

OCAY team repeats as Oswego County champions

By Adam Wolford

The fourth and final Oswego County Academic Youth League competition of the year was a great one for the team from Fulton. Not only did they take the first place finish in the competition but they also helped to seal the championship for the OCAY season, making this the second year in a row that the G. Ray Bodley High School squad has won. A close second place for the competition was awarded to the team from Oswego and the team from Phoenix took the bronze medal at the competition. The theme of Thursday's competition, hosted at Cayuga Community College in Fulton, was Coffee House Poetry. The nine teams, one representing each of the districts in the county and wearing their throwback coffee house OCAY shirts, were asked to complete four tasks.

The first task required the teams to take a twenty question poetry quiz. The quiz tested the team's knowledge of literary terms. Ryan Babcock and Amanda Copps, both students in AP English, took this task head on. The next task required a team member to recite a poem from memory for a panel of judges. Each team received a different poem of equal length to recite. The team from Fulton was asked to recite "The Road Less Traveled" by Robert Frost. OCAY league veteran, Clare Bawarski, decided to complete this task.

The third portion of the competition asked teams to write six poems of four different types. Nate Hawthorne wrote the two haiku poems while Elizabeth Guernsey worked on two limericks. Krysta Woodcock worked on the free verse poem and Amanda Copps, Taylor Harvey and Ryan Babcock worked on one of the most daunting tasks of the day, writing a Shakespeare inspired sonnet.

The final section of the competition was a musical recitation of "Jazz Fantasia" by Carl Sandburg. Teams were asked to not only memorize and recite the poem, but to also create an original piece of music to accompany and add to the overall effect of the poem. Jordan Spier, with help from Erik Bierbrauer, created the musical accompaniment while Ashley McDonald memorized and recited the poem.

The Fulton team utilized their poetry, musi-



The Fulton OCAY team proudly display their medals after Thursday's final competition of the year that saw the G. Ray Bodley based squad lock down overall championship honors for the second year in a row. Pictured from left to right are, front-Krysta Woodcock, Clare Bawarski, Ashley McDonald and Elizabeth Guernsey. Back row-Advisor Mrs. Ryan, Taylor Harvey, Amanda Copps, Ryan Babcock, Jordan Spier, Erik Bierbrauer and Nathan Deavers. (Adam Wolford photo)

cal and literary skills that ultimately led to their win in Thursday's competition and overall competition for the year. "I am so proud of all our students," said Coach Ryan. "Winning two years in a row is an amazing accomplishment.

All the OCAY members worked very hard and should all be very proud of themselves." After an amazing season for the OCAY team this year, everyone is looking forward to next year to keep the championship in Fulton.

Make a difference by donating blood

Do you ever wonder what you can do to make a difference? On Friday, April 16 from 8 am to 1 pm the G. Ray Bodley Student Senate is hosting the annual high school blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross.

People across the world are in pain and suffering due to various diseases and illnesses. Students enduring just a minor pinch of a needle can relieve this pain. Face your fear of the needle because it will help those who have far greater fears to conquer than most of us could imagine. Not to mention the fact that for those National Honor Society Students it counts as five hours of community service.

Go and see Mr. Thurlow to make your appointment and be sure to know your blood type

when you swing open the doors to room 103. Then, on the 16th show up at your scheduled time in the LGI with a form of identification. Physics teacher Mr. Galek said to his class, "I donate blood on a regular basis, it's a good way to help out."

However, not all of those willing to participate can qualify. Students need to be 16 or older as well as weighing over 110 pounds. If you fall under this category of students unable to give blood, try to help out by aiding the Student Senate in escorting students to and from class or handing out treats. Your participation on Student Senate can make a difference as well.

By Brenna Merry

Opinion

Bodleyans band in support for ailing classmate

By Jake Tallents

John Diamond once said; Cancer is a word, not a sentence.

That is exactly the plan for Tim Conners and his family. Tim, a freshman at G. Ray Bodley High School has been diagnosed with leukemia, and on Saturday, April 3, he was admitted into Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital.

The Conners family knows and understands that there is no sprint to beat cancer, only a marathon. We know that especially with the support of our community, Tim has the potential to stop this thing in its tracks.

