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FBLA scores big at district competition

One of Fulton's most successful clubs was at it again last Friday, February 4 when the G. Ray Bodley Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) attended a regional competition at Bryant & Stratton College on James Street in Syracuse to compete in business-related fields against several schools in the Northern and Central New York areas. Under the guidance of advisors Angela Ferlito and Danielle House, the Fulton Chapter was victorious, amassing 10 first place, 5 second place and 2 third place awards.

Seniors Kaitlyn Lauber, Kassy McCann, Olivia Knierman, Krysta Woodcock, and Drew Harmon, dominated their categories, taking first places in the Job Interview (Lauber), Accounting I (McCann), Computer Applications (Knierman), Economics (Woodcock), Impromptu Speaking (Woodcock), and Web Page Design (Harmon) categories respectively, while junior, David Johnson, was awarded first place in the Personal Finance Category. Sophomores, Katelyn Caza and Patrick Fink took the top honors in the Public Speaking I and Basic Decision-making performance events, while freshman Taylor Rose walked away with first place honors in the Word Processing I performance event.

Second places were awarded to the team of Kaitlyn Lauber and David Johnson in Banking and Financial Systems, while Kassy McCann and Emily Ervin took second place honors in the Desktop Publishing team event, and Lilia Kesterke placed second in the Introduction to Technology Concepts category. Third place winners were sophomore, Teri Baker (Word Processing I) and freshman, Sarah Pluta (Introduction to Business).

Students placing in the top two spots at this regional competition have earned the right to compete at the FBLA New York State Leadership Conference on April 6-8, 2011, at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Congratulations to Fulton FBLA and best of luck at the state competition! (article courtesy of Ms. Ferlito, FBLA adviser)



Members of the Fulton Future Business Leaders of America proudly display the numerous awards that the chapter won last week at the annual district competition in Syracuse. Pictured from left to right are: front Row: Patrick Fink, Kaitlyn Lauber, Kara Yakel, Lilia Kesterke, Sarah Pluta, Teri Baker Back Row: GRB Principal Mr. Buchanan, Olivia Knierman, Katelyn Caza, Taylor Rose, Kassy McCann, Alexa Compson, Drew Harmon, David Johnson, Tevin Simard, Krysta Woodcock. (Mrs. Ferlito photo)



Beauty and the Beast cast members Nathan Deavers, Alex Bawarski, Nate Hawthorne, Neil Devendorf, Kaylee Greenleaf and Clare Bawarski practice their singing for second graders from Granby Elementary. Work is well underway on the musical, which is scheduled for March 10-12 at the high school. (Senecal photo)

Valentine's Day semi-formal Dance Friday, Feb. 11, 7-10 p.m.
\$5 admission...bring your student ID

Opinion

"Special" Olympics were all of that and more

By Brenna Merry

Most of us spend our weekends sleeping in until twelve, sitting on the computer and then going back to bed. This past Saturday a group of members from the National Honor Society decided to seize the Saturday and make a difference.

On this Saturday morning the students found that they still had to set their alarm clock, however, they were not moaning and groaning about getting up. Instead, they got ready and headed out to the Syracuse War Memorial for the Winter Special Olympics.

Walking into the event I had no idea how truly uplifting it was going to be. I had only the prior knowledge that the Special Olympics were an event where mentally and physically handicapped people were able to showcase their true talents. As the show began, people from a variety of age groups showed their abilities on the ice with the figure skating portion. The atmosphere was amazingly supportive. Resound-



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ing cheers from the audience made the faces of the performers light up with joy and in turn the smiles grew to outrageous proportions on the audience's face. It was evident that our support of the event was making someone else's day all the more special.

Once the show continued on I found myself marveling at the true talent of these performers. National Honor Society member Bridget McKnight said, "I can't even ice skate and they're skating backwards, forwards and spinning around!" Lunges, jumps and turns all were in these skaters' routines as well as upbeat songs that fit their happy personalities. Event organizer Mrs. Bateman, who is a skating coach, told us that, "Many of these girls joined my group one day and they were

right up there with my kids." She also mentioned one performer who she said was, "More flexible than any skater his age...he's a truly amazing skater and performer who will go far in the art."

