

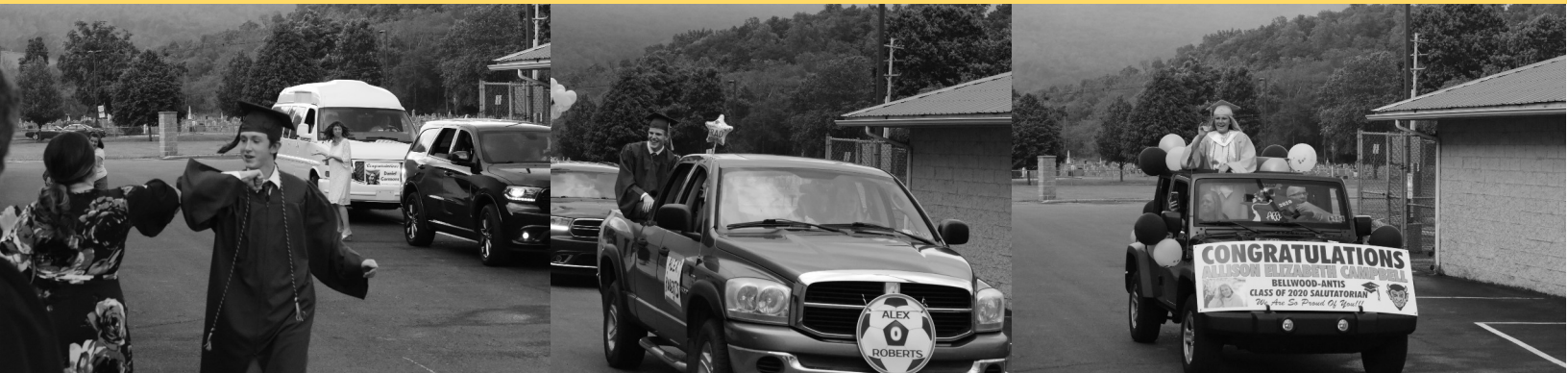


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BELLWOOD-ANTIS SCHOOL DISTRICT



ACHIEVEMENT REPORT



A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION

The Bellwood-Antis School District Report is provided annually by the Bellwood-Antis School District Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to develop and promote financial support for the activities, ideas, and projects that are of value and importance to the teachers and students.

With personal and business contributions, along with Foundation fundraisers, we have been able to sponsor many projects such as:

- ◆ Teacher/Student Grants since the 1994-1995 school year a total of 220 grants totaling more than \$160,000 have been awarded
- ◆ Providing a free Christmas luncheon to all students in the district
- ◆ Dedicating over \$10,000 to the Media Center and Maker Space as well additional funds to provide
- ◆ equipment and materials.
- ◆ With additional sponsors, providing hygiene kits to be used at the school for the 4th & 5th grade students.
- ◆ Distributing teacher appreciation snacks 2 times a year.
- ◆ Actively pursuing and promoting senior scholarships for the Scholarship Banquet

The Foundation board has approved and funded many other projects and programs for teachers and students.

Bellwood-Antis School District Foundation

- ◆ Accepts contributions from individuals, corporations, civic groups, and other foundations. All donations are tax-deductible and will be used to enhance education opportunities for students.
- ◆ Accepts and disburses all designated gifts and donations as directed by the contributor.
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—Crystal Himes
President of Bellwood-Antis School District Foundation

BELLWOOD-ANTIS CLASS OF 2020



SALUTATORIAN
ALLISON CAMPBELL



VALEDICTORIAN
PHILIP CHAMBERLIN



CLASS PRESIDENT
EVAN FRYE



BELLWOOD-ANTIS

The class that made history!



ACHIEVING THROUGH SERVICE

The Bellwood-Antis Renaissance Club, begun three years ago under the direction of Ms. Carrie Clipard and Mrs. Allison Stinson, left its mark on an abbreviated school year with activities that promoted a positive learning environment, school pride, and community service. The club got off the ground running in August with a Back to School bash on the first day of school, where classes were halted for one day while Renaissance held activities in the auditorium, gym, and classroom to inject spirit in the school year from Day One. Later, the club organized a day of community service before Thanksgiving break, with students signing up for activities ranging from road cleanup to door decorating to fundraising for THON at local businesses. While Renaissance didn't have the typical 180 days to work with, its advisors and members made a positive impact on the school and community with what it had.



