



# THE AGGIE EXPRESS



## **Beal City Public School's Teaching Staff**

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6, 2022. The Beal City Board of Education and Administration Team appreciate the hard work and dedication that our teachers and staff provide for our students and community. The photo above shows our wonderful staff. We thank you all for providing a quality education for our students. The School Board will be honoring our staff with a cookout on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for everything you do!!

## **Beal City Public Schools Recognized in the US News and World Report**

Again this year, Beal City Public Schools has been recognized as one of the best high schools in the state and nation by US News and World Report: #1 in the county (top 1%), #178 in the state out of 1,870 (top 9%) and #5,279 in the nation out of 26,727 (top 12%). We are all very proud of this recognition, and we have our staff and students to thank for this great achievement!

## Beal City Public School's Class of 2022 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Morgan Conner



Zeta Zeneberg

Morgan is the daughter of Jennifer Chandler-Conner and Robert Conner. Morgan attended St. Joseph the Worker K-6th grade and currently attends Beal City MS/Sr High School since 7th grade, and will be graduating in May. During high school, Morgan has maintained a 4.0 GPA, while taking several dual-enrollment courses through Mid Michigan College, as well as participated in several extracurricular activities. Morgan was a member of the Beal City Freshmen and JV volleyball teams in 9th and 10th grade. She also has been a member of the Spanish National Honor Society (SNHS), National Honor Society (NHS), Future Farmers of America (FFA), BCHS Robotics Team, Key Club, and was a class officer in her junior year. Morgan has also been named top and commended student in several of her classes throughout the years, as well as awarded the Principals Award for Excellence, and was recently nominated as Rotary Student of the Month. Outside of high school, Morgan has pursued her interest in mathematics by attending the Summer@Brown Pre-College program at Brown University. There, she was housed on campus with students from around the world, and attended an advanced course on number theory and higher mathematics. She has also pursued her interest in the environment by continuing her non-profit, geared towards upcycling, that she started in 2nd grade. After high school, Morgan plans on majoring in Environmental/Civil engineering and/or Applied Mathematics, but is unsure of which university she will be attending.

Zeta is the daughter of Craig and Marsha Zeneberg. Throughout her high school years, she has proven her drive in her passion for sideline and competitive cheerleading along with her participation in numerous clubs and organizations. These include National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Key Club, and Student Council. In Student Council, Zeta served as vice president her junior year and president her senior year. Even with her busy schedule, Zeta has maintained a 4.0 GPA. Academics has always been a priority for Zeta, so she took it upon herself to complete multiple college classes through Mid Michigan College during her high school education. Zeta has been accepted into Central Michigan University, and has received a full ride scholarship to attend. While attending CMU, Zeta plans to study product design engineering.

## FFA President Karly Smith's Senior Send-Off



Karly has been involved in FFA for 6 years. Her journey in FFA started in 7th grade when Natalie Finerty, who was also the President of the Beal City FFA, encouraged both her and her friend to join. Unfortunately, her friend did not stick with FFA, but Karly decided to stay because she wanted to be involved and try something new.

In all of her years in FFA, Karly competed 5 out of her 6 years. She competed in Junior High Public Speaking in both 7th and 8th grade and made it to States both years. Her speeches were titled "The Different Types of Veterinarians" and "The Threat of Asian Carp". Her sophomore year she tried something new and competed in Demonstration with Alex Sawmick. They demonstrated "How to Harness a Horse" and made it to the regional level. In her junior and senior years, she competed in Prepared Public Speaking and made it to the regional level. Her speeches were entitled "How Has COVID-19 Affected Animals" and "How Has COVID-19 Sparked a Workforce in the Veterinary Field".

Karly also held several officer positions as a member of the Beal City FFA. She was Reporter from 2018 to 2020, Vice President from 2020 to 2021, and President from 2021 to 2022. This year, her main goal as president was to get more people involved in FFA. She, as well as the rest of the officer team, aimed to organize more events than in previous years. "It has been a very successful year so far and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings," says President Karly Smith.

