years is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Rick for all that you have done for our students and we wish you the best in your retirement!!!



Beal City Public Schools 2017 Valedictorian



This year's Valedictorian is Nathan Wells Horsley. Nate is graduating with a 4.0 GPA and an SAT score of 1380. Aside from Nate's academic achievements, he has enjoyed participating in many school and community groups. Nate has been a member of and leader in the Concert Band for 7 years, the Marching Band for 4 years and the Jazz Band for 2 years. He has enjoyed being the Senior Class Vice-President for the past 3 years and the Treasurer of the National Honor Society this year. He is also a member of the Student Council and the Sportsmanship Committee. Nate has served on the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee for 5 years and was the Treasurer for this past year. Nate has participated in basketball and baseball and is currently on the Varsity Baseball team. He was recently crowned King at his Senior Prom.

Nate attends St. Joseph the Worker Church where he has been an Altar Server for 8 years and a member of the Youth Ministry Group for 6 years. In his free time Nate enjoys hanging out with friends, playing x-box, and going water skiing, camping, wake boarding, downhill skiing, and mountain biking. Over the course of Nate's high school years he has grown to love helping those in his community, and he takes great pride in all the service projects he has participated in through Student Council, National Honor Society, St. Joseph the Worker Church, and the Youth Advisory Committee. He plans to continue serving his community while he attends Central Michigan University in the fall. He is planning to pursue a degree in either the Engineering or Medical field. Nate is the son of Brock and Donna Horsley. He has twin older brothers, Jake and Max, who will be juniors at Central Michigan University this fall.

Beal City Public Schools 2017 Salutatorian



This year's salutatorian is Ryan Charles Powell. Ryan is the son of David and Tina Powell. Right from the beginning, Ryan made the most of his time at Beal City schools. He has been active in sports from kindergarten through his senior year, including football and baseball, served as class Treasurer for two years and performed in six plays and or musicals during his time in high school. He is a member of National Honor Society, Youth in Government and Band. In addition, Ryan has been a good citizen and has been involved with several local community service organizations including The Mt. Pleasant Optimist Club, the Beal City Sports Boosters, serving food for the Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department, distribution of food for the local Food Pantry and visiting the residents of Rosebush Manor.

If you're not familiar with the times of all of these activities, Ryan's day would start at 6 am for play practice, 7:20 for jazz band, a full day of school and dual enrolled classes at Mid-Michigan Community College and then either football or baseball practice and then homework. He did all of this and still maintained his grades. Ryan's love for music was evident early on. Like many students, he joined band in sixth grade and fell in love with music playing the saxophone. Ryan has been a member of Concert Band, Marching Band and Jazz Band. Ryan taught himself to play the piano and the ukulele. He and some friends started a garage band, where his friends taught him to play the bass guitar. This love for music has led him to enroll in the Audio Production and Technology program at Michigan Tech where he will begin the fall semester.

Feature Staff Person



Beal City Schools would like to welcome Debra Latham as our new Food Service Worker. Deb is a graduate of Beal City High School and has been married to Bill Latham for 38 years. They have three children; Adam, Aaron, and Gina, and three grand kids; Braedyn, Izzy and Matthew.

Deb enjoys spending time with her family and friends and gardening. She is the community co-chair for the homeless shelter committee for their church, and is involved in fundraising for Aaron's Scholarship Fund. She is also on the Stewardship Council at their church.

God is good and Deb has been blessed in many ways!!! Welcome back to Beal City Schools, Deb. We are excited to have you!!!



The Spring sing took place on Thursday, May 18th and it was a huge success. Even though it was quite warm, friends and family came out in large numbers to support the youth of Beal City. As always, our students and Mrs. Sharrar put on a fantastic show!

Student Of The Month

Beal City Elementary



Students of the Month



Back Row (Left to Right): Lily Gross, Rylee Sisco, Reese Gillespie, Nicolas Ervin, Bella Davis
Front Row (Left to Right): Hayden Helwig, Brooklin Sturm-Richmond



On Friday, April 21st paramedics from the Montcalm County Emergency Services visited Mr. Fletcher's Health and Physical Education Classes. The goal of having paramedics visit Beal City Jr./Sr. High is to help students develop the skills and confidence needed to help during a cardiac arrest.

The paramedics discussed and demonstrated how to do hands-only CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and how to correctly use an AED (automated external defibrillator). Also, students practiced CPR and did AED training on mannequins.

Starting next school year, the CPR in Schools Law requires schools to incorporate training on hands-only CPR into any health curriculum offered to students between 7th and 12th grade.

A special thanks to the Montcalm County Emergency Services and great job to all students who participated!

Camp Hayo-Went-Ha 2017

During the first week of May, our 4th-6th grade students traveled north to beautiful Torch Lake for an exciting week at camp. They had the opportunity to experience some amazing things and spend some time in the great outdoors. Even though the weather started out a little rough, the second half of the week was absolutely gorgeous. Students were able to make some lasting memories that enriched the educational experience.