Leukemia is the cancer of the blood forming tissues in the bone marrow. It is an especially rough strand of cancer, as white blood cells are produced in the bone marrow. White blood cells are what the body uses as a natural defense to fight off infections. When a bacterium enters the body, some white blood cells produce antibodies to fight it off, or some simply devour the problem. So it is a very blatant problem when a disease comes along that destroys the white blood cells, as it leaves the body open for infections.

Timmy's Chemotherapy is aimed at destroying the cancerous cells by attacking them while they are in their mitosis phase. The treatment also affects all fast-dividing cells, which is what causes the sicknesses, bruises and hair loss. All in all, it is an extremely unpleasant treatment.

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There is also a Caringbridge website where people leave entries for Tim and the Conners family to read. The link to follow is "Caringbridge.org", and on the yellow box to the right where it states

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in bold letters "Visit a Website," type in Tim Conners. You have to make an account, but you will receive updates and journal entries from him and his family. I think I speak for all of Bodley when I wish Tim a speedy recovery and treatment.

A week full of sports worth watching

By Nick Millard

Finally, a week of sports that kept people watching. With seasons starting up, and seasons coming to an end, this week was something to talk about. The men's, and women's NCAA Basketball Championship took place Monday and Tuesday night respectively. On the men's side, Duke traveled to Indianapolis to take on the hometown heroes of Butler. With an unpredictable storybook tournament, and number one seeds dropping like flies, who would have guessed that a number one seed would have won in the end?

Yes, the "overrated" number one seed from the south region proved the world wrong, and stepped up to give coach Mike Krzyzewski his fourth national championship. In the women's national championship, everything went as predicted, as the undefeated UConn Huskies clinched their second consecutive national title, defeating Stanford 53-47. The Huskies played their worst game in the last two years, shooting a mere 17% from the field in the first half. UConn headed in the locker rooms with an eight-point deficit, the largest in their 78 game win streak. Uconn proved they were the best in the world though, and they rallied in the second half, outscoring Stanford by 14 points.

Major League Baseball kicked off this week with a bang. On Sunday, April 4, opening night pitted the Boston Red Sox against their archrivals, the New York Yankees. The game lived up to the hype, as



the Red Sox overcame a 5-1 deficit at the end of the game to defeat the Yankees 9-7. The Yankees did, however, take the next two games, to win the series. Not all was well though as the game became subject to a blackout due to the big news in the NFL. It is beyond me how the opening game of the Major League season was not nationally televised. Around the league, all-star Albert Pujols belted two home runs to help lift the Cardinals over the Cincinnati Reds 11-6.

The NFL brought their 'A' game this week, and one of the biggest trades in recent memory. The rumors are over, as all-pro quarterback Donovan McNabb was traded to the Washington Redskins for a pair of draft picks. The Eagles received Washington's early second round pick this year (overall number 37), and either a third or fourth pick for next years draft. This trade was such a big deal that it bumped the MLB opening game from the main stage. The theories have been confirmed, and yes, off-season football is more interesting than baseball.

Last but not least, let talk about the man, the myth, the legend; Tiger Woods. Yes, Tiger Woods was once again the most interesting man in sports. It is just incredible, I have never seen a man or woman pull the attention away from...well interesting sports, like our beloved Tiger has. However, I cannot argue the fact that it is important news that he is coming back to golf this Thursday to compete at The Masters. I have said it before though, it is his JOB. Let's disregard the fact that he earned most of his money off endorsement deals, it is his niche in society to play golf. Maybe after this week the drama will all quiet down, and the world of sports can return to order again. Be thankful golf fans, love him or hate him, he is good for the sport; and be thankful PGA, people may actually watch you now.

Five steps to a password that is safe and secure

By Lindsay Navagh

Everyone has used a password sometime in his or her life, whether it's for an e-mail account or for a safe. Some people don't care to keep their passwords secret and will share it with others. For others, passwords can be really important to them keeping something or someone safe from the world.