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Renaissance Club continued its community outreach in October with its annual Safe Trick or Treat Night at the high school. Clubs and sports teams from throughout the school sponsored activities in classrooms designed to allow youngsters from Bellwood to partake in the traditional Halloween festivities in a safe and organized environment. More than 100 students from Bellwood-Antis along with their parents and grandparents attended.



The football team recognized 10 student Citizens of the Week at the annual Homecoming game in September. Those students were nominated by the Myers Elementary classroom teachers and included Leah Friel, Luke Stinson, Norah Gerwert, Jackson Parson, Killian McCartney, Brenna Beaver; Lainey Stinson, Trey Moore, Tristan Mock and Hailey Cunningham.



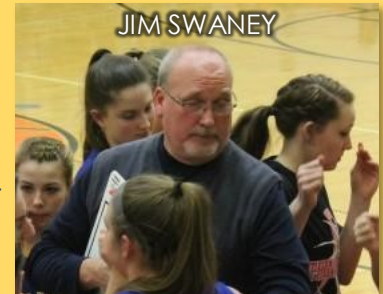
Coach and health & physical education teacher Mr. Nick Lovrich was again one of the faculty leaders organizing student service. The football team, in conjunction with the Quarterback Club, used Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October to raise \$1,200 for Girls' Night Out and their quest to raise breast cancer awareness. In September, Lovrich's Fellowship of Student Athletes gathered a record 111 people to join in prayer in the annual See You at the Pole event.





EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS

Few groups at B-A were hit harder by the COVID-19 school closure than the Lady Blue Devil basketball team, which was in the midst of defending back-to-back state championships when games were suspended in March by the PIAA. Having secured a third consecutive ICC championship in February, the Lady Devils advanced to the PIAA Elite 8, where they were set to clash with Penns Manor. It was a disappointing ending, but there was a lot to celebrate along the way, including Coach Jim Swaney's 500th career victory, which he logged in January when B-A overwhelmed Moshannon Valley 101-12. B-A's once-in-a-generation group of seniors accomplished a lot, as well. Allie Campbell put the lid on the best career



JIM SWANEY



ALLIE CAMPBELL

a Blair County player has ever experienced, reaching the 3,000-point mark to set a new county record. Sakeria Haralson reached the 1,000-point plateau to go along with an incredible 940 rebounds, and Emilie Leidig hit 1,000 points for her career, as well, with 38 points against Williamsburg in January. B-A finished the year 26-2, losing only to Juniata Valley and Bishop Guilfoyle, giving the Lady Devils' senior class a 107-13 record during their four-year reign.



SAKERIA HARALSON



EMILIE LEIDIG

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COREY JOHNSTON



SYDNEY LECHNER

BACKYARD BRAWL CHAMPIONS



Before the Lady Devil basketball team went on its tear during the winter, Bellwood-Antis fall sports athletes had already done their part in continuing a tradition of excellence at B-A. The Blue Devil football team, undefeated during the regular season under Coach Nick Lovrich, won not only the annual Backyard Brawl against Tyrone, taking a 35-33 double-overtime thriller, but the ICC North championship, as well. Junior Zach Mallon ran for 1,136 yards while senior Trevor Miller passed for 1,370 in his first season as a starter. Earlier in the fall, senior Corey Johnston became the all-time leading scorer for the Tyrone/Bellwood-Antis co-op soccer team, notching his 56th career goal against Huntingdon. He and Alex Taylor were named Mountain League all-stars. On the court, senior Sydney Lechner reached a milestone for the Lady Devils volleyball team, exceeding 1,000 assists for her career. She is one of only three Bellwood-Antis players to achieve the feat.

EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS

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Evan Pellegrine had a year to remember on the gridiron and the wrestling mat to put the lid on a special athletic career at Bellwood-Antis. In the fall, Pellegrine was a dominant force for the Blue Devils football team as a leader on the offensive and defensive lines. His work in the trenches helped the Devils to run for just under 3,000 yards, but his impact may have been greatest on the defensive side of the ball. There Pellegrine recorded 74 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, and a pair of sacks. He also caused 3 fumbles and recovered 2 others while kicking 37 extra-points. His play earned him recognition on two All-State teams in January, but Pellegrine wasn't done there. As the heavyweight on B-A's wrestling team, Pellegrine went 32-9 and finished as the runner-up in the District 6 2A tournament. From there he advanced to the PIAA championships in Hershey with a fifth place finish at Regionals. While Pellegrine did not place at the Giant Center, he did go 2-2 and advance to the second day of competition. He finished his varsity career with a 76-32 record that included 42 wins by pin fall.



