

Talent show auditions set for March 30-31

By Amanda Wood

As the third quarter gets fully underway at G. Ray Bodley, the highly-anticipated Bodley's Got Talent! variety show is getting closer and closer. The third annual event will take place on Thursday, April 15 from 7 to 9 pm. In the high school auditorium, members of the G.R.B. community will present a wonderful display of talents. Although all will share much fun, perhaps the best part of the night will be that all proceeds will be going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Since 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation(r) has enriched the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions through its wish-granting work. The Foundation's mission reflects the life-changing impact that a Make-A-Wish(r) experience has on children, families, referral sources, donors, sponsors and entire communities. The Make-A-Wish Foundation was founded in 1980 after a little boy named Chris Greicius realized his heartfelt wish to become a police officer.



Fulton's OCAY team placed third in the most recent county-wide competition, which took place at the Fulton War Memorial on Thursday. Team members for this competition were (left to right) front-Amanda Wood, Ashley McDonald, Emily Rothrock and Emmy Molascon. In the back row are Adviser Mrs. Ryan, Colin Shannon, Kirsten Francis, Elise Cianfarano, Adam Wolford, Brett Williams and D.J. Ingham. (Taylor Harvey photo)

Any and all students and faculty are encouraged to sign up and participate. Sign-ups will be held during all lunch bells from March 22 to the 26 in front of the cafeteria. On Tuesday, March 30 and Wednesday, March 31, all acts will be "previewed" by members of the H.O.P.E. Club and advisors Mrs. Barton and

Mrs. Pawlewicz.

All types of talents are encouraged, from dancing and singing to comedy or poetry readings, and everything in between. (Remember-stay school appropriate!) Don't be shy, show off your talent, have a good time, and don't forget that it's all for a wonderful cause!



**Auditions are
March 30-31!
Get your ACT
together!**

Since its humble beginnings, the organization has blossomed into a worldwide phenomenon, reaching more than 174,000 children around the world. Although it has become one of the world's most well-known charities, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has maintained the grassroots fulfillment of its mission. A network of nearly 25,000 volunteers enable the Make-A-Wish Foundation to serve children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Raider bowlers place eighth in state final

Paced by the efforts of sophomore Dan Wahl, the Fulton boys bowling team placed eighth in the field at the New York State High School Bowling Championships over the weekend. Fulton, the Section 3 champions, travelled to Poughkeepsie to compete with the top high school bowlers in the state.

Making their second consecutive trip to the championship gathering, the Raiders were led by Wahl's 1,262 total over six games for an average of 210 per game.

Junior Class hosting fashion show this Friday

Come one come all to the Junior Class fashion show on Friday, March 12! Clothes will be modeled by the junior class for the junior class. From formal wear to sports wear, it will all be there. The fun starts at 7 p.m. in the G. Ray Bodley High School auditorium. Admission is \$3 and all proceeds go to the Class of 2011 for prom and other various field trips.

Clothes will be shown from David's Bridal, Maurices, Tuxedo Junction, and B & T Sports. For a good time while also supporting the junior class, come to the fashion show on Friday, March 12.

By Julie Allen

Opinion

Hosting exchange student was chance of a lifetime

By Sarese Gibson

Last year, my family had the opportunity to host an exchange student. Her name was Myriam Oosterkamp, and many people who befriended her in school last year know her as a very kind person. It was an interesting experience. I had never had another teenager live with me in such close proximity before, so I was especially excited to see how well we would get along.



However, I had not always been so thrilled. When my mother first asked me if I thought it would be a good idea to host, I was uncertain. I wasn't positive if I had wanted everything around me to change, and having another teenager in the house would be a huge change.

But from the first moment she got off her plane and we stood around waiting for her bags, we had already connected. The first night we brought her to the school to a basketball game and I pointed out my friends and her future classmates. The first week was the most difficult—we both shared my room, and suddenly my room had a bed and a futon in it. It was odd to have another person in my personal space so often.

