

CNY Brass Bash set for this Thursday in Fulton

This Thursday, the annual Central New York Brass Bash will be taking place in the G. Ray Bodley High School auditorium in Fulton, New York. Each year, student musicians from schools throughout Central New York who play a brass instrument are invited to participate in this festival. The individual schools create their own repertoire of songs to play at the event. They then get a chance to take the stage and demonstrate the abilities of their brass players.

Along with the high school ensembles, college ensembles usually show up to play as well. It is always nice to listen to more advanced players and to learn from them what a good sound is supposed to sound like. This year, the Syracuse University Brass Ensemble will be there.

Following the performances, everyone

partakes in a mass brass ensemble. This is where all brass players attending that night play a few pieces all together as one band. The students line up around the auditorium and literally blow the audience away with their sweeping, sonorous sounds. It is really an incredible experience to behold. The surround-sound and the remarkable GRB auditorium acoustics will only make this performance even more epic.

It is usually a tradition for Fulton students to go out to dinner before the Brass Bash. Since this year's concert is at home, band director Mr. Caviness elected to have Dinosaur Barbeque cater in the cafeteria. So before everyone plays, the G. Ray Bodley musicians will be enjoying pulled pork sandwiches, fries, and other good food. Students from Central Square also agreed to attend

the dinner, so they will be collaborating with the Fulton students beforehand.

The brass ensemble from Fulton consists of a variety of trumpets, trombones, French horns, a baritone, and a tuba. There is also a rhythm section to accompany them. Familiar songs are being prepared for the concert night, including *Mambo #5* and the theme from *Peter Gunn*. This event always yields forth great music and it fun for both student musicians and audience members alike. The performance is Thursday night at 7:30 pm in the GRB High School auditorium. There is no admission to attend. Come out and watch great musicians at work and appreciate the rich sounds of the brass instrument section, especially if you are or were a former brass player yourself.

By Nick Abelgore



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FBLA sends 12 to New York State Conference

By Kara Yakel

Twelve members of G. Ray Bodley High School's Future Business Leaders of America Club will be taking the next few days off from school. But it will be anything but a vacation as the FBLA members are traveling to the Rochester Riverside Convention Center for their New York State Leadership Conference.

These dedicated members left Fulton this morning and will not be back until Friday around 3 p.m.. Thanks to fundraising and hard work, 12 members are attending the conference along with FBLA advisors Mrs. Ferlito and Mrs. House.

At this year's State Leadership Conference there will be workshops, social events and even dances. More than 700 students from around New York State will be attending this conference, where they will be completing three activities on Wednesday and Thursday, some in a team and some will conquer them individually. The activities range from a debate, interview, a test, or to even create things on Microsoft Word.

Fulton's Amanda Abraham, Cassie Orr, and Kassy McCann will all be participating



Taylor Rose, left, and David Johnson work on their "treasure chest" project for this week's FBLA State Leadership contest. Twelve members of the Fulton chapter make their way to Rochester today to take part in the three-day event. (Nate Dean photo)

in the debate of Emerging Business Issues. Amanda Abraham will also be the only one participating in Basic Decision Making while also doing Intro to Business Communication along with Lilia Kesterke. James Benthin and Kari Holbrook will both be participating in Business Math Hospitality and Management. James Benthin will also be

doing Intro to Business along with Cassie Orr. In addition Julia Fisch and Ashley Waring will both be participating in Management Decision Making as a team while Waring is also doing a Job Interview.

Kassy McCann and Julia Fisch will both be doing Desktop Publishing as a team and

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Opinion

Benches are nice, but will they stay that way?

By Laura Perwitz

Recently, the school has constructed some very nice and very expensive benches. As a student here at G. Ray Bodley, I feel that the benches will be helpful to students when waiting for buses and parents.

But the big question is, how long will they last? This school is filled with some very irresponsible people, and the benches could be ruined within days. People will be writing all over them in no time. So, were these benches actually a good idea, or bad idea?

Case in point: the new girls locker room, where one can clearly see that people have been writing on the stalls and walls. The people who worked on the locker room put too much time and effort into making something beautiful for us just so we can go and ruin what they did. Why did some people decide to do that? Are we that poor



need to know who loves who this week or who did what last night.

Hopefully these benches will last a while. Reportedly over \$3,000 was spent on these benches, and they need to remain nice. If a person has something inappropriate to say about someone else, they need to keep it to themselves and avoid the urge to deface the new benches, or any other part of the school for that matter.

