

# Physical Education “institution” set to retire

By Carson Metcalf

As the year draws to a close, we prepare to say goodbye to a Physical Education institution here at G. Ray Bodley High School. After 32 years, Mrs. Kathy Rossi is retiring this year.

Before coming to teach in Fulton, Mrs. Rossi worked at schools in Homer and Dryden. During her time here, she has not only taught physical education class, but also coached swimming, volleyball and softball. Outside of the sphere of fitness, Rossi also “loved working as an adviser before the program was cut last year.”

When asked what the best memory she has had at GRB is, she responded by saying, “There are so many wonderful memories that I will cherish forever but I could not pick

just one. The best memories involve observing students show kindness and compassion to peers in need.”

Rossi is certainly taking plenty of memories with her in her retirement, but what she said she will miss most are, “the relationships, connections and daily interaction with



my students and peers.” She adds, “The staff and students at GRB have been an absolute pleasure to work with and the past 32 years just flew by!”

In terms of advice for new teachers, Rossi says the job goes beyond the classroom, or in her case, the gym. “Make a connection with your students, find out what they like to do after school and, when possible, attend their performances, activities or sporting events,” she said.

After retiring, Mrs. Rossi is looking forward to spending time with her family and friends, as well as traveling and volunteering. She hopes to remain “as active as possible.” We thank Mrs. Rossi for her many years of service to the students of G. Ray Bodley High School and wish her the best in her retirement. She will be greatly missed.



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## Bodley High Honor Graduates are feted

By Vanessa Langdon

Thursday, June 7 G. Ray Bodley's class of 2012 had their best and brightest in attendance at the High Honors Graduate Banquet. This is an annual event that honors all the senior students who maintained high honor roll status for the duration of their high school years.

This year's Banquet was catered by local restaurant The Blue Moon Grill with three delicious cakes from Cathy's Cakes, also of Fulton. The festivities started at 6 pm with an opening speech by GRB principal Mrs. Parkhurst which led into the lovely dinner, of which the chicken was a high point talked about by many in attendance.

While the high honor graduates and their families were eating, Dave Mirabito, a former GRB grad himself, gave a speech about his own experiences and gave words of wisdom to this year's graduating class. Mr. Mirabito talked about the importance of seeing the world to get that outside perspective, but then returning to Central New York, as he did, and spreading what one has learned.

Mr. Mirabito quoted SU Basketball Coach

Jim Boeheim saying, “Hawaii is just Central New York in July,” so why would you want to move away, the cold only makes the good weather that much sweeter!

At the conclusion of a wonderful speech from Mr. Mirabito, who had to run off quickly upon completing his speech due to a television appearance, it was time for the main event; the presentation of the high honor graduate pins! The pins were presented to each student one by one. Those hardworking students were; Christopher Abbott, Nicholas Abalgore, Christian Barbera, Bernice Bartlett, and Jeannete Bartlett. Also honored were Alex Bateman, Alexander Bawarski, Michaela Best, Daniel Bolster, Jessica Brigga, and Brandon Clark.

Other High graduates were Madeline Clark, Ryann Crofoot, Nathan Deavers, Steven DeLisle, Alana DeVaul, Neil Devendorf, Kayla Distin, Lindsey Dopp, and Hannah Dunsmoor. In addition Emily Ervin, Srar Erwin, Sean Fink, Morgan Firenze, Casey Fraser, Brian Garrett, Danielle Gillet, and Andrea Gould all received high honor graduate status, as did Salutatorian Rachel Guernsey, Nathan Hackett, Valedictorian Nathaniel Hawthorne, Cody Hockey, Casey

Holden, Dylan Holden, Nathan Hudson, David Johnson, Erika Johnson, and Kayla Jones.

Other high honor graduates included Morgan Knight, Lyndsey Ladd, Ballaslyn Lamb, Lindsey Larkin, Jordan LeClair, Tonia Lincoln, Kassandra McCann, Anna McKay, Carson Metcalf, Zachary Mizener, and Eric Naioti.

Also receiving recognition for their dedication to excellence were Shaun O'Connor, Ashlynn Palmitesso, Darlene Papparlardo, Morgan Parkhurst, Shawna Perau, Jaclyn Reil, Jordan Rizzo, Allyssa Scruton. Haley Shatrau, George Snyder, and Sophie Sorbello.

