

## The Aggie Express

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## Congratulations to the Class of 2015's Top Ten!

Beal City Public Schools has announced their Valedictorians and Salutatorian for the Class of 2015. Valedictorians are Zina Bellinger, daughter of Adam Bellinger and Brandy Bellinger, Kaitlyn Gottschalk, daughter of Curt \& Amanda Gottschalk, Nicole Gross, daughter of Phil and Julie Gross, Jacob Horsley - son of Brock \& Donna Horsley, Sydney Lorenz - daughter of Pete \& Danelle Lorenz, Nicolas Pung - son of Dan \& Susan Pung, and Emily Steffke - daughter of Steve Steffke. Salutatorian is James Kolb, son of Nate \& Kathleen Kolb. Kaitlyn Millard and Cortni Hauck round out the top ten. Congratulations to you all.


Congratulations to the following students for their induction into the National Technical Honor Society!

Zina Bellinger
Landon Brewer
Krista Faber Luke Farrell Jacob Flaugher

Sydney Lorenz
Kaitlyn Millard
Hayley Neyer
Nicholas Pung
Kristen Reeve

Bret Schafer Grace Schafer Jordan Schneider Karleen Sharrar Jenna Theisen Jaclyn Woodbury


## Beal City Schools Win Talent Show

On January 25, 2015, Beal City High School hosted the Isabella County Talent Show, sponsored by The Morey Foundation. This year's show was unlike past years; it was a singing competition rather than a talent competition, and The Morey Foundation visited each of the four schools and held auditions to choose the individuals who would compete. In an attempt to "even out the contest," only individual singers could perform and they were only allowed to utilize background, previously recorded music to accompany themselves. (No duets, groups, or instruments were allowed.) During auditions, the Morey panel, with the help of members of The Mountain Town Singers, chose the top three contestants and one alternate. Zina Bellinger, Madeline Steffke, and Nick Freeze earned the three primary spots, and Emily Steffke was the chosen alternate.
Then The Morey Foundation added another element to the show. The singers from each school, including the alternates, would form a quartet and sing together in addition to the three primaries singing on their own. Each quartet's performance would contribute to its school's overall score.

I must say, I felt at a distinct disadvantage. As any of our singers can tell you, I am NOT a singer, and my knowledge of music is sorely lacking, but luckily, we are blessed with talented kids who are willing to work hard to overcome obstacles and who work well together. Emily Steffke was instrumental to the quartet's success; she helped us sort out vocal parts and notes, played piano to identify keys, and graciously took a back seat during the performance, which as most of you know is not the one she prefers. Vocal coach Chase Simpson and Mr. Lowe also pitched in, giving the kids guidance and wonderful advice. Anyway... What it all boils down to is this: this year's show was AMAZING!! Not only did we win.... Yes, that's right, WE WON $\$ 20,000$ for our school for earning first place!!! But also because it was a fantastic show with extremely talented singers from Beal City, Mt. Pleasant, Sacred Heart, and Shepard.

Our quartet, made up of Emily Steffke, Zina Bellinger, Madeline Steffke, and Nick Freeze wowed the crowd and the judges with "Seasons of Love" from the musical Rent. This performance helped us win the overall first. Then Madeline Steffke sang "Riptide," Zina Bellinger sang "Stay," giving her best performance to date, which earned her third place, and Nick Freeze sang "Skin" which garnered him second place. I could not be more proud of all four of our competitors!!! l'd like to thank them for a wonderful experience and to tell them the prize money will go toward improving our sound system for the stage, which I am sure will please them.

At the last minute, Lon Morey made another generous gesture, and informed the audience that the Morey Foundation was granting full scholarships for every talent show performer to attend the Mountain Town Singers' summer camp "Harmony Explosion" for 3 Days, July 9-11, 2015 at Central Michigan University. They are also willing to pay $\$ 200$ of the $\$ 250$ tuition for any student in Isabella County who wishes to attend!

Thanks go out to the Morey Foundation, without which, the show would not "go on," and to Miss Kioussis (my student teacher) and Miss Holt (our newest teacher) for ALL of their help with set up and as stage crew, and to Miss Spry and Mr. and Mrs. Freeze for all of their help with cleanup. Finally, thanks to all of you who showed up and supported these awesome kids! It takes a village to raise champions, and we certainly seem to do that very well here in Beal City.

Cindi Gigowski

# **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 a staff member each month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. This month's honoree is Jessi Spry.