Further into the event was the speed skating portion, during which time most of the spectators lost their voices from the excessive amount of cheering. Different heats took place with a variety of skating levels. What was truly spectacular was as one skater would lap the other, they would pat them on the back to push them onward. Every member of the competition was genuinely happy for the other, unlike many sporting events where there are sore losers or poor sportsmanship. When the skaters would speed by they would blow kisses to the audience or beat on the glass, unconcerned with their place in the race. It was a very cleansing thought to know that not everyone is consumed with being "the best," but just trying their own personal best.

At the conclusion of these events came the awards. As each member obtained a gold or silver medal, which they fought so hard for, they beamed with excitement at the audience. At that moment standing on the podium, these athletes were on top of the world. Seeing the performer's pride and excitement, every member of the audience felt a true sense of joy and a new knowledge of a real life example that you can do anything you set your mind to.

Exiting the event to view the blizzard and freezing winds, the members of National Honor Society still felt a warm sense of satisfaction, knowing they had made a difference. As National Honor Society member Katelyn Holbrook noted, "If anything, they helped us more than we helped them."

**Seniors! Stay in touch with your class! Check out the new website for the senior class at
<http://grbclass2011.blogspot.com/>**

Quote of the day:

"Almost all our desires, when examined, contain something too shameful to reveal." - Victor Hugo

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In the News

Groundhog's day: fact or fiction?

Groundhog's day is a popular tradition in the United States, but how reliable is it? Last Wednesday, the groundhog was pulled from his home

Bizarre News of the Day

According to a new study, the television has taken over as the hub of family life. Researchers found that millions of families in Britain and the United States spend more time relaxing in front of the TV than they do sitting at the kitchen or dining room table talking about their day. The study found that only five hours a week are spent eating with family members, whereas the average Briton or American will spend more than double that watching TV with their relatives.

More than half of the 3,000 adults who were polled said the television was the central factor in their life. "Families have said they would stay up past their bedtimes to watch more of a box set together, turning down nights out in favor of staying in and watching their favorite shows." Ian Fullerton, Marketing Director of HBO Entertainment said.

By Morgan Firenze

GRB announcements:

Photo Club members are reminded to come to Ms. Amerault's room 120 to sign up for the Eastman House field trip in Rochester on March 25. Space is limited, so sign up soon! The next photo club meeting will be on Thursday, February 10th. Bring pictures.

This afternoon, give the gift of blood at Believer's Chapel, across from McDonalds from 1 o'clock until 5:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcomed, or sign up with GRB student Justin Armour, who is organizing the event. You can also e-mail him at: justinarmour@yahoo.com

Physicals for sports and working papers will be done this Thursday, February 10. This is the last date for school physicals for spring sports at the high school. Go to the nurse during study hall, advisory, or lunch to schedule an appointment.

Buying lunch today? You'll have a choice between lasagna roll-ups with sauce, whole-grain pizza, or Smucker's PBJ.

to see whether or not he would see his shadow. It is believed that if he sees his shadow there will be six more weeks of winter, but can a simple rodent predict the coming of spring?

Groundhogs are known by many different names, such as whistle-pigs and woodchucks. They are no more than large ground squirrels that choose to live in hayfields and cause farmers problems. They hibernate in the winter, which may have led to the belief of an early spring if the woodchuck decides to come out and graze. In fact, on February 2, woodchucks rarely move from their underground holes. If a woodchuck is seen outside in February there is most likely something wrong with it, perhaps rabies or distemper, it is not a sign of early spring.

In fact, there is no reliability in the tradition of groundhog's day, whether or not the large rodent sees his shadow depends solely on the amount of sun that day. Groundhog's day is just a fun tradition that someone invented, there is no scientific proof behind the tradition.

By Daniel Summerville

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The Teen Scene

Mark Zuckerberg: the “face” behind Facebook

By Patty Morrison

Many teenagers believe that they could not live without his creation, Facebook. But who is the man behind this social networking phenomena?

Mark Zuckerberg, who is 26 years old, lives in California and he has one of the most intelligent minds of the age. In just seven years, he has managed to connect one twelfth of all humanity together under one social networking site, Facebook.

If Facebook was a country, it would be the third largest country in the world, only behind China and India, with the population still increasing at a constant rate of 700,000 users per day. On July 21, 2010, the site reached 550 million users.

To think, this all started as a simple way to connect students at Harvard University through a photo directory.

Mark Zuckerberg was raised in Dobbs Ferry, New York, and grew up in a home where he and his father were outnumbered by girls. He has three sisters, the eldest, Randi, is now the head of Facebook's head of consumer marketing, and social-good initiatives. His father started teaching him how to write computer software when he was in middle school, and he began to write video games when he was in middle school and high school as well. He was quoted as saying: "I had a bunch of friends who were artists. They'd come over, draw stuff, and I'd build a game out of it."

