

Financial Aid night at Bodley on Dec. 8

The Guidance Department of G. Ray Bodley High School will again host their Financial Aid Night for students and their parents or guardians on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Becoming acquainted with the various sources of financial assistance and understanding the process and deadlines for applying will assure the timely submission of appropriate

forms and greatly enhance the probability of receiving financial aid.

A representative from the financial aid office at the State University of New York at Oswego will present information about the types and sources of financial aid available to undergraduate students and familiarize attendees with the federal and state forms needed to apply. Informative handouts will be available

to those who attend.

Juniors and seniors, along with their parents, should make a special point of attending to receive information about this very important topic, but parents of freshmen and sophomores are also invited to attend to become acquainted with the process.

The snow date for this event is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.



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Near normal weather for November

By Carson Metcalf

While we seem to have left the above-average amounts of precipitation behind to the month of October, November was still on the whole warmer than average, but only by a degree. We also picked up about an inch of snow while managing not to break any temperature or precipitation records, but coming very close on one day in particular.

Coming out of Halloween, the month of November started off very cold for Central New York, but it certainly did not last for very long. Temperatures climbed gradually to above-average levels by November 10, leading to an abnormal weeklong stretch of mild weather that came to an abrupt end on November 18. Keep in mind the fact that average highs during the month of November can range from 53 degrees at the beginning of the month to 41 by the end of the month, and during this stretch we were talking about highs in the mid-60s in some cases.

In terms of the entire month, fifteen, or one half of the days in the month of November, saw recorded temperatures above average. Although no records were tied or broken during the month, we did come close to breaking the record of 67 set in 1992 for November 13. The high that day was 66.

On the precipitation front, November was a disappointment. Deciding to separate itself from the five-month-long running streak of overall above-average precipitation, November saw roughly 2.9 inches of rain, lagging about an inch behind the norm of 3.77 inches. Unlike previous months in which we picked up most of the rainfall for a particular month within a day or two with one event, rain

amounts seemed to be more spaced out this past month, with no specific day picking up significantly more than a half inch of rain. And yet, rain was not the only type of precipitation we picked up a below-average amount of during the month of November.

Believe it or not, the total snowfall amount for last month was below the average. So far below average in fact that the month turned out to be the fifth least snowy November of all-time in Central New York. For the entire month, eight tenths of an inch of snow was recorded. The November average is around eleven inches. It is also interesting to note that now three of the top five least snowy Novembers of all-time here in Central New York have taken place after and including 1998.

This year's Thanksgiving also threw an in-

teresting twist into November's weather. With a recorded high of 41 and recorded low of 24 on the holiday, we were not only colder than last year, but colder than the average for the last ten Thanksgivings. Also this year, no precipitation of any variety was picked up on Thanksgiving, which is generally uncommon especially looking at the last ten years.

As we look toward the end of the year we can hope for a white Christmas, which always seems to make the holidays more festive. Do we have a snow day to look forward to? That remains to be seen, as Central New York weather likes to keep us guessing. Just dress warmly and be ready for anything.

Information for this article was obtained from the National Weather Service.

Senior polls are out..let the voting begin!

There is anticipation in the air these days among G. Ray Bodley High School Seniors as they decide who will have what title in this year's Senior Polls. Traditional categories include Most Musical, Most Artistic, Best Dressed, Best Hair, Best Smile and Class Clown. Some other and more unconventional categories include, Worst Case of Senioritis, Teacher's Pet, Worst Driver, and Most Unique.

As the days roll on more and more voting forms will be turned in and the fate of the senior polls will be decided. Along with the senior polls, seniors are asked to turn in a list of the extra circulars they have participated in during their time here at GRB, as well as a twenty word quote which will be published in the 2010-2011 Fultonian yearbook. Any senior with a completed form can turn it in by either bringing it to Mr. Senecal in room 225, or Patty Morrison by Friday December 10th at 2:35 pm.

By Kaitlyn Lauber

Don't forget!
GRB Holiday Chorus concert tonight
7:30 p.m. at the high school
admission is free!

Opinion

Images of war's brutality are no laughing matter

By Jennifer Woodruff

Today I was sitting in history class watching *America: The Story of Us*. While we were viewing the gory parts of the Civil War, where soldiers were getting slaughtered, a guy sitting around me said something that really repulsed me.

I, of course, had no response for this comment; I just sat there and said nothing. I knew I was probably the only person who had heard

him say it, but I was still appalled. It doesn't take a crowd of people to stand up to this person and say something. I mean, if I had taken that much offense to what he said then I probably would have said something.

Sure, it wasn't that big of a deal but it bugged me afterwards.

Well, this kid called the killings of OUR soldiers, "artwork." I was thinking to myself, "Have I just stepped back into my junior high years?"



which begs the question; why did everyone love this person so much?

Anyway, thinking of that boy who made fun of the soldiers being killed, shame on him, he had no right to say such a thing (well, he did) but aside from that it was rude and disrespectful. On some level he wanted a reaction from the lovely girl sitting beside him. I was really glad he didn't get it, and commenced to recede back into silence.

When one is seeking attention from those around him or her, they will say just about anything to get a reaction from bystanders who shouldn't have to hear crud like that. That burned me quite a bit, but I pressed on hoping that he would keep his mouth shut for the remainder of the class.

I think that when you see footage and images of soldiers (among others) being harmed in any way, you should at least have some respect for them as you're sitting safe and sound in your seat while someone else died for some sort of cause. As I was watching the film, I will admit that I really did not feel any of what I had mentioned, which probably makes me a hypocrite, but I digress... I hope that some of you who are reading this agree with me at least a little bit about this issue.

