

# GRB's version of "March Madness" is underway

It's March and that means March Madness. And G. Ray Bodley High School is getting into the swing with its own unique version of the March Madness charge for the title..

This year is the fourth annual Tournament of Historical Champions. Mrs. Dauphin, the AP World History and Global teacher, created a bracket just like the NCAA bracket. All of her students and some of her past students compete in this.

There are over 70 students involved in it, making it the biggest so far. Each student is randomly assigned a historical leader and they have to try and prove that they are the best.

Leaders range from Alexander the Great, to Mansa Musa, to Mohandas Gandhi. The presenters are judged by classmates and teachers and whoever gets the best score advances on.

This week has seen play-in rounds. Since there are more than 64 entries, some students have to face each other just to get into the tournament. Bodley's March Madness officially starts on Monday with the top seeds taking on the 16 seeds and so on. Each round gets harder and more detailed, so the players have to come more prepared.

Many students have enjoyed this in the

past years. It helps people familiarize themselves with leaders and it also helps with public speaking. The three champions in the past have all been very different in their leaderships. In 2011, Pat Fink won with Augustus Caesar. In 2012, Liz Hein won with Charlemagne, and in 2013, Alan Cronk won with Josef Stalin.

All three of the previous winners graduated last year, so someone from a different class will win this time around. And in the end not only does the winner earn bragging rights, they also receive a framed picture in their costume. *By Jimmy Martin*

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Members of the Quirk's Players Drama Club wowed their peers on Thursday during a pair of previews of their spring musical, *Curtains*. The troupe will take to the stage again tonight and Saturday night at 7:30 pm with an added matinee performance on Saturday afternoon at 2 pm. (Ruth Brown photo)

### It's Showtime! *Curtains!*

Fri-Sat @ 7:30 pm

Sat. matinee @ 2 pm

Tickets \$8, \$7 for senior citizens  
and children under 12  
GRB auditorium



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

**HOPE Club** meets every Monday in room 119.

The Senior Class will be hosting a spaghetti dinner this Saturday, March 8th from 11:00am to 6:00pm at the Fulton First United Methodist Church (across from the Junior High School). Advanced sale tickets are being sold at all lunches this week for \$8.00 and \$10.00 at the door on Saturday.

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

**Fultonian Yearbook** meets on Tuesdays in room 102.

**Yearbooks** are still available for preorder for \$60. See Mr. Senecal in room 228 during GSH.

Baseball tryouts will take place in the GRB gym starting Monday from 6 to 9 pm.

JV and varsity girls softball tryouts will take place on Monday, March 10 through Wednesday, March 12 in the gym. See Coach Lyons or Stadmiller for questions.

### What's for lunch?

**Today:** Fish on a bun with baked beans, corn and whole fruit sorbet with alternative of tuna fish on hoagie roll.

**Monday:** Meatball sub with shredded cheese with carrots, green beans and peaches with alternative of ham or turkey and cheese sandwich.

## Sports

# NCAA hoops post season tournaments underway

It's March, and the men's NCAA basketball conference tournaments are already underway. The Atlantic Sun, Big South, Horizon League, Northeast, and Patriot League tournaments have all started, while most of the bigger basketball conferences start after March 10.

Locally, many fans are looking forward to the ACC Tournament with all of the great teams in the conference; also it is the first ACC tournament for Syracuse, Notre Dame, and Pittsburgh. The ACC Tournament begins on Wednesday, March 12. Michigan, Michigan Wisconsin and, Ohio St. always make for an interesting Big Ten tournament, and this year's Big 12 tournament looks like it may be dominated by the strong Kansas Jayhawks.

The Pac 12 is expected to be won by Arizona, the Big East tournament could be a close one as Villanova is the first ranked team in

## Uniform draws mixed reviews

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are making a lot of new changes to the team after the disappointing 2013 season. The Bucs appearance is all new, and they have a new logo as well as sharp new uniforms. The Bucs went 4-12 last season and then fired Coach Greg Shciano and hired former Bears head coach Lovie Smith.

There are many critics for Tampa Bay's post season actions, as some people say that the new jerseys are too flashy and that they are "for the kids," but as a Bucs fan I believe that change was needed as they have not had a winning season since 2010 when they missed the playoffs with a 10-6 record.

"It's been 17 years since we last did this," Bucs co-chairman Ed Glazer said. "Any change is going to be a little new to people. But once the fans get a chance to see it in person on the field, they're going to love it." Last year's struggles were due to the loss of star running back Doug Martin and inconsistency at the quarterback position.

*By Jason Mattice*



the conference. This next week and a half will be an exciting one for basketball fans, filled with close games and intense rivalries before the NCAA Tournament.

As for the NCAA tournament as of right now I predict the final four to be, Wichita State, Florida, Wisconsin, and Syracuse if Jerami Grant comes back and plays well in the tournament. He is a key player for the team and their losses can be contributed to his absence due to an injured back.

