



Envirothon team sets sights on NYS crown

By Max Fobes

Once again the G. Ray Bodley High School Envirothon Team has won first place in the Oswego County competition, blitzing past the competition on May 5. This marks the eighth year in a row that they have taken home the gold, giving them eleven total wins in their 20 plus years of competition. With high expectations for a state crown, the environmentalists will travel to Geneva on May 25-26 to compete for a first place finish in New York State.

The competition consists of a wide range of questions and topics involving the environment. The students are tested on five Key areas; Wildlife, Aquatics, Soils, Forestry, even Current Events of nature. In the Wildlife portion students are tested on classification of different types animals, insects and anything else living in nature.

The Aquatics portion consists of types of fish and underwater habitats. The next category soils, challenges teams on the different properties of soil, along with what creates it, and the overall health of the soil. Forestry includes the naming and identification of over 30 different types of trees. Students have to be able to identify them by their bark, leaves, as well as know the location in which the tree will grow. The final category, current events speaks for itself.

Winning the competition will not be easy work. With such a wide range of environmental information to choose from, up against some of the brightest minds in the state, what our school has accomplished is worthy beyond recognition. Although facing a tough task, the G. Ray Bodley Envirothon Team looks to bring home first place from Geneva at the end of the month. Senior Josh Strauss, a key member of the team that placed third in the state last year, is going in with high expectations. "We have worked really hard.. We are definitely hoping to take first at states!"

With the Envirothon Team in as good of shape as it has been in years, some feel this could be the year Fulton goes all the way. Proving themselves the strongest competitors once again at states this year it will take an even better performance than 2010, which was one

of the best ever finishes for Fulton. Mr. Mainville, the team advisor, is optimistic about his group this year, but knows that it will take

a supreme effort to claim the New York State crown. "As proud of them as I am," he commented. "We still have a long way to go."



The G. Ray Bodley High School Envirothon team, Amanda Trombly, Morgan Stafford, Josh Strauss, Maddie Clark and Jenna Doherty (left to right) are currently hard at work preparing for the upcoming New York State Envirothon Championship, which will be staged next week in Geneva. Last year the five combined to place third in the state. (photo courtesy of Mr. Mainville)



The G. Ray Bodley High School Dance Team will be performing at the annual spring show tonight at 6:30 in the high school auditorium. Proceeds from the event will go toward the upcoming Relay for Life. Pictured from left to right are (front) Bridget McKnight, Brenna Merry and Lindsey Dopp. Middle-Katelyn Holbrook, Kayla Hanczyk, Alanah McClellan and Morgan Stafford. Back-Kari Holbrook, Liz Mulcahey, Shaleigha Jackson and Taylor Noel. (Fultonian Yearbook photo)

Opinion

The Great Outdoors:

Central New York is home to trophy carp

By Daniel Summerville

Central New York is home to many great fishing spots, for almost every type of fish in New York. Walleye are fished in Oneida Lake, salmon can be caught in Lake Ontario, and world class carp can be caught in Onondaga Lake.

Last weekend, the annual carp tournament was held in Baldwinsville, bringing many anglers from all over the world.

Carp are often thought of as pests, an invasive species from Asia. These giant fish can often be seen cruising around the tops of lakes and ponds, as they will thrive almost anywhere. These huge fish can grow to over forty pounds, though most are



not that large. With their large size and massive strength, they can be quite hard to catch. Anyone who has ever hooked a carp unexpectedly knows just how brutal these fish can be. However, hooking a carp when not actually fishing for one is rare, it takes a certain amount of skill to snag one of these fish.

Onondaga Lake and the surrounding rivers are world class carp fishing waters. Central New York is arguably one of the best places to fish for these brutes in the world. Despite the flooding, the annual tournament is on, it will be wrapping up at one o'clock this afternoon. The world class fishing draws anglers from many different states, and even different countries. The fish are rarely record breakers, but there are a few over forty pounds.

Carp are one of the few fish that can also be hunted. They can be shot with bows from boats or on shore. Whether hunting them or fishing them, carp are one of the most popular fish in Central New York.

Mourning the loss of a former classmate

Some of the older students at G. Ray Bodley High School may remember a former Fulton student named Adam Futrell. He was a member of Boy Scout troop 715, and he had quite a few friends in Fulton. A few years ago, he moved to Baldwinsville with his family. Late last week, some of Adam's friends received shocking phone calls; Adam had suffered a seizure and passed away. He was 18 years old.

