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Liberty Tree Dedicated to Community



The community's first Liberty Tree was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, May 3, at the Belding Depot. About 500 citizens showed up to see the tree dedicated in patriotic fashion. Participants from the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars paid tribute to the men and women of freedom through the flag raising, gun salute, and playing of "Taps." Bag pipe players performed a moving rendition

of "Amazing Grace" in tribute to the many men and women who have served our country.

Sandra Onstwedder and Representative Brian Calley addressed the crowd sharing their ideas about freedom and commending the dedication of the liberty tree as a living memorial of the freedoms we possess as Americans. Pat Kjolhede's fifth graders shared their Arlington Project with the audience and Mike Simmons' and Chad Alderink's students presented biography booklets to veterans who they interviewed during the past year.

A special letter written by Governor Jennifer Granholm was read to the audience, and Lu Pendleton's fifth grade band played a musical presentation. The Belding Fire Department lifted an American flag on a raised fire truck ladder providing the perfect panorama for the dedication service. Refreshments and the middle school band concert rounded out the day's events.

Mr. Simmons hopes that the tree will be utilized for such events as class skits, musical concerts, outdoor political debates, remembrance services, and prayer vigils. On May 24, the Liberty Tree accepted candles and flowers at the trunk of the tree at dark in honor of the Memorial Day weekend.

Belding Area Schools Announces 2009 "Staff of the Year"

Congratulations to the second annual "Staff of the Year" award recipients and nominees. On June 4, Belding Area Schools recognized outstanding staff members nominated by their peers who demonstrate loyalty, commitment, positive human relations skills, and excellent organizational skills as they relate to the overall positive educational climate of the district and our community. The recipients of the 2009 "Staff of the Year" awards were:

- Roger Wills, "Secondary Staff of the Year"
- Clint Smith, "Elementary Staff of the Year"
- Frank Mason, "Support Staff of the Year"

These recipients were selected from a group of very deserving staff members. Support staff nominees were Mary Jo Boni, Venus Cox, Tracey Feil, Dan Feuerstein, Dawn Hall, Beth Olsen, Bobbie Smith, Marcia Smith, and



Frank Mason, Roger Wills, and Clint Smith

Pam Wittenbach. Secondary staff nominees included Andrea Sprague and Molly Ward. Elementary staff nominees were Samantha Chernoby, Jan Mehney, Mike Simmons, and Jim Smith. Belding Area Schools is proud to honor the leadership and work ethic demonstrated by these individuals.

Belding Area Schools Preschool Program

Belding Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. Our 3-year-old preschool sessions will be from 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., and the afternoon session will be from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Our 4-year-old sessions will be from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., and the afternoon session will be from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. The 3-year-old and 4-year-old sessions are tentatively set to begin on September 8 and 9. Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Some sessions are filling up quickly, so please register as soon as possible. See page two for a preschool application.

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Belding Area Schools Sports Physicals



The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) requires all high school and middle school student-athletes to have a current sports physical on file prior to tryouts, practices or participation in athletics. Physicals conducted prior to April 15, 2009, are void.

The Belding Area Schools' Athletic Department will be offering sports physicals to student-athletes entering grades 7 - 12 on Monday, July 27 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the high school. The physicals are conducted by area doctors and will include checking height, weight, vision, blood pressure and pulse. Heidi Wilker, our athletic trainer, will also be there to conduct range of motion and flexibility tests. Cost of the physical is \$15.00 per athlete.

If you prefer to go to your own doctor, we encourage you to do so. Please pick up a school physical form at the high school for your doctor to fill out. Plan ahead so your student-athletes are ready to go when tryouts begin.

Woodview Elementary Meijer Dignity and Respect May Winners



Summer Reading Tips from Woodview's Media Center

As the school year is ending, the push for summer reading begins. Here are four suggestions for parents to encourage your readers.

1. Make reading a ritual. Schedule time to visit the public library every week and set aside reading time in the day.
2. Find motivation that works. Summer library programs, cool incentives and reading as a family activity will get kids excited about reading.
3. Allow unconventional choices. Let your children read what interests them. Comic books, magazines, newspapers, and craft/activity books make reading fun and "different" from the school year.
4. Modeling is still one of the most important things you can do. If your children observe you reading, they will become readers themselves.

So this summer, find a shady spot, bring a cold drink, gather your kids, open a book and unwind!

Belding Preschool 1975 Orchard Street 794-4713

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Belding Preschool Application for Enrollment School Year 2009-2010

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Name of Parent/Guardians: Mother: _____

Father: _____

Preschool tuition is based on \$8.00 per session. Stated amounts may vary somewhat depending on the number of days that fall in each month. Payment is due on the 1st of each month for that month of preschool. Tuition for the 2009-2010 school year is as follows:

2 days per week - approx. \$64.00/month

3 days per week - approx. \$88.00/month

*Included in the price is a daily nutritional snack.

I would like my child to attend the: (check one)

____ Afternoon Three-Year-Old Preschool

Monday & Wednesday 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

____ Afternoon Four-Year-Old Preschool

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

____ Morning Four-Year-Old Preschool

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

____ Morning Three-Year-Old Preschool

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form with a \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee to:

Belding Early Childhood Center

1975 Orchard Street

Belding, Michigan 48809

Attn: Angela Bush

(Checks should be made payable to: Belding Area Schools)

Bird Feeders are a Service Learning Project



This spring, several third, fourth, and fifth grade students from Woodview Elementary started working on a service learning project along with the help of Mr.

Daller's high school advanced woodworking students. Students learned about attracting and feeding wild birds, which wild birds are common to the West Michigan area, various wild bird habitats, bird identification, and many other things. The students wrote letters to area businesses, completed research projects, wrote reports and a class book of tips to attract birds, and researched types of birdfeeders and what certain birds like to eat.

Woodview students sent bird feeder plans to the woodshop class who came up with an improved feeder design. The high school students cut out the feeder ahead of time and worked in groups of two with the Woodview students to assemble them. The students built a total of five feeders.



The feeders will be mounted on posts around the Woodview school grounds. Students will be responsible for caring for the feeders. They will also maintain a sighting board about which birds have been seen at the feeders.

Self Serve Lumber of Belding and Wild Birds Unlimited in Grand Rapids provided discounts on materials. Laurie from Wild Birds Unlimited gave a presentation to the students about the different types of feeders, food that certain birds like, and tips on attracting birds. The students will be responsible for keeping the birds fed during the coming school year. It is our hope that the bird feeding stations and the birds they attract will be a joy for the entire Belding community.

The students and Mrs. Kimmel would like to thank Self Serve Lumber, Mr. Daller and the high school woodshop class, Wild Birds Unlimited, and, the BAS Maintenance Department for their support in this project.