Pellegrine wasn't the only B-A wrestler to shine in the postseason, as B-A sent two wrestlers to Hershey for the first time in program history. Junior Alex Taylor went 33-10 and placed fifth at Districts at 160. After placing fourth at regionals he went 2-2 in Hershey. Earlier in the school year, the junior powder puff team pulled a major upset by defeating the seniors 6-0 in the annual game. The juniors earned the win on a last-second touchdown pass from Kaitlyn Robinson to Dakota Woomer. The game was sponsored by the Key Club.



COLLEGE SIGNINGS



BELLWOOD-ANTIS

Bellwood-Antis athletes will leave a legacy beyond the walls of BAHS, with six of them signing this year to continue their athletic endeavors in college. In November, the student body gathered for a special ceremony on National Letter of Intent day to see Allie Campbell, Travis Luensmann, and Sakeria Haralson commit to play their sport on the Division I level. Campbell, one of the top high school players in the nation, will take her basketball talents to Notre Dame. Luensmann will join the pitching staff at the University of South Carolina, and Haralson will continue her hoops career at Monmouth University.

Four more B-A athletes joined them in February, with Faith Patton, Emilie Leidig, Evan Pellegrine, and Jackson Boyer committing to play their sports in college. Patton, best known around school for softball, opted to take her 200 average to the bowling team for Penn State Altoona. Leidig, a 1,000-point scorer, signed to play Division II ball in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference at Mansfield University. Pellegrine, all-state in two sports, will join Leidig in the PSAC, committing to play football at California University of Pennsylvania. Boyer, meanwhile, chose to play Division III football for Grove City College.



EXCELLENT ARGUERS



B-A's College in High School argument and debate class held its annual school-wide public forum debates in February. In a typical school year, the top debate from the day would have its video sent to the University of Pittsburgh, where debate coaches would select one debater to come to Pittsburgh in May for a larger debate against other top debaters from western Pennsylvania. While this was no ordinary year, the debates were a success, with students arguing topics related to the theme "Today's youth are best prepared to move America forward."

BLUEPRINT AWARDS

Student journalists at B-A kept the BluePrint among the top publications in Pennsylvania with another successful year. The BluePrint earned its seventh straight SNO Distinguished site honor in February. Then, during the shutdown, a handful of writers earned awards from the PA Press Club. Maggie Erickson took home the award for the top feature story of the year, while the team of Julian Bartlebaugh and Haley Campbell, along with Jackson Boyer, took second and third, respectively, in the new story category. Jake Bollinger placed second in sports writing, and Maria Cuevas was an honorable mention as a photographer.

MAGGIE ERICKSON



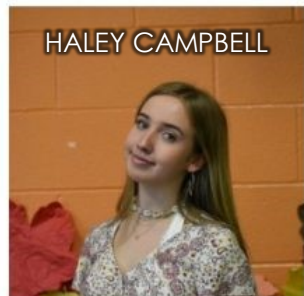
MARIA CUEVAS



JAKE BOLLINGER



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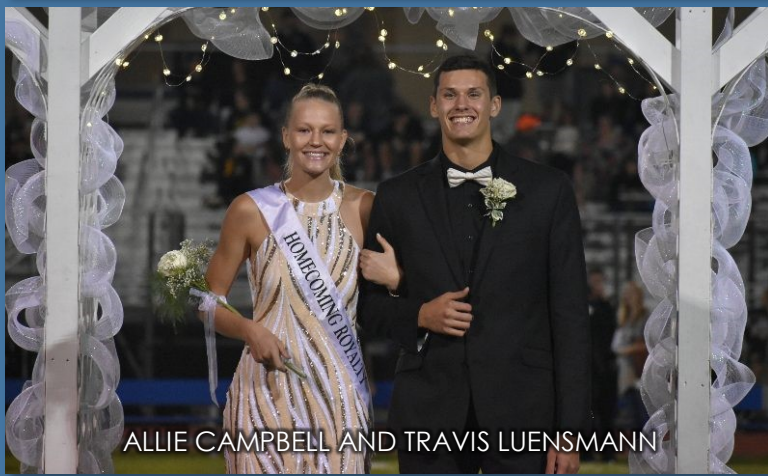
JACKSON BOYER



JULIAN BARTLEBAUGH



2019 HOMECOMING



ALLIE CAMPBELL AND TRAVIS LUENSMANN

It was another magical Homecoming in September, when Allie Campbell traded basketball shoes and gym shorts for a pair of slip-ons and a tiara to be crowned Queen. Campbell was selected from a court of five young ladies that also included Jayson Focht, Jaydyn Shuke, Thalia Lucio, and Casi Shade. The Blue Devil football team capped an eventful week that included skit night and the Homecoming dance with a 48-0 victory over Moshannon Valley.



