

Environmental Club shifts to once a week recycling

In years gone by the familiar call to bring out the blue bins was heard every Tuesday and Friday at G. Ray Bodley High School. But this year the Environmental Club has begun collecting the recycling on Fridays only for multiple reasons.

Mr. Mainville, the head of the club, noted that, "I think that it is good to do this only one day a week because we have the number of

bodies to do so and it cuts down on the class time that the kids are missing." He also thinks that this is better because teachers are more consistent about bringing down their recycling.

The club will continue to only collect the recycling on Fridays unless it becomes too overwhelming, but Mr. Mainville believes that the school is becoming more conscientious about how much paper is using and the amount

of recycling is actually decreasing because of this.

The Environmental Club will be having a meeting today after school. There will be sign ups for the Club and the group be discussing a possible water bottle fundraiser. They will also be watching a movie about environmental problems that need fixing.

By Kayla Hanczyk

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Trespassers may be shot

The definition of trespassing is unlawfully encroaching upon someone else's land. Trespassing on another person's land is a problem that occurs both in the city and in the country. Trespassers are often young adults looking for trouble, or people with bad intentions. Sadly, the most that can be done is a fine. When the trespassers have bad intentions, a lot of damage can be done, crops can be destroyed, livestock can be spooked, and objects can be stolen. Although most of the time trespassing is intentional, people may unknowingly cross the property lines.

This time of year, trespassing can cause much bigger problems. In populated areas, not much would be different than the rest of the year, but in the country it is hunting season. If someone decides to trespass on a property and tries to hunt there, they would have no idea where other hunters are, and whether or not they are in range of other shooters. If the trespasser was to shoot, he could harm someone else, or even kill them. Most property owners know who is on their property and where. If someone comes over their border, things could get ugly. Even if the trespasser is not a hunter, something bad could happen. Another problem is the fact that there are the people who try and take things into their own hands instead of calling the police.

Even if the trespasser does not get caught and they have not done anything bad, it is illegal. If you hunt, make sure you have permission from the landowner and make sure that you know where the borders are. If you cross them, you are still trespassing. If any borders are in question, go to the Oswego County GIS Parcel Viewer at rptsgisweb.oswegocounty.com.

By Daniel Summerville



Many seniors from G. Ray Bodley High School attended the recent College Day at the Mexico BOCES. Some 30 colleges and post-secondary schools were on hand to help students learn more about the important choices that are just ahead for the Class of 2011. (Hunter Gorton photo)

Students attend College Day at BOCES

Last Thursday many seniors attended College Day at BOCES in Mexico. Not only were there more than 30 colleges represented, but the fair also offered key advice and input from some of the most competitive schools around.

This advice is not only essential to the process of choosing a college, but also makes handling the stress much easier. Gwen Gibson, a college bound senior noted, "I am really unsure where I want to go. I'm glad we get the privilege of going on these trips, they are definitely making the process a lot easier."

Overall the trip to BOCES was a success and helped college bound seniors hopefully narrow down their choices. For one student's opinion on the day, see Brenna Merry's column on page two.

By Hunter Gorton

Opinion

College fair provides reality check for many

By Brenna Merry

As high school students our primary objective from day one is to figure out where we want to go after these four years and what we need to do to get there. For the class of 2011, its crunch time on this important decision. Many students are in complete panic on where to begin in the college process.

On Thursday, October 28 many seniors took what they hoped would be an important step in educating themselves on their college options, by visiting the college fair at BOCES. Before the trip senior Kirsten Francis said, "I don't have any idea what colleges to apply to or which ones have my major, so hopefully this helps."

Upon entering the fair, the booths were set up in a neat manner with two rows with various colleges on both sides. Senior Liz Mulcahey quickly noted, "I thought there were supposed to be fifty colleges here? It seems that they are about twenty short." Due to the lack of colleges that attended the fair it was hard to get a true idea of what is out there. For the hour and a half given to visit, most students needed a mere thirty minutes to get what they needed. Even though it was less informative, the minimal amount of schools was less overwhelming and many did indeed learn of schools they had never heard of.

Another issue was that many students have not yet decided on a major and that was the primary question regarding which booths to look at. Although, for those who have chosen what they feel they want to major in it was extremely informative on which schools offer their choice and whether or not the schools they had interest in would suit



I found that the college fair, although lacking in attendance, was an overall success. The representatives from the colleges were friendly and informative. This gave the students a feeling that they were surrounded by people who genuinely care where their lives go. Even if students did not discover colleges they want to apply to or narrow down on a major, the fair served the major purpose of getting students motivated. Numerous students left saying, "I really need to start applying!" or "I'm making myself go home and search colleges," and many saying, "Man, this is overwhelming."

Seniors, don't get too dumbfounded at all that needs to be done. You are surrounded by an entire class of people going through the same thing and numerous teachers who want to see you succeed. The more you start researching and visiting schools the more confident you will start to feel in what you want to do. The college fair was a vital reality check for many. It brought about the realization that the days they always dreamed about are finally here; it's senior year and college is just around the corner.

Bizarre news of the day

A woman from Jacksonville, Florida pleaded guilty to murdering her three month old baby on Wednesday. The mother killed her baby because her son would not stop crying while the mother was playing a game on Facebook. Alexandra V. Tobias shook her son to death in January. Pleading guilty earned Tobias charges of second-degree murder and earned the 22 year old mother 25-50 years behind bars.

