



G. Ray Bodley High School's Spirit Week began with a serious slant on Monday as the first of the five theme days was "Support your favorite cause" day. Dozens of faculty members wore pink in honor of Breast Cancer research to show support for fellow Bodley English teacher Mrs. Jenn Windsor, who is currently undergoing Cancer treatment. (Senecal photo)



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## Summer 2010: above average for CNY

By Carson Metcalf

If you thought this past summer was hotter and wetter than usual here in Central New York, then meteorologically speaking, you would be correct. More than half of the days in each of the summer months of June, July, and August saw high temperatures above average. In the precipitation department, we received nearly three inches more than the average rainfall for the months of June and August. The summer of 2010 was certainly an above average season all around.

If you can remember back to the end of the last school year, you will surely recall the stifling heat that invaded Central New York by the time June rolled around. As mentioned, above-average high temperature readings were recorded for more than half of the days in the core summer months. For June specifically, 17 of the 30 days in the month saw above average high temperatures, yet no record high temperatures were recorded. Although it took until July to record a high temperature of 90

degrees, the intense heat that rounded out the 2009-2010 year with us here at G. Ray Bodley made taking some final exams difficult. On top of the extreme heat, receiving nearly three inches more than the average rainfall in June certainly did not do anything to suppress the humidity to make the heat itself more bearable.

Due to a cool ending to the month of June, you may have thought that the heat was going to hold off for a while as we entered July. Instead, it came back with a vengeance. Not only were all but 10 days two of the month sweltering with above-average high temperatures, but two separate records were broken and another was tied between July 5 and 7. For the entire month, high temperature readings were averaged to be 3.5 degrees above normal, making this past July the hottest of the core summer months.

As we turned the corner and headed into August, the above-average temperatures kept coming. Including two 90-degree days, 18 of the 31 days in the month of August saw above-

average high temperatures. And, like in June, the rain and humidity that came with them did not help at all when it came to how hot it really felt. Nearly three inches above the average rainfall was the verdict in terms of precipitation for the month.

Although not nearly as intense as other summers here in Central New York that were filled with 100-degree days, week-long stretches of 90-plus degree conditions, and many severe thunderstorms, the summer of 2010 was certainly notable due to the unprecedented amount of heat and precipitation that broke records and slashed average expectations.

Now the research begins on how such a hot summer will affect the upcoming winter season. Stay tuned...

*(Carson Metcalf, a junior at GRB, is an aspiring meteorologist. Check out his daily local forecast on page four of today's edition of RaiderNet Daily. Information for this article was obtained from the National Weather Service)*

## Opinion

# New logo designed to honor local heritage

By Rob Lescarbeau

*Editor's note: as the  
Fulton City School Dis-  
trict adopts a new logo,*

*children throughout the district are being instructed about the history behind this new symbol, and the link to this area. Reprinted by permission, here is the monologue that will stand as the background for these lessons)*

Fulton and the Iroquois

The history of the Iroquois Indians is one that goes back many centuries and is rich with cultural heritage, tradition and pride. The contributions of the ancient Iroquois Nations to the American nation we call our homeland are many and significant. The logo of Fulton's G. Ray Bodley High School was designed and created to foster an enlightened view of the history of the Iroquois, specifically, the Onondaga Nation. It is with great hope that the image becomes an icon- a symbol of reverence and a call to all members of the Fulton community to learn of and aspire to the honorable traditions of the True Americans.

The Iroquois, known as the Haudenosaunee in their native tongue, are an association of six tribal nations that put an end to their warring ways and united in peace centuries ago to form the Iroquois Confed-

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eracy. Those tribes, deeply rooted in New York territories include, beginning from the east to the west- the Mohawks; the Oneidas; the Onondagas; the Cayugas; the Senecas. The sixth and last tribe to join the Iroquois, the Tuscaroras, inhabit New York's southern tier. The present-day City of Fulton lies within the traditional territory of the Onondaga Nation, about 35 miles north of the capital of the Iroquois Confederacy, located just south of Syracuse, New York. The Onondaga

Nation is considered to be the heart of the Iroquois Confederacy as its meaning, "The Keepers of the Fire" represents.