**School Begins
Tuesday, September 8**

Fall 2009 Girls Elementary Basketball Camp at Woodview

The Belding Girls Basketball Program will be offering an elementary basketball camp at Woodview Elementary for all girls in grades 4 and 5 next fall. This camp will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will run for five weeks. The time frame for the camp will be right after school at 4:10 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The starting date is Tuesday, September 22 and concludes on Thursday, October 22.

The camp will focus on skill development and controlled game activities. High school coaches, middle school coaches and varsity players will be involved in teaching and monitoring all activities.

The cost of the camp is \$30 and includes a t-shirt and a basketball. We will do a mass mailing in early August to all Woodview 3rd and 4th graders. Current Woodview 5th grade girls will be invited to the middle school camp in mid-August. A mass mailing of registration forms will be made in late June. We realize that cheerleading and soccer also compete at this time. However, we hope to see your daughter in the fall.

If you have any questions, please call Mike Nelson, girls varsity basketball coach, at 616-874-3057.

Writers' Camp

The 2009 Laker Writers' Camp will be for students entering 3rd through 6th grades and will be held June 15 - 18 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. daily. This camp will be held at the Belding Middle School.

The Lake Michigan Writing Project is one of 200 sites of the National Writing Project. Students will explore writing through writing invitations, mini-lessons, field trips, conferring with peers and adults, and then celebrating with a Publication Party on Thursday, August 6 in the evening.

For more information, please contact Kari Reynolds at 794-4754, Leanne Feuerstein at 794-3888 or Jan Lamborne at 648-0545.

1st Annual Whitecaps Outing



On May 29, 189 people attended the 1st annual BAS Whitecaps outing at Fifth Third Park. The left field picnic deck provided an ideal place for families to watch the Whitecaps take on the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. Perfect weather and an "all you can eat" barbecue made it an evening to remember. Judging by the success of this year's event, we may have to get the bigger deck in right field next year! Thank you Mr. Helmer for arranging this outing.

Thirlandians Raise Money for the Smile Train

The theme in Mrs. Meagher and Mr. Mahar's third grade classroom this year has been "You Make Me Smile."

The Thirlandians decided to work to raise money for The Smile Train, a charity that provides 100 percent of the money it takes in to provide life-changing surgeries to children born with cleft lips and palates. In third world countries these children are often abandoned or can never hope to have a normal life. The Smile Train operates on the idea of "give a man a fish and he will eat for a day, teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime" by teaching local doctors how to perform the procedures.

Our kids led the fundraising efforts with a hat day, by bringing in portions of their allowances, pop bottles, money they had earned by doing chores and by performing a reader's theatre production for parents and administrators. Mrs. McQuillan's third graders learned of our mission and surprised us with a secret fundraising effort of their own to add to our total. Together we raised enough money to pay for two surgeries, forever changing the lives of two precious children who would otherwise never have had a chance. Bravo, third graders. You make us smile!

Service Learning at Woodview Elementary



A group of third, fourth and fifth grade students recently completed a Service Learning Project with Mrs. Kimmel. The students wrote letters to a few fabric stores requesting help with this project as well as to many organizations inquiring about the organization's needs. Fields Fabrics in Grand Rapids offered us a gift certificate, and with money from a grant, fleece material was then purchased.

The students measured, cut and tied the fabric into thirteen beautiful, colorful, twin size blankets. They worked well together in small groups and were very excited about helping others. The children then had the difficult task of deciding and voting on which organization to donate the blankets to. They decided to donate the blankets to a shelter for battered women and children in Ionia. The shelter provides service to all of Ionia County as well as Greenville. The blankets were dropped off at the center, and will be given to children when they leave the center for their new, safe home.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Call Community Education at 794-4646 for registration and information.

Hypnosis Works!

1) Weight Control

Tuesday, July 14, 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

You can learn to control your appetite, to increase your desire to eat healthier, and to increase your motivation to exercise regularly with hypnosis. The hypnosis session includes a weight control “tool kit” and a half-hour reinforcement tape.

2) Smoking Cessation/Stop Smoking Forever

Tuesday, July 14, 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

You can quit smoking forever in only one hour with hypnosis. Includes a stop smoking “tool kit” and a half-hour reinforcement tape.

Classes are held at Belding Community Education/Washington School. Class fee must be pre-paid at the Community Education office by July 10. Cost is \$45 per class. Hypnotherapist: Beverly Carboneau.

Tae Kwon Do

Klingbeil Institute of Tae Park Tae Kwon Do welcomes you to come and be a part of one of the largest martial arts organizations in the world. We have open enrollment, so you can start at any time! Classes are held on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at the middle school cafeteria from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Classes are open to children ages 5+, adults, and families. Cost is \$15 per month for one night/wk; \$25 per month for 2 nights/wk. Family discounts are available. Class fee is collected by instructor. Call instructor, Roland Demorest, at 616-754-0395 or Community Education for more information.

Zumba

Zumba is a cardio workout inspired by Latin and international rhythms. It is a mixture of body sculpting movements with easy to follow dance steps. Come ready to have fun! Classes are held in the middle school cafeteria (enter from south side of building) as follows:

Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and/or
Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.

Due to illness, classes are currently not meeting. Call Community Education @ 794-4646 for an update on when classes will reconvene. Cost is \$4.50 per class or \$35 for 10 classes. Payment will be collected by the instructor. Certified Instructor: Valerie Dawdy.

Sanchin-Ryu Karate

Youth Sanchin-Ryu Karate & Self Defense

Children learn the Martial Art of Sanchin-Ryu which builds self-confidence and develops focus and discipline. Students are taught alternatives to fighting in a positive, go-at-your-own-pace environment. We also address the growing concerns we have for our kids' safety today. Our goal is to empower children with proven



techniques to handle a variety of everyday scenarios they may encounter. Topics include: How to deal with strangers, bullies, peer pressure, and conflict resolution.

Adult & Family Sanchin-Ryu Karate

Taught on an individual basis, students study in a non-competitive environment while working on Sanchin-Ryu's practical movements and no-nonsense approach to self-defense. We study three levels of self-defense: physical, mental and emotional. The next session will be held on Mondays for 10 weeks, June 22 - August 24. Register with instructor on first night. Classes are held in the middle school drama room as follows:

Youth Class (K-8 Gr) 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Adult & Family 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Cost for 10 week session is \$25 for youth class, \$40 for adult class & \$75 for families.