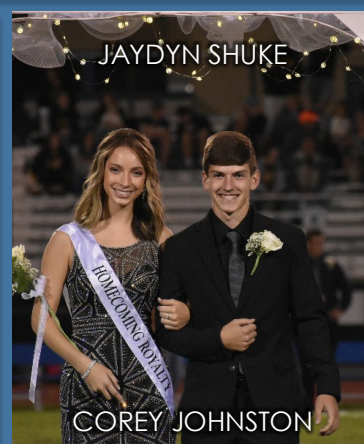
JAMYSON FOCHT

ALEX ROBERTS



CASI SHADE

CORBIN NALE



JAYDYN SHUKE

COREY JOHNSTON



THALIA LUCIO

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MINI-THON

EXCEEDING ALL EXPECTATIONS

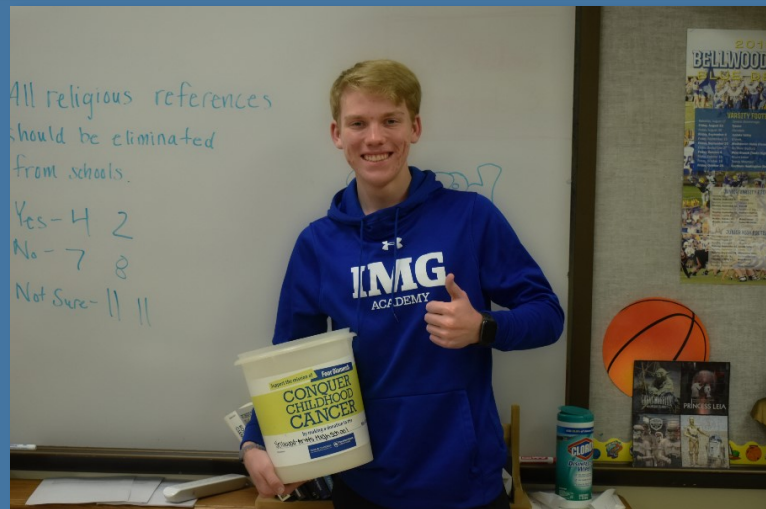


Mini-THON has grown into an movement at Bellwood-Antis, becoming a part of the yearly school tradition. That's a very good thing when it comes to drumming up student support and raising money through projects like Donor Drive and coin collections. It can be challenging, too, because now every class is motivated to exceed the ones that came before them. This year's committee had the seemingly impossible task of matching the record \$25,000 raised by last year's team, and did it ever come through. Together with community members, business donors, and the student body, B-A's mini-THON committee raised more than \$43,000 for the Four Diamonds and its fight against childhood cancer. Over the last three years, Bellwood-Antis has raised more than \$80,000 through mini-THON.

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The driving force behind mini-THON is the Bellwood-Antis student body. Following a fundraising kickoff assembly, B-A students spend months soliciting donations for the Four Diamonds in a variety of ways. Tops among them is Donor Drive, where students and their family and friends can make online donations to the cause. Students also collect money from stall days, where loose change is brought to school and counted during class. The motivating factor is class doesn't begin until all money is counted. The more change, the longer the counting takes, and the longer classes are stalled. It all leads up to a day-long party in February, where students participate in a variety of activities, including a dance, where the final totals are announced.



MUSICAL EXCELLENCE



MRS. HULL

NOAH PATTON

DALLAS SMITHMYER

MALIA DANISH

JAYCE MILLER

Year after year the choral department, under the direction of Mrs. Beth Hull, is turning out singers able to hold their own with the best Blair County and Pennsylvania has to offer. In November, Jayce Miller, Noah Patton, Dallas Smithmyer, Sarah Berkowitz, Malia Danish, and Alexandra Diamond qualified for PMEA District Chorus at Chestnut Ridge High School, with Miller, Patton, Smithmyer, and Daish qualifying there for PMEA Regional Chorus. Later that month, twelve singers—Jocelyn McGuire, Avery Turek, Olivia Finelli, Carter Rettig, Holden Shook, Daman Mills, Cole Cherry, Dallas Smithmyer, Rhegan Hostler, Sarah Berkowitz, Alexandra Diamond, and Cazen Cowfer, represented Bellwood-Antis at PMEA County Chorus, held at Central High School.



