



GRB's historical "March Madness" underway

By Zachary Almeter

It's March, and that means it is time once again for March Madness, but we're not even talking basketball.

This year is the sixth annual March Madness Tournament of Historical Champions, hosted by G. Ray Bodley AP World History teacher Mrs. Dauphin. All of her students participate in it, and her former students are sometimes called in if they are needed. All of the competitors select the name of a random world leader who is mentioned in the class out of a hat.

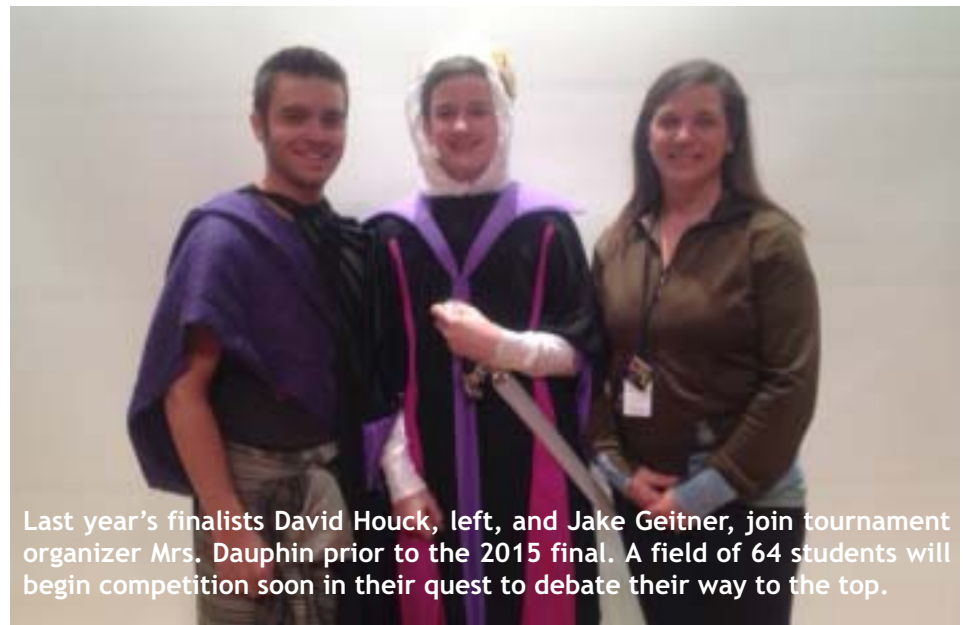
They then research this leader and come up with an argument for why their leader has left the greatest impact on world history. These world leaders range from Justinian to Karl Marx, from Winston Churchill to Mao Zedong, from Genghis Khan to Mohandas Gandhi, and also include more obscure figures such as Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and Toussaint L'Ouverture.

Mrs. Dauphin then draws up a 64-space bracket just like the one used by the NCAA and fills in the spaces with the leaders who have been selected. The students then participate in debates against each other to prove that they are the best of the best with the ultimate goal of getting to the winner's space in the center of the bracket. The ones who make it to the Elite Eight get to dress up as their world leader. The winner gets the honor

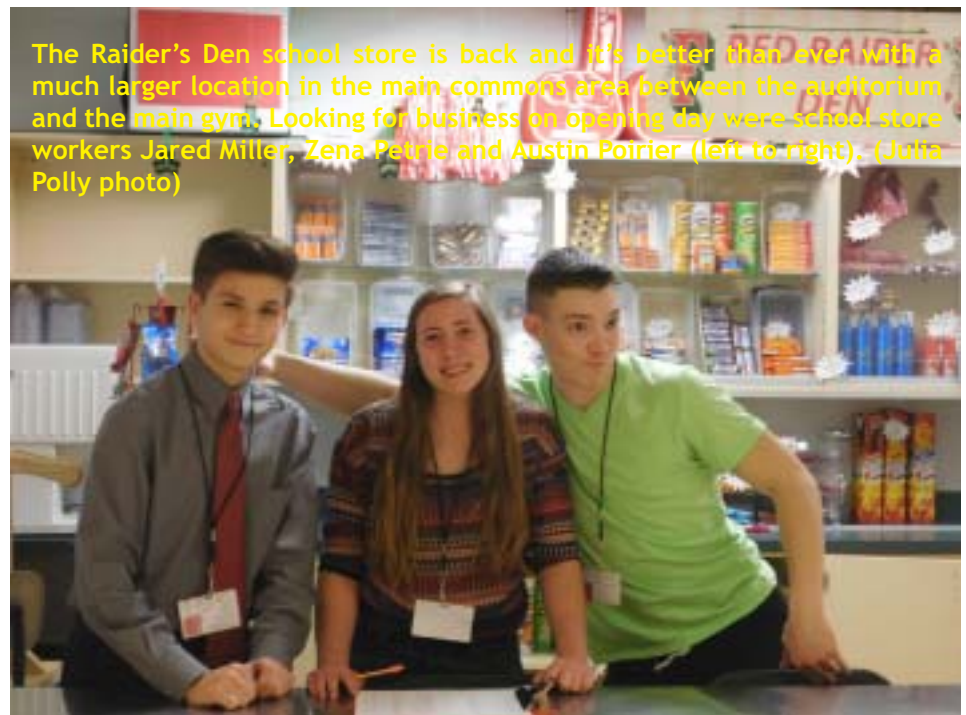
of being immortalized on Mrs. Dauphin's wall dressed as their leader.