PAWS-ability

Beginner Dog Obedience

This is a basic beginner class for dogs and their owners. The goal is to help you teach your dog how to become a companion, not just a pet. It is important for you to become the pack leader for your dog. If you do not, often the dog takes this role for himself. Teaching methods use a combination of positive reinforcement with food, voice, and correction. Class time is spent practicing new skills or “commands” in a social atmosphere with people and dogs. The class is especially good for new puppies about 12 weeks and up, but it is also open to “non-puppies.” Dogs joining your family from the shelters or rescue organizations have an opportunity to begin life anew. Bring a copy of current vaccinations to class. Class will be held on Mondays for 7 weeks, June 29 - August 17 (no class July 20) from 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. at Woodview Elementary. The first class will be an orientation without dogs. Cost of \$50 is due June 25. Instructor: Ann Bromley.



Winterization Works!

Winterization is a program designed to help lower fuel costs and energy bills by making your home more energy efficient. Since this is a federally funded program, eligibility standards must be met in order to have your house worked on. These standards are primarily based on income. If anyone in your house hold received Family Independence Program (FIP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or State Disability Assistance (SDA) in the past year, your household is automatically eligible. For more information regarding eligible or to apply for the weatherization program contact your local EightCAP, Inc. Office.



Middle School Drama Club



The Belding Middle School Drama Club presented a Variety/Talent Show for staff and students along with an evening performance for family and friends. Twenty-four talented middle school students performed a variety of comedy skits from “Annoying Cellphone Guy” to a parody on “Lost”. Intermingled among the laughs were some awesome vocal and dance performances with a grand finale group country line dance. Thank you to all who helped make this production possible.

Cedar Point Tickets On Sale

Purchase your discounted Cedar Point Tickets at the Community Education Office located at 315 W. Washington Street or call 616-794-4646.



Good Any Day (ages 3+, 48”+)

Junior/Senior (ages 3+, under 48”, or 62+)

2-Day Ride & Slide (48”, admission to both

Cedar Point & Soak City for any 2 days of the season)

Soak City (ages 3+, 48”)

2009 Prices

Your Price	Gate Price	You Save
\$35.50	\$43.99	\$8.49
\$17.50	\$19.99	\$2.49
\$67.50	\$73.99	\$6.49
\$24.50	\$29.99	\$5.49

Class of 1989 20th Class Reunion

The Class of 1989 will be holding their class reunion on August 1 at the newly remodeled Candlestone Inn in Belding. Details and invitations will be mailed soon. Classmates please email your name, address, and questions to Kelly Higbee at sassyredscooby@yahoo.com



Relay for Life

Tristan Robinson, an Ellis Elementary student, raised \$1,016 for Relay for Life by selling volleyball bracelets at the MJVBA VB Tournament at DeVos. Tristan's goal was to raise \$1,000. This is a

phenomenal accomplishment for an elementary student. If you see Tristan give him a pat on the back. The \$1,016 will go to Alyssa's Angel's, a team named for a six year old girl who lost her life three years ago to undetected Leukemia.

Middle School Hoops For Heart



The BMS physical education department held a fundraiser for the American Heart Association using the Hoops for Heart Program. Over \$800 was raised by the students and staff. Students were able to

shoot free throws or three pointers, play in a 3 on 3 tournament, or they went to friends and family and asked for donations. The students who made the most shots or raised the most money were given a chance to play in a student/staff basketball game. Great job to everyone who participated in one way or another. The money raised will be used to help those who have somehow been touched by heart disease. Pictured from left to right the Staff vs. Students Basketball game: Brett Zuver (BAS Athletic Director), Bryce Wilker (student), Olga Albert (BMS Teacher), Cameron Dombrowski (student), John Deiter (BMS Principal) and Michael Albert (Student).



DRUM CORPS RETURN TO BHS RUDNESS FIELD ON JULY 29

On July 29 starting at 7:00 p.m., the sounds of brass and drums and the pageantry of Color Guard will fill Rudness Field for the annual SILK CITY RHYTHMS. The event, sponsored by Stahlin Non-Metallic Enclosures and underwritten by Leppink's Food Centers is brought to our community by the Belding Band Boosters and Legends Performing Arts Association. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 and will be available at Hansen's Music House beginning June 29 which is a reduced rate for Belding/Greenville residents and patrons. Featured corps are Blue Devils B, Citations, Capital Regiment, Legends, and many more. For more information please contact the band room office at 794-4910.

Belding Summer Volunteer Reading Program

Please consider registering your child for our Summer Volunteer Reading Program offered through Belding Community Education. The program will be held at Belding Community Education/Washington School for three weeks, Monday through Thursday, August 17 -September 3. The program is free to students entering 2nd through 9th grade in Belding Area School District. Transportation is not provided.

This letter is an invitation for your child to join us for a fun and supportive reading experience. Your student will practice skills, build vocabulary, read for comprehension, and read for enjoyment. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity and look forward to reading with your child.

Summer Volunteer Reading Program Registration Form

Child's Name _____

Grade (2009-10) _____

Parent's Name _____

Home Phone _____

Emergency Phone _____

Address _____

Street City Zip

Program Dates: Monday - Thursday, August 17 - September 3.

Days you would like (circle):

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Time (check one):

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Return this form to Belding Community Education by July 29. If you have any questions, please call the Community Education office at 794-4646.

Volunteer Reading Tutors Needed

Please consider helping us with our Summer Volunteer Reading Program in August. We will be working with students in grades 2 - 9 on their reading and writing skills. The program is held at Belding Community Education, 315 W. Washington Street, in Belding. The program will be held for three weeks, Monday through Thursday, August 17 - September 3. Tutoring is one-hour sessions from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. You can volunteer for the days and times that fit your schedule.

All volunteers must be screened through the Michigan State Police for criminal history. A separate form needs to be completed for this procedure.

Our tutor training, which is required, will be held on Friday, July 31 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. If you cannot attend this training we will try to make other arrangements. You may register to tutor by returning this form to the Community Education office at the address listed above.

Tutor Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Street City Zip

These are the times I am available: (circle)

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

These are the days I can help: (circle)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Building Something Together

Students in Mrs. Mehney's and Miss Johnson's classes learned the power of the pen as they studied how to write an essay. The students were given an assignment to write why Woodview needed an Outdoor Learning Center. Mrs. Mehney incorporated many of their great ideas into a grant request from the Lowe's Toolbox for Education program to equip an area with five recycled-plastic picnic tables.

Some of the student ideas that convinced Lowe's to donate \$4,500 toward the project included one by Johanna that stated, "We could go outside and observe the birds and nature." JayCee wrote, "It would be a good place to relax—a chill zone." Eva suggested, "Everyone needs fresh air because it helps the brain think!" We look forward to using the new equipment.

Middle School Students Visit Ferris State



On Friday, April 24, sixty-three 7th and 8th grade students visited Ferris State University in Big Rapids. The students had a chance to see what college life is like. A presentation was given by a staff member to start the day. After that, they ate lunch in one of the dining halls. The students then got to see a dorm room, the fitness center, the library, and many other places on campus.

