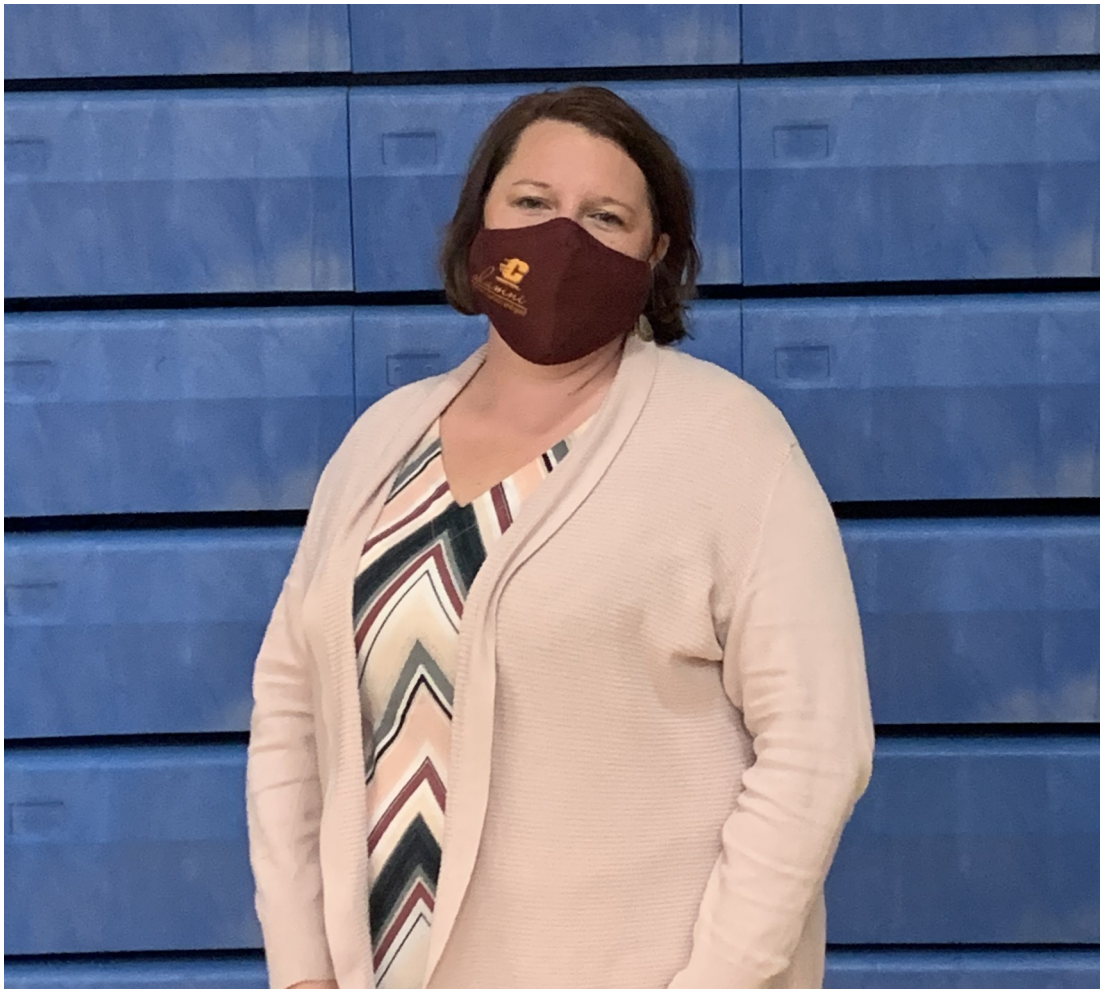




THE AGGIE EXPRESS

Beal City Public Schools Welcomes Erin Ludwig to their School Board



My name is Erin Ludwig and I am a financial advisor with Edward Jones. I am a BCBS alumna, as well as a Central Michigan University alumna. I live in Beal City with my husband, Phil Ludwig and two daughters, Sophie and Delia.

I am excited for the opportunity to serve my community through the Beal City School Board. The older I get, the more I appreciate my Beal City roots. I want to continue to work to build our strong traditions and pride in our community for future generations.