Karly's favorite part about being in FFA was challenging herself to do things she wasn't comfortable with and meeting new people. "Take advantage of the opportunities that you're given because they will make you a more well-rounded person and provide you with skills that you will use in the future." When asked what she got out of the experience, Karly said, "There are so many things, but the main thing is my ability to comfortably speak in front of people." FFA provided her with opportunities that made her open up and come out of her shell.

Karly has been awarded her Outstanding Junior Award, State FFA Degree, and will be a Beal City Completer. As a completer, she has taken all of the Ag Courses offered here at Beal City and she has been involved in FFA. Next year she plans to apply for the American FFA Degree, which is the highest degree you can obtain as an FFA member. Karly says that her biggest accomplishment was going to States in Junior High Public Speaking in 7th and 8th grade. Karly has attended state convention every year that she has been in FFA and went to national convention her senior year. "There is nothing better than being surrounded in the blue corduroy," says Karly.

When asked what advice she would give to the new FFA members and underclassmen she said, "Get outside your comfort zone and try something new. Even if you don't feel comfortable speaking in front of people you should still try and do it."

Karly plans to pursue a career in agriculture and attend Michigan State University to study Veterinary Medicine.





### **Elementary Wellness**

We had 2 short weeks and rain days with our mileage club kickoff but we had 75% of our elementary students walking and running to reach their individual goal! Students receive a toe token for every 5 miles they complete! We are off to a great start!



### **Senior Math Students Celebrate Pi Day**

Seniors in Algebra 2B and Precalculus classes celebrated Pi Day and Einstein's birthday on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The number pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. The number is irrational, meaning that it continues on forever, but is approximately equal to 3.14. Students calculated the number pi on a pie, sang Happy Birthday to Einstein, dressed up in pi day attire, competed in pi trivia and pi reciting contests, and of course, ate pie with all the fixings. This year's pi reciting contest winner was senior, Kayley Maeder. She was able to recite 82 digits of the never-ending number from memory. Congratulations, Kayley!

## **Beal City Elementary Students of the Month March**



*(L to R) Sep De Vos, Connor Clare, Gavin Sisco, Alexis Schafer, Lilliana Latoski, Coby Crowley*

### **Board Seats Up for Election in November**

There are three positions on the Beal City Board of Education up for election in the November 2022 general election. Rod Cole, Erin Ludwig and Ron Neyer's seats are all 6 year seats. Anyone interested in running for a position can pick up their election packets at the Isabella County Clerk's Office at 200 N Main St., Room 240, Mt. Pleasant. Their hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Nominating petitions need to be filed with the County Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Elementary Spring Sing**

The Spring Sing will be held on May 19th at 1 pm in the small gym. We are excited to be welcoming in-person guests for this event! Please join us to celebrate another successful school year and a bit of a return to normalcy. Our plan is to also live stream this program through Facebook Live, but we can't guarantee the quality of the audio and video. As always, we will do our very best!





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

Mr. Chilman has been our Superintendent since August, 2007. He was only 36 years old! With his 15 years of service to Beal City, he is the 2<sup>nd</sup> longest-serving superintendent in the school's history. Bill is married to Tami, and they have two sons, Billy and Logan, who are both Beal City graduates. Billy recently got engaged and will be married next summer. The newest member in the house is a dog, Dougy. Bill is looking forward to retiring in the next few years. Thank you, Mr. Chilman, for all your incredible work.

## Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on April 18, 2022.

