



## New school year brings super-sized study halls

By Michaela Best

The new school year at G. Ray Bodley High School began with mixed emotions from many students. Many were very excited to come back and reunite with old friends. But there are always those who come to school with the look of disappointment on their face because the long 10 months of school has once again begun.

No matter the emotions that were shown as the students were walking through the doors to begin the school year once again, everyone who has a study hall in room 133

had a surprised look on their face. Study halls in room 133 contain seventy or more students, all crammed into a joint room 132-133.

As the students come through the door to study hall, one-by-one the expressions of shock were endless. As the students found out how many people were in each of the study halls, the classroom filled with instant chatter. Senior Ryann Crofoot added, "This is crazy!i" while fellow senior Carson Metcalf questioned, "How do you fit that many students there?"

Even though there are seventy or more kids

in each of the study halls in room 133, students were promised an absolutely quiet study hall. Students have managed to find something to do in these study halls during these first few weeks of school. Freshman Carly Williams quietly works on finishing her Algebra homework, while senior Amanda Tetro gets her AP calculus homework finished just in time for class.

. Other students have gone to the library or to other classrooms to work on homework or even just to see if the teacher needs help. These studyhalls may be beyond large but they have been quiet, as promised.

## Red Raider Den grand reopening Sept. 26

By Natasha Luis

The G. Ray Bodley High School 2011-2012 school year has many changes and upgrades! The school store, run by the Small Business Ownership class and Bodley's FBLA students, is just one of the many things that is undergoing changes this year to make things more pleasing to the student body.

Everyone loves buying snacks, and everyone loves buying them at great prices!! The Red Raider Den is looking to obtain new items into the store. "The plan is to keep the old favorites like the nachos, slush puppies, Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies, Slim Jims, and snacks," according to Mrs. Ferlito and Mrs. House.

They want to make the place feel more like a real store and say that,"this helps the students that take our classes learn the basic employment skills and customer service. They learn what it takes to start a business, manage money, fill out job applications, along with basic cash register operation as well."

So while The Red Raider Den is helping students fill their bellies, it is also helping the students learn some of the skills that they will need when they enter the work force.

Next Monday, September 26, is the grand reopening day for the store, and it will be open bells 8 and 9 and after school as well. The store, which is located on the first floor

between rooms 110 and 111, will also have a suggestion box up so students who visit can tell them what they like, don't like, and what else they would like to see on the shelves of the store.

As Mrs. Ferlito noted, "make sure to stop by the store eighth bell, ninth bell, or after school...you'll be glad you did."

## Tough loss drops Raiders to 0-3 start

By Mark Aldasch

Although on 0-3 record might not show it, things are getting better for the Fulton varsity football team. A narrow 16-12 loss to Jamesville-Dewitt on Friday was a sharp contrast to earlier beatings of 70-36 against Cortland and 47-14 at Indian River.

The Raiders kicked off the season with a home opener against defending league champs Cortland. The game did not go well for the Raiders, as Cortland clinched the victory, 70-36.

Sophomore tailback Mark Pollock had a big night for Fulton, rushing for 180 yards on 24 attempts with two touchdowns on the night. Senior fullback Joe Cortese also had an impressive night for the Raiders, rushing for 88 yards on 16 attempts with two scores from one and four yards out. Although the rushing game went well for Fulton, nothing

could be done through the air as no passes were completed and the Raiders fell to 0-1.

After a tough loss to Cortland, the Raiders traveled to Indian River to find themselves being defeated yet again, 47-14. Performing well for the Raiders was senior tailback Bryan Benton, rushing for 133 yards on 22 attempts with a touchdown late in the fourth quarter. Fulton's other touchdown came late in the fourth quarter as well, on a two yard run by senior captain Mark Aldasch. Pollock also had a good night rushing for 61 yards on 11 attempts. The Raiders were yet again defeated, with their record falling to 0-2.

Last Friday night's game for the Red Raider football team resulted in another loss against the Red Rams of Jamesville-Dewitt. Fulton's two scores came in the first half, from Mark Pollock scoring on a 17 and 50 yard run. The Rams quickly answered back

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## Opinion

# Many feel loss of school's advisory program

By Vanessa Langdon

Over the summer rumors flared that G. Ray Bodley High School's award-winning advisory program would not be continuing this school year. The rumors were confirmed when students received their schedules. After three successful school years the twenty minute long advisory was replaced by an eight minute long homeroom at the start of each day.



I personally loved advisory and thought it accomplished what it was supposed to, create a school family. And with the cancelation of the advisory program I feel like someone took away my family. After two years with the same people we grew together in all the ways people can grow. I miss them all and don't appreciate the change.