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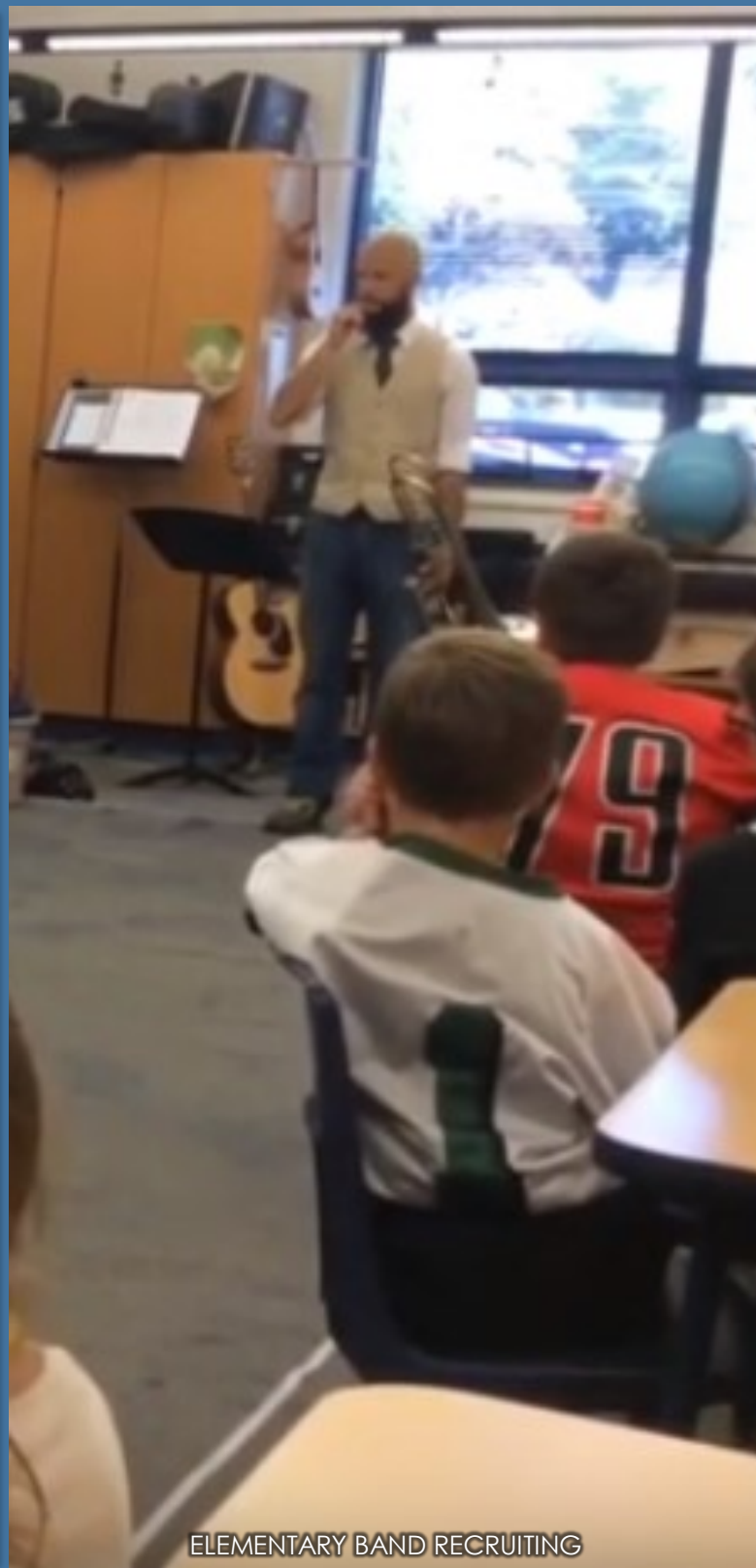
PMEA DISTRICT BAND



PMEA JAZZ BAND



JUNIOR HIGH COUNTY BAND



ELEMENTARY BAND RECRUITING

Mr. Patrick Sachse had his band students out on the festival circuit once again, starting in January when Cole Cherry and Alex Miller represented B-A at PMEA District Jazz Band. In February, Miller and Raela Zuiker qualified for the PMAE District Band Festival at Everett High School. Later that month, five students—Kaelyn Toland, Jacob Bowser, Madison Cassidy, Liam Maule, and Abigail Eckenrode—were off to Hollidaysburg Area High School for County Band. Earlier in the school year, Mr. Sachse kept his feeder system flowing by taking band students from the high school to Myers Elementary for demonstrations that serve as enticing recruiting techniques, keeping a fresh supply of eager musicians flowing into his program.

