

# Lineup set for tonight's GRB Coaches vs. Cancer

The lineup is out for tonight's fundraiser, "GRB Coaches vs. Cancer." The G. Ray Bodley High School gym will feature the best student and teacher athletes in their respective sport that Bodley has to offer. Starting at 7 p.m., the current athletes will square off against the former who coach them in a night of great competition and fundraising. Hosted by Mr. Senecal, it is sure to be an exciting event.

Starting off the night will be two time all-league and all-CNY point guard Max Ambuske, who will take on his coach, Mr. Kent in a three-point shooting contest. Next will feature Fulton ace pitcher Josh Collins as he takes on his Coach Heindorf, as they measure

the velocity of their pitches with a radar gun courtesy of Coach Harvey.

Following that event will be all-league varsity quarterback Brett Williams as he takes on Coach Halladay in a football throw accuracy contest. Fulton's strongest student, Mat Shoultz, will then take on the famous Coach Jon Fasulo in a bench-press competition.

Finishing out the night will be Class A wrestling finalist and sectional place winner at 152 pounds Jake Tallents, as he wrestles the former Phoenix Firebird, Coach Jeff Waldron.

As there are five events, there will be a definitive winner between the coaches and students, deciding the bragging rights for the next

year. So come out and support the students as they try to defeat the very teachers that taught them their respective sports.

One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to the wing of Galisano Children's Hospital, which has housed three students from the Fulton City School district. The night even includes a guest speaker, our very own Coach Conners to referee the Tallents-Waldron match and receive the good will we will be trying to give to them and every family that needs our help.

All of Bodley should try and turn out for the spectacular night. *By Jake Tallents*



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## *FBLA members attend state leadership competition*

By Courtney Falanga

Last week during spring break seven members of our G. Ray Bodley High School Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America took a three-day trip to Rochester. The trip was the State Leadership Conference at the Riverside Convention Center. There, the students competed against several hundred students from all across New York State in business related individual, team and chapter events.

Members from the school who attended were seniors Courtney Falanga, Daisy Ruiz, and Jamie Buck, juniors Kaitlyn Lauber, Krysta Woodcock, and Drew Harmon, and sophomore David Johnson. The seven students had a Rochester/FBLA adventure that they will always remember.

In past years, GRB has built a reputation for being strong opposition for the rest of the field, but this year since there were only seven members attending, the group still did very well; but not capture as many awards as in past years. But when all was said and done the Bodley group walked away with eight top-ten finishes.

The team of Lauber and Johnson took second place in Banking and financial Systems which includes plaques and two- \$750 scholarships to Johnson & Wales University, as well as travel grants to The National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN. Nationals are held this summer July 14-16.

David Johnson also won a third place plaque

in Personal Finance and placed seventh in Public Speaking I. Krysta Woodcock took home the fifth place award in the Future Business Leader category. The team of Falanga and Harmon captured sixth place honors in the Entrepreneurship team category, while the team of Falanga, Lauber and Harmon earned tenth place in Business Ethics.

The G. Ray Bodley FBLA also attained honorable mention status (top 10) in the Chapter of the Year category, due to the creation, submission, and presentation of an annual chapter scrapbook by the team of Daisy Ruiz and Jamie Buck. To round out the awards, the G. Ray Bodley Chapter members, Courtney Falanga, Kaitlyn Lauber, Daisy Ruiz, Krysta Woodcock, and Jamie Buck won second place

overall honors for their Chapter Business Display depicting the 2010 FBLA Theme, "Turning Your Vision into Reality."

The FBLA New York State Leadership Conference was an excellent opportunity for students who are interested in business. There they had the chance to attend workshops and compete for scholarships and awards, while making friendships with students from all over New York State.

The friends that members of FBLA have made have lasted from day one and at the same time FBLA gives students the tools they need to be successful. So if business is an interest to you, see Mrs. Ferlito in room 110 and join FBLA. It will be one of the best choices you make of your high school career.

