



GRB Environmental Club: insuring the future, one blue bin at a time

By Kayla Distin

A major problem that today's society is forced to deal with is the environmental effect of landfills and pollution. It is a problem that influences not only the people of today, but those of tomorrow as well. The Environmental Club of G. Ray Bodley High School is a great opportunity for high school students to learn about the beneficial effects of recycling. Directed by Mr. Mainville, a biology teacher at GRB, the Environmental Club meets on the first Monday of each month, in order to learn more about the environment and plan future trips and activities.

Each Tuesday and Friday morning, the Environmental Club gathers in the lobby on the first and second floor in order to gather the schools recycle bins, and in turn help the school and future surroundings. It is quite an experience for high school students to realize just how much paper and plastic the school goes through in a matter of a few short days, as each time the students prepare to bring the bins to the loading dock, the cart overflows with recyclables.

However, recycling itself is only a third of the battle. Two of the three R's (reduce, reuse, and recycle), are often overshadowed by the popularity of the third. Recycling is an important part of the cycle, but the action of reducing is just as important. "Before there can be reuse and recycling, we have to stop using so much," stated club leader Mr. Mainville. He went on to explain that due to the fact that everything in today's society is replaceable and temporary, there is an incomprehensible amount of waste that is created. If each person were to realize the effects that they have on their society, the amount of waste would most likely decrease dramatically. The reuse of everyday goods such as plastic bags and water bottles can greatly change the lives of the next generation for the better.

In landfills today, the first plastic water bottles, made in the 1930s, are cohabitant with the wasted bottles of today's society. This is because plastic does not dissolve into useful

nutrients, but simply becomes smaller plastic. The build-up of this wasted plastic has been crossing the line between tolerable and unbearable for quite some time now. If communities do not start to reuse their goods as frequently as possible, it will be very hard to continue to reap the benefits of recycling.

When thinking about recycling, most people tend to think about plastics; however it is not only plastic goods that would benefit the environment if recycled. In fact, in America alone, we throw away enough aluminum every month to rebuild the entire fleet of commercial airliners. If Americans recycled all of the steel and aluminum that they use daily, carmakers could easily have an endless supply. The amount of glass that Americans throw away exceeds the amount produced by 1/3 of the world's nations per year. Do the research; statistics such as those involving the environment

are shocking to say the least.

Knowledge is certainly the key to the future of the Earth's environment, and there are plenty of studies and information online that is able to open eyes to the true effects of pollution and landfills. However, first-hand experience provides a quick opportunity for change. "When you personally recycle, you start to think a little differently about where these items come from and the enormity of the problem. It will take a new generation to change the course of the ship, and maybe...hopefully...it's this one," states Mr. Mainville. He encourages the students of GRB to join him in Environmental Club, and if anyone is interested in helping, they can stop in and see him in Room 202 to express their interest in helping their community. Hopefully with the help of the student body, G. Ray Bodley can truly change their community for the better.



Last year the GRB Environmental Club helped save 680 pounds of batteries from local landfills during their second annual spent battery drive. The club, which was formed in 1990, is well-known for conducting recycling efforts on a weekly basis within the high school. (file photo)

Opinion

Bodley senior attends World Dairy Expo

By Patty Morrison

Frosty. Pistachio Pie. Veronica. Snickerdoodle. Apple.

Not exactly common names for human beings, but in the world of bovines they are household names, and each has its own back-story.

Harvue Roy Frosty, a five-year-old Holstein cow from Rudolph, Wisconsin, was the supreme champion cow in 2009 at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. I got the chance to travel to the 2010 World Dairy Expo last week and I saw her being clipped. It was extremely easy for me to see why a judge would make her the top choice out of 2600 cows. And this year, she proved herself superior,



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and took the title as supreme champion home for the second year in a row.

