

GRB well represented at All-County Festival

The G. Ray Bodley Music Department will be well represented this weekend at the OCMEA All-County Orchestra festival. An impressive list of 17 GRB musicians will be taking place in the event, which is being hosted by the Oswego Central School Dis-

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trict with all three levels of students; elementary, junior high and senior high. The students will head to the Oswego theater this afternoon to prepare for the concert, which will take place at 2 pm on Saturday at Oswego High School.

"I am pleased to have 17 students from GRB involved in this festival," Orchestra instructor Mrs. Edele commented. "It gives our students an opportunity to perform within a higher level full orchestra setting."

"It is truly an honor having 16 string students and one band student in the Sr. High OCMEA All-County Orchestra," she went

on to say, noting that, "many students auditioned back in December and only these students made it from Fulton."

A total of 13 junior high students will also be participating from Fulton as well as five from Granby and four from Lanigan. Edele

said that having the younger students also participating is a real plus which has always made her feel "fortunate that such talent will be following in the footsteps of the GRB students of today."

Participating on Violin 1 from GRB are Gina Babcock and Madison Lang while Donna Aiken, Meghan DeMott, Hunter Dudley, Jasmine James and Jacob Wilcox will be on Violin 2. Cello players Olivia Coakley, Alex Dombroski and C.J. Hyland will also be taking part along with bassists Devan Ketcham and Marissa Woodcock. Rounding out the group on Viola are Michael Hartmann, Samantha Heywood, Paige Rowlee and Abby Zych as well as Deidre Murphy on Bassoon.

The concert will be conducted by Mr. William J. Mercer and features the

"Radetzky March" by Johan Strauss Sr. along with "Finlandia" by Jean Sibelius. The group will close their portion of the concert with "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl!" by Klaus Badelt.

The concert is part of a busy schedule for the GRB Music Department, which celebrates "Music in Our Schools Month" with a series of concerts starting with the orchestra concert on Thursday, March 17. The Bodley bands will take center stage on Wednesday, March 23 with the chorus concert scheduled for Tuesday, March 29. All three concerts will begin at 7:30 pm at the GRB Auditorium and as is always the case, there is no charge for admission.

Get your act together!



Signups
March 16-17-18
in the cafeteria



Languages Other Than English Week has featured plenty of culture and fun involving the three languages offered at G. Ray Bodley High School: French, German and Spanish. Students decorated the windows in the language wing, above, while on Tuesday Spanish teacher Sra. Halladay, with help from her husband, Physical Education teacher Mr. Halladay, demonstrated the Bachata dance style while the students caught on quickly. (Julia Polly photo, top, and Senecal photo)



Opinion

Strange but true: feminine hygiene a “luxury”

By Cassidy Bowering

File this under the topic of things you don't really want to talk about, but I've got some breaking news for everyone out there: Women on their monthly period are having a luxurious experience.

I wish someone had told me sooner, then maybe I wouldn't feel so crampy, or wouldn't act so “moody,” as I've been told.

Funny thing is, I don't think it is a luxury, and I also don't think many women think it is a luxury to buy feminine hygiene products. So why are these items taxed the same as luxury goods?

It turns out, I am not the only one who thinks this is unfair. Margo Seibert, Jennifer Moore, Catherine O'Neil, Natalie Brasington, and Taja-Nia Henderson, have just filed a lawsuit on Thursday, March



3rd, against New York's tax department and its commissioner, Jerry Boone. Even our current president, President Obama says that he has, “no idea why states would tax these as luxury items,” suspecting, “it's because men were making the laws when these were passed.”

Some argue that the tax is justified because other essential goods such as soap and toilet paper are also taxed. However many medical supplies are exempted from this luxury tax, including items such as Rogaine, dandruff shampoo, foot powder, and chapstick. If these items can be seen as medically necessary, how can feminine hygiene products not be? It is not like women are choosing each month to have a week full of trips to the restrooms and complain of stomach pains. This is a part of a woman's life and she shouldn't be taxed for something she has no control over.

I, have talked to many boys my age about this issue, and I didn't get a single response in support of eliminating this luxury tax. However none of them said they would be willing to pay for their sisters or girlfriends feminine hygiene products either. I think this is an important issue that everyone should step back and think about for a minute, whether they agree or disagree on the matter.

