



## OCAY opens title defense with victory

By James McKay & Tyler Crandell

G. Ray Bodley High School took an important first step toward defending the Oswego County Academic Youth League title on Thursday when the Fulton-based entry placed first in the opening competition of the year.

As two-time defending champions, the team had a legacy to live up to. A new year brought call-ups for new members and a 100% gold record is a great start to their OCAY careers.

With only a handful of new members though, the team was comprised mainly of OCAY veterans. These members helped the newcomers by directing them to certain tasks that would suit their abilities. The theme of the day was "Bones," based off the popular television show. Recording evidence at a mock crime scene and forming sculptures of certain body parts were part of the day's events.

Several students were also responsible for writing a detailed account of the crime that occurred involving the mock crime scene. Amidst all of this creativity, the competitors were also subjected to timed quizzes on anatomy and bone structure. Luckily, advisor Mrs. Ryan knew enough about the school's students to select a group that would be able to handle these types of diverse challenges well enough to come up with a first place finish. A number of AP Biology students were brought to the competition as well as some excellent artistic students.

As the clock passed after all the events had been completed, the Fulton team members waited with anticipation for the results to be announced. Third place was given to Hannibal, while a two-way tie saw Pulaski and Phoenix share the runner-up spot. The Fulton team was then called down to receive their gold medals after being deemed first place finishers.

Team members were Mackenzie Swart, Sadie Adamy, Sara Nelson, Krysta Woodcock, and Joshua Drake as well as Tyler Crandell, Jenna Doherty, James McKay, Elyse Cianfarano and Mark Bailey

If one were to ask any of the team members, they would probably say that they thoroughly enjoyed the competition and look forward to competing in another.



Members of the Fulton OCAY team brainstorm during Thursday's season-opening competition. Pictured from left to right are Sadie Adamy, Krysta Woodcock, Jenna Dougherty, James McKay, Elise Cianfarano, Joshua Drake and Sara Nelson. The defending champs got off to a good start with a first place finish. (Eric Bierbrauer photo)

### *Local meteorologist visits Bodley*

Many people talk about the weather or wonder about the weather, but few truly understand it. A select group of students at G. Ray Bodley High School are eliminating some of the guesswork by taking a Meteorology class. This is the first year that Meteorology has been offered as a class in the high school with Earth Science teacher Mr. Murray stepping up to the plate to offer the college course this school year.

Throughout the year the students are required to record weather data and create graphs and charts showing their results. While the process of researching and taking down temperatures, air pressures and humidity every day can be monotonous; it is actually very interesting to see the trends appear throughout the weeks.

Channel 9 WSYR meteorologist Chris Brandolino visited G Ray Bodley High School on Wednesday to speak to Mr. Murray's two Meteorology classes. Students waited in the LMC patiently for him to arrive at 12:30 as scheduled, however time passed and he did not arrive. The students were then sent back to their ninth bell classes. Disappointment did not last long though, as he entered the building a short time later. The cause of his tardiness was a heavy flow of traffic in Syracuse.

The students settled back into the LMC where Brandolino presented a basic weather power point. He was extremely energetic and lively, which made for an interesting end to the day. He spoke about his time in Australia, working for the Bureau of Meteorology, and his experience in college. Although the calculus and physics courses he took were definitely not some of his favorites, he described himself as a "weather geek" who would take whatever classes he needed to to reach his goal.

Overall, the coming of Chris Brandolino to GRB was a good experience for the students. A true weather professional coming to speak about his work was beneficial to the students in Mr. Murray's Meteorology course.

*By Tyler Crandell*

## Opinion

# Leave teams together at pep assembly

By Kayla Distin

As the students of G. Ray Bodley High School reflect on recent homecoming events, there are mostly positive, optimistic thoughts. The week ultimately proved to be a success, as the halls reflected school pride, our varsity football team triumphed on our turf, and our school dance was upbeat and exciting. From my point of view, the student body seemed to be engaged in the pep rally activities, and it proved to be a positive experience in the end.

However, as certain aspects of the assembly were changed from previous year, I was not altogether pleased with how it went. My main point of concern is that the student athletes were not able to sit with their teammates. In the past years, members from all of the fall varsity sports were able to head to the gym before the rest of the students, in order to find their teammates and designate a spot for their team to sit. This year, however, the athletes were specifically told to find a seat



with their own grade level. I was certainly disappointed, because my favorite part of homecoming used to be the team bonding in the stands of the pep rally.

While sitting with the junior class, I could not help but feel disengaged from the excitement. The students around me seemed to be enjoying themselves, as they were spraying silly string and shouting for their friends, but I personally did not enjoy myself as much as I had the two years before. To me, along with many student athletes who I have talked to about this, pep rally is intended to strengthen team spirit and pride through the experiences of the school celebration. How could teams possibly expect to find pride when they are separated during the one public event in which they are recognized? Yes, the pep rally ultimately served its purpose as the football team won their homecoming game, but it is my opinion that the teams were not able to experience the event as fully as they had been able to in previous years.

I understand that this year's pep rally was originally scheduled to take place at the complex rather than the gym, but even with the change in plans, I believe that it was unnecessary to split up the teams in the way that it was. Perhaps next year the assembly will improve on its mistakes.