These 7th and 8th graders are now excited and ready to go to college. One 7th grader said, "I am excited to go to college, now that I know what

to expect." The students participated in this project as part of the Service Learning program at BAS. After their trip, they were required to complete a project educating other students about preparing for college. Students created a video, flyers, posters, and PowerPoint presentations to share with the rest of the students at the middle school.

Article written by: 7th grader Cheyenne Paulson

Straubel Wins Poster Contest



Jake Straubel, a 5th grader at Woodview Elementary, recently won a poster contest sponsored by "Roof 2 Roads" a roof recycling company located in the area. Straubel earned the most on-line votes to win a pizza party for his class, as well as a \$100 savings bond for himself.

In 2007, "Roof 2 Roads" launched a new recycling effort whereby shingles from house roofs could be recycled. It is estimated the average home roof contains four tons of shingles. "Roof 2 Roads"

shreds the shingles for use in road asphalt. Oils are also extracted from the shingles to create fuel for homes and airports. An average home roof contains enough shingles to extract eight barrels of oil. The company offers shingle removal for much less of a cost than hauling the shingles to the dump. It also is helping the environment by recreating the shingles into usable resources. Company owner, Ellie Kane, visited Mr. Simmons' classroom at Woodview to explain the recycling process.



Middle School April Students of the Month

Front Row: Gabrielle Winright, Eric Rasch, Monica Meyers Back Row: Noah Green, Kourtney Brokaw, Lydia Humphreys, Kole Hart Missing from Photo: Jesse Day



4th Annual Writers' Workshop

Twenty-one middle school students and 18 high school students enjoyed a day of writing at the 4th Annual Ionia County ISD Writers' Workshop. Students

were entertained by keynote speaker and writer Kris Forward, attended breakout sessions designed to inspire creative writing, and participated in peer editing and revising. The culmination of the day was a "coffee house" where students had the opportunity to share their writing with the entire group. Belding students enjoyed the day and time spent writing and sharing with other student writers throughout the county.

Middle School Service Learning



Eighth grade students Alanna Hodges and Hailey Willingham, produced a BMS Idol singing contest as their "special" project for their broadcasting class. This service learning activity raised \$155 to donate to United Way's loose change campaign.

Pictured are: Technology instructor Mrs. Hevel, 2 of the top 3 finalists Chance Bylasa and Kate Ward, and

Executive Director of United Way in Ionia County Melissa Castillo. Missing from photo is Savannah Liscomb.

Ellis Elementary April Students of the Month



Woodview Elementary April Students of the Month



Front row: Emily Wucher, Heidi Antcliff, Jack Paulson, Laura Tuttle and Jared Mitteer Middle row: Sydney Gladding, Drew Parker, Mitchell Hall, Conner Barker, Caleb Nichol and Paxton Partridge Back row: Mr. Burde, Tyler Saucier, Vincent Ross, Andrew Rice, Tasha Treynor, Dakota Treynor, Ryan McMahon and Makenna Rousseau Not pictured: Jaycee Frisbie and Victor Villalobos

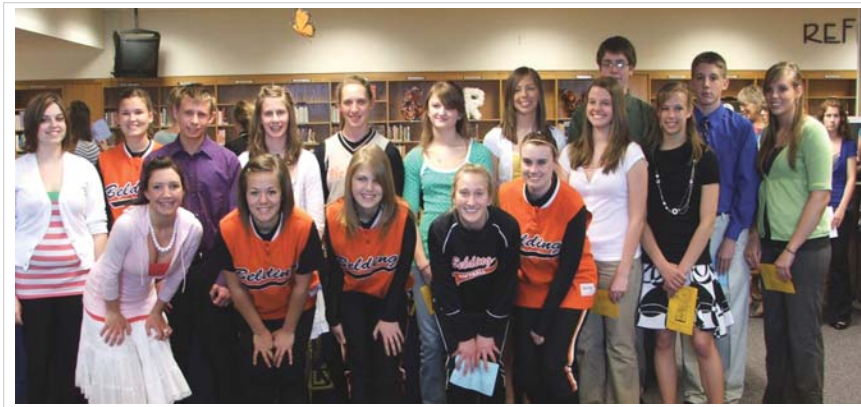
Reporter Visits Middle School Broadcasting Class



Nina Criscuolo, a reporter for KOAM-TV out of Kansas, was a guest speaker in Mrs. Hevel's class. Ms. Criscuolo is originally from Ionia and graduated from Columbia College of Chicago with a degree in broadcast journalism.

Ms. Criscuolo talked to the students about getting a good story and reporting it with style. She said she tries to bring energy to every report and demonstrated how to do this with the BMS morning news script. She gave the BMS broadcasting students tips on how to change your voice inflections, make eye contact with the camera and your guest anchor, and how to have fun but not be too crazy. The students were very entertained with her presentation and asked many questions.

National Honor Society Induction



The Belding High School Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 24 new members. Students who earned membership have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher, demonstrated outstanding leadership while in high school, earned multiple honors and awards, and performed several hours of community service as high school students. Chad Hetherman, a 2004 BHS graduate who served as NHS vice president, was the guest speaker. Mr. Hetherman shared his memories of NHS and spoke to the group about the four pillars of character ; leadership, scholarship, community service, and character.

Congratulations to our new members. Front row: Tiffany Shepard, Kelsey Puehler, Tatiana Kenny, Tara VanWagoner, Chelsea Middlebrook, Kayla Clementz, Alexa Hill. Back row: Sarah King, Sarah Ring, Tyler Schrader, Ashley Kemme, Kelsey Pollock, Brookelle Antonides, Corynne LeBel, Judah Weeks, Derek Nichoson, Layne German. Missing from photo: Tabitha Gibbs, Paul Haines, Nikki Alexander, Angel Crankshaw, Shelby Davis, Jason Trann, and Jonathon Geisen

BMS Annual Year-End Picnic



Riley White and Madeline Laux enjoy snow cones at the Belding Middle School end of the year picnic which was sponsored by the Student Council. After the hot dog picnic-style lunch, students were able to watch movies, dance, use the computer lab, play in 3 on 3 basketball tournaments, and participate in many other activities.

“Woodview Elementary March and April Meijer Dignity and Respect Winners!”



