Have you heard the buzz?
Welcome to Byron-Bergen Central School’s eNewsletter! Stay in the loop of school news and updates.

Dollars for Destro

Wednesday, February 13 marked the finale of the month-long community service project raising funds for the training and care of the Genesee County Sheriff Department’s new K-9 officer, Deputy Frankie. The entire student body assembled to present the Sheriff’s Department with a check for $1,762.04.

The original goal was for every grade level to raise $100. Every grade surpassed this goal and the third graders earned a pizza party with Frankie by raising more than three times their original goal.

200 Free Relay team breaks record—twice

The 200 Freestyle Relay team of Jorie Strzelecki, Annaliese Hersom, Peyton Koukides, and Alaura Rehwaldt broke the school record on February 2. Three days later, they broke their own record with a time of 1:49.04. Congratulations on this amazing feat of teamwork and athleticism!

Six FFA students visited Camp Oswegatchie, half for the first time. They joined two other FFA chapters from GV BOCES and Oakfield-Albany-Elba in networking and nature activities including snow shoeing and night hiking. On their night hike they observed the stars free from light pollution.
Three Byron-Bergen students achieved honors in the 2019 Clarkson Historical Society Annual Cursive Contest. Sixth graders Kendall Chase and Rose Wilson placed second and third in the 6-8 grade category and ninth grader Grace Shepard placed third in the 9-12 grade category.

When asked why she entered Grace answered, “I really like writing cursive and I’m pretty good at it.”

Enjoyment was at the heart of the sixth grade entrants’ reasons as well. “I like the way it flows and comes together,” said Rose.

“I didn’t like writing cursive at first, but then I realized I was good at it and it’s really pretty,” said Kendall.

“This year, almost every sixth grader participated. Nineteen of our students were finalists and two placed in the top three,” said sixth grade teacher Nicole Utz. “I’m extremely proud of all of our students.”

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Math Teacher Jon DiLaura has coached the High School Math League for a decade. His teams consistently rank in the top half of the division and this year’s team finished an admirable fourth overall. Additionally, two students qualified to continue into the post-season.

Junior Sio Caballero and sophomore John Mercovich will participate in the All-Star County meet at St. John Fisher College in March. They will also compete at the state competition against other Math League All-Stars from throughout the entire state. This competition takes place in Middletown, NY in April.

“This is an outstanding achievement for both Sio and John,” says DiLaura. “It’s a great example of students going above and beyond the normal school day in an effort to better themselves academically.”

“Any student in grades 9 through 12 is eligible to join the math league,” says DiLaura. “But they have to show up to practice ready to work.”

The 2018-19 team consists of seniors Emma Goodman, Anna Hersom, and Will Johnson, juniors Siomara Caballero, Cambria Kinkelaar, Auburn Schwartzmeyer, and Nate Zwerka, sophomores Emily Chaback, Sara Goodman, Hope Hersom, Colby Leggo, and John Mercovich, and freshman Madison Burke.
Super sectional success

Congratulations to Jared Fregoe and Zach Hannan! Both placed in the top four in the ultra competitive, state qualifying, Section V Super Sectionals. This culminating meet brings all 45 schools together in one tournament to vie for a place at the NYS Championships in Albany.

Jared finished third in the 160 pounds weight class and Zach finished fourth in the 145 pound weight class.

Coming March 7, 8, & 9
Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium

Annie

Curtain opens at 7 p.m.