



Deadlines coming soon for Class of 2011

In the blink of an eye, senior year is coming to an end for the Class of 2011. AP tests are done, the smell of summer during sunshine for seniors pushes senioritis full blast, and quite honestly, it's time for them to relish in their accomplishments over the past four years.

First and foremost, the senior trip is just a few days away on Friday, May 20! The date has crept up on the class and there are many things to be put in order. Seniors can pick up contracts and authorization forms for the trip in the main office as soon as possible and they need to be returned directly to Mrs. Hallatt by Tuesday, May 17, three days before the date of the trip.

On Thursday, May 19, all overnight bags need to be checked in to ensure a quick departure the following morning. Seniors are instructed to arrive at the school at 3:30 am and leave by 4! Other bags will be checked upon arrival and the more prompt the students are, the faster they will arrive at Cedar Point.

Hotel group requests need to be given to Mrs. Hallatt as soon as possible. There are four people to a room, no exceptions. Most of the groups have been put in order. "Please note that there must be four to a room so it is possible you may have to share with someone you don't know, this is a real life situation that will prepare you for college so buck up and meet someone new!" Mrs. Hallatt commented. Once Tuesday arrives, all room assignments are permanent!

The trip will include a full day at Cedar Point, starting at 11 am after checking in to the hotel, followed by a good nights rest. Students must be in hotel rooms at 11 pm and should try to get to bed early because the class leaves at 8:30 am to visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland from 10 am to 1 pm! It will all come to a close on Saturday as the class returns to G. Ray Bodley around 7 pm.

If the awaited senior trip wasn't enough excitement, Senior Dinner Dance tickets are now on sale! Tickets are being sold in Mr. Perry's room 125 for \$35. The event will be on June 11 at the Oasis and is promised to be a wonderful close to the high school experience.

It is the time to rejoice in the idea of moving on, but also to realize all of the good times

that there have been in this chapter of life. To get the full tear jerking effect there will be a senior slide show shown at senior day! Students are asked to bring their pictures from over the years to Mr. Perry. There is no limit to the number of pictures, any memory someone wants to recall or thinks is significant should be put in the show.

The Class of 2012 has spent four years as a class, four years of memories and amazing experiences. However, in those four years there have been plenty of wishes that graduation

would just hurry up. Now that it's here the Class of 2011 finds that it's nice to take every opportunity they can to reminisce on their years at GRB, and how quickly they have flown by.

That awaited walk across the stage is a little over a month away, on Saturday, June 25. The time is here to appreciate being with one another, to enjoy the ease of the end of year senior schedule and to realize that 2012 is going to miss these halls and one another a lot more than they ever thought they would.

By Brenna Merry

Battery drive yields nearly 600 pounds



Almost 600 pounds of used batteries were kept out of the local landfills thanks to the GRB Environmental Club on Friday. Miss Erkan's advisory led the way with 107.4 pounds of batteries, followed by Mrs. Barton and Ms. Behan at 77 pounds apiece and Mr. Siever's advisory with 73.6 pounds. Over the past three years the annual battery drive has yielded more than 1800 pounds of used batteries, including this year's total of 595.5 pounds. Pictured left to right are Hannah Dunsmoor, Joe Sutton, Jordan Rizzo, Erika Johnson and Justin Bowering. Advisor of the Environmental Club is Mr. Mainville. (Colin Shannon photo)

Opinion

The mysteries behind sleeping in class

By Brenna Merry

Many would be amazed at the lives of high school students. After running from classes to after school activities and homework, one would think that the comfort of a bed would lead to instant and blissful sleep.

However, every night students complain about their inability to sleep and spend their time tossing and turning in bed or giving up and getting on the computer. Then, they proceed to their school days after little to no rest and, bam, nothing feels more comfortable than that AP Economics desk. Straining to keep their eyes open and head from bobbing it is certain that their bed will feel ten times better that



night, but they are only welcomed by a repeat of the whole process.

Every day and night I think to myself, “why is it that I can so easily fall asleep on a hard cold desk and then feel the need to run a marathon when I am welcomed by my cozy bed?” There are very few logical reasons that I could develop.

My first thought was that the course material could be the reason for the need to fall asleep. However, when I tried studying before bed it seemed that that actually made me wake up more! It’s a fact that if I put a desk in my room I would most certainly not sleep soundly. Next I thought maybe it’s the voices in the background, so I attempted to play The History Channel in the back, but still had no luck. Lastly, I thought quite possibly it could be the position, so I curled myself into a ball and got nothing except for a back problem.