School Board Leaders Honored in January

January is School Board Recognition Month – a time to salute the work of our volunteer school board members and to celebrate public education. This special recognition of school board members reflects our combined commitment to leadership and accountability assuring ALL children succeed.

It's an exciting and challenging time in public education. School board members in Beal City Public Schools develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our educational system. They are citizens whose decisions affect our children and build our communities.

Our board of education, and the hundreds like it across the state, preserve the core of our democracy – public education. They ensure that decisions on school programming are made by people we've elected to represent our community's values, culture and circumstances.

Showing appreciation for the important work of school boards should be a year-round process, but too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. This January, the staff and students of our district are asking all members of the community to take a moment and thank a school board member.

Thank you to the men and women who dedicate countless personal hours to ensure the needs of our community are met by our public schools. We salute the public servants of Beal City Public Schools whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders.

We are excited to welcome Erin Ludwig as our newest school board member. Erin will take over the seat that became vacant with Heather Curtiss resigning. Welcome, Erin!!!

The men and women serving and their years of service are:

Robert Pasch	17 years
Rod Cole	14 years
Denise McBride	12 years
Ron Neyer	8 years
Curt Gottschalk	7 years
Tom Gross	3 years
Erin Ludwig	

Heather Curtiss Honored

Heather Curtiss has stepped down from her seat on the school board to take on her newly elected position as the Nottawa Township Clerk. We thank her for her dedication to Beal City Schools and wish her luck with her new appointment.

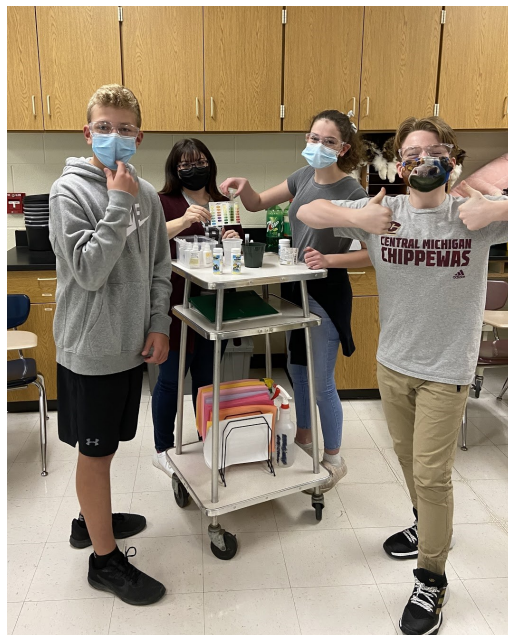
Denise McBride, School Board President, presented Heather with a plaque that honors her for her years of service on the school board.



STEM Learning

Ms. Spry's Agricultural STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) students learned about water testing and tank maintenance for our Salmon in the Classroom Project. Students tested the water for nitrites, nitrates, ammonia and PH.

Ms. Jess Thomas Beal City paraprofessional assisted the classes. Ms. Thomas attended Muskegon Area Career and Tech Center, where she studied Environmental Science, Veterinary Science and she was also an FFA member. She also volunteered to work in the SVSU greenhouse with hydroponics projects and has worked at PetSmart for many years. We are very lucky to have Ms. Thomas assist us with this project!!!



Testing the salmon tank - Pictured from left to right: Drake Gatrell, Ms. Thomas, Anna Faber, and Keanon Irving.

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on December 14, 2020:

- The November payments of bills as presented: General Fund payments of \$702,536.38, Payroll Account payments of \$1,713.42, Hot Lunch payments \$7,730.04. Student Activity Account payments of \$8,736.59, Athletic Fund payments of \$5,789.00, and Arbiter Sports payments of \$1,297.16.
- Accept Dave King's resignation as the Cross Country and Girls Varsity Track Coach.
- Appoint Erin Ludwig as a School Board Member.

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.



