



## Area All-State Festival Enjoyed by Raider Musicians

**By Mason Rowlee**

Twenty G.R.B. students traveled to Whitesboro on Friday, November 18 to participate in the annual Area All-State Festival. The festival consisted of three different musical ensembles, including an orchestra, band, and chorus. Each consisted of not only G.R.B. students, but also musicians from throughout Central New York.

G.R.B. orchestra teacher Mrs. Edele said, "The students did a fabulous job, as always" and stated, "The students rehearsed all day on Friday until the late hours of the night then drove back here to Fulton to wake up early the next morning for more rehearsal time and a concert."

Band	Orchestra	Chorus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ryan Barry</li> <li>• Trent Berry</li> <li>• Maura Botsford</li> <li>• Philip Summerville</li> <li>• Savannah LaPage</li> <li>• Morgan Murphy</li> <li>• Keegan Wallace</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunter Dudley</li> <li>• Alyssa Rosenbarker</li> <li>• Samantha Heywood</li> <li>• Charles Hyland</li> <li>• Devan Ketcham</li> <li>• Madison Lang</li> <li>• Deidre Murphy</li> <li>• Maryssa Woodcock</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emily Gerth</li> <li>• Jeremy Herlowski</li> <li>• Kayleigh Hotaling</li> <li>• Michael Mankiewicz</li> <li>• Christopher Tetro</li> </ul>

Violinist Maddi Lang said, "Area All-State was really fun and a great experience." She also noted, "It was a great experience to get together and play with other musicians from all around Central New York."

Senior trumpeter Trent Berry said Area All-State was "one of the best musical experiences I've had." He noted that the concerts were superb and added, "It was impressive we sounded so good even though we only had a few hours to practice together."

## Symphoria Coming to G.R.B.

**By Zoe Norton**

On Sunday, December 11, the local symphony Symphoria is coming to Fulton to perform a Home for the Holidays concert in G.R.B.'s auditorium.

G.R.B.'s concert and symphonic orchestras were asked to open for them. G.R.B.'s orchestras will begin at 2 p.m. and Symphoria will begin an hour later. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Kids 18 and under are free.

On November 30, the orchestra students got the opportunity to work with a few players from Symphoria during their orchestra bell and during their orchestra lessons.

Mrs. Edele said, "I am really excited to give this opportunity to our students."

Make sure you come to hear all your favorite holiday songs and good luck to Fulton's concert and symphonic orchestras!



*Pictured are G.R.B. musicians at Area All-State.  
Photo provided by Mrs. Edele.*

## Unexpected Losses for Boys and Girls Basketball

**By Nicole Hansen**

Both Raider basketball programs had a tough week last week, both losing to Central Square.

The boys played in a tournament and played against Central Square and Altmar-Parish-Williamstown (APW). The boys lost to Central Square 60-31 after struggling to shoot the ball throughout the game. Senior captain Kyle Perry said, "No one was shooting well that game. We all struggled to shoot."

Senior Gage McHenry was the high scorer of the game with 13 points and sophomore Ryan Michaels and senior Connor Broderick chipped in six a piece. Dante Rogers from Central Square almost outscored the Raiders with 27 points and was unstoppable on the glass with 10 rebounds.

The following day the boys played APW and won 51-36. More of the Raiders found the bottom of the rim with three of the Raiders having double digit points.

Michaels had 13, Broderick had 11, and McHenry finished with 10. The Raiders finished third in the tournament and will play on the home court for the first time this season on Saturday December 10. Varsity will tip off at 3 p.m. and JV starts at 1:15 p.m.

The girls program lost a hard-fought game against Central Square 62-46. The Lady Raiders were close with the Redhawks until they outscored Fulton 18-9 in the fourth quarter.

The girls fought the entire game and Senior Brynn Waloven noted after the game, "Everyone worked as hard as they could the whole game. Some shots didn't fall, but everyone worked hard every play."

Leaders of the game were junior Mckenna Chesbro with 19 points and junior Erin Nicholson with 13. Going into the next game, head coach Derek Lyons said, "We just have to prepare and get ready for what is headed toward us next."

