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## Sunshine for Seniors is back for VIP students

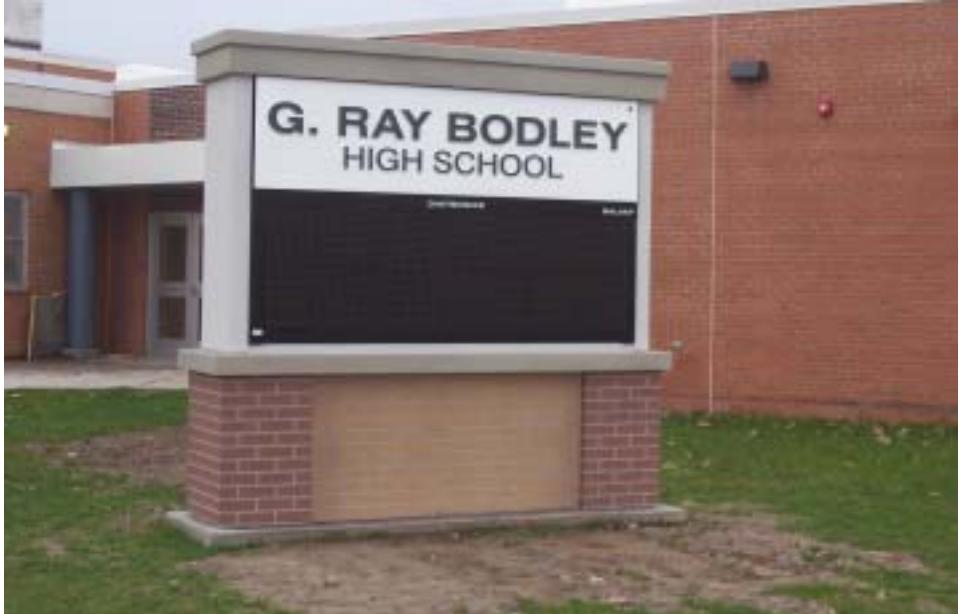
By James McKay

Have you ever wanted to eat your lunch outside? Well, if you are a VIP pass holding senior and have a lunch bell, now is the time to live out your dream. Eating your lunch surrounded by grass and sunshine is much more pleasurable than being in an over-crowded lunch room, as the Sunshine for Seniors program is once again underway.

When asked for his opinion on the new lunch option, senior Tyler Crandell commented that, "It's a lot better than being inside." Erik Bierbrauer, on the other hand said, "It's pretty goofy out here!" (Although he says he will continue to participate).

For any seniors who received a VIP pass and want to enjoy the outdoors, they can exit via the door near the library or through the double doors near the LGI during bells 5-8. Students who are leaving during a studyhallneed to go there first and sign out.

On any day where the weather is bearable, seniors will probably be joined by a table or two of other students enjoying this wonderful perk of being a senior and acting responsibly.



The new digital messageboard/school sign should soon be functional after work took place during the recent spring break. Money for the new sign was donated by the Class of 2007, under advisor Mr. Thurlow. (Senecal photo)

## Cortland, weather get the better of Raiders

On a day when nearly the entire sports schedule fell victim to the weather, the Raider girls lacrosse team played on. Unfortunately for Fulton they could not beat Cortland, or the weather, falling 7-4 on the road in a game shortened by inclement weather.

The Tigers charged to 7-2 on the season behind two goal efforts from Carly Cunningham and Tricia Rosetti while goaltender Julia Convertini turned away 10 shots. Fulton replied with solo markers from Erica Knaub, Kirsten Francis, Casey Shannon and Alanah McClellan while falling to 4-5 overall. Senior netminder Kara Pafumi stood tall between the pipes with 11 saves for the Raiders.

### Weather wipes out Tuesday schedule

Last night's storms proved to be an inconvenience for many, as heavy rain doused the streets and made travel a burden. Severe thunderstorms and flooding covered much of Central New York, and almost all of the sporting events were cancelled for the evening. The baseball and softball games were cancelled before the announcements, so all students knew, but boy's tennis had to wait until about 2:30 to cancel.

Boy's lacrosse was scheduled to host ES-M., and the JV completed about a quarter and a half before the looming storm made itself apparent. The score was 4-2 in favor of ES-M at this point, but because the game had not reached enough to be called completed, the Spartans will have to come back and try again. Varsity was going to play instead of JV if the weather had cleared up, but unfortunately, this was not in the cards. The varsity game has been rescheduled for this Saturday at 10 a.m.