Since its debut in 2011, this event has remained very popular. Not only does it help students in Mrs. Dauphin's classes, it also allows them to practice their debate and public speaking skills.

Past winners of the Tournament of Historical Champions include Patrick Fink as Augustus Caesar, Liz Hein as Charlemagne, Alan Cronk as Josef Stalin, David Tallents as Salvador Allende, and the returning champion David Houck as Cyrus the Great.

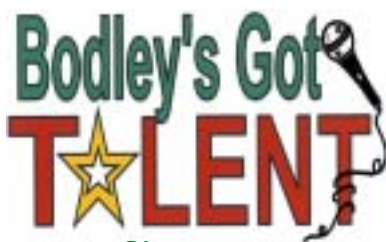


Last year's finalists David Houck, left, and Jake Geitner, join tournament organizer Mrs. Dauphin prior to the 2015 final. A field of 64 students will begin competition soon in their quest to debate their way to the top.



The Raider's Den school store is back and it's better than ever with a much larger location in the main commons area between the auditorium and the main gym. Looking for business on opening day were school store workers Jared Miller, Zena Petrie and Austin Poirier (left to right). (Julia Polly photo)

Get your act together!



Signups

March 16-17-18 in the cafeteria

Opinion

Take advantage of GRB's numerous electives

By Nicole Hansen

The students at G. Ray Bodley High School are very fortunate to have the multitude of classes that are offered to them. Besides the core classes there are many fun and productive electives you can take in high school. The electives range in different areas such as art, technology, mechanics, cooking and many others.

As a freshman I took Food & Nutrition in Mrs. Hawley's famous pink room. The class was very helpful in learning cooking skills and was a double bell every other day. Don't start to think that it's going to be a walk in the park, as a freshman that was my lowest grade for most of the year. If taking that class I would greatly recommend learning the cooking measurements. I also had a lot of boys in my class, so don't just assume that a cooking class is for girls, the boys always make the class more interesting.



Another great class to take falls on the legal side of things: Law in our lives. This half year class gives many useful tips for real world situations. In the class you learn about the legalities of renting an apartment, wills, marriage rights, the court system, credit and debit cards. Taking the class as a sophomore really opened my eyes to how things work and I would recommend it to anyone.

Also during my sophomore year I took the half year course of Sports and Fashion Marketing. I found this to be a fairly easy business class that teaches the behind the scenes of marketing. The busi-

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ness department offers many classes that are worth taking. Computer toolbox is a very useful class that teaches students how to use computers in a more in-depth way. This is a great class to take before heading to college, and all of the business classes are helpful in more ways than one.

Realizing that I had not yet fulfilled my one art/music credit need to graduate high school, this year I took ceramics. Ceramics is an extremely fun class with Mrs. Williams, who makes going to class enjoyable every day. Some of the projects I made in the half a year class were a stamp, flower vase, jewelry box, bowl, and a mug. All of the art classes get great reviews from students and have well trained teachers leading the way. If you're not very musically talented or can't seem to draw very well then ceramics is the place for you.

