

2012 Fultonian is a hit with most students

By Kara Yakel

Finally! The day all G. Ray Bodley High School students have waited for arrived on Monday; the yearbooks are finally out and great as ever.

Students anticipate the yearbook all year long, and it is always an honor for the Yearbook Club to hear that it was a success. Students could buy their yearbook early, or just purchase it now. Thankfully, students have signed up for almost every bell to help hand them out.

The G. Ray Bodley yearbook has had its off years, but this year was not one of them. Students cannot stop talking about it!! Natasha Luis is part of the Yearbook Club, and though she had already seen the year-

book online she stated, "I think it is great! There are a lot of new things in the yearbook that haven't been in it in previous years. It looks better than it did online!"

Last year was the beginning of the current spring sports being in the yearbook. In previous years, students graduating who participated in spring sports were not able to see the photos from their wonderful season. The inserts in the yearbook have put smiles on many spring athletes!

Senior Mark Aldasch has participated in many sports, including track and field in the spring, and he is thankful that the idea of the inserts has continued. Aldasch stated, "It is pretty good and I like the bottom of the cover page with the football players, it looks awesome! The set up in the yearbook is the

best I've seen yet!"

Devon Tompson-Wright stated, "It looks fine! It's definitely worth the money." When asked if anything could be changed he stated, "There could be a little more on the cover, but it's still pretty cool."

Only a few things were complained about, and one was from Zack Wallon who stated, "The wrestling team has way more pages than the bowling team!"

One thing that is currently being discussed is that some of the juniors are upset that their senior pictures are taken the spring before their senior year. Some of the juniors are getting braces off and other things and do not want their photo taken the year before when there is a perfectly good opportunity

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Students lauded for exemplary attendance

A group of 74 students at G. Ray Bodley High School received certificates and gift cards for demonstrating Exemplary Attendance during the 2011-2012 school year. Students receiving this award were in school every day for the entire school year.

Pictured below are some of the students who received the awards.

Recipients included: Nicolas Abbott, Jacob Baker, Alexander Bawarski, Emma Belcher, Robert Borrow III, Karli Bricker, Kara Bricker, Adam Briggs, Jessica Briggs,

Neal Burke, Joshua Burnard, Sara Campolietta, Katelyn Caza, MaKenna Cealie, Amelia Coakley, Bradley Crofoot, Alan Cronk, Amanda Deavers, Alan DeVaul, Cody Dick, Johnelle Dishaw, Meriah Dishaw, Kayla Distin, Austin Doyle, Neil Devendorf, Katelyn Ely, Abigail Field, Cody Forsythe, Samantha Fox, Shelby Fravor, and Lauren Gaido.

Also Emma-Lee Gray-Blasczienski, Nathan Hackett, Ashley Haskins, Emma Harvey, Stephen Heywood, Michael Holcomb, Samantha Holmes, Jenna Hudson, Ericka Johnson, Kirby LaBeef, Mitchell Lalik, Dominique Lockwood, Ashley McCann, Geoffrey Michaels, Mary Morrison, Courtney Neville, Mickey Nobel, and Joseph Paulich.

Rounding out the list are Erica Pawlewicz, Laura Perwitz, Curtis Pollard, Derek Prosser, Paul Reynoso, Samuel Rios, Alissa Robinson, Kate Rothrock, Madden Rowlee, Jacob Seymour, Abigail Shatrau, Haley Shatrau, Tevin Simard, Taylor Smithers, Julia Spier, Nicholas Summerville, Seth Sylvester, Christina Teetsel, Jasmine Thomas, Alixander Tyrrell, Carly Williams, Hope Williams, and Krista Vann



Information and photo provided by Mrs. Weston.

Opinion

It's a bittersweet goodbye for Class of 2012

By Joe Medico

There are many people in this building, now members of the senior class of 2012, who might look back on their past four years of high school and feel different emotions. Thoughts vary from regrets, sadness, happiness, pride and many others.

A student finds themselves facing many hardships throughout high school, but also many moments of happiness. Not one student, unless speaking with sarcasm, would ever say, "I just love coming home after sports practice and having to write separate three-page essays for different classes, do a research project, and type a Physics lab all in one night."



accomplishments, and how to be respectful whether you win or lose.

The Quirk's Players was also a big part of my life throughout high school. It taught me how to be confident in myself and that there are people out there who don't even have to know you that well to accept you or be there for you if you need a friend.

Any student who graduates from high school will tell you this, that there are some things that definitely will not be missed about school, and some things that you wish you could just go back and do all over again. But as you graduate and move on to the next part of your life, you are forced to say goodbye to some things you might never want to say goodbye to, and that's what makes graduating high school so bittersweet.