### Upcoming events:

**Thursday, April 29:** GRB Coaches vs. Cancer, 7 p.m. in the GRB gym.

**Thursday, April 29:** District Student Art Show @ Fourth Street Ed. Center, 6-8 p.m.

**Bodley's Best vs. Coaches for Cancer, 7 p.m. @ GRB gym.**

**Friday, April 30:** Class of 2013 dance, 7-10 p.m.

**May 3-5:** Class of 2012 days at Sweet Inspirations.

**May 3-19:** Gone4Ever display, sponsored by SADD. Exhibit open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. @ GRB.

## Opinion

# Constructing a Rube Goldberg device

By Brandon Teetsel

Many people may not be familiar with the exact name, but probably know of the complicated machines, built with various household items, to perform a simple task. Many competitions and activities are based around the idea of building a Rube Goldberg Device, with a set task, time frame, and dimensions that the device must be built upon.

Many high school students interested in technology have experienced the thrill of creating a machine with a large amount of steps to perform the given task. Besides your average high school student partaking in these activities, the Mythbusters have made a few Rube Goldberg Devices, although much more complex than ours.

Reuben Lucius Goldberg, born in July 4, 1883, was not only an inventor, but also an American Cartoonist, sculptor, author, and engineer. Although Goldberg didn't actually invent the complex devices, he did draw many illustrations of the made-up machines, removing the tweaking and fixing of the actual machine. Unfortunately for the artists, there weren't any competitions for drawing the inventions. In 1931, Merriam-Webster dictionary adopted the word "Rube Goldberg" as an adjective defined as doing something simple, in a complicated manner.

There are various competitions and events one can go to, to participate in the building of a Rube Goldberg device. One place around here is right at the high school, in the MST course. After the balsa wood



bridge competition, the students normally build bottle rockets, or build another project with clearance from Mr. Morse.

Senior Danielle Smith came up with the idea of doing a Rube Goldberg Device, and now her group, along with another, will be constructing devices to pop two balloons within 40 to 70 seconds, after performing a minimum of 17 different steps. There must be different energy transfers, such as mechanical and electrical. Some of the more difficult ones that are required are a light sensor transfer, or a heat transfer. Using each of these different energy transfers and having the

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task completed within the time limit will be the difficult part. Danielle commented on her Rube Goldberg Device, saying, "Even though our steps are simpler than the other groups, I believe that my teammate and I will succeed in completing our task."

In short, there are many interesting competitions around the world, and one of the more challenging ones would be to construct a Rube Goldberg Device. Think of an easy task, such as turning on a lamp, or maybe filling a bottle of water, then think of different fun and exciting steps, and begin work!

## Dogs: much more than man's best friend

By Brenna Merry

As humans we spend our entire being looking for that special person who will make us happy for the rest of our lives. What we sometimes forget to realize is that humans are not the only ones capable of fulfilling this spot. It is true that dogs are not only a "man's best friend," but "a humans best friend."

When returning home from a rough day at school or work, humans often hope to return to a happy spouse or companion. Sometimes this is not always the case, but what is always certain is that those who own dogs will be greeted with a smiling pooch when they walk through their doors.

The excitement your dog has when you enter your home is one that is contagious and an immediate spirit lifter. Many would agree that if you can look at a dog and not feel vicarious excitement and affection, you must be a cat. It is this feeling that dogs give us that makes those who own dogs all around more happier and healthier beings.

Often times you will walk down the street and see people talking to their dogs as if they were talking back or dressing their canines up in cute outfits. To some this may be absurd, however, all of those dog lovers out there are guilty of having heart to hearts with their furry



friends. Dogs improve a person's health and happiness by providing someone to listen, even if they don't understand what you're saying. This connection between owner and pet is one that boosts an individual's confidence to try for the same connection with humans.

The presence of a dog makes people smile and this trait is infectious. Not only do dogs improve your heart, but they also encourage healthier habits. When people hear the word "chore" they usually cringe or groan. However, most are happy to take a dog for a walk. This activity is good for your health and is a major stress release. Spending time with your furry friend and seeing passersby smiling as your dog wags its tail is ultimately one of the best things you can do for your body.