Two weeks went by, and the next thing I knew we were best friends. I helped her with her English (because, after all, German's pronounce words differently than we do, and sometimes she would royally mess up) and she would teach me some German. Another week passed and suddenly we were planning out the summer of 2010 and the possibility of me going to stay with her in Germany.

She stayed with us from January until July, and I can honestly say it was the best time of my life. There is so much more to life than people ever really give credit for. It's important to take chances and open yourself up to new people and different experiences—especially when you are given the opportunity.

I could have always said “no” and walked away when offered the chance to host, but if I had done that I would have lost so much more than a new friend in my life. I would have lost a best friend, a sister.

But I didn't say no. I said “yes” and that opened up an entire new horizon. I've gained a new sister and a new family halfway across the world because of this decision, and I even gained another new sister by

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the name of Lea Zanzinger, the German exchange student who returned to Germany in January. Because of this, I am going to see them for a month this summer. They're giving me the chance to view their culture the way that they got to view ours.

As I said, it is always worth it to take chances and open yourself up to new people and different experiences—and I'm very happy that I did.

College acceptance letter is only the beginning

By Ben Davis

With acceptance letters starting to come in from colleges everywhere seniors may think that the college process is almost over, but don't throw in the towel just yet. There are always ways to prepare and plan for college; the process won't be officially over until your first day. There is still money to be earned through the many scholarships available, more research to do about your top school, and in some cases to still choose your final school out of the ones you have applied to.



Even though many students have been accepted that is not going to make the cost of college any less. Everyone needs financial aid and the

more scholarships completed the less college is going to cost in the end. It may seem like a chore now to fill out scholarship after scholarship application, but it will all pay off in the end.

For those who have not chosen their final school there is still a lot of research and comparing to be done. Each school has its advantages and disadvantages, so make a list of pros and cons to get it all organized and down on paper. List the most important characteristics you are looking for first, like majors, sports, activities and the size. In this way it will be much easier to make this final decision, which requires a lot of time and thought.

Once a college has been chosen it's a good idea to visit the campus, even if you have already done so. Seeing the campus in person is a whole different experience when compared to online research. With a tour one can see the ins and outs of the college and get the overall feel for the atmosphere of the college. Plus the more you visit the more comfortable you will begin to feel about going there. There is always something to do so stay on top of everything and remember to stay focused on your current schoolwork.

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Science Club heading to Philadelphia

After missing out on a trip last year, the G Ray Bodley Science Club heads to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Trenton, New Jersey for some fun filled adventures. The trip is set to take place May 21-22. The plan is to leave the high school around 7 am and head to the first ever zoo in America, the great Philadelphia Zoo.

After spending a few hours at the zoo, the Science Club will take a journey on the Duck Tours of Philadelphia. The Duck Tours are a great way to see the amazing city of Philadelphia, not only from the streets, but from the water as well, while getting some good information about the city.

Once the Duck Tours are over, they will head to the Reading Terminal Market to get some food and then eventually head to the hotel with an indoor pool to go for a swim, relax, and get ready for the next big day.

Bright and early the next day GRB students will leave the hotel and head across the Delaware River to New Jersey to visit the Adventure Aquarium. Adventure Aquarium is an aquarium on the edge of New Jersey filled with numerous different exhibits and attractions. Right before the group heads home, they will be making one last stop at the world renowned Pat's King of Steaks for some mouth-watering Philly cheese steaks.

The 2010 GRB Science Club trip is sure to be a good one. If you are interested in going, let either Chairman of the Science department, Mr. Gillard, or President of Science Club, Zachary Froio, know and

they will put your name down to be notified and receive more information. The cost of the trip has not been finalized, but the club is hoping it will be somewhere in the \$125 range.