People believe they can come up with secret passwords that no one will ever guess. A recent study found that 10,000 Hotmail, MSN, and live.com passwords consist of only the letters 123456, showing a complete lack of security and privacy of these password's users. Computer hackers and other professional personal information seekers spend their lives cracking people's passwords that can ruin ones life. So how do you keep yourself from this hardship? You create a foolproof password that is unbreakable and impossible to guess, leaving your safekeepings away from others.

There are just five easy steps on the track to finding your very own smart password.

First Step: You should really know what not to do. In order to create the perfect password, you shouldn't use one that has too few digits. You also shouldn't use a password that is in all lowercase letters or all numbers in a pattern that would seem easy to guess. And lastly, make

sure your password isn't a name that can be associated with you.

Second Step: When choosing your password, make it at least 8 characters to make it harder to guess the word. You should also mix in upper and lower case letters to be secure.

Third Step: You shouldn't use passwords that can be easily connected with you. This includes children, pets, street address, phone number, and birthdays.

Fourth Step: The closer the password looks to nonsense the better. For example you could take a sentence that contains words and numbers that you can remember and make it into a single word. You should also make some words capitalized. For example: My brother Aiden is 3 years old. The password would then appear to be, MbAi3yo.

Fifth Step: If that seems too hard to remember, you could also use a technique that uses a word or phrase. You can capitalize random letters to make it more secure, for example your phrase could be yellow ducks. You could make your password YellOw dUckS. To make it even more inconspicuous, you could exchange letters in the words for numbers or symbols. The password could be Y3ll0w dUck\$.

When choosing a new password in the future, take these steps into consideration if you want to create a security code that won't be cracked or guessed.

Four new movies hit the big screen this weekend



It's Friday and this weekend there will be four new movies in theaters. These movies include *Date Night*, *Letters to God*, *The Square*, and *After Life*.

Date Night is an action/romantic comedy that stars Tina Fey and Steve Carell. This movie is about a couple that wants to go to a fancy restaurant, but they did not have a reservation so they took someone else's. Their night turns out to be more action filled than they thought. The people's reservation that they took were

into some trouble and now they are getting chased when they didn't do anything wrong!

Letters to God is a family drama that stars Tanner Maguire, Jeffery Johnson, and Robyn Lively. This is inspired by a true story of a boy

who writes letters to God in hope that it will help him through his battle with cancer. He writes and mails these letters on a daily basis. The postman who takes these letters does not know what to do when he first starts reading these letters, but he makes a decision that becomes a testament to the quiet power of one boy's shining spirit and unshakeable faith.

The Square is thriller/drama that stars David Roberts and Claire van der Boom. The plot of this movie is that a businessman becomes entangled in an affair with a beautiful married woman. His moral limits are tested when his mistress presents him with the proceeds of her controlling husband's latest crime. This is their chance to take the money and run, but it is not that simple. This movie is limited and it will only be showing in certain theaters at certain times.

After Life is a drama/horror/thriller starring Liam Neeson, Justin Long, and Christina Ricci. This movie is about a woman who was in a car accident and finds herself the guest of a mortician. He informs her that she is dead and she can only communicate with him while she crosses over to the other side. The mortician is making her feel suspicious about why she died. She begins to suspect that she is the latest victim in a wicked series of crimes. This movie is limited and will only be showing in certain theaters at certain times.

If it rains this weekend then you should check out one these new movies in theaters. As always, check your local listings for the locations and times of the movie you would like to see.

Upcoming events:

Sunday: Oswego County Art Show-Salmon River Fine Arts Center, Pulaski @ 2 p.m.

April 12-16: Prom Dress sale @ GRB all bells.

Thursday, April 15: Bodley's Got Talent! 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Minimum \$3 donation.

Friday, April 16: Student Senate Blood Drive in the LGI all day. See Mr. Thurlow ASAP to register.

Thursday, April 29: District Student Art Show @ Fourth Street Ed. Center, 6-8 p.m.

GRB Photo Club Contest

Theme: **SPRING**

submit your entries to Mlle Amerault

contest deadline is May 7

GRB Dance Team takes center stage



Their usual job is to perform during halftime of sporting events, but on Wednesday all eyes were on the G. Ray Bodley High School Dance Team as the auditorium was filled with music and dance for their annual show. The girls began the night with music from Fame from the 2009 hit musical.