MOCK TRIAL



A new coach and a new outlook on the law. Problems of Democracy teacher Mr. Matthew Elder took over B-A's Mock Trial team in 2019-2020, bringing a wealth of experience coaching Mock Trial at several different schools. He used his experience and positive motivation to turn the team into a winner, producing the most successful Mock Trial campaign at Bellwood-Antis in school history. B-A won both of its regular season meets held at the Blair County Courthouse to qualify for the District playoffs for the first time ever. There the team fell to an experienced Windber squad, but that did little to put a damper on a fine season. Team members included Jackson Boyer, Sarah Berkowitz, Cazen Cowfer, Emma Chronister, Sam Gerwert, Lauren Young, Wyatt McKendree, and Brendan Andrews.





REP. JIM GREGORY

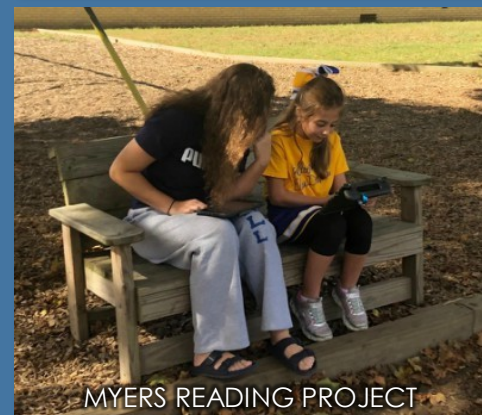
MYERS NEWS



MYERS TALENT SHOW



MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS



MYERS READING PROJECT

Myers Elementary teachers and students were busy throughout 2019-2020, and while the school year was cut short, there was still plenty of time to make some special memories. Just before school let out in March, Representative Jim Gregory visited the school to read to students for National Read Across America Day. Teachers entertained students in November at the annual Myers talent show. Throughout the year, Myers students broadcast their daily announcements via the school's YouTube channel, while the elementary reading project, pairing freshmen with second graders for a year-long reading experience, kept rolling, with meetings and reading sessions lasting into March.

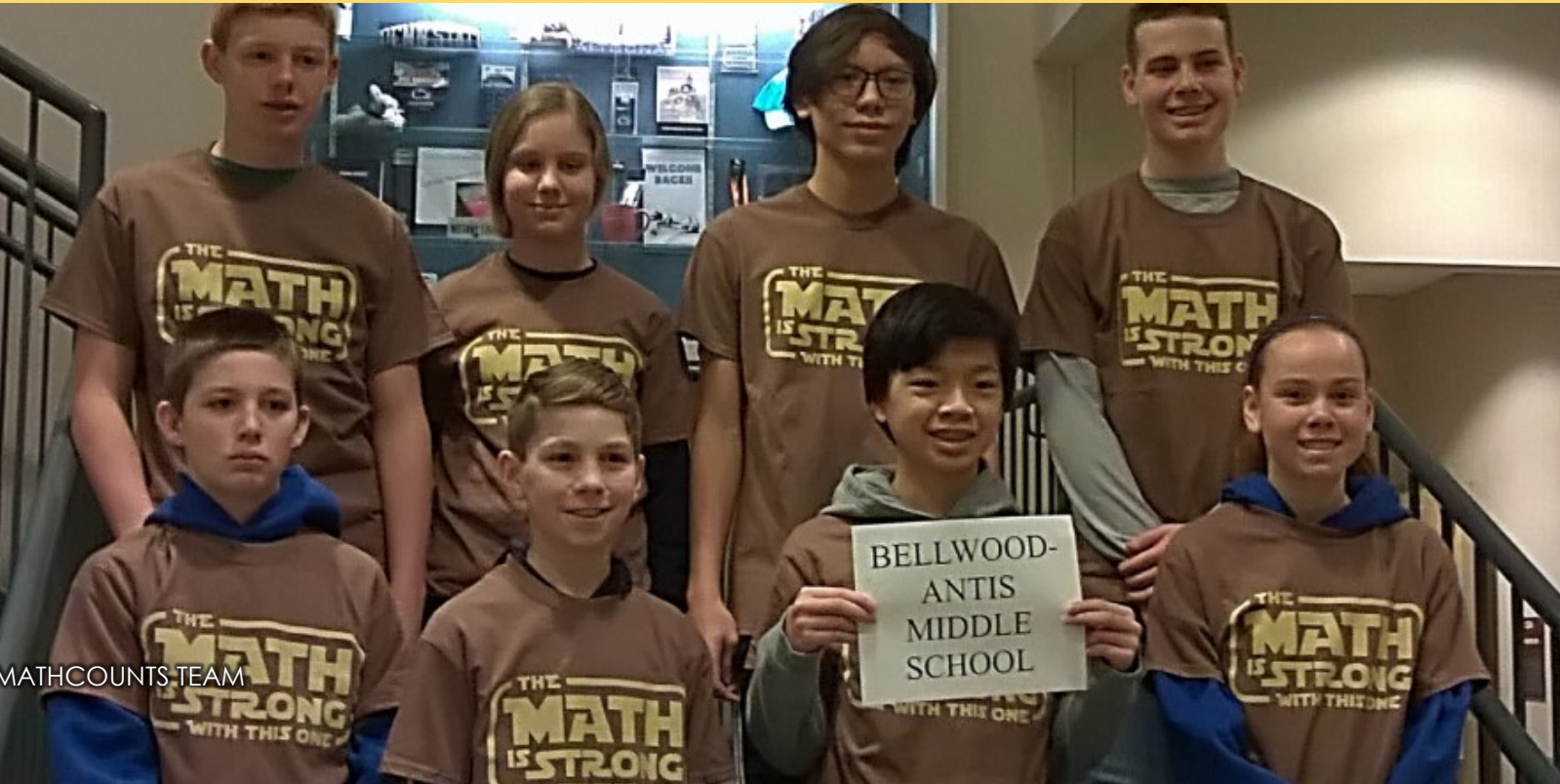
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SENIOR HIGH SCHOLASTIC SCRIMMAGE



