

Financial aid night set for December 9

The Guidance Department of G. Ray Bodley High School, Fulton City School District, will again host their annual "Financial Aid Night" for students and their parents or guardians on Monday, December 9 at 7 pm in the high school auditorium.

Becoming acquainted with the various sources of financial assistance and understanding the processes and deadlines for

applying will assure the timely submission of appropriate forms and greatly enhance the probability of receiving financial aid.

A representative from the financial aid office at the State University of New York at Oswego will present information about the types and sources of financial aid available to undergraduate students and familiarize

attendees with the federal and state forms needed to apply. Informative handouts will be available to those who attend.

All college-bound students and their parents or guardians are encouraged to attend, but this very important information will be of particular interest to seniors and their parents or guardians. The snow date is December 10 at 7 pm.



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Fulton musicians headed to Area All-State

By Dawson Samson

The G. Ray Bodley High School Music Department will be well represented the weekend of November 22-23 when Area All-State commences on Friday. Taking place at Clinton High School, members of the GRB band, orchestra and chorus will be practicing

on Friday and then performing on Saturday, both at 3 pm.

Area All State is a collection of representatives from orchestra, chorus, and band. Almost 30 schools from three counties send their representatives to showcase how well their students can perform. Each representative is chosen based on how well they did during Solo Fest in the spring prior to this

school year.

Apart from the concerts the musical groups put on during the school year, Area All State is much more classical and is on a much higher level. There is a higher expectation of performance and professionalism.

The chorus representatives for GRB this year will be senior Logan Carvey, junior Quinn Webb, junior Erica Pawlewicz, junior Kathryn Salmonsens, sophomore Brandon Webb.

GRB's band will be represented by senior Danielle Rupert, sophomore Keegan Congdon, and sophomore Bianca Delamarter.

Orchestra is sending seniors Paige Havner, and Julia Ludington this year as representatives, and unfortunately senior Tessa Livoti will not be able to attend.

Everyone is encouraged to make the trip to Clinton High School to attend.

What's happening at G. Ray Bodley High School?

The **Environmental Club** will meet after school today in Mr. Mainville's room.

There will be a **girls JV and varsity lacrosse meeting** today at 3 pm in the LMC. All interested girls are urged to attend.

Attention sophomores! A representative from BOCES will be at GRB on Friday, Nov. 8 during guided study hall to do a presentation for students interested in attending next year.

Boys and girls interested in competing in **indoor track this season** need to sign up with Mr. Galek after school in room 207 on Friday.

Registration deadline for the December 14 ACT exam to be given at GRB is Friday, November 8, Check with the guidance office for additional information.

Varsity boys and girls bowling practice will begin on Tuesday, November 12 at 3 pm at Lakeview Lanes.

Quirk's Players will be holding an informational meeting about this year's spring musical on Wednesday, November 13 at 2:30 pm in the chorus room, 104. Interested students are urged to attend.

HOPE Club meets every Monday in room 119.

Future Business Leaders of America meets every Monday in room 116.

Fultonian Yearbook meets every Tuesday in room 102.

GRB Journalism Club meets Wednesdays in room 102.

Today's lunch menu: cheddar cheese omelet with salsa and biscuit, tater tots, strawberry cup. warm apple churro with alternative of whole grain peanut butter and jelly.

Friday's lunch menu: Chicken fajita wrap with cheese and salsa, refried beans, carrots, fresh apple and whole fruit cup with the alternative of tuna fish on whole grain or fish sandwich.

College representatives from Onondaga Community College will be in the guidance office today at 11 am to meet with interested students.

Going someplace cool? Take

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"Where in the world is The Raider?"

STDs, pregnancy and the condom conundrum

By Taylor Simpson

The risk of contracting a sexually transmitted disease (STD) or having an unintended pregnancy is very high among high school students, and it is a problem not only nationally, but even here in our own town, Fulton New York.

So, why are we doing so little to protect our students?

One method that has been proven to work with adolescents is to provide comprehensive sexuality education along with school based programs that make condoms available to sexually active youth. Condoms are a very effective way to help prevent the spread of STDs and lower the risk of having an unintended pregnancy, but our school and many others around the country still choose not to protect their youth from these risks. Again, the question that needs to be answered is why?

An alarming fifty-three percent of high school students in the United States reported having had sexual intercourse (Brown). Unfortunately, sexually active youth are at the highest risk of acquiring a STD. "Fifty percent of new STD infections occur among young people ages 15 to 24, even though this group makes up only 25 percent of the sexually active population," according to Dennis Norfleet, MD, Oswego County Director of Public Health.

This may be due to ignorance or misinformation, but there is a simple solution to this problem; teaching teens that they should use condoms during intercourse. Teens who use condoms the first time they have sexual intercourse are more likely to continue using condoms into young adulthood, a June *American*

Journal of Public Health study found. These adolescents are also less likely than their peers to contract a sexually transmitted infection (Arias).