Middle School Honor Roll 3rd Trimester

Eighth Grade

4.0

Caitlin Alkire
Kalina Bannister
Cody Hull
Samantha Parker
Eric Rasch
Emily Sluiter
Michael Stephan

3.7 – 3.99

Mitchel Dykla
Nicholas Hall
Brendan Zuver
Rae Ann Zachow
Christy Gasper
Danielle Boni
Brendan Sutherland
Megan Anderson
Gabrielle Hayes
Tyler Daller
Zackery Simpson
Thomas Weeks
Kendra Wekenman
Tyler Jones
Cody Zahm
Marty Trann
Rodney Martinelli
Michael Bronkema

3.0 – 3.69

Reynita Castillo-Ortiz
Skyler Lear
Mallory Miller
Taylor Kavaluskis
James Conley
Taylor Simon
Darrick Arnold
Jennifer Richmond
Alex Harger
Joshua Moore
Michaela Sartor
Tiffany Puehler
Patrick Stahlin
Remko Caterina
Christopher Haverstick
Janelle Sebela
Deon McMeeken
Haylee Batzer
Angelique Harrison
Paul Ostrander
Hunter Thompson
Sergio Bautista
Mitchell Trann
Brandon Hoople
Anthony Loree
Ashley Puehler

Sabrina Rossell
Gabrielle Winright
Tyler Mathewson
Kathryn Stewart
Laura Thaxton
Ami Stauffer
Daniel Holyfield
Tyler Strevel
Cody VanBuren
Jacob Laux
Cody Scheidel
Bradie Cooper
Jordan Conroe
Miranda Dyer
Jordan Scheid
Rajah Robinson
Russell McDowell
Mackenzie Paulson
Anthony Allison
Savannah Scott
Ivy Elvert
Anthony Luscombe
Trevor Cochran
Holly Byrne
Mitchell MacMillen

Honorable Mention

Jacob Chickering
Patton Finley
Alanna Hodges
Jarrod Wiesen
Devin Bailey
Hailey Willingham
Jordan Pease
Caitlin Houlihan
William Harris
Steven Hughes
Stephanie Schmitz
Lindsey Fortuna
Erin Gibson
Marlene Palomo
Cheyenne Fox
Jeffrey Fiser
Holdan Sanford
Brooke Bristol
Mariah Wireman

Seventh Grade

4.0

Trenton Bowen
Jennifer Brownell
Briana Ferman
Nicholas Geisen
Meliza Jurado
Hannah Linebaugh
Monica Meyers
Cheyenne Paulson
Nickolas Price
Carrie Smith
Kristen Videan
Rachael Warner

Tye Wittenbach
Christopher Wucher
Allie Zeller

3.7 – 3.99

Brady Blasher
Brian Daller
Mariah Heintzelman
Rachel Hunt
Telson Jones
Kaitlyn Lieffers
Shelby Nichoson
Curtis Rich
Courtney Richmond
Jessica Tuttle
Erin Robach
Jacob Esposito
Stefanie Harig
Alyssa Ward
Samantha Mays
Courtney McKeever
Francesca Jakeway
Tayler Reeves
Mckenzie Breimayer
Katie Brunn-Datema
Kole Hart
Diana Nunez
Elizabeth Reinhart
Austin Gilman
Japheth Willmore
Mariah Palomo
Thaddeus Whorley
Michael Albert
Robert McCully
Glenna Mitchell
Samuel Syrjala
Crystal Lovell
Bradley Gillman
Rachel Marvin
Michael Michalek III
Victoria Wright
Alyxzandra VanderRoer
Chase Fairchild-Kenny

3.0 – 3.69

Haylee Hogan
Andrew Swider
Jake Kieffer
Autumn Thome
Justin Barr
Danielle Greenway
Anna Hoven
Allison Medema
Ashley Ross
Ashleigh Bush
Austin Story
Kelsey Sanborn
Jake Kreeger
MacKenzi Krieger
Mikaela McKowen
Kourtney Brokaw
Rachel Spielmacher
Ivey Campbell
Dekotah Frisbie

Juan Adame
Alexander Slater
Kiera Jakeway
Cameron Dombrowski
Connor Middlebrook
Ashley Salik
Ryan Hill
Justin O'Connor
Gabriela Holyfield
Michael Rackham
Hunter Rackham
Jessica Batchelor
Victoria Morris
Megan Stout
Austin Wardell
Monica Willingham
Kimberly Martin
Makayla Boss
Rachel Kooiman
Shana Greenway
Alejandro Garcia
Trishtin LaBelle
Tanner Stapp
Jesse Day
Korinna Boston
Gabriella Clemens
Shelby Halladay
Alyssa Shafer
Haley Taylor
Nicholas Williams
Haley Davis
Karesha Kennedy
Tyler Petrekovich
Matthew Madison
Brandin Strause
Kurtis Marquez
Austin Wiley
Nicholas Koppenol
Logan Moody
Joseph Carr
Laura Beard
Harley First
Randy Treynor
Cary Cowling
Jordan Simpson
Daniel Ugarte Pablo
Kenneth VanTimmeren

Honorable Mention

Levi Eldred
Rosalee Fox
Paige Sochor
Kyle Borgman
Sierra Arnold
Aleksandr Silva
Tyler Monroe
Breanna Brimmer
Brittany Ricks
Garrett Spencer
Katelyn Trann
Courtney Huddleston
Nicholas Cook
Hector Yanez

Sixth Grade

4.0

Gunnar Bach
Monica Baylis
Samuel Beckett
Andrew Clementz
Shelby Dewey
Alfred Farleigh V
Tyler Gasper
Noah Green
Lydia Humphreys
Talitha Jones
Emily Liddicoat
Danielle Rode
Harley Rode
MacKenzie Rode
Katelynn Ward

3.7 – 3.99

Brianna Teed
Jennifer Bautista
Sandra Bautista
Robert Hansen
Marinna Jones
Ryan McLaren
Allen Backing
Joshua Kunkle
Larissa Syrjala
Joesi Krieger
Robert McClelland
Morgan Schumaker
Briendon Allison
Savannah Liscomb
Matthew Funk
Lauren Wolever
Jacob Haller
Matthew Feuerstein
Aubrey Gilman
Julia Johnson
Sean Paauwe
Mariah Carlson
Madeleine Link
Raven Petrella
Taylor Sluiter
Alexandra Chapman
Kayla Lang
Brittany Munson
Mackenzie Sower

3.0 – 3.69

Kimberlee Satterlee
Patrick Hendrick
Hazie Heintzelman
Amanda Huddleston
Brady Phelps
Isiah Hodges
Brennen Taft
Zachery Orvis
Sage Blunt
Jarred Savoie
Danielle Riches
Taylor Steele

Levi Johnson
Alex Brown
Jacob Bozung
Mckenzie Shattuck
Riley White
Elizabeth Guernsey
Jonathan Parcher
Elizabeth Mason
Madeline Laux
Jayson Tovar
Brendon Zahm
Ryleigh Boss
Amber Shinew
Nathan Cooley
Lacey Taylor
Daniel Clark
Luis Martinez
Settimia Walsh
Bryce Wilker
Sarah Thompson
Quentin VanderMey
Rachel Wiltse
Scott Smith Jr.
Kasie Cochran
Victoria Ashbaugh
Keith Dewey
Leo Stubblefield
Wade Doty
Sonya Hersch
Autumn Balcer
Shyanna Bowlin
Koby Ekholm
Tori Minzey