Ms. Spry has been a teacher at Beal City Schools since 2002. She is a secondary Ag/Science Teacher. Jessi is also the advisor for FFA and just recently had one of her FFA students compete at states. She supervises the students with their fair projects and other FFA competitions and events throughout the year. Thank you Ms. Spry for all you do.

## Come on Down to the St. Joe Game Show!

Everyone is invited to the $16^{\text {th }}$ annual St. Joseph the Worker school auction. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City. There is a silent and verbal auction. The verbal auction begins at 8:15 p.m. Admission is $\$ 15$ per person, and includes food and refreshments. The auction is the school's primary fundraiser, and a fun night out! The game show themed event encourages you to "phone a friend" and "come on down"-"survey says" 100\% of people are invited! Like "St Joseph School Auction" on Facebook for sneak peeks and updates. The students of St. Joseph thank the Beal City community for their continued support!

## BOARD BRIEFS

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on February 16, 2015:

- General Fund payments of $\$ 339,726.95$, Hot Lunch payments of $\$ 10,100.33$, Athletic Fund payments of $\$ 4,864.93$.
- The Schools of Choice 105 and Schools of Choice 105C programs for the 2015-2016 school year.
- The following coaching recommendations as presented: Dan Beckwith - Boys Varsity Track, Dave King - Girls Varsity Track, Kristin Schafer - JV Softball, Charlie Clark - Voluntary Assistant Track, Dennis Bechtel - Voluntary Assistant Baseball, Dustin Fremion - Voluntary Assistant Baseball, Rod Flaugher - Voluntary Assistant Baseball, Chelsea Davis - Voluntary Assistant Softball, Samantha Schafer - Voluntary Assistant Softball, and Rachael Lorenz - Voluntary Assistant Sofball.

The following coaches are being recommended through PCMI - Tom Atkinson - JV Baseball, Brad Antcliff - Varsity Baseball, John Davis - Varsity Softball and Jerry McCarty - JH Boys Track.