Bizarre News of the Day

A woman in Paris, France survived being locked in her bathroom for almost three weeks after the door lock jammed. Being a bathroom, the room had no phone, but also, it had no window. The nearly seventy-year-old woman tapped on pipes, hoping that the noise would alert neighbors.

Unfortunately, the neighbors just thought that the noise was do-it-yourself work and had even started a petition to have it stopped, but the few that did notice that they had not seen the woman called the authorities.

When the firefighters broke into the woman's apartment, they reported to have found her in a very "weakened state" that was caused by starvation, but not dehydration. While the woman was trapped for the 20 days, she survived on warm tap water. *By Morgan Firenze*

Quote of the day:

"People are like stained glass windows: they sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light within."

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

"When one is seeking attention from those around him or her, they will say just about anything to get a reaction from bystanders who shouldn't have to hear crud like that."

Back to when we were covering the attack on Pearl Harbor and viewing imagery of one of OUR COUNTRY'S ships exploding with human appendages soaring everywhere? I heard from my social studies teacher no less, jokes about the blood coloring the water a sickly red, heads riding along the current going who knows where?

Obviously it was a traumatic day in this nation's history, and you would think a history teacher would be respectful of those who endured that horrific catastrophe. My mother would have had a blast if I had not stopped her from going to the junior high and telling my teacher off.

On some level I wished that she had. The teacher made similar comments about the same kinds of things for the remainder of the year,

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Icemen open season with Wednesday scrimmage

By Colin Shannon

With winter sports officially underway, Fulton varsity hockey is looking to make a stand in a new division filled with top-level competition. Previously, teams were divided based on the level of competition, as hockey was the only high school sport in New York to be sorted in this manner. The new divisions are based on school size, and many believe that some schools will be unable to compete with their new league opponents, with every night being a battle for the Raiders.

With a solid senior core, leadership is not an issue for the Raiders. Dual senior goalies Kara Pafumi and Kevin Niver look to back the Raiders between the pipes while the team battles on the sheet of ice in front of them. The Raiders have many seniors with varying roles on the team, depending on the situation faced. Senior Captain Steven Segouin plans to lead the Raiders to a successful season, but will be unable to win games by himself and the remaining icemen aim to aid the efforts. The other Raiders playing in their final year of varsity hockey include Bob Bonnie, Kyle Daby, Steven Haste, and Jeff King. Fulton looks to have contributors from a roster filled with juniors; those competing for playing time need to play at the top level. Steven DeLisle, an assistant

captain, looks to motivate the team in addition to Segouin. Casey and Dylan Holden look to energize the offense, and Joe Cortese plans to be a hard-hitting force on the ice. Travis Stoughtenger will be a large contributing force as well, as the large frame allows him to compete with opposing teams.

Located on injury reserve, senior Colin Shannon and junior Joe Sutton, are sidelined for at least part of the season. Shannon, a captain, is out for the season due to knee surgery and Sutton is out until about Christmas with a broken thumb. The Raiders kick off their season on Wednesday with a scrimmage against West Genesee at 4 p.m. in Fulton. Come support the team as the skates are laced up against the defending state champions, and Fulton tries to start the season off on a positive note.

Don't forget! The annual French Club food drive is underway until Dec.3

Monetary gifts may teach fiscal responsibility

By Daniel Summerville

As the Christmas season approaches, many people are beginning to wonder what they will find under the tree on Christmas morning. Christmas is a time of giving, but sometimes presents are tossed aside after the holidays. With all of the presents, people may take them for granted and treat the gifts badly. By next June, most of this Christmas' gifts will be forgotten.



One way to make sure that your gift is

not forgotten this year is not to give a gift. Instead of an object or a traditional present, give money. When a person receives money, it is up to him or her to decide what to buy. They can save up for something, such as a computer or television. When someone buys something with their own money, it makes them realize how much the object really

costs, and because they pay it for, they will respect it even more. Besides, by giving money the gift giver would be indirectly paying for the object. By giving money this season, it not only gives the person a choice, but it also shows them how important it is to you to make them happy.

I recently bought a laptop after two and a half years of saving my money. I had been using a second-hand laptop that my aunt had given me, but I never really treated it as anything special. Now that I had to pay for one myself, I know that I will take better care of it, as \$800 is no small amount of money. Since it was money that my relatives had given me over a period of time, they indirectly paid for the computer. But because I know that the computer cost more money than I have ever spent before, I plan on taking more care of it than I would if someone else had gone and bought it for me.

By giving someone money, you are still giving them a gift, but when they buy something with your gift, they will take better care of it than if you had bought it for them. So instead of rushing off to the stores, save yourself the headache and give your loved ones money instead.

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What's your favorite Christmas Song?



"Here Comes Santa Claus."
Don Watson



"I want a hippopotamus for Christmas."
Mrs. Wilmot



"Sleigh Ride."
Christine Proud



"Jingle Bell Rock."
Joe Weller

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



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Today:



Rain, heavy at times, changing to a wintry mix and eventually snow late afternoon. Up to one inch of rain possible.
Record high-68 (2006)
Avg. high-41

Tonight:



Cloudy with snow showers. Low in the upper-20s.
Record low-3 (1989)
Avg. low-26

Tomorrow:



A few snow showers. High in the mid-30s.
Record high-65 (1998)
Avg. high-41
A Lake effect snow warning and area flood watch remain in effect.

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