Last night was not the first time sporting events were cancelled this year, putting a damper on the season for many teams. Heavy storms are supposed to roll into town tonight, with high winds and a good chance of flooding to occur again. The estimated time of arrival of the dark clouds, heavy rain, and loud booms is expected around midday, if not a short time after, and is projected to stay for the rest of the night and into the morning.

As any coach or player would tell you, "enough with these April showers, it's about time to start seeing some May flowers."

By Colin Shannon

## This week in Raider Sports

**Thursday, April 28:** Baseball vs. Cortland (4:30); Tennis vs. ES-M (4:45); Softball vs. ES-M (4:45); Boys Lax @ Homer (5/7 p.m.).

**Friday, April 29:** JV Baseball @ Homer (4:30); Tennis @ Homer (4:30); Girls V Lax @ Homer (5 p.m.); Girls JV Lax (Fulton Tourney-6/7:30); Girls Track at County Meet (4 p.m. in C. Square); Boys track @ County Meet (4 p.m. in Oswego).

**Saturday, April 30:** JV Girls Lax Tournament in Fulton (11 a.m./12:30); V Softball @ Oswego Tourney (11 a.m.).



## Opinion

# Kids these days have it too darned easy!

By Patty Morrison

I'm probably going to sound like a crochety old lady when I say this, but kids these days have it too easy. I don't remember having a Blackberry when I was nine years old, and I certainly don't remember my parents buying me a laptop because I had straight A's in third grade.

Call me old-fashioned, but I don't believe that it is necessary for kids to have all of these things.

When I was little, a pat on the back and a "good job, keep up the good work" was more common than taking your kids to Wal-Mart and letting them buy half of the store. It shocks me that parents would reward their kids this way, especially when the kids don't need to have those things. They may say "mommy, daddy! I want that!" and point to everything in a store, but really. Do they need it? Do they need toys and technologies that are only going to lead to an overflowing bedroom, and possibly more dangerous things?

I know several nine and ten year olds who have Facebook accounts. Unless a parent is monitoring them very carefully, it doesn't matter if their accounts are set to private or not, most nine year olds are not responsible enough to know the dangers of the internet. I don't even know the full extent of the dangers of the internet and I am 17 years old. I use all of the social networking sites, Twitter, Facebook...you name it, I have an account on it. But because I am older, my parents don't have to worry about me using those sites as much, because they know that I am responsible enough to not give out personal information, and things that could lead a predator to find me, and possibly kill me.

You see it every day on the news, someone meets a person online, and they trust them, and then the person ends up dead or missing, and the victim is often a teenager. Now, imagine a nine-year-old, not really having any idea about how dangerous it is to use social networking sites online, meeting a person, and giving out their address like it's nothing, because they don't know any different? And yes, you have to be a certain age to have a Facebook account, but kids are not stupid even though they are young. They know how to change their date of birth to make them seem older than they are. Don't think age blocks are going to prevent someone from getting what they want online.

Another thing that I find absolutely ridiculous is the fact that little kids



are getting cell-phones in elementary school. A nine year old does not need to have a cellphone until middle school, because in middle school, it actually becomes necessary. Kids start to get involved with school activities, and they need a way to contact parents and friends to let them know what's going on, or in some cases, to find out what's going on. Elementary school students don't have to worry about that. Each school gives out a calendar so parents know what is going on, and when things are happening. The only reasonable explanation for kids having a cell phone in elementary school is to tell their parents when there is an early dismissal, but the radio and television stations take care of that now, so even that isn't a reasonable excuse. No nine year old needs a cell phone. I'm sorry, they just don't need it.

I didn't get my cell phone until I was at the end of my eighth grade year, and that was because I joined the track team, and my mother wanted

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a way to keep in contact with me if I went out for runs, or got out of practice early. I didn't have texting, all I had was the ability to call people. Now, I'm seeing kids in elementary school with Droids, and Blackberries. My younger cousin, who is in fifth grade, has said that they are taking phones away from kids in elementary school because they are being caught texting in their classes. What could a fifth grader possibly need to tell a friend in school that was so important they have to text message them in the middle of class?