Not being very good at math or construction type things I have not taken any of the engineering, construction or mechanic based classes. But if that is the field of occupation that you are considering, then those are the classes for you. The classes are well instructed and very hands on, students really seem to enjoy them as well.

Becoming a senior next year my one regret is not taking more electives. After all, taking them in high school is free. Getting to college and taking them comes at quite a cost. No matter what electives you choose, make sure your grades are up in your core classes as well as the electives.

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 today, March 14 after school in room 102.

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

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Wednesday: Cheese pizza, broccoli, butternut squash and mixed fruit

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Bodley Mathletes celebrate the coming of "Pi Day"

Today, March 14 is a fun day for mathematicians, since they can both express their love for the number pi and make good use of pi/pie puns by eating pie.

Pi is a constant very important to mathematical fields such as trigonometry. It represents the ratio between the diameter and radius of a circle, which is always about 3.141529. The number doesn't actually end, being irrational, so the decimal stretches on forever. It is often approximated by 3.14, 22/7 or 355/113. To honor the number, March 14, or 3-14 is Pi Day.

This year's Pi Day was celebrated a bit early by the G. Ray Bodley Math Club on Wednesday. In math teacher Mrs. Ryan's classroom, the mathletes sang a song about pi, solved some challenge problems, ate pie, and most importantly, pied each other in the face. Good fun and good pie were had by all. Happy Pi Day!

By Caleb Almeter

Driving dog avoids mishap

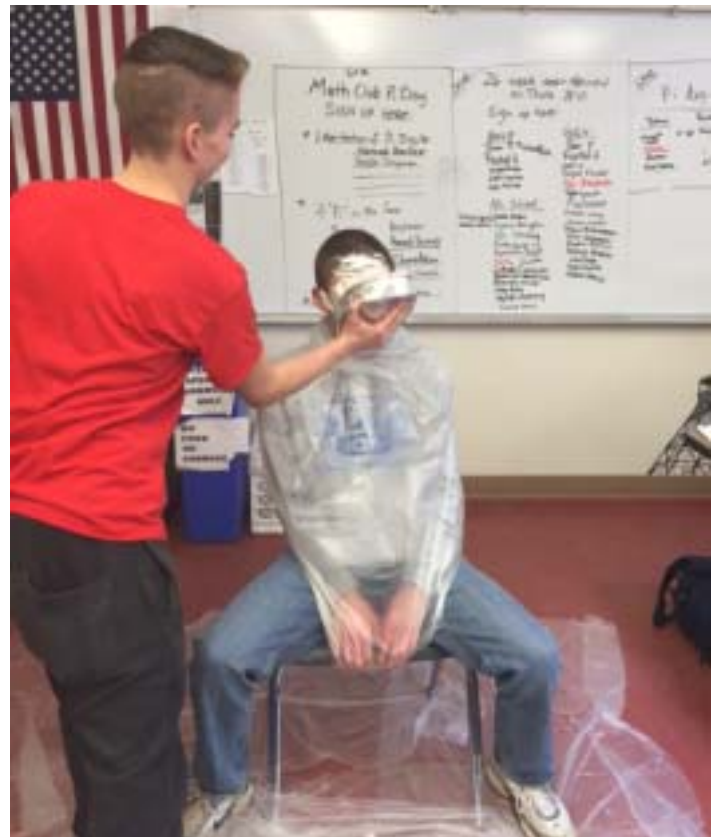
On March 5 patrons at a gas station in Mankato, Minnesota were in for a big surprise when a semi crashed into a tree in front of the gas pumps. That may not sound too weird...until the driver was revealed: labrador retriever. The truck was in the parking lot idling until it was put into gear and started rolling.

An onlooker got inside to stop the out of control vehicle. No one was hurt thankfully, as there was minimal damage to the truck and



the tree snapped. No word on whether the dog was ticketed.

- *Kim Rombough*



While today, March 14 (3.14) is officially "Pi Day," members of the G. Ray Bodley High School Math Club got a head start on the festivities last week with their annual "Pi Day" celebration. The highlight of the day came when the students took turns pieing each other in the face. In the photo above RND's Caleb Almeter takes one in the face from David Tallents. (Mrs. Ryan photo)

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Tonight:



Chance rain

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Record: 7° (2003)

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Chance showers

55°

Average: 40°
Record: 78° (1990)

By Carson Metcalf



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