I feel these benches were a bad idea because of the amount of vandalism that goes on in this school. I will honestly be shocked if they remain clean and unscathed after being here for a week. Let's try to keep these benches nice, considering these could be helpful to you. How would you feel if someone came into your home and wrote and drew on everything in your room that you wanted to keep nice? You probably wouldn't like it all that much. It's called common courtesy, and sadly, there are still some people who need to learn it, and better yet, practice it.



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and broke that we can't write something down on a piece of paper?

In addition, some of the things written on the stalls are just disturbing and should not be on there. Why do we bring ourselves to vandalize? Why can't we keep certain things to ourselves?

Writing rude and untrue things on bathroom stalls is first very immature, and second, it is very hurtful. Do you really think that they don't see what you write? The worst part about vandalism is that the people who do it are seldom caught. If not, there are a lot of people who would be in trouble for some of the things they have written about someone or something in the bathroom. We don't

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Arthur C. Clarke

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The Adventures of 'lil Bodley

By Madeline Clark (this comic is drawn on reused paper!)



The Great Outdoors

Planning now might mean a turkey later

By Daniel Summerville

Turkey season is only a few short weeks away, and hunters in Central New York are starting to get ready for opening day. Hunters should take advantage of the weather that we have had to prepare for the upcoming season by setting up blinds and stands.

Many hunters wait until the last minute before setting up their blinds. While this method may succeed, if the turkeys see anything out of the ordinary, such as the flash of metal or a flapping strap, they will not return to the area and hunters will fail to bag a bird. In theory, a blind should work no matter when it is set up, and in many cases it will. However, by waiting until the last minute, there is no guarantee that the turkeys will ignore the blind during hunting season.

This weekend is the perfect time to set up hunting blinds for tur-



key season. It is not so early that hunters run the risk of rodents chewing at the blind, and it is early enough before the season so that turkeys will be used to it by opening day. By setting up blinds only a few weeks before opening day, hunters give themselves the best chance of bagging a bird.

No matter how good the blind is, hunters will not harvest a turkey if the position is bad. Blinds should be set up near where the birds either roost or feed. The best places are usually on the edge of a field. This position gives the hunter a large scanning area, and enough room to make a good shot at a bird. Many times, the borders between woods and field provide enough cover so that hunters can hunt without blinds, nestled in scrub or brush.

Come rain or shine, countless hunters will be in the woods on May first. With so many hunters around, everyone needs to make sure that they are being safe. Hunters must know their target and what is beyond. Almost every year someone gets injured during turkey season, hopefully this year will be different.

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Famed Cronkite CBS era began 50 years ago

Fifty years ago Monday marked the first broadcast in a series that would last through 1981 and inspire future journalists and set a new standard for network television news in this country. Walter Cronkite's first day anchoring the *CBS Evening News* was April 16, 1962.

Cronkite is best known in the minds of most Americans as the quintessential anchorman, one with a smooth execution of the day's hard news stories, and a palpable trustworthiness. He even earned the moniker "The Most Trusted Man In America" based on his reporting.

Covering events such as the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, to the events of the Vietnam War, and the newest developments in space exploration, Cronkite was there to bring his national audience through some of the biggest stories of his time.

Cronkite, in one of his shining moments on camera, delivered a rare editorial on the Tet Offensive in February 1968. He expressed his feelings on an exit from Vietnam in a straightforward and raw manner that resonated with the American people. He said, "it is increasingly clear to this reporter that the only rational way out then will be to negotiate, not as victors, but as an honorable people who lived up to their pledge to defend democracy, and did the best they could." It was later reported that then-President Johnson remarked, "If I've lost Cronkite, I've lost Middle America," while watching the broadcast.

Cronkite's final day anchoring the *CBS Evening News* was March 6, 1981. He would then go on to do other work on different shows and specials for the network after ceding the anchor position to

Dan Rather.

Cronkite died in 2009 after a long and storied life in journalism. Despite the fact that another person occupies his anchor chair at CBS News World Headquarters in New York today, his legacy still lives on each night the broadcast is aired.

And that's the way it is.

By Carson Metcalf



Journalist Walter Cronkite, left, shown here interviewing then United States President John F. Kennedy, was a trusted household friend on the *CBS Evening News* from 1961 through 1981. This past Monday marked the 50th anniversary of his first night as the anchor who became known as "the Most Trusted Man in America." (photo cleveland.com)

Weather affects animal health

Over the past few weeks there have been some days where it has been extremely warm, especially for March and April. If you have animals then you should be some of the first people to realize how much this change in temperature can affect their health.