Honorable Mention

Zachary Gross
Bethany Ballema
Corey Walch
Haley DeVries
Christopher Rasch
Mark Griffioen
Tyson Willingham
Mariah Dalrymple
Alyvia Mason
Kayla Ring
Herlinda Muniz
Brookelynn White
Derrick Savoie
Alexandra Carmon
Stephanie Acevedo
Megan Foster
Jasmine Quinn
Jesse Scheidel
Jordan Witzel
Hilario Guerra Jr.
Haylie Reeves
Chase Bower

BMS Back-To-School Schedule

August 1 - Student schedules available online through SKYWARD

August 26 - September 2, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
7th and 8th grade students may stop by the office to pick up schedules, find classes, and try out lockers.

September 2, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Orientation for 6th graders and new students. Parents and students meet in the gym for a brief orientation and then head to classrooms to meet the teachers and visit lockers. All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

September 3 - 7 - BMS office closed

September 8 - First day of school for students

September 9, Wednesday - Picture day

September 22, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Curriculum Night: Parents will follow their student's schedule, meet the teachers, and learn about classes.

Middle School Cross Country

Middle School Cross Country is for any student in 7th or 8th grade. Sixth graders are welcome to come for fun! Cross Country will begin on August 31 at 3:00 p.m. Please meet behind the middle school at 3:00 p.m. Practice will begin each day after school from 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Anyone who is interested in having fun and building healthy activities please join us! If you have any questions please contact Jennifer DiSpirito at 794-4440 or 647-0572.

Middle School May Meijer Dignity & Respect Winner

Congratulations to Riley White, a 6th grader at the middle school, who was selected as the Meijer Dignity & Respect winner for the month of May. Riley received a \$25 gift card from Meijer. She was nominated by her teacher, Mrs. Lehman,



for helping organize hundreds of text books. Congratulations, Riley! Pictured from left to right: Middle School Assistant Principal Andrew Feuerstein, recipient Riley White, and social studies teacher Kathy Lehman.

Middle School 2009 Battle of the Books



The winners of the 2009 Battle of the Books Program at Belding Middle School pictured from left to right are Noah Green, Isiah Hodges, Taylor Sluiter, and Tyler Gasper. Thank you to our sponsors who made this program possible: Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home, State Farm Insurance, Belding Tank, Firstbank, Leppink's, Schuler Books & Music, and Tom and Jenny Luehrs.

Middle School Paraprofessionals Receive Special Recognition



Congratulations to Kay Swanson and Tom Luehr, Belding Middle School paraprofessionals. Both Kay and Tom were recognized by the Ionia County Intermediate School District and their Parent Advisory Committee for their outstanding work at the middle school. Tom and Kay were recipients of this year's Doug Bormann Contributor Award and were honored at a banquet and awards presentation at the Ionia ISD.

School of Rock

For the past five years Belding Middle School has offered, the opportunity for eighth grade students to sign-up for Guitar class. Students need only the desire



to learn how to play the guitar. The school owns 20 guitars so the class size is limited. The popularity of the class has increased so much that band director, George Rousseau, teaches four sections of guitar



throughout the year. This year, 71 students participated in the class that is part of the middle school encore curriculum. Students are instructed in folk, bar and power chords, strum and pick patterns, and instruction in note reading and tablature. Each student must participate in Guitar Café Fridays and work on a major project for the end of the trimester. This is a one of a kind class for middle school students in West Michigan.

Whitecaps School Days

The annual Amber Reed Memorial year-end outing took place on May 28. A total of 60 students and staff visited the Belding Museum and attended a Whitecaps



School Days baseball game. The students enjoyed the chance to learn a little more of Belding's history and experience a Whitecaps victory. Students were nominated by their teachers and principal based upon both performance and improvement during the year.

High School Honor Roll 3rd Trimester

Twelfth Grade

4.00 and Above

Morgan Beckett
Miranda Beltz
Seth Douglas
Leah Granzo
Brittney Grooters
Joel Hornbrook
Samantha Jenks
Sheila Johnson
Katie Kmiecik
Mandy Lewis
Jolana Maule
Krista Maynard
Chelsey Montague
Breana Ostrander
Aabett Powell
Brianna Stevens
Allison Timmons
Patrick VanderBerg
Ashley Zerkle

3.70 - 3.99

April Adams
Lesley Albert
Skyelar Bordeaux
Aaron Brauer
Bryan Byrne
Noelle Byrne
Evan Cuttle
Melissa Dangler
Ariana Davenport
Christopher Denham
Franchesca Foote
Cari German
Kathryn Grilley
Amanda Hamilton
Samuel Hargrove
Brianna Hockstra-Beard
Alyssa Holyfield
Tiffany Hughes
Benjamin Huyck
Caitlin Ingraham
Josette Jennings
Samantha Mata-Allen
Alycia McKowen
Eric Medema
Courtney Meredith
Devyn Thebo
Amie Venneman
Zachary Watts
Natalie Wempa

3.00 - 3.69

Heather Alderick
Torey Antcliff
Kiersten Baker
Kayla Bannister
Kaila Becher

Peter Boss
Alexis Brower
Megan Brown
Ka Shing Kevin Cho
Daniel Clemens
Seth Deeren
Ashley Ebe
Robert Ferman
Mitchell Freeman
James Gasper
David Hanner
Heather Hirschy
Katie Hostetler
Emily Hough
Philip Jackson
Anthony Kosal
Kristina McQueen
David Moskowitz
Kylie Nichoson
Sheree Nieto
Tyler Nowak
Sean ODonnell
Paige Parker
Rachel Powers
Andrea Propst
Richard Ring III
Elizabeth Rodgers
Angelique Romano
Mercedes Sawdy
Zachary Scheid
Jennifer Sebela
Aleksander Shotko
Jeremiah Souza
Heather Thomas
Amanda VanNocker
Jessica Walma
Paige Witzel
Emily Wood
Caleb Young
Kelly Zeller

Honorable Mention

Samson Benson
Logan Donovan
Joseph Drye
Matthew Polise

Eleventh Grade

4.00 and Above

Naomi Andres
Elizabeth Brownell
Jessica Brownell
Joseph Conley
Christopher Daller
Brittnee Hart
Hannah Humphreys
Sarah Junkelman
Tyler Mayer
James Scott
EllaKate Wagner
Alexa Ward