Wednesday, December 16, 2020, the Beal City National Honor Society decided to give back to their community. The group chose to adopt a Beal City family in hopes to spread a little holiday cheer for the Christmas season. The students of NHS sure will make Santa's nice list as they went above and beyond donating toys, gifts, clothes and family essentials. The Beal City National Honor Society hopes to lift spirits and give their family an opportunity to enjoy the holiday. Pictured above, NHS Officers left to right: Grace Weber, Greelee Jones, Jesse Pratt, and Cameron Lynch. (Not pictured Bailey Torpey).



Staff Member 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 staff members each month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. This month's honoree is Roni Sisco.

Roni is a Paraprofessional at Beal City Elementary. She has worked in a variety of roles in her time with the school. Roni is incredibly hard working and we can always count on her to fill any need. The students and staff at Beal City Elementary are very lucky to have Mrs. Sisco as a part of the team.



Start the Day (and the Year) Right!

Make giving your kids a healthy breakfast every day one of your New Year's resolutions.

If you don't have much time in the morning or your kids aren't hungry when they wake up, send them to school for breakfast. Healthy food choices are available every morning in the cafeteria for ALL students. We cannot wait to see them there!

Help your kids to make this semester a success - encourage them to eat breakfast!

Every morning our breakfast consists of a hot breakfast item and these cold whole grain items: uncrustables, donuts, breakfast kit, bagels/cream cheese and milk. Students must choose a fruit and 2 grain items.

Location: Aggie Cafe

Breakfast time every day: 7:40-8:05

Full pay price: \$1.75

Reduced: \$.30

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

Fall Post Season Athletic Awards

Boys Cross Country:

Matthew Kolb – 1st Team All-State, All Region & Academic All State

Girls Cross Country:

Regional and Highland Conference Champions

3rd Place - State Finals

11th Place Team Academic All-State

Rachal Weber – 1st Team All-State, All Region & 1st Team Highland Conference

Kaylee Locke – 1st Team All-State, Regional Champion, 1st Team Highland Conference & Academic All State

Tailor Onstott – 1st Team All-State, All Region, Academic All-State and 1st Team Highland Conference

Hadyn Armstrong – 1st Team Highland Conference & All Region

Genevieve Lasater – Honorable Mention Highland Conference

Football:

Overall Record: 7-2

Ethan Locke – First Team All-State, All Region & 1st Team Highland Conference

Ben Matthews – Highland Conference Coaches Defensive POY, All Region & 1st Team Highland Conference

Matt Oswald – All Region & 1st Team Highland Conference

Marcus Kent - 1st Team Highland Conference

Dustin Tyler - 1st Team Highland Conference

Cade Block - 1st Team Highland Conference

Wade Wilson - 1st Team Highland Conference

Aidan Mindel – HM All Conference

Jamisen Latham - HM All Conference

Volleyball:

Highland Conference Champions

Team Academic All State

Sage Schumacher – 3rd Team All-State, All Region, Academic All-State and 1st Team Highland Conference

Bailey Torpey – HM All-State, All Region, Academic All-State and 1st Team Highland Conference

Macy VonDoloski – HM All-State, All Region & 1st Team Highland Conference

Jesse Pratt – Academic All State

Sydney Soules – Academic All State

Greenlee Jones – Academic All State

Hannah Benaske – HM All Conference



The Beal City Sports Boosters would like to recognize the following community businesses & individuals who have generously donated to our organization this school year -

AKM Motors	Garrett's Garage	Mt Pleasant Optimist Club
Baumann's Food Pride	Green's Towing	Pasch Dairy Farms
Block Electric	Gross Farms	Pure Plumbing
Bob & Mary Pasch	Isabella Community Credit Union	Randy & Nancy Long
Brad Gross Electric	J & J Auto	SchaFour Builders
Central Michigan Sand & Gravel	Knights of Columbus Beal City Council	Stevens Farm
Dance Again	McArthur Insurance Agency	Thielen Turf Irrigation
Esther Haupt Income Tax Services	McGuirk Sand & Gravel	Tilman Hardware
Frankenmuth Insurance	Mt Pleasant Agency, Inc. Central Insurance	Yuncker Marine

Our Aggie athletes 'thank you' for your support!