The Lady Raiders will be home again this Friday, December 9 against the Cortland Purple Tigers. Varsity tip is at 7 p.m. with JV action starting at 5 p.m.

## Freshman Class Keeps Moving

**By Justin Garrison**

On Wednesday, November 18, the freshman class officers went to Guided Study Halls to recruit other ninth graders to help with their fundraiser, selling a coupon book from SaveAround for a field trip for the freshman class. The coupon books are \$25 and the class makes \$10 per book.

The freshman committee meets every other Monday and consists of around ten people. Science teacher Ms. Severance is the freshman class advisor. She said she enjoys this position and noted, "It's nice to be part of their high school experience outside of the classroom." Freshman Zoey Rice said, "I feel that the freshman committee could do good for the freshman class. The officers are focused."

Freshman Kaylee Foster added, "They set a good example for the rest of the freshmen."



*The City of Fulton held its annual Christmas tree lighting on Thursday, December 1. Picture provided by Joe McDermott.*

## - Opinion -

# Police Brutality Unfairly Exaggerated

**By Brian Trombly**

Police violence is a problem that has caused widespread media attention in America. Although in 2016 the amount of police shootings are on pace to be fewer than in recent years, it is still a largely talked about problem in American culture.

However, some people in our country believe that all police are willingly violent and that is certainly not true. There are just a small number of police brutality incidents that have occurred, while most of our country's police are doing an exemplary job in protecting our citizens.

The willingness to condemn all of our country's officers is not only a fallacious thought, but does not bring justice to the people who have fallen victim to unwarranted police violence. I am sure the

people who have fallen to police violence would like us all to want justice for their deaths, but not to



*Department of Veteran Affairs police emblem. Photo from copshop.com.*

turn us against the hard-working people who protect our lives each day.

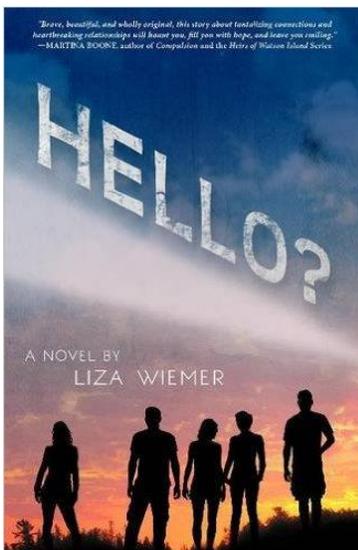
Although select officers have taken erroneous and dishonorable

actions and should be found guilty of these crimes, the millions of officers who protect our country day in and day out should not be placed in the same light as the few select officers who make these awful decisions ending in violence.

Modern day media can use these very few examples of violence to scorn all officers, so we are only fed the worst of the police news, not the news about how they protect us each and every day.

Mainstream media outlets have also caused select individuals in our country to believe they are above showing respect for authority and these individuals then believe they can disrespect the authority of the police force.

We instead need to appreciate all of the great work most police officers do in protecting our liberties and enforcing our laws.



*Hello?* can be found on Amazon.com.

## Exciting Opportunity for GRB Readers

**By Justin Garrison**

On Wednesday, April 5, 2017 author Liza Wiemer will present programs to G.R.B. students during study halls.

Liza Wiemer is an author, workshop presenter, public speaker, and award-winning educator with 25 years of experience. She is the author of *Hello?*, a story about five Wisconsin teens that leads into a compelling narrative of friendship and family, loss and love, heartbreak and healing, serendipity, and ultimately hope.

If you are interested in getting a copy of *Hello?* there are order forms available in the library. Books start at \$9. For more information, talk with Mrs. Scalfaro in the library.

## Wrestlers Take 22-Day Challenge

By Rich King

Mr. Waldron and his wrestling team, along with others across the world, are taking part in the "22-Day Challenge." This consists of 22 pushups every day in honor of the 22 veterans and one active duty member (on average) who commit suicide each day.