If the world could harness the comfort of sleeping during class and give it out at night, the lives of students across the world would be changed forever. It is one of the world’s many mysteries waiting to be solved, and until it does I will hear, “Brenna are you paying attention?” countless times more. Sorry teachers, it’s not you.. It’s a mystery beyond a student’s control.

Passing of Redwall author means series will never end

Last week the final *Redwall* book arrived at bookstores. The author of the bestselling *Redwall* series, Brian Jacques, passed away in February, bringing an end to the beloved series. *The Rogue Crew* is the twenty-third book in the series, the one before the planned final book. Because Jacques died, this will be the final book instead of the planned *Pondicherry*, leaving many *Redwall* fans without knowing the ending of the series.

Redwall is one of the most popular young adult series, and Jacques work has inspired countless other writers. Over twenty million *Redwall* books have been sold worldwide in more than ten languages. There is even rumored to be a *Redwall* movie in the makings. Since 1986, when the first book was written, Jacques works have been enjoyed by countless people of all age groups. He has been described as, “one of the best children’s authors in the world.”

Readers may not ever know what will become of their beloved characters, there is little doubt that the series would have been wrapped up nicely in *Pondicherry*, but perhaps that is the way that Jacques wanted it to be. The series seemed never-ending at times and his death, though sad, has made it so that it never will end. If a tragic end had been planned in *Pondicherry*, perhaps it is better that readers are left unsure what will occur next. It has not yet been determined if the unfinished novel will ever be released. While *The Rogue Crew* may leave some questions unanswered, there is no doubt that it will be a fitting end to the *Redwall* series.

By Daniel Summerville

Bizarre news of the day

A mother in China has given birth to conjoined twins who share a single body. The babies were born by caesarean at the Suining City Central Hospital in Sichuan. The twins weighed 9 pounds and measured 20 inches, according to local press reports. The parents, who are migrant farmers living outside of the southwestern city, did not learn of the abnormality until two days before the mother was due to give birth.

Two ultra sound scans in September and February failed to reveal the two heads because the technicians were viewing the single embryo in profile. Doctors consider separating the babies, who have separate spines and esophagi but share major organs, almost impossible.

“It is hard to say how they will survive in the future but we will try the best to keep them alive at the moment,” said Pu Youhua, a doctor with Suining Hospital. The pair has now been moved to a hospital in nearby Chongqing for further examination. *By Morgan Firenze*

Quote of the day:

“A half truth is a whole lie.”
~Yiddish Proverb

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Raider Sports



It was an exciting senior morning for members of the boys lacrosse team on Saturday when the Raiders battled their way to a 12-11 overtime win against visiting Whitesboro. Fulton's Corey Crook charges from behind the net (top left) and fires a shot past the Warrior keeper (top middle) before being congratulated by his teammates Colin Shannon, Ross Maxam and Steven Delisle (middle left). Co-captain Brett Williams drew a crowd in blue in the top right photo, while Brandon Lockwood, Steven DeLisle and Tyler Lockwood (left to right) jostle for possession on a faceoff (middle right). Williams emerged as the man of the hour by scoring in overtime before being mobbed by his teammates (photo left). Coaches Halladay, left standing, and Beckwith talk to the team during halftime (below). (Kayla Hanczyk photos)



Raider Sports

Senior laxmen end home career with dramatic triumph

The varsity boys lacrosse team pulled out a victory on senior morning in dramatic fashion, as the Raiders defeated the Whitesboro Warriors 12-11 in overtime. The game took place Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Senior festivities were held before the opening face off, which included the reading of a brief bio from the seniors, as well as recognition of the player's parents, including a rose for the player's mother.

The game started with a flourish, and the Raider senior class led the way as Fulton jumped out to an early lead. The first four goals were scored by those about to graduate, as senior captains Brett Williams, Corey Crook, and Donnie Watson each blazed the ball behind the Warrior goalie. Senior Colin Shannon was next to score, as the ball found the net on an unsettled situation. The first quarter ended with a Raider lead of 5-4, and morale and pride were shining through.