- The March payments of bills as presented: General Fund payments \$828,981.85, Payroll Account payments of \$0, Hot Lunch payments \$15,991.88. Student Activity Account payments of \$17,881.44, Athletic Fund payments of \$11,224.25, Arbiter Sports payments of \$2,454.34, Capital Projects payments of \$0 and Capital Projects 2021 Checking of 45,131.83.
- The following probationary and tenure teacher recommendations were approved. Probationary- Elementary- Amanda Schmidt- completing 4<sup>th</sup> year and approved for 5<sup>th</sup> year, Shelby Weber-completing 4<sup>th</sup> year and approved for 5<sup>th</sup> year, Brooke Bowlby-completing 1<sup>st</sup> year and approved for 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Secondary-James Tice-completing 4<sup>th</sup> year and approved for 5<sup>th</sup> year, Griffin Bohannon- completing 3<sup>rd</sup> year and approved for 4<sup>th</sup> year, Emily Socola-completing 1<sup>st</sup> year and approved for 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Susi Westlake- completing 1<sup>st</sup> year approved for 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Tyler Russell-completing 1<sup>st</sup> year and approved for 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Tenure-Secondary-Alsatia Lohr-completing her 5<sup>th</sup> year and is being recommended for Tenure.
- The request to approve Brigitte Zuker's retirement was approved.

To locate the Beal City Board of Education agenda and minutes from the monthly Board meetings, please browse to [bealcityschools.net](http://bealcityschools.net), then Departments: Board of Education: Meetings (Agenda & Minutes).

## **Thank you from The Sports Boosters**

The Beal City Athletic Association (Sports Boosters) board members sold 188 March Madness FundCrazer Sweepstake tickets during March and April! Each ticket assigned four NCAA Basketball teams to its holder and the scores of those teams, during the tournament, were accumulated. The ticket holder with the highest scores at the end of the tournament won the grand prize - \$400! The catch is, no one could see their teams when they purchased tickets, they were hidden under a scratch off! Tickets could be purchased until the day before the final game, and that ticket could have been the winner – the teams were random on each ticket! Prizes totaled \$1000 and were paid to 9 different winners. This was a fun way to raise money for the Beal City athletes and have a little local competition between ticket holders. This fundraiser contributed over \$1800 to the Boosters fund to help cover the \$25,000 in expenses incurred yearly. The bulk of these expenses include paying for the athletic trainer and funding freshman sports. All of you who purchased tickets made this a success and that deserves a big thank you!!! If you missed out on purchasing this year, please look for your chance to purchase in the 2023 tournament!

### **IMPORTANT NEWS** from the Aggie Cafe:

As you know, COVID came with many challenges and we have navigated through them as best we could. Supply chain issues continue to be an issue and likely will remain so into the 2022-2023 school year. Schools were granted many waivers during the last two years and were allowed to offer universal free breakfast and lunch to help families through this difficult time.

As of the writing of this letter (April 19, 2022), the Federal Government has informed us that these waivers will be ending at the beginning of the next school year, 2022-2023. This change will move us back to the way school meals were funded prior to the pandemic. Families who qualify will still be able to get free or reduced cost meals, but applications for these reduced or free meals will need to be completed, and those who do not qualify will need to pay full price during the 2022-2023 school year.

With food costs continuing to rise, we anticipate breakfast and lunch prices will rise as well. If you filled out the free/reduced application for the 21/22 school year, your qualification will extend 30 days into the 22/23 school year. You will need to fill out a new form by the end of September in 2022. If you feel you would qualify now but have not yet filled out a form, please click the link to fill one out an online application at <https://bealcity.familyportal.cloud> or contact [mfaber@bealcityschools.net](mailto:mfaber@bealcityschools.net) for a paper form. Please note that a form filled out this school year will only be good through the end of September 2022. You will need to fill out a new form at the beginning of the next school year. We will inform you of meal prices as soon as possible so that you will have time to plan.

Thank you for the grace and understanding you have given us these last two years. We look forward to continuing to serve your students here in the Aggie Cafe!



## **School Breakfast is Cool!**

Every day is a perfect day for school breakfast!

As the summer approaches, kids are often more restless and distracted at school. You can help to make sure that their last weeks of school are productive by ensuring that they begin the day with a nutritious breakfast. Studies show a good breakfast makes kids more alert, less distractible and better behaved in school; it even improves their test scores!

Let's keep our students focused by making sure they begin every school day with a balanced meal at home or at the School Breakfast Program.