School Resource Officer Jeremy Hutchinson has family members in the military right now and he informed Mr. Waldron about the challenge. He said, "Bringing awareness to this is a great thing, and there are also charities you can donate money to or anything to bring awareness to suicide prevention."

Senior wrestler Roy French said, "I believe the 22-Day Challenge is a good idea and is successfully making more and more people aware of the hardships that many veterans face each day."

The team started on Saturday, November 19. The team will challenge someone of their choice after every day that they complete the challenge together. This includes, but is not limited to, other wrestling programs.

## Lots of Fun at Lights on the Lake

By Jessica Kleiman

The classes of Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Sassone, and Ms. Schaeffer attended the opening night of Lights on The Lake on Monday, November 14. They started by enjoying a delicious dinner at Taco Bell before they moved on to the light show. It was a great evening for a little stroll and students even observed the "Super Moon".

Everyone sang a few Christmas carols and had a great time. The students cannot wait until next year.



*Daquon Davis, Zach Brown, and Kaitlyn Jones enjoyed some time with the Gingerbread Man.*



*Pictured are Marshal Knapp, Santa, and Jessica Kleiman.*



*Back Row - Ernie Ferro, Curtis Pollard, Login Dingman, Logan Diefenbacher, Caleb Trepasso, Annabelle Dickens  
Middle row - Shannon St. Andrews, Kyle Arroway, Alex Vescio, Roy Harvey, Hele Teeter, Marshal Knapp  
Front row - Daquon Davis, Kaitlyn Serio, Kaitlyn Jones, Jessica Kleiman, Zach Brown*

## Hour of Code Comes to G.R.B.

The 'Hour of Code™' is a nationwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming. Computer Science Education Week is this week and GRB students can participate in Hour of Code™ in the Library during their study halls and lunch. No experience necessary. Stop into the library and talk with Mrs. Scalfaro to learn how to get started.

## Metallica Releases Long-Awaited Album

By Skyler Miller

*Hardwired...To Self-Destruct* is the title of Metallica's newly released double album, which came out November 18. With a total of 26 songs, this new album has that signature crunch Metallica gives in its music.

*Hardwired...To Self Destruct* is Metallica's tenth album. It took the band eight years to create the new album. It topped charts as number three this year for most albums sold, totaling 30,000 copies and nine million streams within the first week of sales.

My favorite song on this album is "Here Comes Revenge." I enjoyed the new riffs and sounds the band offered in this new album and it was very solid for the Metal



This is the cover of Metallica's new album *Hardwired...to Self-Destruct*.

genre of music.

The music videos to the songs in the album can all be found on YouTube and I recommend it to any fans of heavy metal.

## Continuing the Fight for Hats

By Mason Rowlee

Thursday, December 1, juniors Calinda Ceterski and Mason Rowlee met with Superintendent Pulvino to discuss the steps that must be taken to allow hats at G.R.B. Calinda and Mason presented the results of their survey and shared a letter asking to speak at a Fulton City School District Board of Education meeting to present the opinions of G.R.B. students and to ask to amend the district dress code.

Mr. Pulvino informed Calinda and Mason that the letter will be shared with Board of Education President David Cordone. Board of Education members will then get in touch with them to discuss the possibility of adding their thoughts about hats to an upcoming meeting.

Calinda and Mason's letter to the Fulton City School District Board of Education is included on page six.

## Jack Frost (1997) Released on Blu-Ray

By Ben Kimball

The new Blu-Ray released from Vinegar Syndrome, a company that restores older movies, features killer snowman Jack Frost just in time for the holidays.

When some hear about the film *Jack Frost*, they think of the 1998 family comedy, but I am talking about *Jack Frost* from 1997. The film is about about a serial killer, Jack Frost, on his way to execution. On the way there, a freak accident happens in the middle of a snowstorm with a truckload of genetic material, which mutates Jack into a killer snowman.

Now on December 13, here comes *Jack Frost* with a brand new 2K restoration on Blu-Ray disc. Whether you hate Christmas or love Christmas, as long as you enjoy a good horror film you will enjoy this movie. Pre-order your copy now!