Adam was an immensely kind person who rarely made anyone angry, and he had few enemies. He was a likable person, usually very friendly and easy to get along with. Those who had been in Boy Scouts with Adam were some of the first to hear the news. He was renowned for cooking some of the best grilled cheese sandwiches on the campouts, and he was one of the higher ranking scouts for some time before he moved. He would have graduated this June, but that all changed in an instant. Though he had not lived in Fulton for a few years, his death has shaken many of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Adam was a quiet boy, but he was still a friend to many students. His death has made students realize just how fragile life can be; a few seconds and it can all be over. Adam did not know what was coming, and if he did there would have been little he could have done about it. He was prone to seizures, but he had not had one in quite a while. He had no idea that he was going to die, and there is no doubt that if he did he would have done something to try and stop it.

On the news, there is often a story about a teenager dying, but it always seems so far away, like it can never happen to someone you know. Adam's sudden death has made many people realize that death can happen at any time, anywhere.

Adam's death was extremely tragic, it never should have happened to someone so young. Though he is gone, there is no doubt that he will be remembered fondly by many people for years to come.

By Daniel Summerville

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:

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Opinion

Effective studying can make all the difference

By Ryann Crofoot

The school year has flown by, and Regents exams are only a few weeks away. Most classes will soon turn into review classes for students, but effective studying at home is very beneficial for students taking the Regents. Unfortunately for many students, no one ever taught them to study effectively.

One of the first things you should do is take out all your class notes and tests. Go through them, and with tests, find the questions you may have missed more than once and focus on that information. Read through any comments teachers may have made on the test, they could help you.

When you are studying, you should find a secluded, quiet place with as few distractions as possible. It will help to keep you focused if you remove yourself from the things that could distract you. Make sure you are not too tired or hungry while studying. These can be counted as distractions as much as anything else. Also, only study for short, focused amounts of time. Studying for too long can make you lose focus and your brain won't be able to retain much information.

If you feel yourself losing focus, switch the topic you are studying, the environment you are in, or the task you are working on. Take a break and walk around for a while, just do something else and go back to studying later. If you have to, just stop all together. Once you have stopped being productive, stop studying. You will only stress yourself out if you study for too long, and it won't do much good.

One of the best ways to keep yourself from studying for too long is to get in the habit of studying for a little while every day. Your brain will retain information better this way, and you won't stress yourself out quite as much. Make a list of things you want to study and prioritize. Do a little chunk each night, and schedule your time realistically.

A good way to remember certain things is to find relationships between what you are studying and things you already know. Organize it into flashcards, charts and timelines, so it will help you visualize the two together. When studying a certain chapter, cover up your notes occasionally and summarize the information. It can help if you pretend you are explaining it to someone else; you will be putting it in simpler terms which would help you understand it better, and you would have to work through any parts you are unsure of.

Ask the teacher for any practice test or quizzes they might have. There are places online

where you can get old Regents exams and take them for practice. While you're taking them, try timing yourself so you get used to the time constraints. Taking practice tests get you used to the format and style of questions.

If nothing else works, find a friend with good

study techniques; they may be able to find a way to help you study that you never thought of. Go to your teachers, they are there to help and will be happy to do it.

Source: <http://regentsprep.org/regents/core/study.cfm>

Here's one Edison did not invent

On May 13 in 1898 Thomas Edison decided to sue the American Mutoscope Company, as he claimed that the company infringed on his patent for the Kinetograph movie camera.

Edison had already invented the light bulb, phonograph and other important technologies in his Menlo Park, New Jersey laboratory before he had moved his lab to Orange County, New Jersey in 1887. In Orange County Edison had entrusted an assistant, W.L.K Dickinson, with the design of a new type of machine to capture moving images. His assistant had designed the Kinetograph camera, which raised the question as to why was he suing his assistant if Edison claimed that he invented the Kinetograph.

The camera that his assistant designed used celluloid film advanced by a sprocket that fit into square perforations running along the film, as well as the Kinetoscope, which projected moving images in a single-viewer peep-show format. Edison had realized the financial drawbacks of the peep-show format and contracted rights to a camera developed by two of his assistants, Jenkins and Armat, called the Vitascope.

A premier of the Vitascope was put on at Vaudeville Hall in New York City, and while this was taking place Edison had recently fired his other assistant. The ex-assistant turned rival had then been helping Edison's competitors develop another motion-picture device, which would eventually become the Mutoscope. Under all these great inventions there seemed to be a little bit of tension that would soon break out into a law suit.

With Harry Marvin, Herman Casler and Elias Koopman, Dickson later founded a new movie company, American Mutoscope. Later the company's name was changed multiple times, with its final name simply Biograph. A lawsuit was filed during this month in 1898, and it was stating that Edison's rivals, including Dickinson his ex-assistant, had been stealing his work. It wasn't until 1902 that the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that the motion picture camera had in fact not been invented by Edison, even though they had allowed for a mention that Edison had invented the sprocket system which the perforated film moved along on.