3.70 - 3.99

Luke Baylis
Rachel Bush

Andrew Cranmer
Maxwell Dykla
Christian Ferman
Teryn Gasper
Kyle Gibson
Aubrey Griffioen
Paul Haines
Megan Hopkins
Hilary Mills
Kyle Rasch
Jared Seigel
Tiffany Shepard
Erik Thaxton
Mandi Videan

3.00 - 3.69

Andrew Backing
Michael Bell
Faith Benson
Ryan Borton
Brooke Bowen
Justin Bristol
Skylar Brooks
Kelli Buche
Zackery Chickering
Alexandria Denman
Preston DeRidder
Alexis Douglas
Belinda Erb
Joshua Esposito
Tabitha Gibbs
Joshua Headworth
Devon Heintzelman
Alexandra Hewartson
Anna Hodges
Audrey Hotchkiss
Trinedy Huey
Katelyn Jones
Hannah Keys
Theodore Lafferty
Justin Laux
Aaron Lubtiz
Mandi Meier
Kelsey Merren
Coty Morris
Joel Palmer
Melinda Reminga
Abigail Rytlewski
Sara Smith
Gordon Stene
Titania Stewart
Joshua Thomas
Heather Thompson
Shane Tumbleson
Andrea VanPortfliet
Nicole Wickerink
Janelle Wiesen
Tristan Willingham
Courtney Wood

Honorable Mention

Destanie Boshoven
Andrew Brower
Jacob Corl
Luther Cowles

Bridget Crystler
Heath DeGarmo
Elizabeth Ford
Matthew Kangas
Benjiman Lynema
Yvette Madison
Tyler Schrader
Justin Smith
Lucas Stauffer
Taylor Wolcott

Tenth Grade

4.00 and Above

Ashley Funk
Jonathon Geisen
Kelsey Pollock
Kelsey Puehler
Sara Ring
Judah Weeks

3.70 - 3.99

Bailey Baragrey
Angel Crankshaw
Bryon Cripps
Jacob Fletcher
Layne German
Jessica Holyfield
Zachary Kunkle
Chelsea Middlebrook
Tara VanWagoner
Cazber Wolever

3.00 - 3.69

Nicole Alexander
Brookelle Antonides
Kerisa Arnold
Isobel Bailey
Melissa Beute
Cory Boomgaard
Ray Bordeaux III
Michael Brauer
Colin Brock
Abigail Brown
Kayla Clementz
Gilead Corder
Diego Corona
Shelby Davis
Brooke Denham
Alex Ellis
Kylee Ferman
Miles Feuerstein
Aimee Gasper
Jesse Graves
Stephanie Hamilton
Tyler Harrington
Kyle Haverstick
Bridget Hendrick
Alexa Hill
Kelsey Holderman
Rebecca Holman
Alexis Hornbrook
Sean Houlihan
Garret Huey
Isaac Jacobson
Chelsey Jarvela

Ashley Kemme
Tatiana Kenny
Katie King
Willard Kirkendall
Corynne LeBel
Jeannine Leitgeb
Mikayla Marr
Katherine Mercer
Joshua Moore
Derek Nichoson
Jessica Nowak
Elizabeth Palmer
Joseph Pennock
Scott Spencer
Julee Summerfield
Jason Trann
Amelia Ward
Savanah Winters
Auston Wittenbach
Kayla Wright

Honorable Mention

Hunter Brown
Kendra Curtis
Michael Greenway
Jennica Hall
Leigh House
Christopher Hoven
Laura Huey
Bolton Jorae
Caleb Marvin
Demi Pethers
Mercedes Ralph
Rebecca Rickert
Holly Spencer
Christian Stevens
Erica Urban

Ninth Grade

4.00 and Above

Theresa Albert
Taylor Barger
Bethany Childs
Chelsee Higbee
Nathan Huyck
Maryrose Jakeway
Meghan Loser
Elizabeth Wittenbach

3.70 - 3.99

McKenzie Dahl
Troy Deeren
Allison Granzo
Emily Kunkle
Briana Loree
Seth Nelson
Chelsea Price
Devin Rasch
Emily Swider
Dakota Verbeck
Andrew Wucher

3.00 - 3.69

Jose Adame
Bradley Baker

Benjamin Blasher
Sean Brandli
Kelsey Chambers
Jessica Conklin
Alex Cowles
Anthony Dannenberg
Dylon deLeon
Cody Douglas
Preston Estes
Corinne Farleigh
Robert Foote II
Vanessa Graves
Matthew Gross
Jacob Hall
Danielle Harig
Morgan Hill
Zackary Hintz
Gretchen Humphreys
Dylan Hunt
Bryce Johnson
Charlene Kehoe
Jenna Kieffer
Daniel Kinney
Joshua Knepper
Seth Krieger
Arianna Leppink
Kyleigh Linebaugh
Nathan Mason
Brian Mitchell
Meghan Moon
Dylan Nichoson
Dylan Raison
Mindy Reminga
Emilee Renucci
Dillon Riches
Joshua Satterlee
Justin Schmieding
Jalen Sella
Haily Silvernail
Lori Smith
Meagan Spencer
Ryan Stowell
Amanda Tate
Ashley Trann
Rikki Valentine
Alexandrea VanLoo
Kathryn VanTimmeren
Jared Wempa
Kaitlyn Wolcott

Honorable Mention

Jaclyn Boss
Emerson Davenport
Austen Giles
Katharine Groening
Dustin Halladay
Logan Helms
Kyle Miller
Marissa Montero
Maranda Simmons
Tyler Tokarchick
Fernando Vazquez Luevano
Morgan Wood

Fall 2009 High School Schedules and School Pictures

August 24, 2009

Senior Pictures and Schedule Pick up
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Junior Pictures and Schedule Pick up
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

August 25, 2009

Sophomore Pictures and Schedule Pick up
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Freshman Orientation, Pictures, and
Schedule Pick up 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m..

Belding High School Football 2009

June

- Weight room open for use, Monday (June 8, 15, 22) and Thursday (June 11, 18, 25) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

July – High School Players

- Summer workout schedule begins July 6
- Lifting and conditioning Monday and Thursdays (July 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30) times either 8:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. The times for July 27 and 30 may change slightly.
- Champion Football Camp for high school players on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on the field (July 7, 14, 21)
- Champions Football Camp from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the field (July 27, 28, 29, 30)
- Athletic Physicals July 27 for \$15 at the high school from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

August

- August 7, helmet pass out: Varsity at 9:00 a.m., JV at 9:45 a.m. and Freshman at 10:15 a.m.
- August 9, varsity leaves for camp
- August 10-15 first week of practice all levels (calendars will be sent home or check district website).
- August 14, Steak Fry, 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- August 20, Scrimmages at Alma (Freshman and JV at 3:00 p.m. and varsity at 4:00 p.m.)
- August 27, JV and Freshman at Greenville
- August 28, Varsity home vs. Greenville

Questions email Coach Wilker at wilkerj@bas-k12.org or call 616-794-4932.