He also wrote a program which is considered to be a primitive version of AOL's Instant messenger, that he called ZuckNet, which allowed the computers between his house and his father's dental office to communicate by pinging each other. While in high school, he wrote a music playing program called "Synapse Media Player" which used artificial intelligence to learn a user's listening habits, and after the success of that program, AOL and Microsoft tried to buy it from Zuckerberg, and recruit him. However, he chose to enroll at Harvard University in 2002.

Before enrolling at Harvard, he transferred to Phillips Exeter Academy, where he won prizes in math and science, as well as Classical studies (on his college application, he noted that he could read and write fluently in Hebrew, French, Latin and ancient Greek.) Now, at 26, he studies Mandarin Chinese every day.

His sophomore year of college, he wrote a program called CourseMatch, a program that allowed users to make class selection decisions

based on the choices of other users, and create study groups. In 2003, the idea for Facebook was conceived after students had been requesting a website with photos and contact details to be added into the university's computer network.

"Mark heard these pleas and decided that if the university won't do something about it, he will, and he would build a site that would be even better than what the university had planned." A former roommate of Zuckerberg, Artie Hasit said.

On February 4, 2004, The Facebook was launched from Mark's dorm room, and once it was launched, it became a "Harvard thing," until he decided to expand the site to other colleges. He started with Dartmouth, Yale, Stanford, Columbia, Brown, NYU and Cornell, and then the network began to appear at other schools which had contacts with Harvard. Eventually the "the" in "TheFacebook" was dropped, leaving the site's name as simply: Facebook.

Facebook got its first office in 2004, 3275 miles away from its start in Boston. Zuckerberg had already turned down several offers to buy out Facebook at this time, but he refused, stating, in a 2007 interview, "For me and my colleagues, the most important thing is that we create an open information flow for people. Having media corporations owned by conglomerates is just not an attractive idea to me."

Facebook also developed "hackathons,"

which are held every six to eight weeks. In a hackathon, the participants had one night to conceive and create an idea. Zuckerberg also developed a Facebook Platform, a development program where computer programmers can create applications to use on Facebook. The Facebook Platform grew to over 800,000 developers from around the world building applications.

If anyone has seen the movie created about Facebook's rise to the spotlight, *The Social Network*, then you will know about the two major lawsuits that took place between Zuckerberg and the Winklevoss (a claim that Zuckerberg had told them he would help them develop a website to connect students at Harvard, and then stole their idea.) The claim was settled for 20 million dollars, and a transfer of 1.2 million shares into the Winklevoss name.

You will also know about the lawsuit that took place between Eduardo Saverin and Zuckerberg after Zuckerberg dropped Saverin's ownership percentage from 34% to less than 1%. Saverin won his claim, and is also recognized as the Co-Founder of Facebook.

Zuckerberg was recently named number one in *Vanity Fair*'s list of "The 100 Most Influential People of the Information Age," and he was named Person of the Year by *Time Magazine*. Clearly, the world has entered a Facebook Era, and it isn't likely to end any time soon.



Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, right, was recently named "Person of the Year" by *Time Magazine*. Certainly many teenagers believe that they could not live without his social networking creation, Facebook.

School of Thought compiled by Don Wilmot & Jimmy Ireland***When will the winter finally end?***

"March 12."

Dylan Rizzo



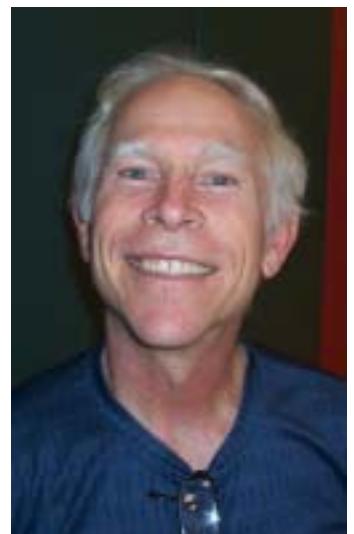
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Mr. Garber

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Sun and clouds. High around 20. Record high: 55 (2001). Avg. high: 32.

Tonight:



A few snow showers. Low near 10. Record low: -12 (1951) Avg. low: 14

Tomorrow:



Sun and clouds. High in the upper-teens. Record high: 56 (2001). Avg. high: 32

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