In 1909, Edison had joined forces with others to create the Motion Pictures Patents Corp., an organization devoted to protecting patents and keeping other players from entering the film industry. The courts later found the organization to be an unfair monopoly, and in 1917 the Supreme Court dissolved the trust. By the following year, Edison was out of the film industry.

By Andrew Pitcher

Professional soccer coming to Syracuse

Professional soccer is returning to Syracuse, and it's going to be even better than first imagined. The USL, which directs top level soccer leagues in Northern America expanded to include the Major Indoor Soccer League on Monday.

The inclusion of the MISL and the merger between the leagues will result in a remodeled MISL which will include Syracuse, which will operate an indoor soccer team in the league when it starts up this fall. Home games are to be played in the War Memorial. Compared to regular soccer, indoor soccer is far faster paced. Since the field is so short, players can pretty much just barely get over half field before taking a shot, instead of having to reach the opponents box before trying to work an offensive opportunity. With this being the case MISL games average about 60 shots and 11 goals per game.

The point system is divided into two point goals and three point goals shot from outside a 45-foot arc. Like hockey, the MISL includes power plays and continuous substitutions rather than stopping play to make a sub.

Overall this should give Syracuse a new tourist attraction, or at least give people something new to do when they go to the city. The MISL in its present format began in 2008 after having two previous runs from 1978-1992 and 2001-2008.

By Tyler Crandell

Raider Sports

Senior night produces big efforts for Raiders

Although there were no broken records during Monday's senior night, the Raider track squad got the two wins that they needed to finish 4-4, and the class of 2011 became the first class to graduate without a losing season in track and field.

With personal bests being smashed by several Raiders, Cortland and Chittenango never stood a chance. Justin Armour ran an 11.8 in the 100, which placed him well ahead of the competition, and a 24.4 in the 200, again destroying all comers. In the 110 hurdles, Mark Aldasch ran a personal best of 17.3 seconds, and Connor Aldasch an 18.7, while in the 400 hurdles, Mark and Connor ran 1:06, and a 1:18. In the 800, Zach Howell placed second running a 2:14. In the 400 meter Casey Holden placed second, running a 54.7, his personal best.

The relay teams also ran well as in the 4x800 relay, Bailey Lutz, Nick Tallents, Kyle Loftus, and Howell ran a 9:04, which is their personal best. In the 4x100, the team of Armour, Howell, Mark Aldasch, and Don Wilmot ran a 48, matching their personal best. The 4x400 brought some disappointment to those who ran in it, as Howell, Wilmot, Jim Ireland, and Casey Holden ran a 3:47, which matches their personal best. Afterwards, the four all agreed that they could run it faster.

The field brought more personal bests as Lyndon Manford threw an 89 in the disc for his personal best, Nick Morse and Mat Shoults threw a 105, and a 106, taking second and third in the event. In the shot Shoults took second, throwing a 38-foot-1, just missing his personal best by 1 inch.

Pole Vault brought new personal records to Craig Weaver, and Josh Drake, both clearing 9 feet despite the dismal conditions. In the high jump Casey Holden cleared 5-feet-6, two inches off of his personal best. In the long jump Wilmot jumped an 18-feet-4, placing second, and in the triple jump a 38-feet-6, placing first. The Raider track team will be in action again Thursday at the OHSL League meet, which will take place at East Syracuse-Minoa The Raiders 4x400 team looks to take first, as do the 4x100 and 4x800 teams. *By Don Wilmot*



Since they haven't been able to play this week, here are two shots of the Raider baseball team in action from last week's game against Fowler. Catcher Max Fobes, top, blocks the ball as a Falcon batter looks on while Sean Stevens, bottom photo, keeps the runner at first. (Kayla Hanczyk photos)

This week in Raider Sports

Today: V Baseball @ CBA (4:30); JV Girls Lax vs. ES-M (5 p.m.); Tennis @ Homer (4:30).

Thursday, May 19: Softball vs. Chittenango (4:30); JV Girls Lax @ Cortland (5 p.m.); JV Boys Lax @ J-D (4:30); Girls V Lax vs. M-PH (6 p.m.); Baseball vs. Phoenix (4:30); Track @ Freedom League Meet @ ES-M (4:30).

Friday, May 20: JV Girls Lax @ B'ville (4:30).

Saturday, May 21: Baseball vs. Corcoran (11 a.m.).

Boys Track @ Ogdensburg VanDusen Invitational (10 a.m.); Softball @ Herkimer Tournament (10 a.m. & noon).



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"AP US History!!"

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"Global 10"

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"German."

Jesse Ives

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



A few rain showers.
High in the mid-60s.
Record high: 90 (1962).
Avg. high: 69.

Tonight:



Cloudy with some rain.
Low in the upper-50s.
Record low: 30 (1983).
Avg. low: 47.

Tomorrow:



A few rain showers. High
around 70.
Record high: 92 (1971).
Avg. high: 70

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