The average class, separated by age, at the World Dairy Expo has approximately 15 cows in it, and there are 11 barns and two tents filled with cattle on the grounds. I only made it through three barns, but let me tell you, none of the animals exhibited there are short of excellent. I walked through the barns with wide eyes, unable to take in how perfect some of the cows were, especially for their ages.

But after hours of researching pedigrees, and picking the right Bull to sire a calf, nothing less than the best is expected among farmers who look to make a profit from genetics. All of the owners and exhibitors proved that to me within five minutes.

The reason I even got to go to World Dairy Expo (which has been a dream of mine ever since I started showing cattle nine years ago) was because I was selected by Cornell University to attend a National 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison. I was one of 22 kids throughout New York who were hand-picked to go.

It was an honor to be there along with kids from all around the country, learning about ways that we can improve the dairy farming industry, whether it be through marketing techniques, or explaining the posi-

tive sides of the Dairy Industry to people who don't understand.

For example, while I was there, I learned that the American Humane Society and PETA had undercover workers in dairy farms, taking footage of the “horrors” that occur on farms daily. They had footage of farmers docking tails, and dehorning cows. I want to shed a little light on the situation for those of you who think this is cruelty.

Dehorning and docking are safety precautions taken to protect the cow's well being. If you don't dehorn your cows, there is a chance that, while in the pasture, another cow's horn could damage another animal, or a worker. You're also protecting a cow's well being when you dock a tail, because it is definitely more painful for a cow's tail to be ripped off due to being tangled in machinery, than having tight rubber bands around it for a few weeks when they are young.

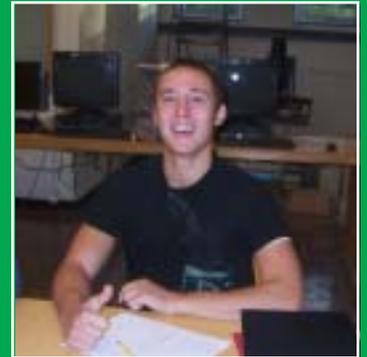
Other than everything I learned, I had an amazing time with the kids from all over the country. I made a few very good friends from different places, and we had a lot of fun sitting together on the busses to different farms. At night we also learned how to folk dance. That was our 'recreational' activity, and a good way to get to know everyone else there. We also had really good food three times a day, but that's beside the point.

It was one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life, and I was really glad that I got the chance to go. It was so much fun, I didn't want to come back home.

Meet the Reporters

Hunter Gorton, Senior

Hunter joined the staff of The Raider to report news for FBLA, Ski Club and sporting events. Outside of school, Hunter plays basket-



ball and baseball here at GRB, he also likes to play the guitar. One thing you don't know about Hunter, is that he lives on an island in Maine for a week every summer.

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In the News

Key homestand begins today for Raider soccer

By Colin Shannon

The playoffs are coming. Where will Fulton stand when that happens?

A pair of upcoming games will be crucial to determine the success of the varsity boys soccer team. The Raiders are .500 with a 5-5-1 record, after splitting last week's games to Mexico and Homer. With the coming week bringing two home games that the boys have a good chance of winning, the tides are looking to be turned.

Phoenix comes to town on today to battle against the Raiders in the renewal of a local rivalry. The Firebirds hold a 2-6 record in the OHSL Freedom American League. Leading Phoenix is Kyle Fisk with four goals and three assists, followed by Diego Parrondo, with three goals. Goalie Nick Padula hopes to solidify the Firebirds, as he comes into the contest with a .787 save percentage. The kickoff is scheduled for 5

p.m.

On Thursday night, the Raiders compete with the Spartans of East Syracuse-Minoa. The Spartans possess a 5-4 record in the OHSL Freedom National League. East Syracuse - Minoa defeated the Raiders 1-0 in the first match of the season, making this victory quite crucial to the morale of the Fulton boys. Leading ES-M, Jeff Koch has three goals. Close on his heels are Jeff Smith and Josh Stuper, both with two goals on the season. Keeper Casey Sullivan is the last line of defense for the Spartans, boasting a .851 save percentage, with 40 saves on the season.