One can be amazed at how quickly a dog becomes a best friend. Even though animals like primates are much genetically closer to humans, you hardly find that when talking to a monkey you'd feel you've gotten your point across. Dogs have a special power to create relationships. As you get to know each dog in the world you will discover his or her many human like characteristics. Whether they snore, are frantic, lazy or athletic, a person grows to love their dogs and often forgets that they are of a different species.

Statistics say that owning a dog leads to a longer happier life. However, just like humans, eventually all dogs pass away. It is at this moment that you realize how much this companion truly meant to you and how human your dog truly was. We live out our entire existence to fall in love and be happy, when there are plenty of dogs out there looking to supply these exact things to their owners.

Last Night in Raider Sports

# District art show set for this evening *Raiders battle wind, Tigers for 5-0 win*

If anyone needs something to do this Thursday, April 29, 2010 they can venture on down to the Fulton Education Center to view the artwork done by students within the district. Each year there is a wide variety of work done by students ranging from elementary level all the way up to high school.

The exhibit is set up through the halls and several different rooms of the education center and is open to the public. There is not a specific order you have to follow, just move around as you wish to view the artwork of your fellow peers. The doors will open at 6 pm and close at 8 pm.

*By Alexis Semeraro*

### THIS WEEK IN RAIDER SPORTS

**Today:** Boys lax vs. Homer (4:30); Girls lax @ New Hartford (JV-5:00/V-6:30).

**Fri. April 30:** Softball @ J-D (4:30); Baseball vs. J-D (4:30); Tennis vs. Homer (4:30).

**Sat. May 1:** Softball @ Oswego Tourney (TBA); JV boys lax @ Oswego (10 a.m.).

**Mon. May 3:** JV boys lax @ Jordan-Elbridge (4:30); Girls lax vs. Chittenango (JV-5:00/V-6:30).

**Tues. May 4:** Softball @ Chittenango (4:30); Baseball vs. Chittenango (4:30); V boys lax vs. J-D (4:30).

**Wed. May 5:** Softball vs. Cortland (4:30); Baseball @ Cortland (4:45); Track @ Homer/ES-M (4:30).

**Thurs. May 6:** Boys lax @ New Hartford (5 p.m.); Girls lax @ Mexico (V-4:30/JV-6:00).

*(due to weather conditions, spring sports schedules are subject to change)*

The Fulton Lady Raiders came out victorious last night, trouncing the Mexico Tigers 5-0. The Raiders were backed by senior Jessica Palmitesso on the mound, as Palmitesso pitched seven innings and came out with a win and thirteen strikeouts under her belt.

The Raiders tallied their runs sporadically throughout the victory. Even though the sun was finally shining, the wind played a key role in the performance of both teams. Many fly balls that could have been easily caught were decimated by the wind. The wind also affected the pitchers as they threw. Not only was the dirt being blown up in the catchers, batters, and pitchers faces, but the ball was constantly being pulled to the right side of the plate with each pitch and gust of wind.

This proved to be fatal for some of the pitches thrown by Palmitesso and the Tigers pitcher, Brianne Vincent. Vincent tallied five walks for the night, which converted into runs for the Raiders. Palmitesso recorded two walks.

Collecting hits for the Raiders were seniors Jackie LoCastro and Meghan McCann while Alicia Vann rapped two for the winners. Sophomore Ashlynn Palmitesso, junior Stephanie Hotaling and senior Heather Reed scored runs for the winners and Vann crossed the plate twice as Fulton improved to 4-3 overall.

The Lady Raiders are looking to avenge third place Jamesville-Dewitt after a 3-2 loss earlier this season. The Raiders take on J-D at home tonight; with the first pitch at 4:30 pm.

