

# THE AGGIE EXPRESS

## Beal City Public Schools 2023 King and Queen



Beal City Public Schools 2023 Homecoming King and Queen are Luke Lyon and Olivia Kunik. Luke is the son of Matt Lyon and Stephanie Schafer. Olivia is the daughter of Nick and Sarah Kunik. Congratulations, Luke and Olivia!



### **Beal City Public Schools 2023 Homecoming Court**

Front row, left to right: Blake Sanders, Jake Upton, Jace Faber, Luke Lyon, Lane Gross, Jacob Pasch, Payton Butkovich. Back row, left to right: Aubrey Thielen, Lauren Gross, Lily Leppert, Olivia Kunik, Avery Wilson, Eva Lynch, Caitlyn Rau.

## Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on September 18, 2023:

- The August 2023 payments of bills as presented: General Fund payments \$728,540.30, Hot Lunch payments \$9,746.75. Student Activity Account payments of \$17,393.08, Athletic Fund payments of \$13,840.57, Arbiter Sports payments of \$3,178.50, Debt 2021 payments of \$500.00, and Capital Projects 2021 Checking of \$87,709.41.
- The Bond Sale Authorization Resolution as presented.

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## **Be proud of your school, and the students and staff, Aggies!**

US News and World Report reveals it's national list of America's Best High Schools for 2023. Beal City High School, again, has been awarded a medal for being on the national list of America's Best High Schools put out by *U.S. News and World Report*. Again, for the 14<sup>th</sup> time in the last 15 years, Beal City was honored to be in the top 40% of high schools in the United States.

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools>  
2023

Top 40% in U.S.

Ranked 4,743rd nationally out of nearly 25,000 schools

Ranked 152nd in Michigan out of nearly 900 schools

Ranked 2nd locally (our seniors were above state and national averages)

2022

Top 40% in U.S.

Ranked 5,279th nationally out of nearly 25,000 schools

Ranked 178th in Michigan out of nearly 900 schools

Ranked 1st locally (our seniors were above state and national averages)

Our academic, artistic and athletic success is second to none. Our students get a BIG education in a SMALL school environment. HUGE thank you to our support and professional staffs for their hard work and dedication to our students and their learning.

This achievement has earned Beal City Public School the distinction of being a top 20 high school in all of Mid-Michigan according to MLive:

<https://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw-bay-city/2023/09/here-are-mid-michigans-20-top-ranked-high-schools-in-2023-us-news-report.html>

US News and World Report recognizes America's Best High Schools on 6 factors based on:

- Standardized test performance
- Proficiency rates of all students, including the least advantaged
- Challenging college-ready curriculum





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Member Associations

MAAA: Athletic Directors

MHBBA: Baseball

BCAII: Basketball

MHBBCA: Bowling

CCCAII: Competitive Cheer

MHFCA: Football

MGCA: Golf

MHGCJA: Gymnastics

MHSHCA: Ice Hockey

MHSLCA: Men's Lacrosse

MWLC: Women's Lacrosse

MHSSCA: Skiing

MHSB: Softball

MBCA: Swimming & Diving

MHSTCA: Tennis

MTCA: Track & Field &  
Cross Country

MVCA: Volleyball

MWA: Wrestling

Beal City Schools, Mr. Brad Antcliff named  
Michigan High School Athletic Coach Association  
Baseball Coach of the Year

Belleville MI, September 2023 – The Michigan High School Athletic Coaches Association, the professional organization of school coaches and athletic directors, (MHSCA) has selected Mr. Brad Antcliff of Beal City Schools as Michigan High School Athletic Coaches Association Baseball Coach of the Year. The award will be presented to Mr. Antcliff on November 12, 2023, at the Ramada Lansing Hotel & Conference Center, 7501 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI at the MHSCA Winter Awards Luncheon in which over 28 coaches and athletic directors will participate.

Congratulations to Beal City Schools and Mr. Brad Antcliff, the Baseball coach at your school, has been selected as the State Baseball Coach of the Year. The selection and nomination for these awards comes from your coach's constituent sport association and through the Michigan High School Coaches Association.

The MHSCA selection of Mr. Antcliff from Beal City schools reflects positively on his school, and community. Coach of the Year selections have been based on the performance of their program over the years and/or their contribution to the sport, school, and community. These were some of the criteria to determine the selection. It is indeed an honor to have been selected as Michigan High School Athletic Coaches Association Baseball State Coach of the Year from the entire State of nominees.

The MHSCA is a – 68-year-old association with nearly 25,000 members serving as athletic administrators, and all levels as coaches in numerous high schools and junior high/middle schools throughout the Great State of Michigan. The Michigan High School Coaches Association works to promote the educational value of interscholastic athletics and the role of athletic administrators and coaches. The MHSCA are very proud to spotlight Brad Antcliff– a person whose work and values best mirror those of the association.

