



Despite scheduling conflict, the show goes on

By Vanessa Langdon

You can't be two places at the same time. Or can you? That was the situation six members of the girls soccer team faced on Tuesday when a scheduling conflict nearly cost them a chance to perform in the first Bodley concert of the year.

But in the end, everything worked out just fine.

The situation began after members of the girls varsity soccer team Katelyn Caza, Lilia Kesterke, Ameila Coakley, Christina Pensabene, and Sarah Halstead, all of whom had their semifinal soccer game on the same evening as the concert, expressed concern that they would miss the concert. As a result, they requested the start be pushed back half an hour as the time change from 7:30 to 8 pm would allow them to return to Fulton after the completion of their game in Chittenango.

When the concerned students went to Mrs. Parkhurst to discuss the possibility of a time change they were denied in their request.

The students, even those not directly involved with the issue, were not pleased about the decision. A number of students expressed their displeasure on Facebook, commenting that they are a family, and expressing their belief that the decision by Mrs. Parkhurst to change the start time was unreasonable. The members even threatened to refuse to play until the missing members returned to the school to join them.

While some students adamantly supported that idea, it was not the best solution. Band Conductor Mr. Caviness instead adjusted the order of the concert to allow the optimum amount of time for the students to safely arrive back at the high school.

Mrs. Parkhurst commented on the issue, explaining that she, "felt it was very late notice to get a time change out to parents so that everyone knew of the change." She elaborated that past experience added to her qualms, noting that, "last year we changed



Members of the GRB Orchestra performed on Tuesday night, putting in a sterling performance. Pictured from left to right are Oriana Casteluccio, Julia Fisch, and Katelyn Caza. Katelyn was one of several members of the girls soccer team who had to hustle back to Bodley after her Section 3 playoff game in order to perform. (Vanessa Langdon photo)

the time the day of and there were frustrated parents. I was trying to avoid that." Mrs. Parkhurst was pleased that the girls did, in fact, make it, and that there was a happy ending to what she viewed as a "lose lose situation." After hearing the students plea she is already in talks with Athletic Director Mr. Ells to make sure this does not happen again by not scheduling a concert when a team could potentially have a sectional game.

The concert itself began with a four song set from the G. Ray Bodley guitar and violin duo Emelio Garcia and Sean Martin respectively, who were definitely crowd pleasers

After the dynamic duo, GRB's jazz band, Full Effect, took to the stage and also performed a four song set; *Clocks*, *Virtual Insanity*, *Libertango*, and *Soul Vaccination*. After the group performed *Virtual Insanity*,

conductor Mr. Caviness announced to the audience that they were going to wait just one minute because a "wild" Christina Pensabene, one of the seniors on the varsity girls soccer team, had just run across the auditorium. Pensabene had requested via text message that she specifically wanted to play *Libertango* with the group.

After Pensabene situated herself Full Effect finished their wonderful set, which featured Andrew Canfield, Tom Kerfien, Kylie Jacklett, James Bailey, Danielle Rupert, Cody Dick, Emelio Garcia, and Tim Manno as soloists, before the remaining members of the GRB Wind Ensemble joined them onstage.

The Wind Ensemble again played a four song set starting with a Frank Sinatra medley featuring trombone soloist Cody Dick,

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Opinion

You're old enough to pick up your own mess

By Summer Reed

Many students like to complain about how dirty our school is. But, have you ever thought that it is our own fault as to why the school looks this way?

If everyone made more of an effort to clean up after themselves, the school would be much nicer. Yes we have custodians, but their job is to keep the school clean and provide a safe environment for the students. The custodians should not have to be responsible for cleaning up after the laziness of students.

If you took a little time from your day to clean up your own mess it would make the custodians job easier and less stressful. After the four lunch bells if you walk into the cafeteria you would be disgusted. There is always food scattered about the floor and trash left on tables.



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The custodians did not create the mess, therefore they should not be the ones responsible to clean it up. As high school students everyone should be responsible and old enough to know how to clean up after themselves and not leave trash behind or throw food across the cafeteria. When there are bugs all over the school, students will once again be complaining about our schools looks when they need to take into account that they are the ones who left their garbage out to rot in the school.