B-A's academic competitors shined in 2019-2020, with teams going toe-to-toe with the best-of-the-best from central Pennsylvania. The senior high Scholastic Scrimmage team, coached by Mrs. Kathy Taylor, finished a promising season, advancing to the semifinals of the IU8 Quiz League. Team members included captain Philip Chamberlin, Kenneth Robinson, John Sloey, Aiden Taylor, Alex Taylor, Zach Amato, Emma Corrado, Jack Luesmann, and Caedon Poe. The junior high Scholastic Scrimmage team, with members Canyon Neyman (Captain), Shane Rachael, Gaven Ridgway, Ava Miller, Chance Schreier, Seth Hollen, Holden Schreier, Derek Stivers, Ryan Marinak and Briley Campbell, competed twice before the school shutdown. In February, middle school students finished third at the Blair Region Mathcounts Competition. Team members included Jessie Corrado, Chance Schreier, Vincent Cacciotti and Seth Hollen. Schreier, Corrado, Ryan Marinak, Kevin Liang and Marissa Cacciotti also competed individually, with Corrado placing ninth out of 42 students.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOLASTIC SCRIMMAGE



MATHCOUNTS TEAM

ACADEMIC COMPETITORS

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Bellwood-Antis senior Samuel Gormont completed a successful career as a competitor in Student Congress. A member of the Student Congress team since his freshman year, Gormont placed fourth at the District Student Congress meet in March, qualifying for the national tournament. That contest was scheduled to take place in Chicago in May, but it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was the third straight year Gormont qualified for the national competition.

While Gormont's speaking career was winding down, B-A's youngest speakers were just getting started. The junior high Speech Team competed at three different meets in 2019-2020, with ribbon winners emerging from each contest. Amber Chappell and Kate Wallace kicked things off in October, taking first in the duo category at a speech league meet hosted at B-A. The duo of Trinity Reva and Emily Zacher took first in their category at two other meets. Over the course of the season, B-A speakers, coached by Mrs. Kathy Taylor and Mrs. Alyssa Cunningham, claimed 19 ribbons.



SAMUEL GORMONT



JUNIOR HIGH SPEECH

OUTSTANDING COMMUNICATORS



EMMA CORRADO

HALEY CAMPBELL



SAKERIA HARALSON



CAEDON POE

HALEY CAMPBELL

Sakeria Haralson may be best known at B-A for her basketball skills, but behind the scenes she is an aspiring author, preparing to publish her first book. Haralson began working on her novel *Zombie Eyes* during her junior year, publishing chapters on the *BluePrint* website. When school ended in March, she was busy editing the work and finding a literary agent to help bring her story to bookshelves. If all goes well, Haralson, who will be attending Monmouth this fall, will have her story published soon.