And last but not least Danielle Stone, Patrick Sullivan, Daniel Summerville, Joseph Sutton, Amanda Tetro, Russell Thomas, Anthony Torrese, Kelsie VanBuren, Daniel Wahl, Emily Whitmore, Ashley Woodcock, Jennifer Woodruff, and Kara Yakel round out the class of 2012 high honor graduates!

The event though held in the school's cafeteria was one of great pride for the students as well as their family members as they saw four years of hard work pay off.

Opinion

# Advisory: gone, but certainly not forgotten

By Kara Yakel

Advisory started three years ago and came to an abrupt end just in time for the current seniors final year at G. Ray Bodley High School. Many students who did experience it say they wish it was still around.

Though making the portfolio and presenting it was not always the most fun, the people and friendships made were what it was all about.

Advisory was a class that first started off as just Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, but the year before last it was every day and I remember that as a freshman, it was nice to have a teacher to help



ing like what upperclassmen say is not the smartest thing to do. Advisory teachers help you grow into a better person and realize the correct path to take in life.

Senior Carson Metcalf, also known for reporting news states, "I never thought that I would miss it, but I missed it terribly this year." And when asked about the teacher, he said, "I liked Mr. Cuny a lot and I loved talking about politics with him. He was really easy to connect with."

Dylan Holden chimed in to state, "I miss it so much. They should definitely put it back because it was some of the best memories of high school."

Advisory was not just a study hall, it was a place where you could talk to someone, meet new people, and even make new friends. From the things said about advisory, it is a class that many students wish was still around. If it was never around while the seniors were freshman, they can honestly say, "I probably wouldn't be the same."

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you organize things. Coming into the high school isn't the easiest thing to do, and having a class where you can get some advice and meet other students is really nice.

Advisory was cut by the school district because of funding, but what did it really cost? It cost some class time and maybe some lighting, but the majority of things the teachers purchased were out of their own pockets. Advisory teachers became a best friend and someone you could look up to.

Most students were not able to get put into a class with all of their best friends, but isn't that a good thing? Many students can honestly say that they would not have been able to bond with the people in their advisory if it wasn't around. Not even just students to bond with, but also a teacher.

The teacher you get stuck with may not be the nicest person, but if you respect them they will become almost a guide to help you through your years. Freshmen are said to be many things, and act-



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## Reflections

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# The Adventures of 'lil Bodley

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



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## Juniors will be back, but will RaiderNet return?

By Vanessa Langdon

As one of only two juniors who are currently enrolled in Journalism I have nothing profound to say, as all the graduating seniors give us underclassmen their words of wisdom. We can all only take that and learn from their mistakes.

Next year I will be a senior, along with the other junior on the staff Laura Perwitz, and hopefully then I can dole out my words of wisdom or little facts of life that I have learned in my 18 years. But that can only happen if there is a journalism class for me to take.

Journalism is a full year class now, but it is most definitely still being offered, if we can fill a class! And to the graduating class of 2013 you can get your senior year English credit by taking it! You can work on the yearbook, *RaiderNet Daily*, and *The Raider*. All those juniors next year can take it as well as an elective, and if you excel who knows you just may be the editor of the *Fultonian Yearbook* your senior year!

So my parting words from my three years thus far and until I return next fall is, think about journalism. Journalism is the oppor-



tunity to talk about all things that concern you, in school, our local community, and the world. Think about joining the prestigious staff over the summer, preferably the earlier the better, and call your guidance counselor to sign up.

Hopefully we will have a large group of students to fully cover all aspects of school life; sports, opinion, clubs, and anything else a student may want to write about. We can make next year's *RaiderNet Daily* the best yet!

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# Please, don't destroy those "old" books!

By Vanessa Langdon

If you are an avid reader, a lover of books, and all things to do with the written word you may want to sit down before continuing to read this article. Are you sitting? Well our school, apparently our entire school district is doing something unthinkable to our kind, destroying perfectly good books!



This reporter was in the library when she overheard one of the aides ask Librarian Mrs. Scalfaro what to do because a book she was trying to discard or clear from the system was not in the catalog, she was told to "just rip it."