Some students hide garbage in small places that the custodians are unaware of and some students place their old, chewed gum underneath desks, leaving unsuspecting students to touch it. Also,

the writing on desks and in bathroom stalls is getting ridiculous. By the time you enter high school you should begin maturing and learn that it is not funny to write on property that does not belong to you. In fact, writing on school property is a crime and you can be charged with vandalism and forced to pay for the damage.

So do everyone a favor and clean up after yourselves and help to keep the school clean, safe, and a pleasant place to be.

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and then *Siori September*, featuring a "shy" Steven Hanczyk as narrator from the trumpet section. Their third piece was *Pixar Movie Magic*, a medley of various songs from Pixar movies featuring flute soloist Amanda Eggleton. The band closed their set with a Stevie Wonder medley featuring James Bailey, Steven Hanczyk, and Zoya Savich.

The GRB orchestra closed out the evening with their four song set beginning with *Captain America March*, *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End* featuring violin soloist Oriana Casteluccio and *Jacob's Theme*. A select few of the Wind Ensemble members joined the orchestra onstage for a full orchestra piece, *Hoedown*.

Thankfully the story that began in controversy concluded with a happy ending because although the varsity girls came up just shy in a hard-fought game (see story, page 4) where they played their hardest, all the players did make it back to the concert to join their fellow musicians in providing a wonderful evening of music.



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October blood drive proves to be a success

New date, same great results.

Such was the case for the Student Senate/Red Cross Blood Drive last Friday as they collected 73 units of usable blood, and six people gave double red. Typically held in December, this year's event was nearly two months earlier than usual, but it hardly seemed to matter when all was said and done.

There were some students who had a tough experience while giving blood, but they were happy to help people in need of it. "It hurt and I almost passed out, but it was worth it because I know it will go to somebody who needs it," said senior Taylor McManus.

Senior Jake Crucitti joked that, "the blood drive lady hit on me, and when they put the plasma back in I got cold and felt like I could breathe ice."

Other students even conquered their fears just to help people in need of blood, "I was scared the whole time because I'm afraid of needles," said senior Brennan Roberge, but he, like all of the other donors, made it through fine.



Fulton City School Board member Mr. Carvey, back, was one of many who donated at the Student Senate/Red Cross Blood Drive. Also pictured are Senate members Geoffry Michaels, Emma Harvey and Kendra Tryniski.

Student Senate Advisor Mrs. Ferlito was pleased with the turnout for this, her first blood drive. "Throughout the event students were commenting about how good it felt to

know that by donating, they were saving lives." She noted that the next Senate Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2013.

Bodley senior claims go-kart championship

By Mike Ledger

G. Ray Bodley's own Todd Oakes isn't just a student and a wrestler. He is also a Go-kart racer at West Amboy Speedway. Todd has only been racing for the past three years, but in this short amount of time he was able to become points champion.

This is an incredible accomplishment because he was the youngest driver in his division to become points champion at West Amboy. When asked how it felt to become points champion, Todd responded "it feels great. After three years of racing all that hard work has paid off." As for being the youngest person to become points champion in his division he responded, "It feels great because I feel like I accomplished something outstanding."

Todd also commented that, "racing can be fun and exciting but scary at the same time because you don't know if and when you are going to get into a crash." He started racing



Senior Todd Oakes recently became the youngest driver ever to claim the top points trophy for go-kart racing at the West Amboy Speedway.

after watching his step-father race at Fulton Speedway. As for the races themselves, which involve cars averaging 28-30 miles per hour, he said that, "your adrenaline gets pumping and you become overwhelmed with feelings of excitement."

As for wipeouts, Todd noted that, "I have been in a crash and the worst crash I have ever been in was when I went through a wall at Oswego Kart way, also known as the Bull ring. My teammate Mickey Noble actually flipped his kart at one time. It's scary because you don't know how bad the crash will be and you don't know what the outcome will be of the crash."