Many STDs can be cured such as Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis, but many young people who acquire these STDs do not



get proper treatment, which can wreak havoc on their body. According to the Center of Disease Control, it is estimated that 1 in 15 sexually active females aged 14-19 years has Chlamydia, and if Chlamydia is left untreated it can cause cancer of the cervix, infertility, and/or pelvic inflammatory disease. Gonorrhea can also cause pelvic inflammatory disease; while Syphilis, if left untreated, can leave open sores, rashes, and lesions all over the body including the genitals.

If we do not educate and provide protection from these curable STDs, then they can become very lethal to the adolescents who contract them. If gone untested they will just continue to be spread from student to student, unless they use condoms where the risk of obtaining STDs is considerably decreased. Many STDs are caused by viruses, therefore they are untreatable. These STDs include AIDs (HIV), HPV, Herpes Simplex, and Hepatitis B and in some cases, STDs such as AIDs can even cause death. Without education and easy accesses to condoms these students raise the risk of acquiring an STD that could very possibly lead to death.

Not only are teens at the risk of getting STDs when they do not use condoms, they are also at risk for having an unintended pregnancy. According to a study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly one-third of teens who become pregnant while not using birth control believed they could not get pregnant at that time. These teens were most likely using ineffective meth-

ods such as withdraw or the rhythm method, which is another important reason why they must be educated about what methods of contraception are effective and what are not, along with having access to condoms.

Unintended pregnancies are not that common in Fulton, New York, right?

Well, actually teen pregnancy rates are very high in Fulton. According to a New York State Department of Health study

using figures from 2006-2008 and then updated in 2010, for girls living in the 13069 zip code (Fulton) the pregnancy rate among 15-19 year olds was an almost unbelievable 68.43%, compared to Oswego's rate of only 30.41%.

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Opinion

Think before you download that phone ap

By Jack Ryan

It seems like almost everyone has a smartphone and uses it on a daily basis. People not only use their phones for conversing or contacting others, but now utilize them for a wide variety of uses including games, social media, translators, web browsers, and so much more.



The endless list of uses for a smart phone seemingly grow every day. An unfathomable amount of data and microwave material are sent through the airwaves on a daily basis, information a lot of people don't even know about. What many people also fail to realize are the privacy restrictions and allowed accesses of many popular application developers that many users absent-mindedly accept which are quite absurd and intruding.

A tremendous amount of personal information is sent to many different companies and organizations throughout an average day of using a smartphone. Not only does the phone company that provides phone service have access to many of the features on a person's phone, including their camera and microphone at any time, but also a person's GPS location as well. Even more frightening is the fact that these readings can be accurate to a tenth of an inch from where someone is. These are just a fraction of the permissions people agree to when they sign that phone contract or accept the terms of use on a new application.

Technology is surging at such an exponential rate and being made so widely available to the public that new innovations and ideas are being produced daily to "better" our lives. But the better question is whether or not all of this is really what the world needs to focus on right now?

Looking inside the condom conundrum (from page 2)

So, what does this mean for these affected teens? According to the Center of Disease Control and prevention, one in every ten child-births is from a teen mother. Teen mothers are much more likely to drop out of high school. Only about 50% of teen mothers receive a high school diploma by age 22, compared to approximately 90% of the women who had not given birth during adolescence (Perper).

According to Oswegocountytoday.com, the children of teen mothers are more likely to be born prematurely and at low birth weight compared to children of older mothers, which raises the probability of infant death, blindness, deafness, chronic respiratory problems, mental retardation, mental illness, cerebral palsy, dyslexia and hyperactivity. Babies born to teens face a range of developmental risks as well. Faced with all of these facts the question comes to mind: Why are we letting kids rise kids when we have a simple solution, condoms?

Not only does teen pregnancy affect the mothers, fathers and children who are directly involved, but in New York teen pregnancy cost taxpayers at least \$377 million in 2008, according to an updated analysis from The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. Of these costs, 24% were federal costs and 76% were state and local costs.

Schools must start providing more sex education and also make

condoms available to combat this growing epidemic. With the easy availability of condoms and the chance to arm teens with the information they need to make responsible decisions, we can not only help prevent STDs from endangering student's lives, but also help stop some young girls from becoming teen mothers. Everyone will benefit from this as it will help shape our school and county's future for the better. Let's give youth the resources to make safe health decisions!

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Donate Christmas gifts to homes of girls in Columbia! Project Smiles is in its eleventh year bringing smiles to girls in Columbia for Christmas.



Donate: any toiletries (i.e. deodorant, hairbrushes), new or used SUMMER clothing, small candies, and school supplies in the main office or guided study halls

Contact Amelia Coakley, Mackenzie Grow, Derek Prosser, or Sophia Giovannetti with questions

Quote of the day:

"Fear is the only obstacle that gets in the way of doing what we love. People are scared to travel, to try new things, to follow their dreams. Fear holds us back from living the lives we were made to live."

-Miley Cyrus

Seeking advice for any problem or concern you may have? Just e-mail me at askmyrtle.raider@gmail.com. I hope to hear from you.

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NFL Picks

Topsy-turvy weekend leaves many questions



Mr. Senecal

Last week: 7-6
Overall: 36-20

Miami @ Tampa Bay
It was the weekend that shook up the NFL, and now the question is: who are

the contenders and who are the pretenders in the National Football League?