I was shocked, rip a book?! I had to clarify what was happening. Maybe it was just library lingo for safely donate it to a place where it could continue to be enjoyed by book lovers until the pages were worn with love. But to my dismay this was not the truth, the book was in fact going to be ripped to shreds, and no longer be legible.

This is the fate for all books deemed "old, no good, and not popular" enough. This book I saw had nothing wrong with it and I am

She went on to explain that new School Board policies now prevent such actions; the board is now apparently against recycling and sharing knowledge.

The books now need to be cataloged and sent to the School Board where they will be appraised and "sold" to auction. I thought that meant we would be selling them and making some money, which would then in turn be used to either buy new books or brought back into the library or English area in some way. But unfortunately we do not make significant money on these books as they are used and have the standard library barcodes and pockets on them.

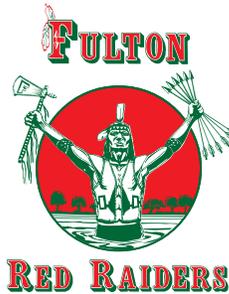
I do not know if something can be done to change this, whether we can still appraise the books to note their worth and what is being discarded, but then donate them somehow so they do not end up in landfills, destroying the literature and the earth. I challenge the School Board to find a more creative and beneficial solution to this situation.

Maybe we can make money off them, by selling them at a yearly book sale? Hopefully something can be done, but if not as I understand may be the case with such political and economic restraints and requirements, we are all at least aware of the poor books fate.

**"This is the fate for all books deemed "old, no good, and not popular" enough. This book I saw had nothing wrong with it and I am sure it was a fine piece of literary work, but it had to go to make room for new arrivals."**

sure it was a fine piece of literary work, but it had to go to make room for new arrivals.

That is not a fact I am contesting. Even books have to go through the circle of life, the old must leave to make room for the new, but when the "old" is still in good condition why do they have to be completely discarded and not just donated? I asked Mrs. Scalfaro to explain, and she said that, "We used to donate the books, open it up to teachers to look through and then donate someplace else."



**Best wishes to the Class of 2012!**

**Quote of the day:**  
"As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain, and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality."  
*Albert Einstein*

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## Opinion

# Freeway jam: G. Ray Bodley H.S. style

By Kara Yakel

As the end of the year approaches here at G. Ray Bodley High School, more students are getting their license and driving to school. Luckily, Bodley has parking lots for seniors to park in alone and an underclassmen parking lot. But from what the eye can see the senior parking lot is getting packed and the line to get into the school is about a ten minute wait.

Many seniors have parked in the senior parking lot during their previous years, but when they were told to move, they did. This



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year, leaving your house at the usual time to get here is not enough. You have to leave five to ten minutes before your usual time to even get into the school.

No student wants to be tardy, but it is kind of difficult when no matter what you do, the traffic trying to get into the school is hectic. Maybe it is just the way it is set up also. Why does every child that is being dropped off, have to be dropped off over by that entrance? If you think about it there is traffic already from just the students, let alone parents dropping off students.

Senior Lindsey Larkin states that, “I have waited four years to

finally park in a paved parking lot, and now I might as well find somewhere else to park.” Lindsey has been driving to school almost every day this year for after school activities, but her parking spot that she had during the majority of the year is now taken by the time she gets there. Lindsey stated, “I have to leave my house almost fifteen minutes earlier than usual just to get my spot. No, I don’t own it, but I can’t even park close to it now.”

Driving to school is a privilege, but the traffic leading into the school almost takes it away. Many students arrive at homeroom late just because they are waiting in a line that is carried into the road just to get into the school.

This not only affects the students and staff, but also the people living around the school. Traffic has been backed up all the way in front of houses. People who live there also have to change things. Yes, it is where they live so it is their fault, but why can’t things be changed?

Maybe someday G. Ray Bodley will change the way traffic is handled in the morning, because more kids are driving, which means more traffic.

## Animal abuse can come in many different ways

Something that people may not realize that happens every day around them but they don’t want to recognize it is animal cruelty. Animal cruelty is not just the abuse of an animal, it is also the abandonment of an animal or even just hoarding animals.