Since the change in temperature has been so crazy this year, people should be getting their animals flea and tick medicine on them as soon as possible and they should also be giving them their heart worm medicine. With this change in temperature the ticks and fleas are on a rampage.

These medicines are available through multiple venues such as 1-800-Pet-Meds, Foster & Smith Pet Meds, and local veterinarians. It is important to make sure that animals are protected.

By Michaela Best

It's not too late to sign up for the Senior Trip

Were you interested in the senior trip but missed the date for the deposit?

Anyone who is interested in attending, visit Mrs. Windsor in room 235 to sign up or for more information. The trip will be to Lake George. The cost for the trip is about \$175 and a deposit of \$50 is due as soon as possible. Don't miss this opportunity, act now.



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Torrid start carries girls to lopsided victory

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night, this time over the down on their luck Chittenango Bears. The Lady Raiders went up 10-3 at the half, and the Bears would get no closer with the final score being 14-4 in an impressive performance from Fulton to

bring their record to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the league.

Leading the way for the girls was junior attackmen Erica Knaub who totaled five points on four goals and one assist. Kate Rothrock scored on three occasions and as-

sisted on another while Amelia Coakley, Julia Ludington, and Alise Tallents all rippled the net twice. Jordan Rizzo added a goal and Andrea Gould dished out three assists in her performance.

The boys will be in action on Friday when they host the Whitesboro Warriors, set for a 7 p.m. faceoff. The girls will be traveling to Whitesboro Thursday night in hopes of getting another win before facing league leading Jamesville-Dewitt on Saturday.

Students taking part in state conference

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Julia will take part in Business Procedures along with Lilia Kesterke and Zachary Mizener. Kari Holbrook and Taylor Rose will both be participating in Intro to Business Communication 7-10 and Business Ethics will be taken by David Johnson and Ashley Waring.

Banking and Financial Systems will be competed by G. Ray Bodley's FBLA President and Vice President, David Johnson and Kassy McCann. Johnson will also be doing Personal Finance and Cassie Orr will be doing Impromptu Speaking and Lindsey Larkin will be competing in Economics. Zach Mizener and Lilia Kesterke will both be competing in Marketing while Mizener and Lindsey Larkin participate in Sports

Management. Taylor Rose will be doing Word Processing One while Lindsey Larkin competes in Word Processing Two. The winners will be announced on Friday.

This years FBLA members have worked extremely hard. Advisor Mrs. Ferlito commented that, "I believe we will be doing excellent this year. We have been preparing very long and we will be coming home with great results." While talking with Mrs. Ferlito, President of FBLA, David Johnson predicted that, "We will do better than the past years".

Being a part of FBLA comes with many benefits, as on Friday some students will receive scholarships and travel grants. The G. Ray Bodley representatives are hoping to come home with their share of the awards.



Students arriving at school on Tuesday morning were greeted by murals depicting French culture thanks to Jessica Vaccaro, Chelsea Puffer and Elizabeth Hein (top to bottom), who are all French students at GRB. The school is celebrating Languages Other than English all week long, with German Day slated for today, Spanish Day on Thursday, and then International Day on Friday, where students are encouraged to honor their own individual heritage. (Senecal photo)

Bizarre news of the day:

It could only have happened on Easter

A pet hamster has been rechristened Jesus - after clawing his way out of a two foot deep grave to come back from the dead. Rhino, as he was previously known, was buried by Dave Eyley after being found "cold and lifeless" in his cage, reports The Sun.

But the four-year-old was spotted scampering around the garden by a neighbor next day.

Mr. Eyley, 49, of Wantage, Oxfordshire, was stunned to get a call on his mobile from Sandy Humphreys telling him, "Your hamster has escaped and I've just caught him."

He replied, "It's impossible - our hamster is dead." But when he returned home, he found it was indeed the same animal. Mr. Eyley, wife Wendy, 47, daughter Bayley, 23, and twins Jake and Emma, 20, were flabbergasted by the Easter miracle.

He rushed to check the spot where he buried the hamster and found a 2in wide hole where he had dug his way out. "He's a plucky little soul and seems unaffected by being dead and buried," he said.

"He had rigor mortis when I buried him - and now he's running about. We're stunned - but happy to have him back."

