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GRB Students Join 'The Memory Project'

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English poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge once said, "What comes from the heart, goes to the heart."

These simple words perfectly characterize a service-learning project that connected art students in Sara Koblentz's class at G. Ray Bodley High School in Fulton with disadvantaged youth in the country of Rwanda.



- G. Ray Bodley High School art teacher Sara Koblentz and students Courtney Carr, Hannah Jones, Cassandra Orr and Abigail Shatrau pose for a picture with the portraits they created through 'The Memory Project' for disadvantaged children in Rwanda. The students are also holding a picture of their subjects seeing their portrait for the very first time.

In 2004 a man named Ben Schumaker started "The Memory Project" service-learning project as a way to provide disadvantaged youth with a unique memento that honors each person's self-identity and aims to build self-esteem as well as inspire caring and global friendship.

GRB art students received photographs of children living in orphanages in Rwanda.

The art students created unique portraits of each student in their photograph using a medium of their choice. Once finished, the GRB students' portraits were hand-delivered to each Rwanda child and a photograph was taken, capturing the special moment when the child saw the portrait for the very first time.

The project doesn't end there though.

Each art student that created a portrait received a picture of their subject seeing the portrait for the very first time.

The project spanned several months with the GRB students receiving the return pictures of the Rwanda students at the end of the school year.

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More EEE Found In Oswego County; More Aerial Spraying Planned

The Oswego County Health Department reported today that the Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus has been found in several more mosquito samples collected in the towns of West Monroe and Hastings during routine testing conducted by the county and state health departments. The county health department plans to conduct aerial spraying Saturday evening, Aug. 30, between 6 and 9 p.m. in the Big Bay/ Toad Harbor Swamp area.

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BOCES unveils name change to Center for Instruction, Technology and Innovation

As part of a rebranding effort and in conjunction with a nearly completed campus renovation project, Oswego County BOCES has announced a change to its name, becoming the Center for Instruction, Technology and Innovation. According to CiTi District Superintendent Christopher Todd, the change reflects the organization's commitment to meeting the ever-changing needs of its educational partners while embracing innovation and creativity.

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'Classic Moments' Countdown: #4 Warren Coniam Wins Second Classic Driving for Joe Magari – 1987 International Classic

With 4 days remaining until the International Classic, the countdown continues with No. 4, recapping Warren Coniam's second International Classic win, this time driving for Joe Magari in 1987. A few weeks prior to the '87 Classic, Coniam did not even have a ride. The Canadian Classic winner had parted ways with car owner Clyde Booth earlier in the season and hooked up with car owner Magari just prior to the Classic.

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Fans Sponsor Inaugural Budweiser International Classic Supermodified Take it Off Bonus

A set of Oswego Speedway and Supermodified race fans have banded together to post the inaugural Budweiser International Classic Supermodified "Take it Off Bonus." The "Take it Off Bonus," initiated by long-time Speedway and Supermodified supporter Dennis Bivens, will provide a \$500 prize to a driver that takes the same Supermodified to a top ten finish in the winged Bud Light ISMA Super Nationals on August 30 and the non-wing Budweiser International Classic 200 on August 31.

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Gioia, Simmons Lead Budweiser Classic Week Tuesday Testing

A total of 10 race cars clocked official times during Tuesday night's Budweiser Classic Week test session at Oswego Speedway with Stephen Gioia III and Jason Simmons topping the charts in Supermodified and Small Block Super hot laps. Gioia was sporting a new engine in the No. 9, owned by former Oswego Speedway Supermodified car

owner Ed LaPrade. Struggling with low horsepower all season long, the Gioia team struck a deal to run the LaPrade engine just before the richest and most prestigious Supermodified race in the world.

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