Defending champion Baltimore is on the ropes and facing a must-win situation this weekend against the first-place Bengals while Green Bay is looking at life without superstar Aaron Rodgers against an Eagles team that looked like world beaters last weekend. Seattle has been anything but impressive in the past two weekends, but Atlanta might be the biggest flop of the NFL. New Orleans looked pedestrian in losing to the Jets, while Dallas has been anything but the model of consistency.

The suddenly resurgent Giants have had a week off to regroup, and they face an Oakland team that was torched for seven touchdowns last weekend and must travel east to face the G-men. Washington battled past the always inconsistent Chargers and head indoors to take on a Minnesota side that looked better than ever, despite a heartbreaking loss to Dallas.

Meanwhile the hard-luck Bills, who should have handed Kansas City their first loss, meet another model of inconsistency in the disappointing Steelers. Detroit and Chicago meet with first place in the NFC North on the line, but all eyes will be on winless Tampa Bay this Monday as the suddenly controversy laden Dolphins come to town.

If last weekend was any indication of what lies ahead, it should be an interesting next two months in the NFL.

Mr. S's Picks:

Washington
Seattle
Detroit
Philadelphia
Tennessee
Indianapolis
NY Giants
Buffalo
Cincinnati
San Francisco
Denver
Arizona
New Orleans
Miami



Jimmy Martin

Last week: 6-7
Overall: 35-21

Seattle @ Atlanta
Atlanta has been one of this year's biggest disappointments. At a 2-6 record, they

are in third place in the NFC South division. After Seattle's shocking playoff run last year, they continue to prove they are a top team. Sitting in first place in the NFC West at 8-1 and looking for another win.

The Falcons really need to win the rest of the season to have a chance at the playoffs. Seattle is in their way and will most likely stop them. Atlanta has won the past three head to head games, with 30 plus points every game. Matt Ryan has thrown for 15 touchdowns but has thrown 10 interceptions, including seven in the past two games. Atlanta hasn't had a strong rushing game either as their top running back only has two touchdowns.

Seattle is one of the top teams in the league and looks to stay there. They are on a four game win streak and will most likely improve to five. The Seahawks are led by sophomore sensation Russell Wilson who has also thrown 15 touchdowns, but only has six interceptions. He has a 98.1 quarterback rating, which is pretty high. Running back Marshawn Lynch has been in the end zone six times, so he hopes to help Seattle to a win.

This game shouldn't be that close. The Seahawks have been dominating the league, while the Falcons have not. I believe that Seattle can improve to 9-1 and have high playoff hopes. My score prediction is Seattle beating Atlanta 35-14.

Jimmy's Picks:

Washington
Seattle
Detroit
Green Bay
Tennessee
Indianapolis
Oakland
Pittsburgh
Cincinnati
San Francisco
Denver
Houston
New Orleans
Miami



Jason Mattice

Last week: 7-6
Overall: 35-21

Cincinnati @ Baltimore

The division leading Bengals visit the struggling defending Super

Bowl champions, the 3-5 Baltimore Ravens, in an AFC North battle. The Ravens problems this year have been in an unfamiliar area to them, the ground game. Running Back Ray Rice who was a 1,000+ yard rusher in the last five years is on pace for only 518 rushing yards in this season. The fourth worst rushing offense of Baltimore is not helping out quarterback Joe Flacco, who has been sacked 25 times and thrown 9 interceptions, and has struggled getting the offense going. The Ravens defense has struggled as well and they clearly miss their old defensive leader Ray Lewis.

The Bengals, on the other hand, look like they are going to stay atop the division with the way they have played this season. Cincinnati's offense is top 10 in the league in yards while AJ Green and Andy Dalton have connected 57 times and for 5 touchdowns on the season. The Bengals one, two punch on the ground with Benjarvus Green-Ellis and Giovanni Bernard have collected 785 yards and 7 touchdowns. The Bengals only downfall this year has been turnovers; they are -4 on the turnover ratio.

This divisional matchup should be a good one. I think the Ravens will win the game by forcing turnovers and playing conservatively on offense while trying to get the ground game going. The defending champs need a win in this one, although the Bengals will stay atop the division with a win or a loss.

Jason says:

Washington
Seattle
Detroit
Green Bay
Tennessee
Indianapolis
NY Giants
Pittsburgh
Baltimore
San Francisco
Denver
Houston
New Orleans
Tampa Bay

What is your favorite song on the radio?



"Radioactive by Imagine Dragons."

Kaleb Baker



"Hey Girl by Jason Aldean."

Coral Reynnells



"Scar Tissue by Red Hot Chili Peppers."

Sean Martin



"Wrecking Ball by Miley Cyrus."

Donna Aiken

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Early rain.
Afternoon sun.

51°

Average: 52°
Record: 73° (1975)

Tonight:



Brisk with rain
showers.

34°

Average: 36°
Record: 17° (1971)

Tomorrow:



Windy with rain and
snow showers.

44°

Average: 51°
Record: 74° (1931)

Former GRB student and current SUNY Oswego sophomore Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist. Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.