*By Jason Mattice*

## US men drop emotional test

The US men's soccer team took on Ukraine on Wednesday in a tuneup for the coming World Cup championships in Brazil. The match was originally supposed to be played in Ukraine, but due to the country's current turmoil with Russia the game was relocated to Larnaca, Cyprus. For the Americans it still was uncertain that they would be having an opponent to face, but when spotting the Ukraine jet on the tarmac at Larnaca Airport it was a good sign.

Unsure of whether or not the game was still on between the two teams, just hours earlier a Ukraine reporter reported that the game was canceled with the misinformation mostly liking came from the Ukraine's crisis with political instability and a possible armed confrontation with Russia.

The relocation to Cyprus was a great place due to the warm early spring temperatures and the neutrality of Larnaca made it the perfect place to continue the Americans' preparations for the World Cup. Despite the relocations and conflicts, US goal keeper Tim Howard saw a positive out of the situation when he said, "this is an opportunity for us to play in a different sort of environment. It's a neutral venue, so I guess it's quite useful before a World Cup in that sense."

Sadly for the US they were defeated by the Ukraine 2-0. Both goals came from rebounded saves that Tim Howard had made, but as a positive the US thanks the Ukraine for this game because it helps the team focus and make some changes to determine a better outcome. Head Coach Jurgen Klinsmann stated that, "We were so wishful to get this game because there are things that otherwise we wouldn't have seen. Taking this game helped us a lot to see where individual players are, collectively where we stand at with this group of players."

*By Jeff Waldron*

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# Students putting artistic talents to work at GRB

By Dawson Samson

Commissioning artwork from talented artists has been a fairly common occurrence throughout history. Most of the world's greatest artists are known for large pieces they were commissioned for, and most artists in recent time depend on commissions to survive. Although it is normal for artists to receive payment for their work, at G Ray Bodley High School, a handful of talented seniors have been commissioned to do different pieces around the school.

One of the more notable pieces done this year is by GRB senior, Cody Beckley, who started, and has nearly finished, a large scale mural in art teacher Mrs. Williams room. Cody wasn't alone in working on the piece however, he had help from some of the senior classes most talented artists, Jack Ryan, Emily Leonard, and Seth Rogers-Miller. The whole group worked together to get the mural to the point it is at now, and will continue to work together until the piece is finished.

Cody and Emily are also recognized for being commissioned to work on a mural for the whole school, which they are working on in the main entrance way of the high school. Assistant Principal Mr. Greene approached the pair after seeing the mural they were working together on in Mrs. Williams' room, and noticing that they both seemed to have a substantial amount of tardies for school, he offered the pair the option of painting the school's logo in the main entrance in exchange for wiping the slate clean.

Painting art pieces for teachers and the school didn't just start this year however, as last year's foreign exchange student from France, Yann Tadei, painted an excellent image of the Eiffel tower in Mrs. Ryan's classroom, which is still proudly presented in the very front of her class, anyone who has Mrs. Ryan as a teacher can attest to the workmanship of the piece.

Just a few years back in GRB's history, recently retired art teacher, Mrs. Koblentz, had the most talented of her students paint what is

probably the most well known mural in the school, the history of art, which stretches across an entire wall in the technology wing. Also, not to forget, the class murals from years past, scattered throughout the schools walls.

There are also murals in the planning stages, or still in the process of being finished. Mrs. Williams students seem to be quite eager to leave their own marks on the walls of her art room, because both junior Abby Field, and senior Cheyanne Velasquez, have begun their own pieces on different surfaces in the ceramics art room. Mr. Patnode has even commissioned some of his students to paint a large mural of the world map in his room, and seniors Taylor Simpson, Emily Leonard, and Dawson Samson, should begin working on it soon.

It is extremely encouraging to both the students who are being requested to do the works, and other students in the school, to see that their teachers hold their students work and effort in such high regard that they would for them to leave a permanent mark on the walls of the school. These requests for the murals are liberating for the aspiring artists, and the rest of the school, and it would do everyone good if it continued even after this year.



Senior artists Cody Beckley, left, and Emily Leonard, right, have been hard at work creating a mural of the school mascot in the entranceway to G. Ray Bodley High School. (RND file photos by Mr. Senecal)



A well known student creation which graces the art wing of the high school features the history of art, tracing artwork back to its earliest origins.

### Quote of the day:

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it."  
- Alan Kay

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# What are you doing this weekend?



"It's my daughter Gabbie's fourth birthday!"

Mrs. House



"Hanging out with my friends."

Pete Ravesi



"Grading papers."

Mrs. Hawley



"I'm going shopping!!."

Mrs. Cook

## Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



**Today:**



Sun and clouds.

**39°**

Average: 40°  
Record: 68° (2012)

**Tonight:**



Partly cloudy.

**24°**

Average: 22°  
Record: -1° (1989)

**Tomorrow:**  
Chance rain/ snow.

**37°/25°**

Average: 40°/22°  
Rec. high/low: 71°  
(2000)/-6° (1984)

**Sunday:**

Chance snow.

**30°/24°**

Average: 40°/23°  
Record high/low: 78°  
(2000)/-4° (2007)

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