## SECOND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

| 4.00 GPA | Grade | 4.00 GPA CONT. | Grade | 3.5-3.99 GPA CONT. | Grade |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bellinger, Zina | 12 | Daniels, Katharine | 8 | Nelson, Kaylee | 11 |
| Burman, Makenzy | 12 | Haynes, Keegan | 8 | Pung, Kayla | 11 |
| Faber, Krista | 12 | Hoover, Kylea | 8 | Reihl, Sarah | 11 |
| Farrell, Luke | 12 | Lynch, Dexter | 8 | Schafer, Apollo | 11 |
| Fowler, Brittany | 12 | Pasch, Kelsey | 8 | Schafer, Noah | 11 |
| Fox, Nicole | 12 | Schafer, Noel | 8 | Steffke, Samuel | 11 |
| Gottschalk, Kaitlyn | 12 | Schwerin, Amy | 8 | Vavzincak, Phoenix | 11 |
| Gross, Nicole | 12 | Wilson, Kendyl | 8 | Cole, Navid | 10 |
| Hauck, Emily | 12 | Yoder, Katlyn | 8 | Eiseler, McKenzie | 10 |
| Hines, Mariah | 12 | Zeien, Megan | 8 | Faber, Brenda | 10 |
| Horsley, Jacob | 12 | Zeneberg, Zoey | 8 | Finnerty, Natalie | 10 |
| Kolb, James | 12 | Gottschalk, Jared | 7 | Hood, Kristen | 10 |
| Lorenz, Sydney | 12 | Lorenz, Shane | 7 | Maxon, Eric | 10 |
| Matthews, Alexander | 12 | Nelson, Olivia | 7 | Neyer, Heidie | 10 |
| Millard, Kaitlyn | 12 | Schafer, Seth | 7 | Powell, Ryan | 10 |
| Murphy, Nichole | 12 | Schripsema, Chelsea | 7 | Salter, Ariel | 10 |
| Pung, Nicholas | 12 | 3.5-3.99 GPA | Grade | Salvatore, Keaton | 10 |
| Schafer, Grace | 12 | Atkinson, Andrew | 12 | Schafer, Hannah | 10 |
| Sharrar, Karleen | 12 | Bellinger, Zachary | 12 | Schafer, Landon | 10 |
| Steffke, Emily | 12 | Carrick, Brendan | 12 | Schafer, Nicholas | 10 |
| Gross, Tucker | 11 | Fraczek, Heather | 12 | Schumacher, Darrik | 10 |
| Lorenz, Paige | 11 | Hauck, Cortni | 12 | Yuncker, Kyle | 10 |
| Matthews, Jacob | 11 | Holland, Jessica | 12 | Zuehlke, Zoe | 10 |
| Pung, Rachel | 11 | Horsley, Maxwell | 12 | Darnell, Tyler | 9 |
| Rollin, Chase | 11 | Lefere, Josie | 12 | Hodges, Rebecca | 9 |
| Schripsema, Emily | 11 | McCoy, Brooke | 12 | Lambourn, William | 9 |
| Steffke, Hannah | 11 | Mottin, Shelby | 12 | Loos, Andie | 9 |
| Steffke, Lilia | 11 | Natzel, Zachary | 12 | Lorenz, Madison | 9 |
| Yuncker, Emma | 11 | Neyer, Hayley | 12 | Matthews, Caitlyn | 9 |
| Fike, Madeline | 10 | Schafer, Alexander | 12 | McMullen, Amanda | 9 |
| Garrett, Samantha | 10 | Schafer, Emily | 12 | Nelson, Max | 9 |
| Gross, Natalie | 10 | Schafer, Sara | 12 | Raitz, Rebekah | 9 |
| Hauck, Erica | 10 | Schneider, Jordan | 12 | Reihl, Nathaniel | 9 |
| Horsley, Nathan | 10 | Schumacher, Brittany | 12 | Render, Brenden | 9 |
| Ley, Stephanie | 10 | Schwerin, Rachel | 12 | Schafer, Aaron | 9 |
| Rau, Grace | 10 | Theisen, Jenna | 12 | Schafer, Ryan | 9 |
| Reihl, David | 10 | Zeien, Kyle | 12 | Sharrar, Kollin | 9 |
| Beltinck, Rachel | 9 | Baker, Bailey | 11 | Steffke, Isabelle | 9 |
| Clark, Jason | 9 | Beltinck, Lauren | 11 | Yuncker, Mackenzie | 9 |
| Freeze, Nicholas | 9 | Carson, Hailey | 11 | Clark, Joe | 8 |
| Lefere, Rachael | 9 | Chilman, William | 11 | Coston, Kristen | 8 |
| McCoy, Wyatt | 9 | Esch, Andrea | 11 | Ehler, Emilie | 8 |
| Reihl, Ashley | 9 | Hoogerhyde, Ian | 11 | Eiseler, Alexandrea | 8 |
| Steffke, Madeline | 9 | Lynch, Alexia | 11 | Fike, Kennedy | 8 |
| Trevino, Shelby | 9 | Mauldin, Shawn | 11 | Fillenworth, Jordyn | 8 |
| Turner, Lauren | 9 | Moore, Bradley | 11 | Fussman, Alexandria | 8 |

SECOND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL CONT.