As for the future, Todd is currently mulling over his racing career. "I'm not sure if I'm continuing," he said. "But if I do I'll be racing at Moose Mountain Speedway." In the meantime, he is just enjoying his 2012 effort, commenting that, "It takes a lot of money, time and effort to be points champion and be where I am today."

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Game Raiders fall just short of Class A final

By Dan Henkle

Close, but yet so far away. And for the second straight season a loss to Whitesboro spelled the end of the season for the girls soccer team.

But unlike last year when the Warriors ran riot past Fulton in a 7-1 final, the Raider girls gave the top seeded side all they could handle and more before falling 2-1 in the Class A semi-finals. The top-seeded Warriors rallied for two goals in the second half to defeat Fulton and advance to their third straight Section III Class A championship game. Fulton, 11-5-2, jumped on top 1-0 on a goal by Christina Pensabene, but the Whitesboro offense was too much for Fulton's star goalie Allyson Bricker and a tough Raider defense that held Whitesboro standout Ashley Williams scoreless.

Jennifer Deuel and Mariah Williams both scored goals in the second half for Whitesboro as the Warriors reeled off their 17th consecutive victory and lined up to face Jamesville-Dewitt, a 2-1 winner over Camden, in the Class A final for the third straight year. Bricker held them at bay until early in the second half as Whitesboro scored 10 minutes into the second stanza and then added the winner with 20 minutes to play. Bricker finished with 14 saves while facing 20 shots and finished with 100 saves on the year, only giving up 10 goals all season for a 91% save percentage.

The loss marked the third time in four years that Fulton has made it to the second round of the sectionals. For the season seniors Jocelyn Ravesi led the way with 7 goals and Courtney Beckwith had 6 goals while Mary Morrison ended a standout career by blanking 31 goal scorer Ashley Williams.

Last Friday the Fulton girls took a giant step forward in the sectionals as they beat Indian River 1-0 on the road. Katelyn Caza picked up the lone goal in the game in the second half as Courtney Beckwith assisted on the goal.

Goalie Allyson Bricker and the Lady Raider defense had another dominant performance as Bricker had to face only 4 shots but stopped them all. Fulton's defense limited a team that had scored 34 goals all year to just four shots in 90 minutes.



Coach Richardson and the varsity girls volleyball team will go gunning for their fourth Class A title in the last five years on Tuesday when they face local rival Oswego at 6:30 pm at Jamesville-Dewitt High School. The winner will go on to represent Section 3 in the upcoming New York State Tournament. (Fultonian Yearbook photo)

Spikers face rivals for Class A crown

An old rivalry will be renewed on Tuesday night when Fulton takes on Oswego in a clash between 11-4 sides for the Section 3 Class A girls' volleyball crown at Jamesville-Dewitt High School. These two teams did not play in the regular season, however they have played in pre-season and over the summer and the girls said they, "are always pumped to play them."

Oswego played a AA schedule this year and had an impressive win over 12-3 Fayetteville-Manlius. Fulton played teams from Class A to Class C and got a taste of some very good competition. The Raiders posted key wins against Cazenovia (10-7), and unbeaten at the time Marcellus (13-3). The Raiders also roll into the post-season on a five-game win streak and seem to be getting hot at the right time, winning eight of their last ten. Oswego comes in losing three of their last five games, perhaps giving the Raiders an advantage against a slumping Buccaneers team.

Fulton is led by seniors Sara Campolieta, who registered 156 kills this season, setter Kate Rothrock, who dished out 305 assists on the 2012 campaign, and Britney Mitsiell, who had 96 kills to go along with 36 digs. Oswego is led by junior Erica Atkins who had 88 kills, senior setter Alexa Healy, who dished 274 assists, and senior Margo Dillion, with 70 kills and 24 blocks.

Local pride will also be on the line during this game for all of the Fulton programs as the last big games against Oswego have ended in defeat with the Homecoming football loss to Oswego, boys basketball and hockey losing to Oswego in the winter, and also the Section 3 girls Class A lacrosse final in May.

This will be a true test for the girls as they look for their fourth Section 3 crown in five years. Game time is set for 6:30 pm Tuesday night at Jamesville-Dewitt High School. Come out and support your Lady Raiders! *By Casey Ware*

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