After the opener, the night began to roll. With many duets, solos and trios, the girls showed that their hard work really paid off. Special guest Nina Jackowski performed with Megan Mahar while current Bodleyian Adam Wolford performed to Bad Romance with fellow senior Emily Rothrock. Former GRB student Rachel Belair also performed a solo.

While there were many small number performances, the team performed many dances together. The girls performed a lyrical dance to Slow Dancing in a Burning Room, a hip-hop to I Can Transform Yah, a tap to September, jazz to Supermassive Black Hole, and a hip-hop to a mix of Love Game and She Wolf. The night came to a close with a team performance to Last Dance from the movie Dirty Dancing.

As the show ended many thanks were given and the raffle and gift baskets were rewarded. A spa basket and a movie basket were given away while current student Nate Hawthorne won the 50/50 but donated \$33 dollars to cancer research while keeping only a dollar to get a drink.

Finally, the three seniors were recognized, as the show was their last dance team show. Megan Mahar, Emily Rothrock and Silvie Castelluccio were all given flowers in honor of their hard work and final show. The Dance Team will be holding auditions for next year some time this spring. Listen to the announcements for more information.

By Emily Rothrock

Raider girls charge to first win

Scoring six times in the opening half and never looking back, the Fulton girls lacrosse team tasted sweet victory for the first time On Thursday in a 13-2 run past Whitesboro. Six different Raiders found the back of the Warrior cage paced by Emily Rothrock's four goal, one assist effort and three goals and an assist from Emily Knaub.

Kirsten Francis added two goals and an assist and Alanah McClellan struck twice for the winners, who also benefitted from a goal and assist apiece from Kayla hanczyk and Jordan Rizzo. Kara Pafumi registered 11 saves for the Raiders, who improved to 1-2 on the season at the expense of the 0-3 Warriors.

The girls will travel to East Syracuse-Minoa on Tuesday, looking to even their mark at 2-2.

THIS WEEK IN RAIDER SPORTS

Today: Softball @ Cortland (4:45); Baseball vs. Cortland (4:30); Tennis @ J-D (4:30); JV boys lax vs. New Hartford (5 p.m.).

Mon. April 12: Baseball @ ES-M (4:30); Tennis vs. Mexico (4:30);

Tues. April 13: Baseball @ CBA (4:30); JV baseball vs. CBA (4:30); Track @ J-D (4:30); JV boys lax vs. ES-M (5 p.m.); V boys lax vs. ES-M (5 p.m.); Girls lax @ ES-M (JV-4:30/V-6 p.m.).

Wed. April 14: Tennis vs. ES-M (4:45).

Thurs. April 15: Baseball vs. Homer (4:30); JV baseball @ Homer (4:30); JV boys lax vs. Whitesboro (5 p.m.); V boys lax vs. Whitesboro (5 p.m.).

School of Thought compiled by Nick Millard & Zach Froio

What is your favorite TV show?



"ESPN."
Mrs. Rossi



"Bones."
Morgan Cooper



"What I Like About You."
Morgan Marbito



"Adventure Time, Monday nights at 8 EST."
Adam Wolfard

Morning announcements for Friday, April 9

Sign ups are currently underway for the upcoming blood drive, which will take place on Friday, April 16. See Mr. Thurlow for more details.

The prom dress sale is here. Students may come with a pass from a teacher during study halls, advisory and lunch. No student will be admitted without a pass. Girls bring a tank top and shorts to try dresses on. Shoes, bags and jewelry are also available. Come get a beautiful dress at a bargain price. See Ms. Vicat or Crucitti with questions.

Attention seniors! Today is the deadline for ordering your Class of 2010 t-shirt. Don't delay, order yours today!

The next Photo Club meeting will be held on April 15th after school in room 118. Bring pictures! Take pictures at school events! Get published!

Buying lunch today? You'll have a choice between mac and cheese with whole wheat breadstick or fish on a bun.

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf

Today: Cloudy with a few rain showers. High in the low-50s.

Tonight: Mainly cloudy. Low near 30.

Tomorrow: Sun and clouds with a scattered rain shower. High near 50, low in the upper-30s.

Sunday: Sun and clouds. High near 60, low in the mid-30s.

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