**Every morning our breakfast for 6th-12th grade students consists of a choice between a hot breakfast item, donuts or uncrustable and will contain fruit and milk. These are pre-packaged for a quick grab-n-go.**

**K-5 will be eating in the classroom with the choice of the hot breakfast item, fruit and milk**

**Location: Aggie Cafe**

**Breakfast time every day 6-12: 7:40am-8:05am**

**Breakfast time everyday K-5: 7:53-8:15**

**Breakfast is FREE for ALL students in the 2021-2022 school year!!!!**

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

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).



IPHONE



ANDROID

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



# GI-TEC SUMMER 2022 CAMP

A fun and FREE  
Chance to learn about  
Career Technical Education

JUNE  
13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>  
Mon-Thur  
9am-12pm



## DIGITAL MEDIA

Explore the world of multimedia design in a hands-on, project based experience. Use top of the line software and equipment to create daily projects. Each day a new multimedia technique will be explored, such as: photo editing (Adobe Photoshop), video production (Premiere Pro), animation, live-streaming, podcasting, camera work, drone footage, and much more. All experience levels are welcome.



## AUTOMOTIVE

Close your eyes, let the smell of grease, oil, and rubber fill the room, open your eyes...are you signing up for Auto summer camp yet? We'll check fluid levels, change fuses and tires during our week in the garage. Learn how you can start a career in one of the most in demand jobs in Central Michigan.



## BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Building a business can make you hungry. Building a pizza business might be the solution! Join us to learn what it takes to own and operate your own restaurant. We'll cover Marketing, Sales, Accounting, Teamwork, Leadership, phew can you smell the pizza...and the profits yet? Join our Business Management program--working hand in hand with our Culinary program for this fun mash up of two of our most popular classes.



## GRAPHIC ARTS

Turn the color wheel upside down. Take a journey through design in this hands on Graphic Design class. Use professional software programs like Illustrator to bring your drawings to life as vinyl stickers and use other industry tools to explore photography, laser cutting, and so much more.



## CULINARY

Do you like to cook? Want to learn how to create a restaurant empire? Start with the perfect pizza pie! In culinary camp we will learn Menu Planning, Teamwork, Leadership, Food Safety, Food Preparation, phew can you smell the pizza...and the profits yet? Join our Culinary program--working hand in hand with our Business Management program for this fun mash up of two of our most popular classes.



## MEDICAL CAREERS

Join us for a fun-filled, educational week as we explore all things medical! Students will examine body systems up close with hands-on activities like pig lung dissection and heart model recreation. Students will practice the A,B,C's of emergency medicine, splinting, and bandaging as well as how to take vital signs with medical equipment like stethoscopes and pulse oximeters.



## DRAFTING

Creative thinkers wanted. Learn how to design and produce your own product using the industry leading 3D modeling program, Inventor. We're breaking down the process of designing custom pinewood derby cars, 3D printing the parts, and assembling them. Will your car work? Let's try it in the first annual GI-TEC Pinewood Derby race.

**Enroll your current 6th-8th grade student for FREE**  
**Enrollment is Limited!**  
**Scan now to REGISTER by**  
**May 20th**



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# CTE

(Career and Technical Education)

## Millage Renewal



### About the GI-TEC



The Gratiot Isabella Technical Education Center (GI-TEC) is a collective consortium of public schools that offer Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming for high school students within Gratiot and Isabella counties. Currently, 20 state approved programs are offered. The CTE consortium programs are located on the Alma High School and Mt. Pleasant High School campuses.

With highly experienced staff and state of the art facilities, students not only gain knowledge and skills but can also earn industry recognized credentials upon completion.

### Questions, Contact:

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# VOTE - May 3, 2022



## CTE Millage Renewal

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

The CTE Millage Renewal would maintain the 1.0 Mill that has been levied for the past ten (10) years. (There is no increase to taxes).