Centuries ago, the Nations of the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca Indians were united together under the Great Law of Peace. This law carried the characters of democracy and compromise and called for a commitment to the highest principles of human liberty. The Great Law of Peace held that peace is granted to all by the will of the Creator and therefore should be the ultimate goal and the natural order among humans. The principles of the Law of Peace were first put forth by the historical figure known as the Peacemaker. He taught the tenets of Righteousness, Justice, Health, Strength, Pride, Loyalty, Community, and Wisdom.

These tenets were reinforced by a Mohawk Chief who went by the name of Hiawatha. Hiawatha, a skilled and charismatic orator helped bring an end to tribal warfare and employed a wampum belt, a traditional, sacred set of beads made of shells woven together to commemorate the unity of the Five Nations. His wampum was made of the colors of purple and white beads to represent the sky and purity respectively. The design is made up of five squares representing the Five Nations (The Tuscaroras were to join the Iroquois Confederacy later to create the Six Nations) and held together by the Tree of Peace, a white pine that was a gift of the Peacemaker to the people to shelter and protect all those who commit themselves to creating and preserving peace. The design of Hiawatha's wampum belt is held in such reverence that it is the insignia of the Iroquois. It is their icon of perpetual peace and unity.

Chief Hiawatha convinced the Nations to band together for strength in numbers within the Iroquois Confederacy and thus preserve their existence. The system of government created by the union of the Six Nations has been called the greatest democracy. In fact, a view that is held by many historians is that during the early colonial years of our infant nation, it was the Iroquois, whose model of diplomacy was so strong and impressive that it became a beacon that showed the way of our founding fathers to create a strong union.

The strong will of the Haudenosaunee to preserve their way of life should be an inspiration to all those who learn their story, their history and their contributions to our nation and to the world. To that end, the Iroquois and the representing icon should be held in the highest esteem and reverence for now and for all time. Each of the elements of the image is intended to tell a part of the story of the Iroquois and their connection to our area.

Standing tall in the life-sustaining waters of Lake Neahtawanta ("little  
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## Bowling Club begins on Oct. 5

Looking for something to do after school? The G. Ray Bodley High School bowling club will commence on October 5 after school. Transportation will be provided from the high school to Lakeview Lanes. The cost to participate is \$5 per week.

All members will be invited to an awards banquet on December 8. The sign-up sheet and permission slips are currently available in room 127. Members can join until October 5.

## Meet the Reporters

### Jim Ireland, Senior

Jim joined the staff of The Raider to write about the cross-country and track teams. Outside of school, he likes to run cross-country, and track. He also likes to play video. One thing that you don't know about Jim is that he has a record in indoor track for the International Sprint Medley Relay.



*Compiled by Patty Morrison*

## This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** V tennis @ ES-M (4:30); JV tennis vsd. ES-M (4:45); Boys soccer vs. Cortland (4:30); Girls soccer @ Cortland (4:30).

**Wed. Sept. 29:** Swimming vs. CBA (5:00); Cross-country @ Phoenix (4:30);

**Thurs. Sept. 30:** V tennis @ Mexico (4:30); JV tennis vs. Mexico (4:30); Golf @ Chittenango (3:30); Boys soccer @ Homer (5/7:30); Girls soccer vs. Homer (5:00).

**Fri. Oct. 30:** Football vs. Oswego (6:30); Golf vs. Cortland (3:30).

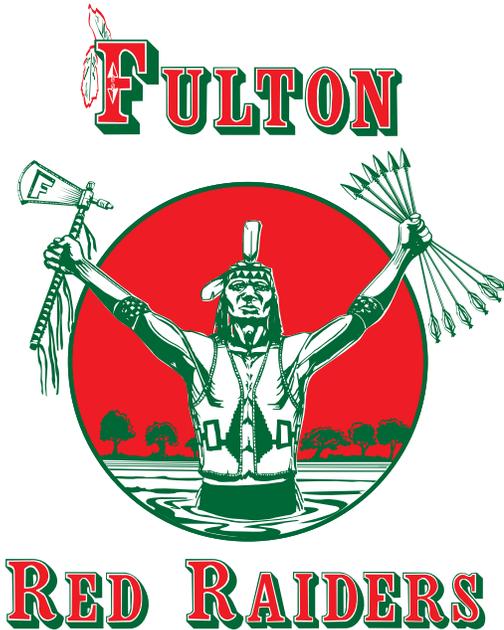
**Sat. Oct. 2:** JV football @ Oswego (10 a.m.).