The game that was being played was Farmville, an application on the website known to millions in which the player builds an interactive farming community among the other millions of Facebook users, totaling over 62 million to date. The user farms crops of their choosing, as well as livestock such as cattle. With the ability to invite your friends to farm in adjacent patches of land, one can foster the sense of comradeship in the virtual world.

Tobias became upset at her 14 week old son, Dylan Lee Edmondson, when the small child would not stop crying, distracting Tobias from her crops. Reports state that Tobias picked up the infant and began violently shaking the young Edmondson. It is also reported that Tobias set the child down, smoked a cigarette, and upon finishing the cigarette, began shaking the child again. Tobias hit the child's head off of the computer, causing the child to pass away.

Tobias stated that the passing of her mother may have changed her mental state prior to her son's death. The only insane aspect of this case is that a baby was murdered over virtual corn and cattle.

By Colin Shannon

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what they need. It became evident to students that they need to first decide which direction they want to go in their education first and foremost.

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Happy 35th birthday to Bohemian Rhapsody

By Carson Metcalf

The music industry has quite an impressive birthday to celebrate.

And no, it doesn't involve Lady Gaga or any other so-called musician active today. Thirty-five years ago on Halloween, the British rock band Queen released the eclectic, famously lengthy song, "Bohemian Rhapsody." Listened to and loved by many around the world, the song has often been dubbed one of the greatest songs, if not the greatest song, of all-time.

The band's front man and lead singer, Freddie Mercury, originally wrote "Bohemian Rhapsody" for the band's 1975 album A Night at the

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Opera. After the recording of the song was complete, Queen decided that they wanted the song to be released first as a single. Subsequently, those who the band members had proposed the idea to thought the whopping 5-minute, 55-second-long song would never become a hit. Clearly, in retrospect, they were very wrong.

Radio stations managed to pick up on clips of the song even before it was officially released. Listeners both here in the United States and in Britain were just then beginning to fall in love with a musical masterpiece that was to become a number-one hit twice, be featured in many movies, and of course be covered and sung by countless musicians and fans all around the world for many years to come.

So, what is so interesting and significant about "Bohemian Rhapsody?" Well, in all actuality, all parts of the song are in some way.

From the mysterious vocals to the challenging instrumentals, the piece is extremely memorable. What really made it a game-changer for the music industry in those days, however, was the making of the music video for the song. Queen was to have the piece featured on BBC's *Top of the Pops*, but due to the length and complexity of the song to perform live, the video was aired instead of a live performance. This inadvertently began the production of regular music videos to air on television shows rather than live renditions throughout the industry, a tradition that led to the creation of such networks as MTV, and that continues today.

In terms of withstanding the test of time in music, "Bohemian Rhapsody" has definitely done so. In 2002, the Guinness Book of World Records named the song the top British single of all-time. In 2004, Rolling Stone named it the 163rd greatest song of all-time on its "Top 500 Greatest Songs of All-Time" list.

Despite an early critical reaction to the song, especially its length and content, "Bohemian Rhapsody" certainly helped put Queen on the map that would lead them to immense musical success. The group, comprised of Freddie Mercury, Brian May, Roger Taylor, and John Deacon, went on to create more memorable hits including "We Will Rock You," "We Are The Champions," "Somebody To Love," and "Under Pressure." "Bohemian Rhapsody" brought new concepts from which future artists have tried to emulate through their own musical style and videos.



Queen's rock masterpiece Bohemian Rhapsody was released 35 years ago yesterday. (photo from modern-canvas-art.com)

Quote of the day:

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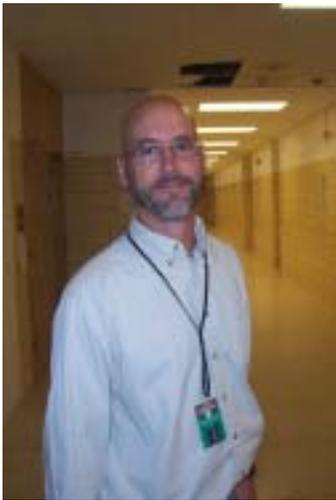
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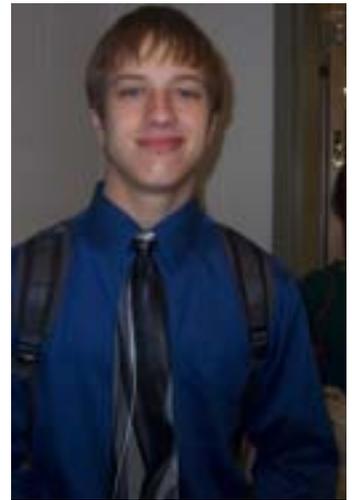
"I am undecided."
Mr. Rothrock



"I'll pick Cuomo."
Matt Liberti



"I don't know,
Paladino."
Mr. Lyons



"The Rent is too
damn high."
David Johnson

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



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Partly cloudy. High in the mid-40s.
Record high-81 (1950)
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Tonight:



Mainly clear. Low in the upper-20s.
Record low-25 (1964)
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Tomorrow:



Partly cloudy. High in the mid-40s.
Record high-76 (1982)
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