By Zach Froio



Maria (Clare Bawarski) and Captain Von Trapp (Travis Cowart) show the children how to dance just as Elsa Schraeder (Silvana Castelluccio) comes down the stairs during a scene from the Quirk's Players production of *The Sound of Music*. The group enjoyed a successful three-day, four show run to conclude the 2009-2010 season for the Players. (Senecal photo)

Student-led conferences exceed expectations

The Student-led Conferences at G. Ray Bodley High School were a success! After all the planning, organizing portfolios, and practicing, students have finally participated in the student led conferences and can now put them to rest. The conferences were between a student, their advisory teacher, and a parent/guardian or whomever they chose to share their work with. The student chose 3-5 pieces of work they wished to share with their adult of choice.

Many of the teachers were very impressed with the students, and feel they went extremely well. The turnout of parents and students who participated was better than anticipated, and gave the Bodley staff encouragement to continue the conferences. Vice principal Mr. Green stated that, "the feedback we got was very good, teachers and parents seemed to thoroughly enjoy them."

Not only teachers, but parents also enjoyed their children sharing

their work with them and letting them in on their success and what they have learned in school. As one Bodley parent stated, "I really liked mine... I think that they are a good idea to get parents in and be a part of their children's lives in school." With all the positive feedback the Bodley staff has high hopes for the continuation of the conferences, and are very pleased with how they went.

By Morgan Mirabito

Raider sides honored as NYS Scholar/Athletes

The NYSPHSAA has recognized four Fulton Winter Athletic teams through the Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program. To receive this award the team average must be 90 or over during the season according to New York State rules. Teams recognized were the girls volleyball, indoor track and basketball sides as well as the Raider ice hockey side.

Honored among Coach Carolyn Richardson's Section 3 champion volleyball team were Taylor Barrett, Elyse Cianfarano, Kirsten Francis, Taylor Harvey, Kali Kearns, Emmy Molascon, Lindsay Navagh and Kayla Pawlewicz.

Girls basketball players under Coach Casey Jones named as scholar/athletes were Alexa Compson, Anna McKay, Ashlyn Palmitesso, Jessica Palmitesso, Darlene Pappalardo, Alicia Vann and Racquel Vescio while the girls indoor track, coached by Gary LaGrou, team featured Heidi Bierbrauer, Helen Caster, Morgan Cooper, Alana DeVaul, Kim Goutermout, Katie Jones and Maureen LaGrou as well as Brittany Lamie, Meghan McCann, Laura Perqitz, Sarah Perwitz and Mary West.

Coach Kevin Ahern's Raider hockey team featured top students in Steven Delisle, Ian Giovannetti, Casey Holden, Dylan Holden, Trevor Littler, Kara Pafumi, Colin Shannon and Joe Sutton.

Congratulations to all the teams and their coaches.

Fulton Sports Boosters
Winter awards ceremony
5:30 p.m. tonight
in the GRB auditorium



School of Thought compiled by Kirstie Potter

How much more snow do you think will we get this winter?



"None."
Mike Rosario



"A few inches."
Nick Orborne



"A foot or two."
Shayne Dolin



"A quarter of an inch."
Sam Stevens

GRB announcements for Monday, March 7

All boys and girls interested in outdoor track are reminded that practice begins today at 2:45 in the large group instruction room.

Varsity boys lacrosse practice will begin today from 2:45 to 5 p.m. in the parking lot if weather permits. If not, it will be at the junior high at the same time. Be ready for either with full equipment.

The parking lot next to the tennis courts needs to be clear of cars by 2:45 for lacrosse practice.

Winter sports athletes are reminded that the Fulton Boosters winter sports awards are on today at 5:30 in the auditorium.

Come on down to the Raider's Den for nachos, candy, drinks, Raider clothes and more. Did you know that you can pre-order cookies for any occasion? See Mrs. Ferlito in room 110. The Den is open bells nine and ten and after school.

The next meeting of the photo club will be on Wednesday, March 10 after school in room 118. Be there and bring pictures. Take pictures for *The Raider* and become a published photographer!

Meteorology and you
by Carson Metcalf

Today: Partly sunny. High in the mid-40s.

Tonight: Mainly cloudy. Low around 30.

Tomorrow: More clouds than sun. High around 40.

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