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Students in AP classes find themselves studying deep into the night, and students all around typically procrastinate, and rush to get everything done the night before. But these are the responsibilities of a high school student, and it's all worth it in the end.

While there are many things about high school a student may absolutely despise, there are other things that they may enjoy and miss upon graduating. Being a part of a sports team, club, organization, or even seeing friends you won't get to see very often after everyone heads off to college in different directions are all things that a student enjoys while going through high school.

As a senior of GRB, there are many things that I will personally miss about being a high school student here in Fulton. I have learned many things through the opportunities that have been provided to me by the school district. I was a part of the varsity soccer and tennis teams, and through that I have learned how to unite and work with others for the benefit of something bigger than your personal

Fultonian yearbook is here!

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to get it taken the following year in September.

Pictures are pictures, but having them come out well is the common problem. Sophie Sorbello stated, "The yearbook is way better than last (year) and the pictures are much clearer than last (year) also."

Yearbook Adviser Mr. Senecal was pleased with the 2012 Fultonian, saying, "everyone should say 'thanks' to Editor Carson Metcalf for the time he spent on this year's Fultonian. He went above and beyond the call of duty to produce what may well be the best yearbook this school has ever seen." And while he was sorry that there were a few mistakes along the way, he noted that, "the key is for more students to participate."

"If next year's seniors want a great yearbook, they need to help out by meeting their deadlines, contributing pictures, and by taking journalism class or joining the Yearbook Club. This book doesn't create itself, and Carson and the other members of this year's Fultonian have left a really hard act to follow."

All in all it was another successful year for the yearbooks. As is always the case, there are a few mistakes, but nothing is perfect! Students can pick up their yearbooks during bells by the lunch room, or they can purchase one for \$60.



Reflections

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The Adventures of 'lil Bodley

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



The Great Outdoors Guns away, pull out the pole for fishing season

By Daniel Summerville

Last Thursday, spring turkey hunters left their blinds and stands for the last time this year. The end of May marked the last day of turkey season, the last hunting season until September and October. It is time for sportsmen to put away their guns and take out their fishing poles; summer is the time for fishing.

Walleye and Trout seasons have been open for weeks, and anglers have been taking advantage of the warm weather to get out there and go after these popular fish. The walleye and trout spawn early, giving anglers the chance to fish for them before most other fish. Walleye and trout are usually only pursued by the more hard core anglers; it takes a lot of patience and skill to catch one of these fish. However, in a few short weeks the casual fishing season will start, and the streams and lakes of Central New York will be crowded with leisure anglers.

The third Saturday in June marks opening day of Bass and Musklunge season. Muskies are not often pursued by casual anglers, but bass are one of the most popular fresh water sport fish. The iconic strike of a largemouth is enough to get anyone's heart pumping. The aggressiveness of bass makes them fairly easy to catch; anyone with even a little bit of experience can successfully land a bass.



Along with sunfish and bluegills, bass are some of the most easily recognizable fish in the area. Many professional anglers started their hobby by fishing for bass. The common fish is a favorite of all skill levels and ages, and opening day of their season is sure to be a good one.

Bass are one of the most sought after fresh water fish species. Rain or shine, there is sure to be countless anglers on the waterways on opening day. Experienced anglers will be heading for their favorite holes, leaving the casual anglers to the shore. The great thing about bass is that there are enough for everyone, and they can

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be found in just about every waterway.

Fishing may not be viewed as being an overly dangerous pastime, but every year there are accidents. The number one rule on the water is to have personal floatation devices handy, if something did happen PFDs are extremely important to have. As long as anglers take the proper precautions, there is no reason that the summer fishing season will not be a memorable one.

What I *really* learned during my senior year

By Madeline Clark

I've been thinking a lot recently and my "final lessons" article didn't do the trick. It seemed topical and a bit rushed.

It just simply didn't do the lessons I've learned during my senior year of high school any justice. And considering that this has been the most life-changing year I have had to date, I felt that a "re-do" was completely necessary. So please allow me to give you my final lesson of high school, once again, just to ensure that your tax paying dollars are going to good use.

I will be the first to admit that this year has been a tough one. My senior year has been filled with tears and smiles, making it an overall emotional experience in every sense of the word. I've had to deal with death, overcome obstacles in my life and try my best to end my high school career with honors. But these barriers were subdued by happiness. Happiness in that I got into both of my first choice colleges, become closer to my family and achieved high honors in several of the extracurricular activities. 2012 has simply



don't ever give up. You have to keep fighting because that's how you survive the toils of life and find your happiness. You will know when your troubles have ended when you can find some way of looking at it positively. Life is all about give and take; it's a lesson that we all must accept, whether we like it or not, because either way it is going to happen.

