

Big events, deadlines approach for Class of 2010

It's just about that time seniors, as a number of events centered around the Class of 2010 are just a few weeks away. Senior trip, dinner dance, and senior day are coming up fast, and you definitely don't want to miss out on the fun.

Senior dinner dance tickets are now on sale for \$35 in Class Adviser Mr. Perry's room. The sale will end on Friday, June 4 and the dance is the week after on Friday, June 11. The dinner dance is at Bridie Manor in Oswego and will run from 7-11 pm. When you buy a ticket

you will receive a handout with the list of food. "It is more like a buffet and there is a lot to choose from," said Mr. Perry.

Senior day will be on the same day as the dinner dance, Friday, June 11. All seniors will come in at regular school time and the slide show will start at 9 a.m. in the gymnasium. Mr. Perry wants everyone to bring in pictures from throughout the school year. After that, students will stay in the gym and play games. There will be a sticky wall, sumo wrestling, snow cones and more. All seniors will get out

of school by 11 a.m. and have the rest of the day to relax and get ready for the night ahead.

Also, anyone going on the senior trip who owes any balance or permission slip needs to hand them in now or they will not be going on the trip on Saturday, June 5. Seniors, the final year of high school is coming to a close, and you need to make the best of it. Attending any of these events will give you memories that last a lifetime. Make sure to hand in money or anything else you need before the deadline and have a good time!

By Taylor Barrett

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Evolution of advisory to continue next year

By Brenna Merry

It has long been said that, "Change is the only constant," and this is especially true at G. Ray Bodley High School. The school is constantly undergoing changes physically, structurally and socially. This is thought to be a good thing, because without change there is often no growth.

Three years ago the school started a big change, the addition of Freshman Advisory. That year the class was intended for students to develop a close relationship with their classmates and advisor and to stay with them for their entire high school career. It was twenty minutes every day except Friday and on these days these students only had a twenty-minute lunch. Overall the program did not seem to serve as anything more than a study hall, but it did prove a success in relationships.

The following year it was decided that the program needed to change. Now, every grade would enter an advisory or seminar. Some students were not pleased with this, as they did not see the point. However, it was not during lunch and everyone had 38-minute lunch bells. Instead, it was a bell on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This confused scheduling, and those who had not already been in the program nearly refused to accept it. What they did realize was that advisory was a time for them to take a break and catch up with people and a teacher they have known.

This year, advisory has turned into its own every day bell that is a little shorter than the others. This way, students are not confused with scheduling. This year's advisory was pri-

marily intended to set up "portfolios" and prepare for the student led conferences. In some advisories this was not deemed a success as some of the students did not take them seriously, while others were pleased with the experience and overall the turnout was far greater than the school had anticipated.

Which leads to the often-asked question: who knows what new changes await advisory in the coming year? What we do know is that now students are getting a say. Students in advi-

sory were given a survey last week highlighting which aspects they enjoyed about advisory and which they wish to change. It is unanimous that students enjoy the social aspect and the food with parties. What is not so easy to decide upon is what the true purpose of advisory should be. But based on the last few years and the positive changes that have taken place, perhaps the only place it can go is up, and asking students their opinions is bound to take advisory to a new level.



Fulton pitcher Jessica Palmitesso, second from the right, is congratulated by teammates Alicia Vann, Lindsay Larkin and Heather Reed after recording her 1000th career strikeout on Saturday in Chittenango. The senior standout finished with 15 K's to help the Raiders clinch a home field rematch against the Bears this Thursday in the opening round of the Section 3 Tournament. (Ben Davis photo)

Opinion

The pros and cons of multi-tasking

By Brandon Teetsel

I can bother Alicia, and write an article for journalism, at the same time. This is a prime example of multitasking. People do it day in and day out, but might not realize it, and the effects it can bring. Multitasking is one way to make sure you get all of your work or assignments done on time. Perhaps you're working on your math homework, while trying to do a vocabulary sheet for English. Maybe you're typing up an essay, while researching topics to do a project on. Even though multitasking sounds ideal, there are some massive downsides.