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### **Remembrance of 9/11**

In remembrance of 9/11, physical education teacher Chadd Fletcher had students climb stairs in turnout gear, like first responders did in their attempt to rescue victims 22 years ago.



## **\*\*\*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 staff members each month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. This month's honorees are our bus drivers: Front row: Stephanie Gross, Amy Shaner, and Jennifer Gluch. Back row: Jason McDonald, Chris Natzel, Cassie Martin, Connie Haley, Jerry Ward and Nathan Bachelder.

In celebration of National School Bus Safety Week (October 16-20), we would like to show our appreciation to our bus driving team for all they do. Their dedication to the transportation of students to and from school and other various events is always centered around safety and efficiency. They go above and beyond to make relationships with the kids as they are often the first school employees many of our students see each morning. Some of our drivers have been driving for many years and we appreciate their long service and we thank our new drivers for coming on board. We hope they continue to be a fantastic part of the team that is our school bus drivers. Please take a moment this month to thank a bus driver for all they do in transporting our most precious cargo to and from school every day.



### **NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK**

National School Bus Safety Week is October 16-20, 2023 and is an active and evolving public education program. It is an excellent way for parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators, school administrators, and other interested parties to join forces and address the importance of school bus safety. Designed to improve school bus safety, school districts throughout the country observe School Bus Safety Week.

## New Red Light Passing Cameras Thanks to a Tribal Grant

Last spring, we applied for a tribal grant that would add cameras to the exterior of the buses. These cameras will catch cars that are running the red lights while our buses are picking up and dropping off students. That application was successful thanks to Jennifer Gluch and Terri Lambourn's hard work.

This past summer, three additional cameras were installed on each bus. The images below are actual bus camera footage from this year in which we have caught vehicles passing while our bus's reds are flashing. This incident can result in up to a \$500 fine and endangers the lives of our students who ride the bus. Similar to a traffic light, when the yellows are activated on a bus, you should slow down and stop no closer than twenty feet from the bus before the red light and stop sign are activated. As you can see below, failure to do so will be caught by our new system and turned over to proper law enforcement.

Thanks to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for their generous grant! Please spread the word in an effort to keep our students as safe as possible to and from school!



 **MEET OUR STAFF**

Beal City Schools would like to welcome Nickie Hartgrove as an elementary para-pro. She attended Beal City Schools from Pre-K through 7th grade. She graduated from Farwell High School.

Nickie's significant other is Jeffrey Lubotina. They have been together for 10 years. He was a chef, but now has his own handy-man service. They have 3 boys: Noah (11), Bently (8) and Jackson who is about to turn 3. They attend Mt. Pleasant Public Schools.

Nickie loves all foods that Jeff makes for them with Mexican night being her favorite. She enjoys days with family and going to the parks or the lake. Her favorite sports team is the Detroit Lions!

Fall is her favorite time of year. She loves Halloween time; pumpkin patches, bon fires and hocus pocus!

Nickie and her family plan on taking a nice road trip in the next year or two to Disney for a family vacation. She wants her youngest to be a little older so he can remember it.

We are very excited to have Nickie here at Beal City Public Schools. Welcome, Nickie!

## **Historical Records Needed**

Mr. Leppert is compiling historical records for the mens and womens basketball programs at Beal City, but could use some help! The goal is to have all the historical information gathered to contribute to a database for basketball in the state of Michigan. Information has been gathered via past yearbooks, but some years did not record that information. The following years are for the *GRADUATING* year of the team, to eliminate any confusion due to fall/winter seasons.

### **Opponents with scores, Playoff Information and Coach for the following graduation**

**years:** **Mens:** 2002, 2000, 1999, 1984, 1976, 1968 and prior

**Womens:** 2009, 2008, 2002, 1999, 1997, 1984, 1978, 1977, 1976, 1973, 1968 and prior

### **Mens and Womens:**

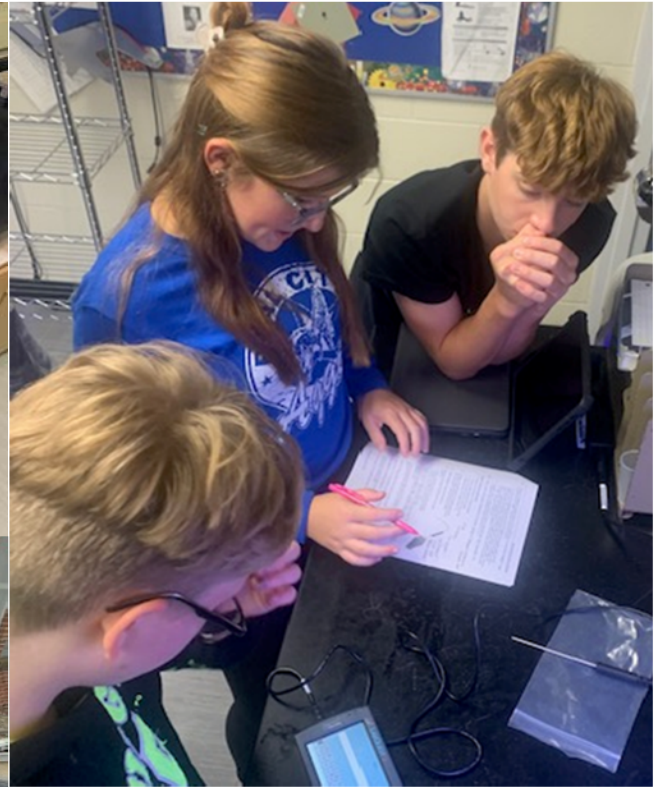
**Playoff Information:** District, Regional, Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals scores and opponents for the years 2010 and prior (primarily for verification purposes) but any information specifically for the following years would fill in major gaps:

**Mens:** 2010 - 2012, 2004, 1998-1992, 1987-1981, 1979-1969

**Womens:** 2010 -2012, 1998 and prior

If you have **complete** information for any of the above, please email [sleppert@bealcityschools.net](mailto:sleppert@bealcityschools.net)





Mr. Leppert's students doing hands-on labs in Beal City's science classes to start the year.



The big buddies are back! Mrs. Crowley's Healthy Living class has continued the mentoring program for a second year and everyone is happy to be back interacting at the elementary. To get acquainted, big buddies opened milk during kindergarten lunch, played GaGa ball with upper elementary students and joined groups of runners on the track for laps. The big buddies take their mentoring role seriously and are there to be positive role models.





### **Michigan School Meals Program**

The Aggie Cafe opted into this program which allows us to feed all students for free for the 2023-2024 school year. We are off to a fast-paced start with breakfast and lunch numbers rising almost daily! It is so exciting to see so many students enjoying our meals!

Our 1st 12 day numbers compared to last year:

2022 Breakfast 389

2022 Lunch 3,177

2023 Breakfast 1,123

2023 Lunch 4,782

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our program and we continue to look forward to serving our students!

### **Students Helping Students**



The students in Mrs. Kauppi's 4th grade class got the unique opportunity to learn about vision impairments and become trained visual helpers in our school. Mr. Daryl Dawe, a Vision Impairment/Orientation Mobility Specialist, and Mrs. Sisco, a Brailist, both from the GIRESD, led the lesson and provided hands-on training to our class. Students simulated being visually impaired through the use of goggles and blindfolds and were then guided around the classroom by visual helpers. They learned about the tools that visually impaired students use to navigate the school and complete their classroom work. These students are now trained and ready to volunteer to be visual helpers in our building.



**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 a hot breakfast item and these cold whole grain items: donuts, assorted cereals, (6-12) uncrustable, fruit and milk. Students must choose a fruit and 2oz grain items to receive the free breakfast.

**Location: Aggie Cafe**

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

**BREAKFAST IS FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS**

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



IPHONE



ANDROID

Download the Nutrislice app to your smartphone to view daily breakfast and lunch options (scan the QR code for your specific device; these are hyperlinked too - if you click on them they will take you to your phone's app store).

Or you can view the full month menu at this website: <https://bealcityschools.nutrislice.com>.





# FLU SHOT WALK-IN CLINIC

for ages 6 months through adult

## Beal City High School

Wednesday, November 1 · 3 – 6pm

*If vaccine is available, COVID immunizations will also be offered.*

Immunizations provided by:



**Central Michigan District  
Health Department**

*Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities*

*We accept most private insurances, Medicaid, and Vaccines For Children Program (little to no cost to patient). Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian.*

*Please bring your COVID-19 vaccination card, if available, should you wish to receive the updated COVID-19 shot.*

2023

# TEEN "CHOPPED"

A cooking competition  
among teams using locally  
grown food

*November 4, 2023*

## Important dates:

- October 9, 2023: Application deadline
- October 16, 2023, 6-8 pm: MANDATORY meeting
- November 4, 2023: Competition

To register visit:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenChopped2023/>  
or for more information, contact: MSU Extension @  
**989-317-4079 or lynchka4@msu.edu**





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## **Trunk or Treat - October 31, 2023**

WHAT: Halloween night the BCEF will be hosting "TRUNK OR TREAT"

WHERE: FOOTBALL FIELD PARKING LOT

WHEN: From 6 – 7 pm.

The last couple years we have had about 400 children go through the lines. Bring your car to the FOOTBALL FIELD PARKING LOT with treats to hand out. The kids come to your car instead of your house to Trick or Treat!!! It is a lot of fun. Please contact Rod Freeze 989-621-9284 if you plan to bring your car, or just show up. We will find room for you!!







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## HALLOWEEN BASH

OCTOBER 21, 2023 | 7:00 P.M.  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

TICKETS: \$25 per person (advance), or \$30 per person (at the door) | Must be 21 to attend

DJ Music and Entertainment | Snacks provided | Bring your own  
beverage | Costume Contest | 50/50 Drawings & Raffles

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