I have also learned another key lesson during my most eventful year to date. I have learned that the saying "You get more bees with honey than vinegar" is completely relevant. I have always aspired to be one of the "greats," someone who changed the world with a single invention or theory. Someone who went down in the history books for solving the energy crisis or finding the missing link. Someone who stood by the institutions of science.

While I do stand by the institutions of science, I fully understand the importance of good character and kindness. I have discovered that I don't want to be a cold, thoughtless academic. I want to be someone who works for the greater good of all, man and his environment. Someone who can sympathize with the rest of mankind while utilizing their professional capabilities to help in any way they can. I've decided that the world is more than just me and it is my duty as a global citizen to help aid my neighbors who number in the billions. I simply want to have heart.

So there you have it, the real last lesson of high school. To summarize, grant me the privilege to utilize the words of others. The first is a line said in the movie *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, (the only movie to date that I have ever cried at). "You could swear, curse the fates, but when it comes to the end, you have to let go." In other words, you can fight life all you want, but sometimes you simply have to go with it if you ever want to be satisfied.

The second quote comes to us from the mind of astrophysicist, Neil DeGrasse Tyson, "For me, I am driven by two main philosophies, know more today about the world today than I knew yesterday, and lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you." It is in these words of this brilliant mind that we learn that having heart and using your brain get you place in life; it is entirely in our power to make the world a better place for others. It is our duty.

Any questions?

No? Well then my dear pupils, class is dismissed.

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been a year of what else, but life.

Life is a funny thing. It is full of ups and downs, but it always has a way of evening itself out. You may lose someone close to you the one minute, and the next you are finding out that someone in your family has gotten engaged. See what I mean? Its quiet the emotional roller coaster. You may feel that in one moment that world is caving in on you, but you never know what may come next.

Sure it may be tough to swallow, but it isn't over till it's over, so

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In the News

Annual Battle of the Athletes showdown today

By Hannah Dunsmoor

The athletes of G. Ray Bodley are preparing for the highly anticipated Battle of the Athletes, sponsored annually by the Fulton Athletic Booster Club. Starting this afternoon at 3 pm, Bodley's top performers will be competing until 5:30 to see who will come out victorious. Past events have included a soccer dribbling contest, dizzy izzy, water balloon toss, relay race, Frisbee throwing and of course, tug of war! The events are going to be determined and will be unveiled once the athletes arrive.

If it is your first time entering the games, be prepared to get competitive and some rope burn. Each team has an adult figure, a teacher most of the time, who coaches the team and encourages them to push themselves. Also, each team will get a colored t-shirt with the Battle of the Athletes logo. Awards will be given out after the battle to the top competitors. The teams are decided at random so everyone is guaranteed a fair fight.

As a second place winner last year I am looking forward to competing with my fellow athletes and teammates. I am anxious to see if my team will place again this year. I know I am very competitive and I do not want to lose. I love Battle of the Athletes because it gives the girls a chance to show their athleticism to the boys and prove they can compete with them. Also, it gives all the different teams a chance to come together and showcase their capabilities.

Dylan Holden was a fellow competitor last year in the Battle of the Athletes and is extremely excited for today's endeavors. He states, "Whoever has Colin Blake on their team will definitely win tug of war." It is known that to be successful in the tug of war event a large, strong guy is needed to be the anchor. Colin is known to be a key component in the tug of war event and has led many teams to victory.

Senior Nick Abelgore is also looking forward to Battle of the Athletes and mentioned

he participated last year. When asked if he would change anything about the competition he said, "it's pretty cool the way it is but it would be neat to have more game-like

events like basketball or kickball."

Overall, everyone is buzzing about the upcoming event and the school is sure to hear which team dominated come tomorrow.



A highlight of the annual Battle of the Athletes is the tug of war competition, where rope burn and strained muscles are a given. (RND file photo)

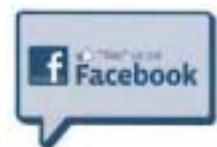
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What is your thought on the 2012 Fultonian yearbook?



"It's pretty good!"

Pat Fink



"It is really cool!"

Thomas Hill



"I like how they put a lot more people in it this time."

Kassy McCann



"I like the colors they used."

Dan Hill

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Sun and clouds.
Chance rain showers.

70°

Average: 75°
Record: 92° (2008)

Tonight:



Cloudy with
a rain shower.

50°

Average: 53°
Record: 43° (1978)

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy with
rain showers.

75°

Average: 75°
Record: 94° (1999)

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