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

A student ambassador from Yale University will be in the counseling office on Monday, March 14 at 9:30 am to speak with interested students.

The next meeting of the **Fultonian Yearbook** is Monday, March 14 after school in room 102. New members are welcome.

Get your act together! **Bodley's Got Talent sign-ups** are March 16-17-18 in the cafeteria.

The next **Student Senate Blood Drive** will be held on Wednesday, March 30th from 8 am-3 pm in the LGI. You must be 16 or older to donate blood. See Mrs. Ferlito in room 115 to sign up for your slot. Save a life, become a blood donor!

What's for lunch?

Today: popcorn shrimp with biscuit, baked beans, side salad, applesauce

Monday: BBQ pork ribbie on a bun, green beans, carrots, pears

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Weekend movie releases provide plenty of variety



This is the weekend the clocks get set ahead, and it is also a great time to check out these new releases: *10 Cloverfield Lane*, *The Young Messiah*, and *The Brothers Grimsby*.

10 Cloverfield Lane is the very definition of a thriller. It concerns a young woman who was almost killed in a car accident who awakens in the care of a

man who claims to be giving her safe haven since the surrounding

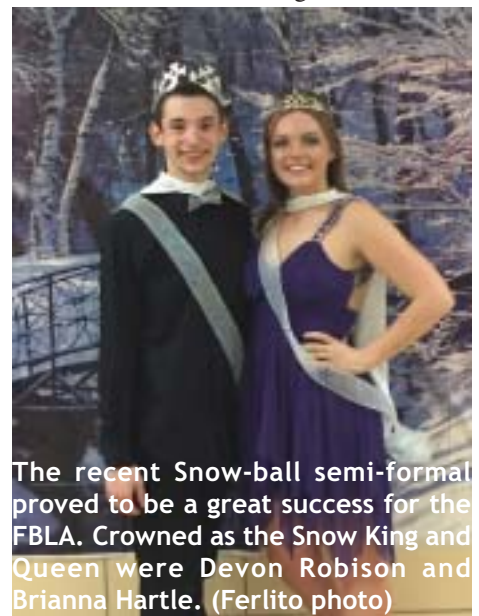
area was hit by a devastating chemical attack. But can he be trusted? Is this what really happened - or is something worse out there?

Like *Risen*, *The Young Messiah* is just in time for Easter. This movie imagines the life of Jesus of Nazareth at age seven, and is based on Anne Rice's novel *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt*.

The Brothers Grimsby is about two brothers adopted by different families twenty-eight years ago who are now looking for each other. One is a football hooligan from the English town of Grimsby with nine children and a beautiful girlfriend. The other is an M16 agent who has just discovered a sinister plot that threatens the world. Now it turns out that they will need each other in order to save the world. Be warned, though-this movie is rated R, and for good reason.



Members of the Fulton volleyball team took part in last weekend's Brockport Tournament and did well while competing against club teams from Canada and New York. Pictured from left to right are Shannon Zych, Karly Kearns, Mallory Harter, Aryelle Barbagallo, Olivia Pawlewicz, Nicole Hansen, Stacy Sereno, Emily Simpson and Julia Greer. (photo courtesy Mrs. Pawlewicz)



The recent Snow-ball semi-formal proved to be a great success for the FBLA. Crowned as the Snow King and Queen were Devon Robison and Brianna Hartle. (Ferlito photo)

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Do you think Syracuse will get into the NCAA tournament?



"No SU won't be in it."
Tyler Lee



"No, they've been playing poorly."
Adam Baldwin



"Nope, and they did it to themselves."
Mr. Lyons



"No, they have bad blood with the NCAA because of their recent scandal."
Mrs. Parkhurst

Meteorology and you

Today:



Increasing sunshine

43°

Average: 41°
Record: 67° (1977)

Tonight:



Mostly clear

30°

Average: 23°
Record: -1° (1948)

Tomorrow:

Sunny skies

53°/36°

Average: 41°/24°
Rec. high/low: 67° (1977) -10° (1948)

Sunday:

Sun and clouds
Chance PM shower

54°/45°

Average: 42°/24°
Rec. high/low: 71° (1990) -6° (1944)

By Carson Metcalf



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