People say that recognizing cruelty is easy, but it really isn’t. It is in fact one of the hardest things to notice in an animal, as there may not be physical signs of abuse, but mental abuse is always apparent in an animal who has been abused. It scars them for life.

Some physical signs of abuse are emaciation, a collar that is too tight/embedded in the neck, patches of bumpy and scaly rashes, signs of confusion and extreme drowsiness. But some of the things we might not notice are the environmental signs of animal abuse.

Some environmental signs are an animal being tied up outside for long periods of time alone with inadequate shelter, animals left outside in extreme weather conditions with inadequate shelter, and animals who are housed in cages/kennels that are too small or tight for them to be comfortable.

If you see something of this nature make sure you call the police. But only call the police if you are sure that there is animal abuse going on. And when it comes to owning an animal, if you don’t think you’re going to be responsible enough to take care of an animal, then don’t get one. Instead let someone who can take care of it take the animal’s life into their own hands. *By Michaela Best*

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## In the News

# Rain or shine, the seniors still had a good time

Over the weekend of June 2-3, the senior class of 2012 had a successful but wet senior trip. With high spirits the seniors who attended the trip kept smiles on their faces as they ran through six flags in the pouring rain. Many seniors were reminded of the joy of running through puddles barefoot as well as the thrill of visiting an amusement park.

At first everyone was excited and ran through the park in hopes of riding every roller coaster. The rain blasting them in the faces just made every ride more of a thrill. After about an hour Mrs. Windsor stated that the students were running around having a blast jumping through the puddles, with their clothes soaking wet. It was not long after that when all the students used a free voucher for lunch at the park and were bombarding Mrs. Windsor's phone, ready to go to the hotel and indoor water park.

The indoor water park was a sanctuary after the morning in the rain. Many students from G. Ray Bodley could be found hiding away in the hot tub at the Great Escapes indoor water park or racing in the lazy river. Before the students ran to hide and get warm in the hot tub everyone on the trip ran to go down the enclosed tube ride. The slide went out of the building and back in and was pitch black inside. The water park also had a huge children's park in the center. The indoor water park was a great escape from the raining weather outdoors.

On top of everything the hotel was amazing. Each room was very spacious having two queen sized beds, a fridge, separate bath and wash area, a couch and more. Many of the senior boys could be found in the arcade conveniently located inside the hotel. If the hotel was not cool enough having an indoor water park, arcade and luxurious rooms, many students found amusement in exploring the hotel and relaxing in the many lounges. For many it was sad to have to leave the hotel after just one night, but the second day was worth the departure.

The original plan was to separate into two groups. One group would go to the Adirondack Adventure course and the other group would visit the fun spot. After last minute changes the plans changed. Not enough students wanted to go to the extreme adventure course so majority of the students went to the fun spot. A small group of five students were lucky enough to go back to the Six Flags amusement park for the day.

The weather was absolutely amazing on Sunday, June 3, so it was the perfect day to be out and about riding roller coasters and many other rides at the Six Flags. The rest of the students were roller blading, riding go-carts, playing mini-golf and playing laser tag. These fun filled events were the perfect addition to the senior trip.