Calinda Ceterski and Mason Rowlee continue to advocate that hats should be allowed at G.R.B.

Dear Board of Education Members,

The issue of hats has been an important topic of discussion for the student body at G.R.B. Throughout the past few months the discussion of allowing hats at G. Ray Bodley High School has become a controversial issue. We have been spearheading an effort to allow hats and wish to address the Fulton City School District Board of Education to discuss the rules and regulations surrounding the dress code at the high school.

Beginning in Mrs. Nylen's Journalism class, we began investigating the topic in school and immediately realized that the rules in place at G. Ray Bodley pertaining to hats are outdated and do not reflect the opinions of the student body. We conducted a survey of G.R.B. students during Guided Study Hall, and gathered data about what the student body's opinion was about hats. Out of 403 surveys, 75% of students wear hats outside of school and would like to wear their hats to school.

An alarming statistic that was present in the data was that 81% of students have witnessed a conflict between a staff member and a student regarding hats. Only 1% of the student population found that hats have a negative effect on their ability to learn. This is very interesting. If students do not see hats as a threat to their safety or a distraction from their education, then why are they not allowed in our high school?

It seems that after writing articles in RaiderNet about hats at G.R.B. and asking teachers about their opinions on the subject, a discussion has opened up about what our dress code is and why we have the rules that we have. Some teachers argue that allowing hats in school is nothing more than the "downfall of our culture" and our "society's growing lack of respect". However, students do not seem to see this side of the argument. For the students of G. Ray Bodley, wearing a hat indoors is not seen as a sign of disrespect. It is viewed more as a style choice or solution to a bad hair day and not as a symbol of our culture's demise.

Many teachers did express their concerns about the possibility of having our dress code policy changed when regarding hats, but the idea of allowing hats in school is not to infringe on an individual teacher's classroom rules. The change that the student body has been looking for is one that would allow hats in the hallways and only in classrooms if the teacher allows them. If a teacher does not want hats in his/her room, then hats would be required to be removed. This reinforces the idea that hats are not being worn in a manner that is disrespectful. They are only to be worn when permitted.

The topic that also always seems to be on teachers' minds when we ask them about the dress code is, will hats be taken off for the Pledge of Allegiance and our national anthem? The answer is of course. When speaking with students, there seems to be a unanimous, unspoken pact that all students will be respectful and responsible with their hats at these times. This would include the playing of our national anthem, moments of silence, and any other instance when teachers deem hats should not be worn.

A proposed solution to our dress code would look like something similar to our current cell phone policy, in which students are allowed to use their cell phones in the hallways, as well as in the classrooms of teachers who permit their students to use a cell phone. The same could be true for hats; they are allowed in the hallways and the classrooms of teachers who are content with students wearing hats. This policy has proven to be effective with the use of cell phones in our building. Today, students use their phones to interact with lessons and research information. They are used only at the teacher's discretion and students have been shown to adhere to these rules. Why couldn't the same be done for hats?

At G. Ray Bodley, a common concern is attendance and the fact that students do not have the same motivation to come to school, as they once did. This could be for a variety of reasons. However, it is important that we are making students comfortable at school. If students are not comfortable in their surroundings they will not make an effort to come to that uncomfortable environment. For many students, wearing a hat is a part of their identity. Fifty-two percent of students stated this in our survey. They wear their hats at home, at work, at their CiTi classes, and they are only confronted with that conflict at G.R.B.

We are asking the Fulton City School District Board of Education to please look at our student dress code here at G. Ray Bodley High School in the hope that they allow students to wear hats in common areas and when allowed by teachers. As a student body we are seeking to change our current dress code, which states, "Students are prohibited from wearing hats, bandanas, hoods and other head coverings inside a school facility during the school day unless for valid religious reasons, specifically permitted school function and/or a medical reason as confirmed in writing by a physician." We are proposing a new policy that would reflect most students' opinions and would read: "Students are allowed to wear hats, bandanas, hoods and other head coverings in the common areas and hallways of G. Ray Bodley High School. This privilege may be extended to classrooms only at the teacher's discretion."

