

Snow can cause big problems on a farm

Deep snow causes problems for almost every kind of vehicle. Cars and trucks can become stuck in the few inches of snow that accumulates on roads during snowstorms, but most people are able to push through the relatively thin layer on the roads. For the people who must drive off-road, it is much harder.

Once winter starts, it is a good idea for farmers to keep a shovel and a bucket of calcite in the cab of their tractors. If a person owns a decent amount of livestock, there is bound to be mounds of waste. The manure must be taken out of the barns and put somewhere else, on most small farms that means it must be spread on the snow-covered fields. It may take a bit more snow to stop a tractor than it does a car,

but that just means that it will take more shoveling to get the vehicle free. The sheer size of tractors and the weight of the loads that they pull make it extremely hard to get them moving again once they are stuck.

Most vehicles call a tow-truck, but it would do nothing to haul a tractor from the snow. The largest tractors can pull an 18-wheeler out of the snow, but there are few vehicles large enough or strong enough to help a tractor. When a farmer gets caught in the snow, it is up to them to get out. It may take hours of work, but eventually the tractors can drive safely back into the barn.

The snow causes even more trouble for the milk truck drivers. No matter what the weather

is, the truck drivers must pick up the milk from countless farms. A fully loaded milk truck on an icy driveway takes a lot of force to get it moving after the milk is collected. Calcite is a commonly used mineral on farms. It not only provides grip for the cows in the barn, but it can often give milk truck drivers the extra grip they need to get back on the road.

Drivers should be thankful that if they do happen to go off the road, they have a tow-truck to pull them out. Farmers have no such luxury. When a tractor is stuck in the middle of a field, no tow truck would ever be able to reach it, let alone pull it out. Shovels and a bit of elbow grease are all that is available to get a tractor unstuck. *By Dan Summerville*



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Lady Raiders look ahead

The team had Tuesday night's matchup at Chittenango marked on their calendar for a big game they knew they had to win. After taking a commanding 21-9 lead at the half, Fulton had what seemed to be entire control of the game. After being out scored in the third quarter by seven and then the fourth by double-digits the girls just let this one slip away.

The Lady Raiders came out with a strong defense and ran the floor on offense pushing the ball up court and holding Chittenango to only two points in the first quarter. Leading the attack junior Ashlynn Palmitesso cashed in with 16 points, followed by Sammara Stowell with seven and Anna Mckay with 6, including the only three-pointer for Fulton.

After falling to a twelve point deficit at the half, Chittenango was not going down without a fight, especially at home in Bear country. Alanna Haynes proved that, turning the game around with two back-to-back threes to fuel her team in the last quarter where they pulled ahead and won the game 41-35 over the Raiders.

The loss puts the girls back at 1-7 this season. Coach Derek Lyons knew the importance of the game, but losing he simple stated, "It's over, now we have to move forward." On the road tonight at CBA and home versus Cortland on Friday, they still have a big week in front of them. *By Max Fobes*



While some may bemoan the abundance of snow so far this winter, members of the G. Ray Bodley High School Ski & Snowboard Club are thoroughly enjoying it on Tuesday nights at Labrador Mountain. Here Jon Bonning, Morgan Parkhurst and Portugese exchange student Filipa Almeida, left to right, pose for the camera before heading to the slopes.

Opinion

Everybody loses when it comes to fighting

By Katlyn Lauber



Everyone has either heard about or witnessed a fight in the last few months here the high school. This raises the question, are fights on the rise here at G. Ray Bodley?

The main office says no, but it seems that student fights have been receiving a lot more hype lately. It only takes a short time for gossip to spread through the halls, and it takes an even shorter time for details about a fight to be exaggerated.

There is one unspoken but alarmingly clear detail about every fight: Even if someone physically hurts another person more, there is no winner. Each student is hurt in a different way, whether it be physically or disciplinary. A recent fight exemplifies just how pointless hitting someone can be. Defending someone's honor is a good reason to get into a verbal engagement with someone, but it is no reason to beat someone until half of their face is swollen. Understandably, humans are filled with hormones and have a strong need to be the "alpha" and protect

and if someone were to undermine their reputation that person might feel threatened and feel the need to assert their dominance. With a national average of 33% of students participating in a fight at some point in their high school career, we have a huge disrespect problem on our hands.