Text messaging also adds unnecessary drama into a child's life. I have had more arguments and problems due to technology than I ever had when I didn't have texting on my phone. Not that I don't love texting, any teacher I have this year can tell you they have caught me with my phone out at least once. It has caused so much unneeded stress in my life, however. Does a nine year old really need drama in their lives that could be prevented? When I was younger, all I had to worry about was what kind of chips my mother packed in my lunch, and if I had money for a snack later. I never had to worry about people getting mad at me via text message, or lying to me via text message. Now, nine year olds

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## In the News

**The Great Outdoors:**

# Mayday means the start of turkey season

By Daniel Summerville

As April draws to a very wet end, so does the period of time with no open hunting seasons. Spring Turkey season opens on Sunday, May 1. During the spring turkey season, hunters are allowed to take two bearded birds. Though this may not seem like a lot, it can take all season to fill both tags.

Last weekend was the annual Youth hunt and hundreds of young hunters took advantage of having two days to hunt without the completion of the older, more experienced hunters. On Sunday, the youth will not be alone, as hunters flood into the woods for one of the most popular hunting seasons in New York.

The first few weekends of Turkey season are the easiest time to bag a turkey. Once hunters start shooting, they will become smart very fast and start getting extremely cautious. It is very hard to successfully hunt a tom that has been shot at and missed. If there is one day that hunters should not miss, it is opening day. The turkeys will be less cautious and easier to call within range. As long as the weather is not too violent, May first promises to be a productive day.

Hunter safety is extremely important during turkey season. There are more people out in the woods than normal, and with everyone wearing solid camouflage, accidents can be harder to avoid. Turkey hunters do not wear blaze orange like deer hunters, as the birds are not colorblind. This makes hunters hard for turkeys to see, and even harder for hunters. The rule of thumb for turkey season is not to stalk the birds. They are smart enough that it is impossible to sneak up on them, and a moving hunter could be mistaken for a turkey by another person. Turkeys are brought into range by very lifelike decoys; a hunter stalking turkeys could easily mistake one for a real bird and shoot another person. It is much safer, and easier to sit in one spot and let the turkeys come to you.



All it takes for a successful hunt is a lot of patience and a little bit of skill. It is better not to call than to overcall or call incorrectly. Turkey season is slightly faster paced than deer season, and many hunters chose to exclusively hunt the big birds. Whether you hunt everything that has a season or just turkeys, this season is sure to be a good one.

*Tomorrow: preseason scouting can pay major dividends.*

## Kids these days...

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are playing the “he said she said” game, and they don’t need that. They’re little kids. They don’t realize how lucky they have it, and they don’t need to waste that luck on stupid things like text messaging drama, or Facebook drama, which is way worse than text drama.

I would give anything to be nine years old again. If I was nine years old, I would have more time to do things with my family and friends because I wouldn’t have to be worrying about college choices, or homework, or my job. It’s crazy that kids want to ruin the innocence they don’t realize they have because they use technologies they aren’t responsible enough to handle. When I was little, I read books for fun, and that’s why I love to read so much now. I had alternative ways to have fun. I didn’t need the internet, in fact, the internet just irritates me now, and makes me upset.

Why would parents want to do that to their kids? They know what it’s like to have been their age and not have cell phones. My dad tells me “when I was your age, we didn’t have cell phones, or the internet and we got along just fine without it” all the time, and I think he’s right. Life would be so much easier without these things, people just don’t realize it, or don’t want their kids to throw a tantrum in the middle of a store when they say “I want it.” It’s ridiculous, and is only going to get worse if something doesn’t happen to stop it.

### Quote of the day:

“If you want to be happy, be.”  
~Leo Tolstoy

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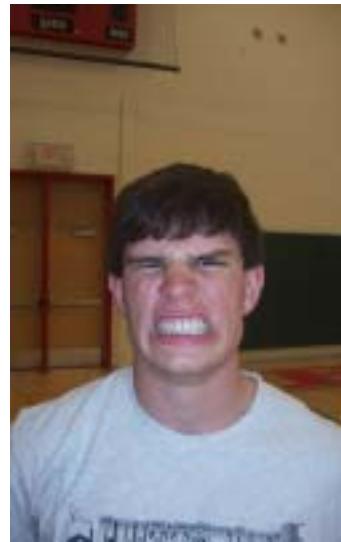
"Went out to eat with my family."

Brittney Mitsiell



"I ate a ton of candy."

Joe Weller



"Had a nice family dinner."

Colin Shannon



"Hung out with my family."

Jason King

## Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms, some of which could be severe. High in the mid to upper-70s. Record high: 91 (2009). Avg. high: 61.

Tonight:



Mainly cloudy with a shower or storm. Low in the low-60s. Record low: 28 (1993). Avg. low: 39.

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with some rain and a thunderstorm. High in the upper-60s. Record high: 92 (1990). Avg. high: 61.

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