For decades Bellwood-Antis has had a speech program on par with the best in Pennsylvania, but the school shutdown in March ended the season early for 2019-2020. The team managed to get two meets in, with several speakers standing out. In December, Emma Corrado placed first in extemporaneous at a meet at Bishop McCort, while Haley Campbell was second in humorous interpretation. In January, Campbell took first at a meet at Bishop Carroll, with Caedon Poe earning first in extemporaneous. Corrado was second in extemporaneous, with Zach Amato finishing second in commentary. Campbell, a junior, had qualified for nationals twice before this year.



ACADEMIC COMPETITORS

Forty middle school reading teams from 29 schools converged on Bellwood-Antis in November for a reading competition, and B-A's young readers finished on top, earning a first place ribbon in the elementary division. Reading team members included Eli Bianchini, Lindsay Campbell, Ian Clark, Lilly Gerwert, Brylie Hewitt, Eric Johnson, Cooper Lovrich, Ava Moore, Lily Myers, Ethan Papi, Blake Pennington, Jayce Quick, Seth Shaw, and Katie Tyler. Similarly, the junior high reading team had a solid showing, placing third. The team was composed of seventh and eighth grade students, and it was their first top-three finish in several years. Members included Kimberly Bennett, Addalyn Turek, Briley Campbell, Carina Eamigh, Max Belis, Chance Schreier, Katie Bianchini, Trinity Maines, Emily Zacker, Derek Stivers, Ryan Marinak, Holden Schreier and Gracie Rice. The teams were coached by Mrs. Kathy Taylor and Mrs. Susan Nycum. In March, seniors Philip Chamberlin and

Zach Merritts competed in the Pennsylvania State Junior Academy of Sciences regional competition at Penn State Altoona. Both Chamberlin and Merritts earned first awards, qualifying them for the state competition. Chamberlin also won a \$5,000 scholarship through Penn State Altoona. Merritts' project was testing how terminal velocity is affected by how water turbulence. Chamberlin tested the effects of humidity on the coasting velocity of an object.



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MORE ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

The Pennsylvania Football News released its all-academic teams in February, and 49 members of the Blue Devil football team made the list, with 29 of them achieving Gold Team honors with a GPA of 4.0 and above. All 53 members of the team qualified for the list academically, though four fell short due to injury or because they did not meet the playing requirements. Unified Bocce barely got underway before the school closure, though team members Seamus Salmon, Parker Lucas, Cole Poorman, and Atherton Poorman attended the Central Youth Summit for Unified Champion Schools in November. The closure also kept Evan Frye from his formal recognition at spring signing day, but the senior harrier will be attending UPJ to continue his career as a middle distance runner while working to become a history teacher.



STAFF ACHIEVEMENT



In September, the Bellwood-Antis cafeteria staff had a visit from executives from The Nutrition Group, the company responsible for food services at Bellwood-Antis. Jessica Anzelone, the managing director of the food group, and Nancy Kohl, the company president, were very impressed with the staff, food quality, and how much passion the staff had for their jobs. Each staff member was awarded \$100 in recognition of their service. Pictured above are cafeteria staff members Deb Rhoades, Krista Spiker, Brandi Mercer, Nancy McFarland-Hostler, and Pam Gray.

ROBERT MCMINN



RETIREMENT

Bellwood-Antis said farewell to two highly esteemed members of the faculty in 2020 as high school history teacher Robert McMinn and middle school math teacher Jerry Farkus called it a career and announced their retirements. Both teachers' careers spanned more than 30 years.

JERRY FARKUS



FAREWELL



DR. TERRY HARPSTER

Myers principal Dr. Terry Harpster had spent her life in the Bellwood-Antis School District, first as a student, then a teacher and coach, and for the last 18 years as the principal at Myers Elementary. She announced in December she was retiring at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, leaving behind a legacy of academic excellence and positivity at the elementary level. Dr. Harpster graduated from B-A in 1980 and returned in 1981 to coach the girls basketball team, which she took all the way to the PIAA championship game in 1990. Later, she joined the faculty at Myers as a teacher before becoming principal in 2002. Dr. Harpster helped forge a positive and inclusive learning environment at Myers and was an educational innovator and leader throughout the district.

The district had found a capable replacement by May, when it approved Matthew Stinson as the new principal at Myers. Mr. Stinson was a teacher for 17 years at Frankstown Elementary before becoming principal at Pleasant Valley Elementary, where he worked for the last four years. Mr. Stinson's wife, Ali Stinson, is a high school math teacher at Bellwood-Antis who also leads the Renaissance Club and advises the yearbook staff.