On behalf of the student body, we thank you for all that you do for our school and hope that you consider addressing this issue at an upcoming Fulton City School District Board of Education Meeting. We are eager to present our information and look forward to discussing our dress code.

Thank you,

Mason Rowlee and Calinda Ceterski

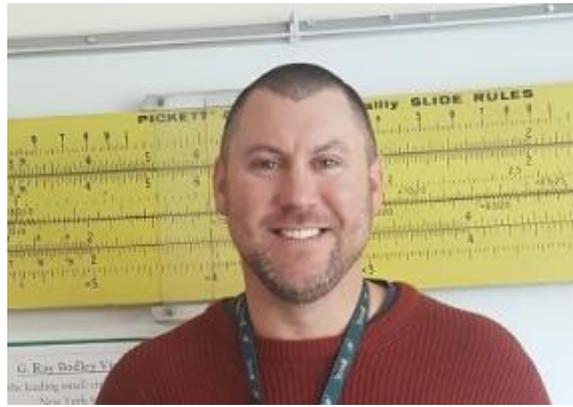
## Swimmers Splash to Victory

By Calinda Ceterski

The swim team started off their season with a solid win over Weedsport High School on November 30. The score was 110-77. Many swimmers achieved personal bests and a few made Class A Sectionals. Coach Lacey was happy about the win. He said, "It was nice to start the season off with a win, but we have a long road ahead of us."

A group of swimmers qualified for Section III Class A and a couple of swimmers even made it in more than one event. Freshman Captain Mark Tallents made sectionals in the 200 Freestyle and the 100 Breaststroke. Junior Alex Semchenko made it in the 200 Individual Medley and 500 Freestyle. Sophomore Ean Stevenson made it in the 50 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle and Senior Captain Ryan Morehouse made it in the 100 Butterfly and 100 Backstroke. Also, eighth grader Corinne Clarke qualified for sectionals for her six dive list.

Because a lot of seniors graduated, there are big shoes to fill for the team. Many swimmers this year were able to score points who were not able to last year. Being able to contribute and score points for the team is a great feeling for the swimmers and divers.



## 5 Things You Didn't Know About Mr. Lacey

By Zoe Norton

5. Mr. Lacey's favorite color is green.
4. He has one sibling, a younger brother named Ryan.
3. He doesn't have just one favorite movie. He said, "I love movies in general and could talk about them for hours."
2. Mr. Lacey loves music. He said, "I grew up a lover of alternative rock (STP, Pearl Jam, Goo Goo Dolls, etc.) And my father was into "Big Bang"/Swing (Frank Sinatra) so I enjoy that as well. But then I met my wife and I listen to a lot of country now, too. I guess you can say I like a little of everything. I don't even mind Pop and Rap/R&B."
1. Pets and animals are a big part of Mr. Lacey's life. He said, "I currently have a Chihuahua named Daisy, a cat named Gizmo and a rabbit named Reese's. My wife and I got two dogs when we got together back in 2002 and we lost both within the last 18 months. We are definitely animal people."

## Meteorology and You

By Carson Metcalf



Carson Metcalf is a member of the G. Ray Bodley High School Class of 2012. He graduated from SUNY Oswego in May 2016 with a bachelor's degree in meteorology.

TODAY



Chance Early Rain

**42°** **33°**

**Record** **Record**  
70° (1998) 2° (1906)

**Average** **Average**  
39° 26°

THURSDAY



Snow

**35°** **28°**

**Record** **Record**  
69° (1966) -7° (1906)

**Average** **Average**  
39° 25°

FRIDAY



Snow, Heavy at Times

**30°** **23°**

**Record** **Record**  
67° (1966) -11° (1902)

**Average** **Average**  
39° 25°



**A LAKE EFFECT SNOW WARNING IS IN EFFECT THURSDAY 6:00 A.M. – SATURDAY 6:00 A.M.**