| 3.5-3.99 GPA CONT. | Grade | 3.0-3.49 GPA CONT.. | Grade | 3.0-3.49 GPA CONT.. | Grade |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Garrett, Grant | 8 | Straus, Mason | 12 | Darnell, Travis | 7 |
| Gottleber, Jadrian | 8 | Woodbury, Jaclyn | 12 | De Vos, Wannes | 7 |
| Jaessing, Chloe | 8 | Yuncker, Makaila | 12 | Embs, Nicholas | 7 |
| Licina, Emma | 8 | Yuncker, Ryan | 12 | Faber, Joslyn | 7 |
| Lorenz, Anna | 8 | Flaugher, Kendall | 11 | Finnerty, Robert | 7 |
| Lybeer, Kara | 8 | Frayre, Miranda | 11 | Garrett, Breanna | 7 |
| Mindel, Grace | 8 | Jensen, Katelyn | 11 | Keller, Kohl | 7 |
| Mishler, Zoey | 8 | Lorenz, Sarah | 11 | Kerr, Cody | 7 |
| Moody, Faith | 8 | Marchiando, Joseph | 11 | Methner, Jakob | 7 |
| Powell, Elizabeth | 8 | Miller, Maddison | 11 | Meyers, Grace | 7 |
| Pung, Adam | 8 | Nelson, Trevor | 11 | Neath, Talon | 7 |
| Reihl, Kayla | 8 | Robison, Jacob | 11 | Paul, Ivan | 7 |
| Sandel, Kyle | 8 | Schafer, Eric | 11 | Philo, Jessica | 7 |
| Schafer, Daniel | 8 | Schafer, Ethan | 11 | Purgiel, Gavin | 7 |
| Small, Trevor | 8 | Straus, Curtis | 11 | Salter, Hayden | 7 |
| Torpey, Cody | 8 | Cotter, Nathan | 10 | Yuncker, Easton | 7 |
| Vavzincak, Blade | 8 | Keller, Kodie | 10 | Zuker, Marcus | 7 |
| Yuncker, Valerie | 8 | McMullen, Haley | 10 |  |  |
| Armstrong, Jourdyn | 7 | Schneider, Mackenzie | 10 |  |  |
| Benaske, Alex | 7 | Scott, William | 10 | $S P R I N G$ |  |
| Bushong, Sara | 7 | Smith, Tristan | 10 |  |  |
| Chilman, Logan | 7 | Andrews, Mahealani | 9 | $B R E A K W I L L$ |  |
| Faber, Eric | 7 | Clouse, Spencer | 9 |  |  |
| Faber, Heather | 7 | Farrell, Dale | 9 | $B E \quad M A R C H$ |  |
| Fillenworth, Lyndsey | 7 | Hernandez, TeAnna | 9 |  |  |
| Gamble, Gabrielle | 7 | Natzel, Gabriel | 9 | $30-A P R I L 3$, |  |
| Hines, Ryleigh | 7 | Schumacher, Lucas | 9 |  |  |
| Lyon, Jay | 7 | Schwerin, Charles | 9 | 2015. THERE |  |
| Methner, William | 7 | Vondoloski, Miles | 9 |  |  |
| Pasch, Lauren | 7 | Yoder, Zachary | 9 | WILLBE1/2 DAY |  |
| Puhlman, Allison | 7 | Ambs, Ryan | 8 |  |  |
| Reihl, Nathan | 7 | Beltinck, Jason | 8 | OFSCHOOL |  |
| Schafer, Jack | 7 | Carrier, Samantha | 8 |  |  |
| Schafer, Ty | 7 | Case, Austin | 8 | $O N F R I D A Y$ |  |
| Seger, Cierra | 7 | Cross, Izybel | 8 |  |  |
| Small, Trey | 7 | Esch, Kolbi | 8 | MARCH $27 T H$. |  |
| Upton, Sidney | 7 | Fox, Samuel | 8 |  |  |
| Wilson, Aleisha | 7 | Fussman, Mitchell | 8 | ENJOY YOUR |  |
| 3.0-3.49 GPA | Grade | Fussman, Spencer | 8 |  |  |
| Aasved, BreAnna | 12 | Hall, Jillian | 8 | $B R E A K!!!$ |  |
| Atzert, Brianna | 12 | Mowen, Haley | 8 |  |  |
| Cook, Austin | 12 | Neyer, Thomas | 8 |  |  |
| Cotter, Noah | 12 | Shaner, Brenden | 8 |  |  |
| Flaugher, Jacob | 12 | Stevens, Melanie | 8 |  |  |
| Hovey, Jacob | 12 | Taylor, Alexander | 8 |  |  |
| Loos, Kyle | 12 | Whitehead, Brennen | 8 |  |  |
| Schafer, Bret | 12 | Wichert, Ethan | 8 |  |  |



Back Row Left to Right, Rachel Gross ( $3^{\text {rd }}$ grade) daughter of Dave and Lori Gross, Owen Ambs ( $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade) son of Harry and Bethanie Ambs, and Matt Clark ( $6^{\text {th }}$ Grade) son of Donald and Janee Clark. Front Row Left to Right, Madyson Stack (Kdg.) daughter of Chris and Angela Stack, Nole Theisen (1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Grade) son of Mark and Lori Theisen, and Braden Chippewa (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ Grade) son of Ryan and Erin Chippewa . Not in picture, Elijah Garrett ( $4^{\text {th }}$ Grade) son of Tom and Michelle Garrett.

# Kindergarten Round Up is Coming! 

Beal City Public Schools will be holding Kindergarten Round Up for the 201516 school year on Thursday, March $12^{\text {th }}, 2015$. The meeting will take place in the School Cafeteria at 6:30 pm. Parents interested in enrolling a student in kindergarten for next Fall should attend. This is an informational meeting designed for parents. Students need not be present. Please bring your child's shot record and birth certificate. Appointments for Kindergarten Screening, set for Tuesday, March 24, 2015, will be set up at this time. If you have any questions about the meeting, please call the Beal City Mayes Elementary office (989-644-2740). We look forward to seeing you there!