The second quarter illustrated further Raider dominance, as two goals were scored, and junior net minder Colin Blake held Whitesboro off the board, blanking the road team in the second frame, which ended with a 7-4 Raider lead. The third quarter was found to be deemed a draw, as both teams snuck the ball in the net three times, which ended with the Raiders up by a score of 10-7. The fourth quarter proved to be a different result, as momentum began to shift in favor of the Warriors. Whitesboro came out on fire, and the Raiders found themselves sleeping early in the final quarter. Four Warrior goals were scored in the final frame, and Raider offense couldn't find the handle and found the net once. With the score tied at 11, extra time was required.

Due to penalties with about 15 seconds left in regulation, the Raiders were forced to play the first minute and forty-five seconds man down in overtime, although the game was over before the penalties expired. The face-off was won by the Raiders and a timeout was called. Upon conclusion of the short break, the ball was placed into the stick of Brett Williams. Williams' mission was to run out the penalty and return the Raiders to even strength where the offense could continue normally, but Williams surprised the stadium. Avoiding a double team, the captain dodged in and out, avoiding the beating that was being issued, found daylight, and took advantage. With the stick in his left hand, Williams drove the goal and placed a shot just off the left hip of the goalie, and the Raiders found themselves on a sprint to celebrate the game winning goal with the spark of the Fulton offense. The situation was deemed surreal, as the four year varsity starter scored the game winning goal on senior night, concluding what turned out to be a spectacular game.

Williams led the offense throughout the game, recording four goals

and two assists in the effort. Juniors Ross Maxam had one goal and two assists, and Bryan Benton found the net two times in the contest. Seniors Crook, Shannon, and Watson, found the net once apiece, and the scoring was rounded out by juniors Joe Sutton and Steven DeLisle, who both scored once. Standing tall between the pipes was Blake, who recorded a solid 10 saves throughout the game. The season concludes for the laxmen tonight, as the boys travel to Cortland for a 5 p.m. game time to round out the season.

A special thank you would like to be extended to all of the fans who continued to show support at the home games, as it was greatly appreciated and made for an enjoyable environment for all who attended. One does not realize how much even the slightest bit of support helps until they hear their name get called from the bleachers, and it created a truly special environment for all of those who partook, either as a supporter or those being supported.

By Colin Shannon

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Tennis vs. Chittenango (5 pm.); Track vs. Cortland & Chittenango (6 p.m.); Boys V Lax @ Cortland (5 p.m.); Softball @ Cortland (4:30); Girls Lax @ Onondaga (7 p.m.).

Tuesday, May 17: Tennis @ Chittenango (4:30); JV Boys Lax @ Cortland (4:30); Baseball vs. ES-M (4:45); Girls V Lax vs. ES-M (5 pm.).

Wednesday, May 18: V Baseball @ CBA (4:30); JV Girls Lax vs. ES-M (5 p.m.); Tennis @ Homer (4:30).

Thursday, May 19: Softball vs. Chittenango (4:30); JV Girls Lax @ Cortland (5 p.m.); JV Boys Lax @ J-D (4:30); Girls V Lax vs. M-PH (6 p.m.); Baseball vs. Phoenix (4:30); Track @ Freedom League Meet @ ES-M (4:30).

Friday, May 20: JV Girls Lax @ B'ville (4:30).

Saturday, May 21: Baseball vs. Corcoran (11 a.m.).

Boys Track @ Ogdensburg VanDusen Invitational (10 a.m.); Softball @ Herkimer Tournament (10 a.m. & noon).



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School of Thought compiled by Kayla Distin

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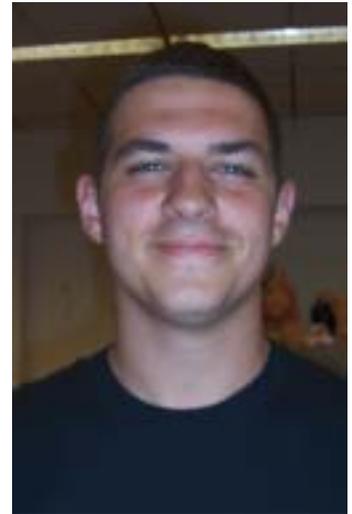
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"Strawberry."



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Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with some rain.
High in the mid-50s.
Record high: 90 (1962).
Avg. high: 69.

Tonight:



Cloudy with a rain shower. Low in the mid-40s.
Record low: 34 (1983).
Avg. low: 46.

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with some rain.
High in the mid-60s.
Record high: 91 (1977).
Avg. high: 69

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