Team Aggie Pride-Relay for Life

Team Beal City Pride participated in the Isabella County Relay for Life on May 6th. Over 40 Beal City Aggies collected donations and walked to help the American Cancer Society in the battle against cancer. Both the elementary school and high school participated in fundraising events to raise money for Team Beal City Pride. The team donated \$3,371 towards the \$40,000 goal for Isabella County. \$828 was raised through an elementary Penny Push and \$300 in a Tape a Teacher to the wall event. We were the biggest team at the relay and placed third in fundraising. Thank you to our generous donors and participants for making Team Beal City Pride such a huge success!



Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on May 15, 2017:

- General Fund payments of \$502,794.77, Hot Lunch payments of \$11,882.86, Athletic Fund payments of \$4,734.00, Debt Retirement 2012 payments of \$93,576.25, Debt Retirement 2004 payments of \$315,060.00 and Debt Retirement School Bond Loan Fund payments of \$125,950.00.
- The 2nd reading of the Neola Spring Updates as presented.
- Hire Deb Latham as a Food Service Worker.
- The GIRESD Annual 2017-2018 Budget Resolution as presented.

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.



The Beal City Board of Education served breakfast to our staff on May 17th to honor and thank them for a job well done. Pictured front: School Board President Denise McBride and Superintendent Bill Chilman. Back: Board Trustees Curt Gottschalk, and Ron Neyer and Board Treasurer Bob Pasch.

BEAL CITY SPORTS BOOSTERS

Please consider becoming an active volunteer. Volunteering is the single most important step you can take as a member of the Beal City Sports Boosters, and we are in need of volunteer support for a number of roles for the 2017 – 2018 School year. The Sports Boosters work to raise money to support **ALL** of the sports teams, fund 100% of Freshman sports and fund 100% of the Athletic Trainer position. Without the continued support of volunteers, we are not able to open and run the concession stands at home events.

Looking to fill the following positions:

Board Positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and two open Board Member positions

Game Manager (s) - The Game Manager opens the stand an hour before the events, may pick up pizzas, oversees the scheduled volunteers and does the close-up.

Scheduler

Please join us **Sunday, June 18th at 6:00 pm** in the Media Center as we elect new members to the Beal City Sports Boosters.

It's a great way to meet new people, get involved and support all the sports programs at Beal City Schools.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Go Aggies!





Exercise Kids' Minds During the Summer

If students laze away the days of summer without using their minds, they can lose up to a month of learning—especially in reading and math. Stem the summer slide and keep your child engaged with these fun, brain-friendly activities.

Devise a plan. Tell your child that reading and learning activities will be an important part of their summer. Assure them that they'll still have lots of time for play.

Teach mini-lessons. Transform everyday activities into learning opportunities. Children can count change, read directions for a trip, write a shopping list, or calculate a recipe's measurements.

Gather activity books. Give children their own activity book with crossword puzzles or number games customized for their specific age group. Set a "due date" to keep them on track, but let them work at their own pace.

Initiate a writing project. Have your child keep a summer journal, write letters to family members or friends, or craft a play to perform with siblings or neighbors. Or, start a family cookbook with your favorite recipes, instructions, and shopping lists.

Strategize screen time. Educational computer games or apps can engage students' minds, but make sure your child is spending enough time away from the screen. Assign a daily block of time for family members to turn off phones, computers, and the TV, and instead play a board game or read together.

Designate daily reading blocks. Set aside at least 15 minutes a day for your entire family to read. (That means parents, too!) Find reading recommendations by grade level on the American Library Association's book lists (see Web Resources). Organize a summer read-a-thon with goals for each family member, or sign your child up for your library's summer book club.

Go global. Set aside several nights during the summer to have an international evening. Together, cook a meal with recipes from a different nation. Learn basic words in that country's language. Find the country on a map, and together examine a book or article with information on what life is like there.

Sneak learning into family trips. If your family is able to take a vacation during the summer, include stops at zoos, children's museums, or historic sites. Have your child help you plot out the journey using maps and keep a journal along the way. Older children can tally up miles, keep track of expenses, or compute gas mileage.

Get moving. Build physical activity into your child's summer days. Even if he or she can't participate in a local sports league or community-based team, encourage activities such as jumping rope, playing catch, and taking family walks.

For more resources, look to your child's school and your local library or community center for ideas to keep kids' brains buzzing during the dog days of summer.



Web Resources

The **American Library Association** compiles grade-level book lists.
www.ala.org/alsc/compubs/booklists/summerreadinglist

The **National Summer Learning Association** offers activities, tools, and links.
www.summerlearning.org/?page=activity_resource

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Look for a tentative June lunch menu on our website at the end of May. We will NOT be publishing one until we see the end of year inventory.