## ACT Test Prep

ACT test prep sessions are over for this year. We held 11 different study sessions each two hours long, Beal City kids answered thousands of test prep questions and the BCEF was very happy to give the students the opportunity to hopefully get higher scores on their ACT test and we hope this will mean more scholarship money for all of you! Hopefully you took advantage of the test prep software and time in the computer labs prior to the test. We had many students come to the study sessions and the BCEF is interested to hear how you felt the test prep software helped you prepare for the test. Please contact Mrs Millerov or Mr Chilman and provide them with your opinion of the software, the times we picked to hold our study sessions, and if you felt the computer lab was open enough.

Now that the test is over, it is time to apply for the BCEF Aggie of Excellence scholarship. Watch the announcements for the filing deadlines.

Look for more information about the BCEF on our Facebook page, search for Beal City Education Foundation.


## Give your child a healthy start!

Mornings can be rushed, but it is important to make time for breakfast.
Children can benefit from the School Breakfast Program! Studies show that school breakfast can improve test scores, make kids more alert in class, and improve classroom behavior. Make sure your kids start the school day with a healthy meal.

Every morning our breakfast consists of: assorted pop tarts, muffins, uncrustables, cereal, yogurt, juice, cheese stick and milk. Students must choose a fruit and 2 other items.

Breakfast time every day: 7:40-8:05
Full pay price: $\$ 1.30$
Reduced: \$. 30

Remember, no breakfast will be served if we have a delay.


Three students from Beal City Public Schools in Mt. Pleasant have been named local winners in the 46th annual America \& Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students, who earned the first, second, and third place awards for their school, are Katherine Daniels, first, Zoey Mishler, second, and Joe Clark, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place
 winner, Katherine's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Katherine Daniels's first place essay now advances to state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will each receive a plaque, a medallion and a cash award of \$1000. In addition, the top ten essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders, and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners, will determine the ranking of the top ten statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth grade students from over 400 Michigan schools participated in the 2014-2015 America \& Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2014-2015 contest was "My Personal Michigan Hero."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore the greatness of America and its people. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Monday, March 2
Thursday, March 5
Thursday, March 12
Friday, March 13
March 19 \& 20
Tuesday, March 24
Friday, March 27
Monday, March 30
Monday, April 6

PTA meeting, 6:30
Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
2015-16 Kindergarten Registration Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Children's author, Ruth Barshaw visits students
Book Exchange books turned into classroom teacher 2015-16 Kindergarten Round-Up Testing, by appointment
End of Marking Period, students have $1 / 2$ day of school
Spring Break Begins
Classes Resume

## MARCH IS READING MONTH!

The Beal City Mayes Elementary teaching staff has planned a variety of activities in celebration of READING MONTH!! This year's theme is Wizard of Oz!! The staff is planning many fun and exciting events and activities throughout the month. We have Ruth Barshaw, author of the children's book series Ellie McDoodle, coming on Friday, March $13^{\text {th }}$. As a school, students are being put to the challenge of reading a certain number of minutes for the month. Every week, upper and lower elementary students will pair up with their "Buddy Classroom" and read together. Students will also be asked to bring books from home for the Book Exchange. A calendar of these events, and many other reading month activities, will be sent home with students.


## Baseball/Softball

# 9 Pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament 

Sick of being inside with the long cold winter?!?!!?! Come out of the house and have a blast while supporting the Beal City High School Softball and Baseball programs while we gear up for a great 2015 spring season!! Go Aggies!!!!

## Saturday, March 7, 2015 1:00p.m. at Riverwood Resort

Cost: $\$ 20$ per person
Winners are not based on bowling ability! There will also be prize raffles and 50/50 drawings.

Names: $\qquad$ Contact Number: $\qquad$
Payment: \$ $\qquad$
$\square$ Check (\# $\qquad$ $\square$ Cash


## Beal City PTA News

We would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to each and every volunteer for donating their time \& energy to make our $1^{\text {st }}$ Annual Snowfest Carnival such an enormous success! We definitely would not have been able to do it without you. We would also like to thank all of the businesses and individuals for the incredible donations that we received. With all of this help we were able to raise a whopping $\$ 9,300.00$ for the playground fund!!! We received many generous donations for both Snowfest and The Pancake Breakfast. Please help us thank our donors.

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