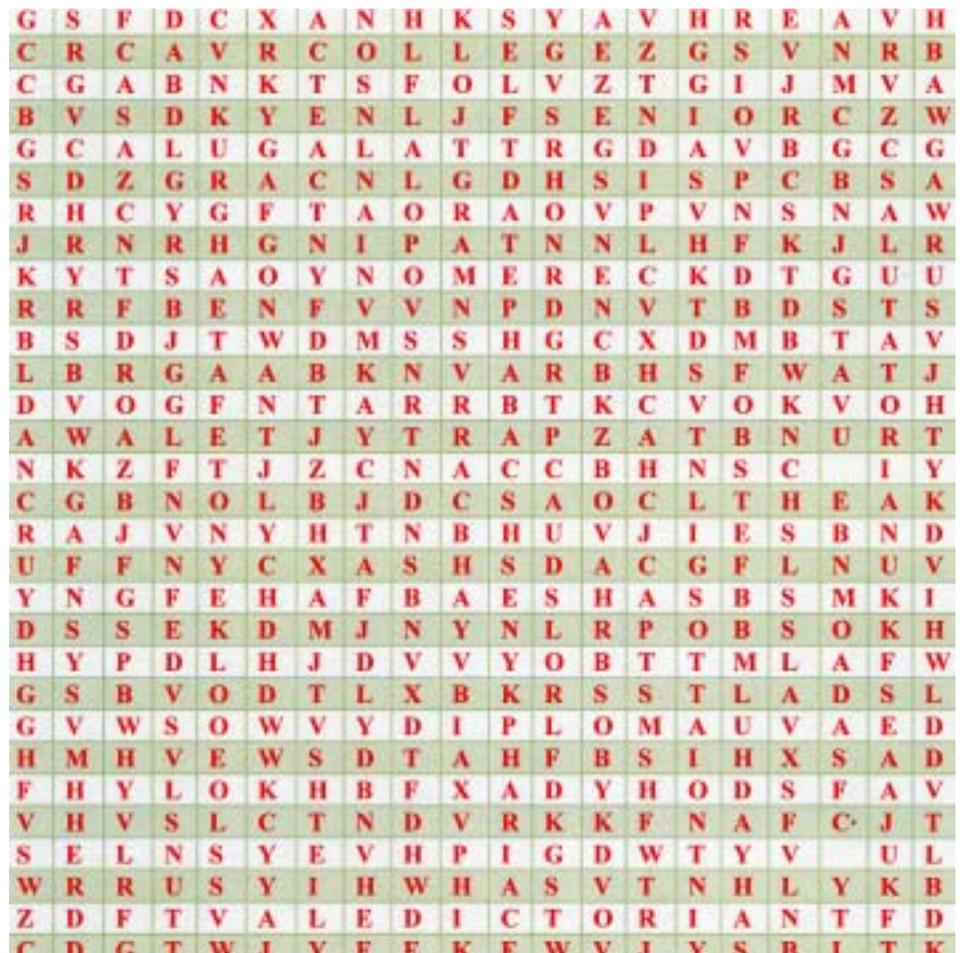
After the activities were done the students traveled into Lake George and had an hour to shop. With the lovely New York weather rain started to pour with occasional hail. The weather was extremely unexpected, as the day had been filled with partial clouds and

sun. Many students gathered in cute shops and an arcade on the shopping trip.

The day ended with the entire group coming back together for one large group dinner at Olive Garden.

Senior class president Jeanette Bartlett felt that the overall trip was a success and that everyone who attended the trip has memories to last a lifetime. This shows that GRB spirit, even in the pouring rain, cannot be broken. The annual Senior Trip is just one more way to bring a class closer together and provide one more great memory from school.

## Graduation word puzzle



### Word bank

Graduation Ceremony  
Gown  
Salutatorian  
Twothousandtwelve  
Diploma

Tassel  
Party  
Speech  
Senior  
College  
Cap

Valedictorian  
Congratulation  
Keynote  
(created by Janette Bartlett)

Saying Goodbye



Have a safe and happy summer!

Hopefully, we'll see  
you in September

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# What is your favorite memory from this school year?



"JV soccer."

Makenzie Loomis



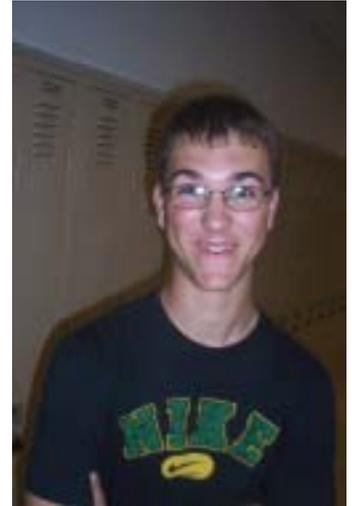
"Disney World!"

Alexis Gage



"Becoming friends with those I wasn't friends with before Senior year."

Sophie Sorbello



"Golf sectionals."

Jake Seymour

## Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy with rain.

**85°**

Average: 76°  
Record: 92° (2005)

Tonight:



Mostly cloudy.

**64°**

Average: 55°  
Record: 38° (1972)

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms.

**77°**

Average: 77°  
Record: 91° (1999)

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