BHS Announces Top Ten

Congratulations to Belding Area Schools Class of 2009 top ten students. The top ten students ranked as follows: Leah Granzo, Joel Hornbrook, Morgan Beckett, Katie Kmiecik, Krista Maynard, Brianna Stevens, Sheila Johnson, Chelsey Montague, Patrick VanderBerg, and Samantha Jenks. Leah Granzo and Joel Hornbrook were Co-Valedictorians with a G.P.A. of 4.197 and Morgan Beckett was the Salutatorian who earned a G.P.A. of 4.153. There were 153 students who graduated this year. Belding High School held its commencement ceremony on the evening of May 21 at Rudness Field.

Ellis and Woodview Elementary 2009 Class Placements

Class placement information for grades K - 5 will be mailed home during the second week in August. Due to confidentiality issues, class lists will not be posted.

Youth Football Camp Grades 3-6

Youth Champion Football Camp for grades 3-6 will be on July 21, 22, 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Registration forms are available at the high school or you can register on the first day. Cost is \$25 before June 30 and \$30 after June 30. The camp will take place behind the high school. Questions email Coach Wilker at wilkerj@bas-k12.org or call 616-794-4932.

Middle School Football Camp Grades 7-8

Middle School Champion Football Camp for grades 7-8 will be on July 27-28 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the track field. Cost will be \$20. Registration forms are available at the high school or you can register on the first day. If you have any questions email Coach Wilker at wilkerj@bas-k12.org or call 616-794-4932.

Belding Football Golf Outing

The Belding Football Golf Outing will be held at The Candlestone Inn on Saturday, July 25. It will be a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$200 per foursome which includes golf, cart, and food following the outing. Tee sponsors are another way to support the program. If you are interested contact Coach Wilker by email at wilkerj@bas-k12.org or call 616-794-4932.

High School March, April and May Meijer Dignity and Respect Award Winners



March recipient Rachel Powers, Meijer Greenville Store Manager Jim Gardner and missing from photo is nominating instructor Mrs. Schnicke.



Meijer Greenville Store Manager Jim Gardner, April recipient Meghan Loser, and nominating instructor Mrs. Carlson.



May recipient Ashley Funk and nominating instructor Mr. Wills.

Media Center Memorials

Gifts were given to the High School Media Center in memory of **Louise Slater** by Charles and Margaret Barker, Mike and April Simmons, and Woodview Staff.



Leah Granzo Awarded Congressional Medal of Merit

Belding High School senior, Leah Granzo, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Merit by

Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers. The annual award is bestowed on one outstanding senior from each high school in the 3rd congressional district. These students have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and academic achievement during their high school careers. They have been leaders in the areas of peer respect, community service, school citizenship, and involvement in extracurricular activities. These students significantly contributed to making their school a better place and did not seek or expect recognition for their extraordinary efforts. Pictured left to right: John Granzo, Congressman Ehlers, award winner Leah Granzo, and Cheryl Granzo.

“Neo Patrol” at Ellis Elementary



Mrs. Mahar's second grade class has created their own service learning group. They call themselves the “Neo Patrol,” and they spend time one day each week teaching other students at Ellis how to use the Neo laptops. These second graders brainstormed ideas for a brochure, and distributed it to every teacher at Ellis. Once they're booked for a session the “Neo Patrol” shadows other students, and walks them through all the amazing things that the Neo's can do.

“Woodview’s 2nd Annual Talking Zoo”

If you were at Woodview Elementary recently, you may have noticed a rather large, white tent near the parking lot. Mr. VanDoornik's third graders had transformed into various zoo animals and were telling visitors about themselves. This service learning project was done to raise money for the Ionia County Animal Shelter. They were able to raise \$1,250 in donations. The shelter will visit the class with a couple furry and grateful friends to collect the funds. The animals... I mean class, would like to thank all the community members who visited the zoo, but also want to remind everyone who missed out that we'll be back with another talking zoo next year.



3rd Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Vern Ehlers hosted the annual Third Congressional High School Art Competition this past month. The awards reception, was held at the Gerald R. Ford Museum. Lesley Albert, Belding High School senior, walked away with a Committee Sponsor award from Kendall College of Art & Design. Lesley's artwork entitled, “Reflections of Your True Colors” drawn in graphite and colored pencil, won her one free Continuing Studies art class of her choice at Kendall College. Lesley is planning on attending Aquinas College in the fall to pursue a degree in Art Therapy with a minor in Illustration.



Lesley Albert and Congressman Vern Ehlers

High School Seniors Sign Letters of Intent

Belding High School senior, Tim Rodel, has committed to Alma College to further his education and play intercollegiate basketball. Belding senior Josette Jennings will join Davenport University's bowling team this fall. April Adams has signed her national letter of intent to continue her educational and athletic career playing basketball for Spring Arbor University.

Rodel is coming off a strong year where he averaged 14 points and eight rebounds per game for Belding High School. He is a well-rounded player who at 6'6" is a force under the basket as well as behind the three-point line.

Rodel is very excited to be a part of an up and coming NCAA program. Alma College head coach, Terry Smith, shares Rodel's enthusiasm for the future. Alma College plays in the competitive MIAA and is taking large strides to attract the state's best and brightest student-athletes. Their new basketball arena is scheduled to be completed by Rodel's sophomore year and will be one of the finest basketball facilities in the State of Michigan.



BHS Head Basketball Coach, Biran Babbitt and senior Tim Rodel



Jennings signs her letter of intent with Davenport's coach George Miller and her parents Steve and Debbie Jennings watching.

Senior Josette Jennings, an All-State bowler, signed her national letter of intent to further her education and compete for Davenport University's women's bowling team. Jennings was a key contributor to this past season's Belding High School girls bowling successes that included an OK Blue conference championship as well as a strong showing in the MHSAA State Bowling Tournament.

Davenport University's head bowling coach, George Miller, is thrilled to have a bowler of Jennings' caliber joining his program. A program that is still in its infancy, the Panthers compete throughout the Midwest and are looking to build a strong tradition and reputation throughout the region.



April Adams and her family gather with Spring Arbor University Coach Tara Kreklau to sign Adams' letter of intent.

The Daily News Area Player of the Year, April Adams, is undecided about what she will be studying while at Spring Arbor but is looking forward to the opportunity to continue her playing career beyond high school. Adams fell in love with the school after her visit and was able to spend time with SAU Coach Tara Kreklau along with several returning players. Coach Kreklau likes Adams' ability to create her own shot and is excited about her enthusiasm and work ethic.