If you or someone you know has a problem with bullying or may get into a fight, use these tips to resolve it before it gets serious. 1) Report it to a school official, because they, most of all, have the greatest responsibility to prevent an altercation. 2) If you find yourself in a situation that can easily escalate, remember not to raise your voice. Yelling during an argument can often lead to a physical fight. 3) If someone is trying to get you to fight them, ignore them and focus on what you are doing.

And finally 4) If you find yourself in an escalating situation, walk away. If you walk away, there is nothing that a bully can do to make you fight them. Taking away the power that a bully may have over you, leads to them giving up and finally backing off.

Bizarre News of the Day

A British man was convicted of being at the wheel with a sheepdog on his lap. The man argues that he should not have been prosecuted. Keith Little claimed the animal was between the front seats of his car and was a Patterdale terrier rather than the sheepdog police had alleged. He also said he had been stopped 16 times in six months.

Last May, during a previous stop, the 62-year-old was convicted of failing to properly control his car, which had Magistrates revoking his license and issuing a fine. Little told a local newspaper, "They [the police] said it was a black and white collie cross, like a sheepdog; if they think a Patterdale terrier is a sheepdog, I don't think much of their powers of observation."

By Morgan Firenze

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their significant other, but it is still no reason to fight someone.

Resources from the office say that the majority of fights are between two males. There is also the occasional female vs. female fight, and there are nearly no mixed gender fights. The real question is, what is so important that someone can feel the need to hit someone else just to prove a point?

Every single fight has its own reasons but here are some of the most common causes: A lack of respect. This causes the person to become overwhelmingly angry and influences them to force the other person to respect them through a physical altercation. Another common cause that most commonly occurs in males is enforcing a reputation. A human can be accustomed to being number one or being the toughest,

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Apple plans to expand i-phone service

By Tyler Crandell

Something millions have been waiting for is finally a reality. While AT&T was formerly the only service provider, Verizon Wireless will soon be providing service to i-Phone users. For many this is amazing

news. Many people are fed up with losing reception with their service.

While AT&T had formerly monopolized i-Phone service, it is likely that due to Verizon, the company may take a hit. Apple's market will increase due to having a second major carrier and not just a single one. Now the world's most popular phone and MP3 player will be all the more useful and in a higher demand. While 11:11 may be a time at which certain people make wishes due to the unique time, perhaps on 1/11/11 some people's wishes came true. The Tuesday release that Verizon Wireless will become a carrier for i-Phone service is truly exceptional news for many.

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Winter photo contest noted

The G. Ray Bodley High School Photo Club is proud to announce the second annual winter theme photo contest. Students and teachers are invited to submit 1-3 printed pictures to Ms. Amerault in room 120. The deadline for photos is March 7. See Ms. Amerault for details.

Quote of the day:

"Our fingerprints never fade from the lives we touch."

Charlie St. Cloud

Did you know... that AAA (Triple A) reviewed nearly 12,000 collisions and found that more than 37 percent of drivers involved took NO action to prevent or avoid the incident? Emergencies by definition happen suddenly with little time for evaluation and decision-making. You have to be prepared to act quickly to avoid a crash. This message was brought to you by the SADD Club.

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What does Martin Luther King day mean to you?



"Day off of school!."

Kyler Gardner



"A day off of school."

Kody Ravesi



"The African-Americans got rights."

Kara Yakel



"A remarkable moment in our history."

Dylan Rizzo

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with snow showers. High around 20.
Record high-64 (2005)
Avg. high: 31

Tonight:



Mainly cloudy. Low near 10.
Record low: -13 (1981)
Avg. low: 14

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with a few snow showers. High around 20. Record high-69 (1995). Avg. high: 31

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