Picture this: it's Sunday night, and you realize that you shrugged off some homework that is due for Monday. You've got an English essay and a worksheet for Math due, and time is running out. You decide that this situation calls for multitasking! You sit down at your computer with your essay layout, your worksheet, a pencil, and your calculator. You start by typing up your introduction, and attempt to work on the next paragraph. You find yourself at a loss for words, so you change topics and do the first few math problems on your worksheet. You continue to swap homework assignments whenever you get stuck, and eventually, you get both of your assignments done without a problem. This is the positive side to multitasking.

Let's take the same scenario, and show the negative side. Again, you're sitting at your computer with all of your homework assignments, ready



to work. Once again, you cannot decide what to write next, so you swap to do some math homework. You keep this up until you're eventually finished, and you feel satisfied. You go back and proofread your essay, and realize half way through; you began to talk about various functions and variables. A tad puzzled, you look at your math homework and you see you started to write down some of the vocabulary words you needed to use. Simplifying some functions turned into listing definitions. Now both of your assignments have been mixed together, and you'll have to start all over, wasting all that time attempting to multitask. Unfortunately, this could be the negative side of trying to multitask.

As you can see, there are clear benefits to multitasking, if you can focus and put 100% effort into all of the activities you're doing. If not, things might become blended together, and you won't get the final product that you wanted. If you can manage serious multitasking, go for it. If not, prioritize your time, and write yourself reminders to check if you have homework, or other duties to fulfill.

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Finding the cure for the common hiccup

By Alicia Vann

Imagine yourself just sitting at your desk, minding your own business when all of a sudden you catch a case of the feared hiccups from the "hiccup." You could experience this encounter just about anywhere. Most of the time this meeting cannot be controlled. But where do these fiends come from?



A hiccup (or hiccough) is a contraction of the diaphragm that repeats several times per minute. The coveted 'hiccup' sound is not caused by this contraction however. The sudden rush of air into the lungs causes the epiglottis to close, which makes the 'hiccup' sound. Hiccups are often caused by peripheral and central nervous system disorders. The ingestion of spicy foods, the consumption of alcohol, or the consumption of soft drinks can cause these obnoxious noises. A long period of laughing is also a common cause of the hiccups.

There are home remedies and medications that can be prescribed to solve a normal case of hiccups or even a case of chronic hiccups. Some of the remedies include being given a fright or shock, drinking water, eating peanut butter, placing a teaspoon of sugar on or under your tongue, holding your breath, or changing your breathing patterns.

Charles Osborne recorded the longest known case of hiccups in 1922. He hiccupped for 68 years straight, starting at a rate of 40 hiccups a

minute in the early years but slowed down to 20 hiccups a minute in the later years. This calculates to about 430 million hiccups overall. Although one would think that he could not have possibly led a normal life, he was married twice and had eight children.

So the next time you may be attacked by the "hiccup," remember your weapons. A glass of water or a scoop of peanut butter could be the trick. Holding your breath may even be your way to scare away the beast. You have now been issued the proper weaponry to combat this creature.

Upcoming events:

Thursday, May 27: Recycled battery drive during advisory.

Tuesday & Wednesday, June 1-2: Class of 2011 Senior Portraits in the auditorium.

Saturday, June 5: Senior trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park.

Monday, June 7: GRB academic awards ceremony, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 10: Bodley Bash after school

It's National Tap Dance Day: put some pep in your step

By Alicia Vann

All over the world holidays are being celebrated every day for many different events. Today, May 25 is one of those many holidays. May 25 just so happens to be National Tap Dance Day in America. This day celebrates tap-dancing as an American art form.

Although tap-dancing is not seen as much today, tap dancing was once a key form of American entertainment. Tap Dancing was very popular during the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s. Steve Condos is said to be the first tap dancer to introduce tap dancing to Vaudeville. Vaudeville is a theatrical genre that was very popular from the 1880s to the 1930s. Condos introduced tap dancing to film and audiences during this time period. His new tap style picked up quickly. Some prominent tap dancers during this fad included Gene Kelly, Fred Astaire, Shirley Temple, and Bill "Bojangles" Robinson.

National Tap Dance Day became official on November 7, 1989. Carol Vaughn, Nicola Daval, and Linda Christensen deemed this day National Tap Dance Day. Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, a significant contributor to tap dance, shares his birthday with this day, May 25. Robinson is best known for tap-dancing with Shirley Temple in many different films, including The Little Colonel, The Little Rebel, and Just Around the Corner.