The CTE Millage Renewal would provide funds that would continue to support the GI-TEC and associated CTE programs. For the past ten years, the revenue from the initial millage has enabled GI-TEC students to engage with industry standard equipment and technology. Without the financial support from millage dollars, the current educational programs offered wouldn't be sustainable, and the ability to maintain the industry standard quality would be in jeopardy.

## Benefits of Millage Renewal

All high school students within Gratiot-Isabella RESD benefit from the CTE Millage Renewal. The majority of high school students begin CTE courses during their junior and/or senior years. The millage helps local districts send students to the CTE consortium programs

The end goal is to provide employers with future employees after successful completion of a specified program. The concept is to provide qualified, and valuable employees for Gratiot and Isabella counties.



GRATIOT-ISABELLA  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER

## GI-TEC CTE Programs

Accounting  
Agriscience  
Automotive Technology  
Business Management  
Construction Trades  
Cosmetology  
Criminal Justice  
Culinary Arts  
Digital Media  
Educational Careers  
Electronics  
Graphics/Printing  
Health Careers/CNA  
Interior Design  
Machine Trades  
Marketing  
Mechatronics  
Small Engines  
Technical Drafting/CAD  
Welding



## Area Schools Supported

- Alma
- Ashley
- Beal City
- Breckenridge
- Fulton
- Ithaca
- Morey Flex Tech
- Mt. Pleasant
- Odyssey
- Shepherd
- Sacred Heart
- St. Louis

# CTE (Career and Technical Education) Millage Renewal



Gratiot Isabella Regional Education Service District  
Gratiot Isabella Technical Education Center



## When is the vote for the CTE Millage Renewal?

- Tuesday, May 3, 2022



## Will the CTE Millage Renewal raise my taxes?

- No. The millage renewal would maintain the 1.0 Mill that has been levied for the past ten (10) years.



## What is the CTE Millage Renewal?

- The CTE (Career and Technical Education) Millage Renewal would continue to provide funds to support CTE programs at the Gratiot-Isabella Technical Education Center (Alma and Mt. Pleasant campuses).



## Who benefits from the CTE Millage Renewal?

- All high school students within Gratiot-Isabella RESD. The majority of high school students begin CTE courses during their junior and/or senior years. The millage helps allow local districts to send students to the CTE consortium programs. Students engage in a hands-on learning environment with state-of-the-art and industry standard equipment.



## What is the GI-TEC?

- Gratiot-Isabella Technical Education Center (GI-TEC) is a collective consortium of public schools that offer Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming for high school students within Gratiot and Isabella counties. The CTE consortium programs are located on the Alma High School and Mt. Pleasant High School campuses.



## What type of programs does the CTE Millage Renewal support?

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| • Accounting            | • Cosmetology         | • Electronics        | • Marketing              |
| • Agriscience           | • Criminal Justice    | • Graphics/Printing  | • Mechatronics           |
| • Automotive Technology | • Culinary Arts       | • Health Careers/CNA | • Small Engines          |
| • Business Management   | • Digital Media       | • Interior Design    | • Technical Drafting/CAD |
| • Construction Trades   | • Educational Careers | • Machine Trades     | • Welding                |



## What area schools does the CTE Millage Renewal support?

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|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| • Alma      | • Breckenridge | • Morey Flex Tech | • Sacred Heart |
| • Ashley    | • Fulton       | • Mt. Pleasant    | • Shepherd     |
| • Beal City | • Ithaca       | • Odyssey         | • St. Louis    |



## If I have questions about CTE and/or the Millage Renewal who do I contact?

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# Career & Technical Education (CTE)

*Where dreams become reality*



**Gratiot Isabella Technical Education Center**

[www.gi-tec.com](http://www.gi-tec.com)

- Accounting
- Agriscience
- Automotive Technology
- Business Management
- Construction Trades
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Digital Media
- Educational Careers
- Graphics/Printing
- Health Careers/CNA
- Health Occupations
- Interior Design
- Machine Trades
- Marketing
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- Welding



Gratiot Isabella Regional Education Service District

**The CTE Millage Renewal  
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