

Neighbors: Boynton math club places fifth in state

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The Boynton Middle School Math Club placed fifth out of 50 math teams in the State MathCounts competition on March 15, at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy.

The team included **Eric Dusenberry**, **Miryam Ginsparg**, **Vivek Myers**, **Michael Zhao**, **Yuuki Real** and **Justin Tan**. They're coached by parents **Laura Jones** and **Melissa Smith**, with regular classroom help from parent **Gus Dusenberry** and weekend MathCounts preparation assistance from Cornell student **Tom Chen**.

The DeWitt Math Club, coached by parent **Tom Fisher-York**, placed 19th place overall.


The Boynton and DeWitt math clubs each have about 20 members who meet twice weekly to work on problems in topics that are outside the usual middle school math curriculum. They learn combinatorics, number theory and geometry, in addition to algebra. The top six students from each club were chosen to represent their school in the state competition.

South Seneca fundraisers

- The South Seneca Elementary Coffee House at the Beach, organized and put on by the SSES Band, Falcon Music Boosters, and their teacher, **Rebecca Sarkis**, raised more than \$1,500 for instrument repair, new instruments that are outside the budget, busing for marching band and possibly a parade.

The Falcon Music Boosters with the assistance of **Betsy Dryer** handled the numerous raffles that took place and raised more than \$800.

- Students from South Seneca's Distance Learning [class](#)

 , taught by **Gertrude Shaffer**, made a \$100 donation to Beverly Animal Shelter in Waterloo. Eighth graders **Garrett Meeks** and **Jeffrey Elliot** presented **Dallyn Jenkins**, president of the shelter, with the check.