Many events are put together to honor the late Robinson and National Tap Dance Day. One event was pulled off this past Sunday, May 23. Tap Master Classes were offered in Long Beach, California from 12-5:40 pm. Twelve different professional tap dancers and teachers offered their time to help spread the joy of tap-dancing through master classes. This event was hosted by RIT (Rhapsody in Taps), a Los Angeles based touring company.

Another event will be hosted on June 6 in San Francisco, California. Live local entertainment, a silent auction, and also the Harlem Hot Shots (a group performing from Sweden) will be attending the festi-

val. Stepology 2010 runs the festival. The doors of the Russian Center of San Francisco will open at 5:30 for the festivities.

Even though tap dancing may not be as popular today as it was, it is a vibrant activity for all to participate in. It's high-energy moves and catchy beats have spread throughout the United States, and even to the big screens, like the 2006 movie *Happy Feet*, a movie revolving around a tap dancing penguin. So recall our cultural roots, and celebrate National Tap Dancing Day with a little extra pep in your step.

Hawks sweep into Cup finals

The Chicago Blackhawks broke out the broom and dustpan on Sunday by defeating the San Jose Sharks for the fourth straight time to record the first sweep of a series in this years Stanley Cup Playoffs. A 4-0 series shutout in the NHL playoffs is known as a series "sweep," and it is the ultimate achievement in the playoffs, especially in a conference championship round. When combined with Philadelphia's great comeback or Montreal's epic playoff run, Chicago gets into this years playoff theme "history will be made."

The Blackhawk's offensive power proved to be too much for San Jose, Chicago's captain Jonathan Toews leads not only his team in points but the entire playoffs. He is joined by fellow young gun Patrick Kane and an unlikely hero, Chicago's tough guy Dustin Byfuglien, who has seemed to break out of his grinder abilities and turned into a power forward, posting points in nearly every game Chicago including three game-winning goals. To add insult to injury their hot goaltender Antti Niemi doesn't look to be cooling down anytime soon.

If there was a year for the Chicago Blackhawk's to take the Cup it will be this one, setting a prime stage for them that will begin this Saturday in Chicago when they face unlikely Eastern Conference champion Philadelphia in a best of seven series. The Flyers, seeded seventh in the east, continued their impressive run with a 4-2 win over Montreal on Monday night. Since falling behind three games to none, Philadelphia has won seven of its last eight games, including three shutouts in four triumphs against a Montreal side that had previously eliminated top seeded Washington and defending champion Pittsburgh in seven game showdowns.

By Ryan Kesterke

Meet the Reporters

**Kelly Ormsby,
Senior**



Kelly will be reporting on anything that comes to mind. Her outside interests are motocross, drama club, math club and chorus. Something people might not know about her would be that she perceives the world through pen and paper.

Compiled by Christina Yanock

GRB Environmental Club Second Annual Recycled Battery Drive

Thursday, May 27 during advisory

the advisory/seminar with the greatest total weight wins breakfast!

Dry cell batteries only

School of Thought compiled by Raquel Vescio & Crystal Kimball

What are you doing over Memorial Day Weekend?



"Going to visit family in Saratoga."
Emily Kush



"Definately going to the parade with the family."
Erica Clark



"Camping."
Greg Jodway



"Going to the fair."
Casey Clark

GRB announcements for Tuesday, May 25

Attention seniors: bring in copies of pictures you would like to make part of the senior slide show. If you'd like them returned, please write your seminar teacher's name on the back. All pictures are due to Mr. Perry by June 4.

Senior dinner dance tickets are currently available for \$35.

Information and registration forms for summer driver education in Fulton are available in the guidance office. The deadline to register is June 2, and you must be 16 on or before July 1 to take driver ed. This summer.

Physical for working papers and fall sports will take place this Tuesday and Thursday May 25 and 27. Please sign up in the nurse's office.

Bring in your used dry cell batteries and win a free breakfast. The advisory with the greatest total weight will win. The contest has been extended until this Thursday, May 27th.

Student writers take note: there will be a teen writing workshop in the LMC after school on Wednesday, May 26th. Participate in writing activities that will spark your creativity. Sign up by May 25th with Mrs. Scalfaro in the library or with freshman Vanessa Langdon.

Meteorology and you by Carson Metcalf

Today: Sunny skies. High in the mid-80s.

Tonight: Clear skies. Low around 60.

Tomorrow: Sun and clouds. High near 90.

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