*By Alicia Vann*

## Early uprising leads Mexico to victory

Fulton proved to be its own worst enemy on Wednesday afternoon, and Mexico made matter worse by delivering 12 hits in a 10-6 charge past the Raiders. Aided by five Fulton errors, the visitors struck for seven runs in the first three innings en route to a 5-2 league, 6-4 overall count while handing Fulton its tenth loss in 11 starts.

John Beck launched a home run and a double and drove in four runs for the Tigers, who also picked up three RBI from Dominic Vega, who

poled a triple. Five different Raiders drove in one run apiece as Tyler Terramiggi, Max Ambuske, Sean Stevens, Sean Amico and Dan Bolster plated runs for Fulton.

Falling behind 6-0 early, Fulton rallied to scored three times in the bottom of the second, only to have Mexico add two more in the top of the third. The Raiders responded with two of their own, but could draw no closer than 8-6 as the Tigers put the game away with two runs in the top of the seventh.

## Cortland too much for Raider girls

Last night the Lady Raider lacrosse team traveled to Cortland for a match-up against the Purple Tigers. But it was a night of deja-vu for Fulton when Cortland put away enough goals to win 13-6.

The Raiders came out strong the first half, only to see Cortland go into half-time with a 7-3 lead. Cortland carried the momentum as they then put away six goals in the second half to Fulton's three. Leading the Raiders was senior Emily Rothrock with two goals and one assist, followed by sophomore Caitlin LaVoie. Freshman Alannah McClellan and Erica Knaub each tallied one goal a piece. Goalie Kara Pafumi recorded 11 saves in the net.

Leading the Tigers was Marissa Mastronardi with four goals and one assist while Carly Cunningham recorded three. Maya Gebhardt had two while Ashley Behrenfeld, Elle DePerno and Julia Porter each had one. Cortland's goalie, Julia Convertini tallied seven saves in the net.

This Friday, the Raiders will travel to New Hartford in their first meeting of the season. New Hartford is led by Jessie Rys who currently has 34 points on the season. The Raiders will look to improve their record to 2-8 when they take on the Spartans.

*By Emily Rothrock*

### ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS —FIELD TRIP Opportunity! 2010 Career Expo at Central Square High School on Thursday, May 6

- \* Provide students the opportunity to apply for part-time or full-time employment if available.
- \* Provide students with the opportunity to view the wide variety of businesses in the Central New York region.
- \* Give students the opportunity to view services provided by not-profit organizations, while at the same time provide opportunities to volunteer.
- \* Provide students with the opportunity to speak with local businesses to acquire information about educational requirements, types of jobs and responsibilities associated with specific careers, attributes for successful employment and employee scholarships

**School of Thought** compiled by Raquel Vescio & Crystal Kimball

**What event are you most excited for at tonight's GRB Coaches vs. Cancer?**



"Mewhooping Coach Heindorf's butt."  
**Josh Collins**



"All of them because it is for a good cause."  
**Cody Hogan**



"Watching Mr. Kent kick Max's butt."  
**Mr. LaMacchia**



"I think it will be pretty funny to watch the wrestling match."  
**Heather Peck**

**Morning announcements for Thursday, April 29**

Attention juniors! Prom tickets are currently on sale for \$35 per person. See Katelyn Holbrook or Mr. Reale to purchase your tickets.

The Freshman class will be holding a dance this Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. Your \$5 admission will get you a free drink and a photograph. Come bring your dancing shoes and help support the Class of 2013.

Buy a photo club t-shirt for \$15. Order forms are in room 120. The next meeting of the club will be on Wednesday, May 12 after school. Anyone with pictures left from the photo contest, you can pick them up in room 120. Don't forget that the deadline for the spring photo contest is next Friday, May 7.

Attention seniors: a reminder that the Women's Club of Fulton Scholarship application is due in the Guidance Office by tomorrow.

*Meteorology and you*  
by Carson Metcalf

**Today:** Sunny skies. High near 60.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy. Low in the upper-30s.

**Tomorrow:** Partly cloudy. High in the upper-60s.

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