With sectionals right around the corner, the time for consistency has arrived for the Raider boys. Coach Dave Wilson is hoping that he will see the team that mauled Homer 4-1 last Thursday in the rain rather than the one that dominated the game but misfired constantly in last Tuesday's loss to Mexico.

Offensive woes continue for Lady Raiders

By Kayla Distin

Fulton went toe to toe with one of the best girls soccer teams in Central New York on Saturday. But as has been the case all too often for the Raiders this season, they never seemed to get the right toe on the ball in a 1-0 setback.

In the first half, the teams seemed very evenly matched. Marcellus, the 6-0 leaders of the OHSL Liberty Division, proved their skill by controlling much of the possession of the first forty minutes, while the Lady Raiders fought hard and found many goal-scoring opportunities, but could not seem to find the back of the net. The Raiders senior defense was able to keep the skilled Marcellus attackers from having any decent shots on goalkeeper Stephanie Hotaling.

However, the second half proved more difficult for the Raiders. Marcellus came out on fire and managed to get a head on the ball off of a corner kick, as Jessie Nye placed the ball in the bottom right hand

corner of the net. The Raiders continued to fight back for the rest of the game, but could not return the goal as Nicole Fletcher recorded a 12 save shutout for the 9-1 Mustangs. Stephanie Hotaling registered 12 saves for the Raiders, who fell to 3-6 overall.

Looking for redemption, the Lady Raiders will travel to Phoenix today to take on the Firebirds. The Raiders are preparing for a win, and will certainly work hard to get it.

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Golf @ Mexico (3:30); V boys soccer vs. Phoenix (5 p.m.); V girls soccer @ Phoenix (4:30).

Wed. Oct. 6: Swim vs. Mexico (5 p.m.).

Thurs. Oct. 7: Boys soccer vs. ES-M (5 p.m.).

Fri. Oct. 8: V football @ J-D (7 p.m.); Golf vs. J-D (3:30); Girls soccer vs. ES-M (4:30/6:30).

Sat. Oct. 9: JV football vs. J-D (10 a.m.);



Golfers topple Phoenix

Paced by a medalist showing of 37 from C.J. Barbera, the Raider golfers downed Phoenix 218-238 at Battle Island on Monday. Matt Liberti finished second for Fulton at 38, with Josh Strauss firing a 46.

Phoenix was led by Dan Dunnigan's 42, with Austin Dristle carding a 44 to go with a 46 from Kyle Himes.

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School of Thought compiled by Brett Williams & Nick Mattice

How did you feel about Spirit Week this year?



"I felt the spirit in the Halls!"
Donald Watson



"I think more people should've participated."
Kali Kearns



"It could've been better."
Mr. Lyons



"Decades was a hit!"
Mr. Ward

Morning announcements for Tuesday, October 5

Model UN will be meeting after school today and Wednesday to discuss the upcoming conference. Delegate fees are \$25.

The Anime Group will meet this Wednesday after school in the LMC. All members are encouraged to attend.

The A.M. Rim Rockers will again take to the hardwood on Wednesday mornings beginning this Wednesday (October 6). Faculty, staff and students of all ability levels are invited to participate. Tip-off time is 6:15 A.M. in the main gym. Come and get your game on with the A.M. Rim Rockers!

Physicals for sports and working papers will be done on Thursday of this week. Please go to the nurse's office to make an appointment for a physical.

Students interested in the song writing contest may submit entries in room 207 until November first.

French Club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday in room 119. Members are urged to attend.

Buying lunch today? You'll have a choice between popcorn chicken, grilled cheese sandwich, or Smucker's PBJ.

Meteorology and you
by Carson Metcalf

Today: Mainly cloudy with rain showers. High in the upper-50s.

Tonight: Cloudy skies with scattered rain showers. Low in the mid-40s.

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with rain showers. High in the mid-60s.

GRB junior Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com ...Look for his weather forecasts on RaiderNet Daily.