Local TV meteorologist Chris Brandolino, left, visited GRB last week to speak with students. (photo by Mrs. Scalfaro)

## Upcoming College Visits

**Today:** North Country CC (8:45 a.m.); SUNY Upstate Medical Univ.-physical therapist interest only (10 a.m.); Alfred University (1 p.m.)

**Thursday, Oct. 21:** Onondaga CC (11 a.m.)

**Monday, Oct. 25:** SUNY ESF (12:30 p.m.)

**Wednesday, Oct. 27:** SUNY Oneonta (10 a.m.)

**Monday, Nov. 1:** SUNY Oswego (8:15 a.m.)

**Tuesday, Nov. 2:** Finger Lakes CC (11:15 a.m.)

**Thursday, Nov. 4:** SUNY Canton (11 a.m.)

**Monday, Nov. 8:** Cazenovia College (10 a.m.)

**Wednesday, Nov. 10:** Castleton State College (8 a.m.)

**Thursday, Nov. 18:** Alfred State College (9 a.m.)

## Quote of the day:

"You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jellybeans."

**Ronald Reagan**

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# The Zany Zodiac

## A new year, same crazy predictions

*Aries: March 21 -April 19*

If you think you've got problems today, just wait until tomorrow! Your irrelevance becomes clear today and you will feel a new sense of freedom. Some one will try cheer up your day but your very stubborn!! Try to look on the brightside...It's not raining?

*Taurus: April 20 -May 20*

When trying to take the top of a bottle of paracetamol, you may find yourself contemplating destroying the universe. Lots of different shades of grey help you know that metal objects are 3 dimensional. ODBC Error - 1305 | Horoscope cannot be created for someone as powerful as you. We like our planet do you really need to destroy it?

*Gemini May 21- June 20*

Hobbies may have to take a back seat this week as your spleen dissolved into your gastric juices. Romantic evenings are much overrated. Instead of romance, think about mutated pigs. You do look remarkably fetching today, and I'd like to offer you a fish supper

*Cancer June 21- July 22*

Knowing your hand span may become useful over the coming days, although the mystics will not give me any information as to how or why. Nobody can stop you as you make that important break through this week. Be bold. It is a fine skill.

*Leo July 23- August 22*

The age you should be acting like is written on the soles of your shoes. Dogs can be a man's best friend or a woman's best friend. They could also be a child's best friend, or a cat's best friend. Dogs are totally flexible. You have a personality that makes people smile, and that is worth exploiting today in any way you see fit. Basically, You should get a dog.

*Virgo August 23- September 22*

Why not test yourself by not eating or drinking anything? Headaches and random convulsions may become a regular part of your life today. When the fish wander home cooking gently, who'll be there to open the froth?

*Libra September 23- October 23*

Cartoons will flavour the day for you, today, giving you ideas and humour. Everyone wants what's best for you, in terms of reducing the amount of time you are allowed to show your face outside of your house.

*Scorpio October 24- November 21*

Today is not your lucky day. It's tomorrow instead! So that's something to look forward to whilst you're picking up your teeth with your broken arm. The media will try to control your life today. Like this newspaper. Many congratulations!

*Sagittarius November 22- December 21*

Presenting yourself with home-made cardboard awards is probably not the sanest way to go about giving yourself a morale boost. Laminated wallpaper can be a great idea to turn your walls into washable, wipeable blank canvasses. Try other ways of motivation. It's bound to pay off.

*Capricorn December 22- January 19*

The differences between you and your peers sets you apart. And by apart, I mean they're thinking of relocating you so that you're as far apart as physically possible. You will find a butterfly in your face some time this week. You have a personality that makes people smile, and that is worth exploiting today in any way you see fit.

*Aquarius January 20 - February 18*

The colour blue will give you cause for resentment today. You may find at some point this week that you are suddenly thought of as being moliminous, although how much this is to do with the fact that you'll be carrying a very large whooping stick, is up for debate

*Pisces February 19 - March 20*

Every reason you have for doing what you did, is sound. Be grateful that you have a good network of friends and family. If some things start to appear impossible, it may be time to invent robots. Although danger is never far away, you may have an exhilarating time in the coming days.



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**School of Thought** compiled by Kirsten Francis and Kayla Hanczyk

***What is one thing you wish you could change about G.R.B.?***



"I wish it would be more academic."

**Mrs. Ryan**



"I wish there were bigger hallways."

**Erik Bierbrauer**



"I wish we could raise the level of respect and maturity."

**Mr. Mainville**



"I wish there was no mandatory senior lounge."

**James McKay**

**Morning announcements for Tuesday, October 12**

A representative from North Country Community College will be in the guidance office today at 8:45, SUNY Upstate Medical for physical therapy only at 10 and a representative from Alfred University will be here at one to meet with interested students.

There will be an FBLA meeting today at 2:20 in room 111. New members are welcome. The club will be discussing upcoming chapter activities and selecting committees. Refreshments will be served.

All money for the sophomore fundraiser is due to Mrs. Hallatt today, and don't forget to add eight percent sales tax to your orders.

The Library Club will hold its next meeting on Thursday to talk about Coffeehouse Night. The meeting starts at 2:20.

*Meteorology and you*  
by Carson Metcalf

**Today:** Sun and clouds high in the upper-50s.

**Tonight:** Mainly clear. Low in the mid-30s.

**Tomorrow:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of a shower. High in the upper-50s.

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