## Quote of the day:

“Don't believe your friends when they ask you to be honest with them. All they really want is to be maintained in the good opinion they have of themselves.”

**Albert Camus**



## New logo created to foster pride, respect for past

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water by the big water”), with the tree-lined shore in the distance, the Iroquois warrior looks skyward with a face that is at once strong, wise and proud in reverence of the land that he inhabits and offers thanks for the bounty that Mother Earth has given him. He does not take his bounty for granted, respects the land and only takes what is needed for survival. The area that Fulton presently occupies was a rich summer hunting ground for the Onondagas, who used the Oswego River as a waterway to travel to and from their central location of Onondaga Lake.

The warrior wears the traditional *gustoweh*, or feather cap that holds one feather pointed up and one feather pointed down. This feather configuration is indicative of the Onondaga tribe as each Nation has a feather configuration of their own. Held aloft in strong hands, the warrior holds in his right hand the Iroquois tomahawk, a symbol of strength and defense of one's territory and survival. In his left hand six sharp arrows represent the unity of the Six Nations. Coincidentally and appropriately, the arrows also represent the unity of the six schools of the district. A unity of philosophy that looks to educate and protect each student in its care so that they may grow to become productive members of society. Consequently, there are six trees in the distance that are full and in bloom and represent continued growth of the individual and community as a whole.

Displayed prominently on the vest of the warrior is the insignia of the Iroquois- Chief Hiawatha's wampum belt insignia. In the middle of his chest the Tree of Peace has its point resting on the heart of the strong warrior signifying that he is true to his identity and is once and always Iroquois and Onondaga. The school colors of red and green are employed in the red sky that envelops the warrior and the green trees and lines that give the Onondaga strength and definition.

We should all strive to rise up and represent the tenets of the Iroquois and create unity in our community by recognizing the liberty of the individual and fostering the substantive contributions of each student. To this end, the icon of the Onondaga is an appropriate one that all can and should stand in front of proudly and hold in the highest esteem.

**School of Thought** compiled by Brett Williams & Nick Mattice

## *What are your thoughts on the recent bullying assembly?*



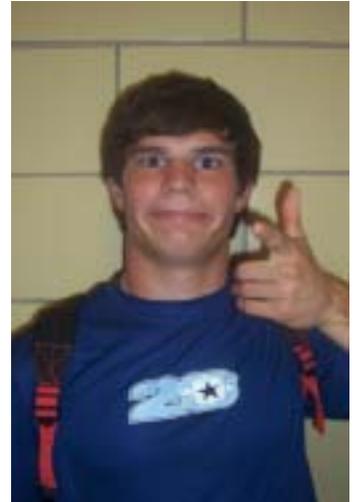
"Bullying will not be resolved."  
**Emily Kush**



"It was touching."  
**Sophie Sorbello**



"It was depressing."  
**Ashlynn Palmitesso**



"The message really hit home."  
**Colin Shannon**

### **Morning announcements for Tuesday, September 28**

Student Senate will meet today after school in room 100. Homecoming and pep rally will be discussed, and new members are always welcome. See Mr. Thurlow or Mrs. Barton with any questions.

The next Library Club meeting will take place on Thursday after school at 2:20. All are welcome.

There will be a brief meeting of the sophomore class today after school in room 132. All money for the sophomore fundraiser is due on October 12, and don't forget to add eight percent sales tax to your orders.

BOCES students wishing to stay at GRB for this Friday's pep rally may sign up on the list in the main office. Anyone who does sign up must report to the library instead of BOCES on pep rally day until being called down to the athletic complex. Those who do not sign up before the pep rally may not stay on Friday afternoon.

### *Meteorology and you* by Carson Metcalf

**Today:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers. High in the low-70s.

**Tonight:** Mainly cloudy. Low in the upper-50s.

**Tomorrow:** Mostly cloudy with a few rain showers. High near 70.

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