By Morgan Firenze

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Big day for Raider lax

By Ross Maxam

Raider glory was earned at the Fulton and Chittenango athletic complexes last night in both the girls and boys lacrosse contents when impressive performances issued both teams solid wins.

The boys, winners in three out of their last four contests, held off the Bears 14-10 while the girls breezed past their hosts in 14-4 to gain a split in their last four after starting 2-0.

The boys charged out to a 5-1 lead after the first stanza and powered in three more goals to Chittenango's two to go up 8-3 going into the half. After another strong quarter to put the Raiders up 12-4 heading into the final quarter, the Bears made a push that made it respectable at 14-10 for the final score.

Head coach Craig Halladay was weary with the Raiders final effort, stating "You see what 36 minutes of focus can do, if we put 48 in, the game shouldn't even be close, but we let them come back." The Raiders were outscored 6-2 in the fourth, sparked by a two minute non-releasable penalty that put the Bears on the man up to start the quarter.

Leading the way for the Raiders was a two-headed monster in attackmen Ross Maxam and Bryan Benton. Maxam led all scorers with a career high eight points coming from one goal and seven assists. His 21 assists on the season currently lead all of Section 3 in the category. Benton tallied six points, all on goals while working the crease. Senior Joe Sutton also joined the party by totaling four of his own points in the Raider cause on two goals and two assists.

The DeLisle brothers once again provided scoring with senior Steven scoring two and younger brother Seth popping in his second goal on the year. Junior Steven Hanczyk rounded out the scoring for the Raiders.

The win brought the Raider record to 3-4 overall and 2-2 in the league. The three wins equal the teams total from a year ago and the future looks bright with many games still to be played.

Girls run past Bears

The girls team racked up another win last
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Brad Crofoot, middle, returns a shot while teammate Nate Hawthorne, right, looks on during action from Tuesday's home match. The duo suffered a tough loss in marathon style, but the Raiders came through with a 5-2 win. (Nathan Deavers photo)

Raider tennis posts second straight win

The Raider tennis team continued its early season revival on Tuesday with a convincing 5-2 win over visiting Cortland. Claiming the clash of 1-0 starters, Fulton improved to 2-0 on the season by taking all but one point in both the singles and doubles competitions.

Mitchell Lalik, Eric Naioti and Nathan Deavers helped pace the Raider cause by sweeping their way to wins in the first three singles competitions, yielding just six points along the way. Lalik prevailed 6-3, 6-0 and Naioti won 6-0, 6-0 while Deavers claimed third singles with a 6-0, 6-3 triumph.

In the doubles pairings Alex Bawarski and Joe Medico won 6-1, 6-0 while Zach Mizener and Brian Garrett battled to a 6-3, 7-5 decision. Every Raider played well as fourth singles performer Neil Devendorf battled in a 7-5, 6-3 loss while the third doubles tandem of Brad Crofoot and Nate Hawthorne lost 6-3 before winning a second set tie-breaker 6-7 prior to a marathon 13-11 setback in the deciding third set.

The team will be back in action on Thursday in their first road match of the season, visiting Corcoran for a 4 pm start. With a win, the Raiders would equal their entire victory total of the 2011 campaign, when they finished 3-9 for the season.

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Track vs. Chittenango & J-D (4:30); Baseball vs. J-D (4:30); Softball @ J-D (4:30).

Thurs. April 19: Tennis vs. Henninger (4 pm); Girls Lax @ Whitesboro (JV-4:30/V-6:00).

Fri. April 20: Tennis @ Corcoran (4 pm); Softball vs. Syracuse-West (4:30); Boys Lax vs. Whitesboro (JV-5/V-7:00); Girls Track @ Tully Invitational (4:30).

Sat. April 21: V Baseball @ C.Square (11 am); JV Baseball vs. C.Square (11 am); Softball @ F-M (11 am); Girls Lax vs. J-D (JV-10 am/V-noon); Boys Track @ B'ville Relays (10 am).



What spring sports teams have you watched?



"I like baseball, isn't that a spring sport?"

Katie Medico



"Boys lacrosse and girls softball!"

Kassy McCann



"Tennis! We rule!."

Nate Deavers



"I want to go watch track meets, softball, bacrosse, baseball, and tennis, obviously.."

Lory Perez and Cassie Firenze

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Sun and clouds.

58°

Average: 58°
Record: 85° (1976)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy.

38°

Average: 38°
Record: 27° (1978)

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy.

63°

Average: 59°
Record: 87° (2008)

GRB senior Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.