The new homeroom system is based on the alphabet, and students are grouped together for eight minutes every day instead of a group of relative strangers who most likely you had little to nothing

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in common with upon your first day of advisory, but ended up growing together with countless memories. I think advisory was more than twice as beneficial to the G. Ray Bodley student body as well as the staff. Advisory created bonds. If it is ever possible I personally would urge the district to reinstate the advisory program.

But what do the students in general think? According to the responses to my Facebook post asking for feedback regarding this topic the answer is a resounding, advisory! Senior Ashley Woodcock mentioned the relationship factor, saying, “You built closer relationships because we had more than five minutes.” Ashly Smart, another senior, chimed in with, “I loved advisory it gave us time

during the day to chill and unwind...it gave us a little boost.”

Sophomore Danielle Rupert, who only had advisory for one year, mentioned the ability for communication in advisory. “It was nice to have a person to answer our questions.” Mrs. Helen Fisch, mother of junior Julia Fisch, had similar things to say regarding the switch; “As a parent it was nice being able to sit down with one resource person that truly knew your child and his or her strengths and weaknesses. I really felt like our Advisory ‘teacher’ was really concerned about his students now and what their plans were when they graduated, whether it be continuing on to college or trade school or seeking employment. I don't feel the guidance counselors have the same connection with students.”

I personally can concur regarding having someone there to answer questions. I personally could not think of a better fit for an advisor for me than Mrs. Scalfaro. I feel that I can speak for everyone who was in my advisory when I say that she was always there to listen and give advice!

Sophomore Ciarra Ferguson mentioned the preparations for college that was done in advisory, which is sadly absent from homeroom activities. Danielle Rupert agreed with fellow Sophomore Ciarra about student teacher bonds. Based on Facebook feedback, advisory has quite a lead in the polls over homeroom. The simple comment by sophomore Michael Holcomb, “I liked advisory better; got four ‘Likes’ from juniors Mary West, Kyle Loftus and sophomores Emily Hyde and Danielle Rupert. Advisory was just a better program that facilitated growth and acceptance. Homeroom, on the other hand, simply facilitates attendance.

## Welcome back!

### Quote of the day:

“Trust is letting go of needing to know all the details before you open your heart.”

~Author Unknown

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## Opinion

## The Great Outdoors

## Fall means hunting seasons will be upon us

By Daniel Summerville

School has been in session for over a week now for students at G Ray Bodley High School. While students start getting used to their schedules once again, outside the weather is growing colder. Fall is nearly here, which means more than just school; hunting season is rapidly approaching.

After a long summer of having relatively little to hunt, sportsmen are getting their gear ready for the start of many fall hunting seasons. During September and October, many hunting seasons open in Oswego County and surrounding areas. The seasons for squirrels, crows and Canada geese have been open for over two weeks, while the early bow season for deer in the northern zone is scheduled to open on the 27th of September as well.



In the past few months hunters have been flocking to town halls and sporting goods stores alike, standing in line to buy their licenses. Luckily, the prices did not increase this year as they have in the past, allowing hunters to buy their licenses for the same amount as last year. Post offices have been busy selling "Duck stamps" as well. All over New York, outdoorsmen are preparing for the upcoming seasons.

Though there are some small game seasons open, the woods are still fairly free of humans. The most popular seasons, such as deer and turkey, have yet to begin, but when they do there will be hundreds of people sitting in blinds and tree stands throughout the forests of Oswego County alone. Overall 2010-2011 was not a very good year for hunting safety, but if everyone in the woods has a little bit of common sense, this year will hopefully be safer and more productive. Whatever happens this season, it is sure to be a memorable one.

## Drama Club feeling pinch of budget cuts

By Vanessa Langdon

As if putting on a musical involving more than 50 students wasn't enough of a task, this time around the Quirk's Players Drama Club will have to do it on a shoestring budget. That was one of the biggest issues at last Monday's first meeting of the G. Ray Bodley High School drama club.

Due to budget cuts that affected the entire school district, the club will be forced to fund-raise in order to cover the hefty cost of putting on the annual spring musical. Being resilient as they are, they are stepping up to the plate and are not giving up. There will be

another meeting with more information regarding the status of the musical in November and auditions will hopefully take place sometime in December.

Overall it was an interest meeting to start off the year with discussions about such things as the fall play, *The Odd Couple*, which was cast at the end of last year and is slated to take place October 21-22. Information was also given out on a field trip to SUNY Oswego on October 14 to see their rendition of *The 25th annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Permission slips for this trip are due Friday, September 23 to either Mr. Nami in the chorus room or to Mr. Briggs.

But without a doubt the big news of the meeting was the lack of funding for The Quirks Players biggest production, the annual winter musical. The news of a lot less money means the Drama Club will have to raise all the funds to pay for everything entailed with putting on such a show themselves, including the hefty price of obtaining the rights to perform the musical itself.

To keep up with all the Quirk's Players news, listen to announcements and keep your eye on the music bulletin board at the end of the chorus hallway as well as any papers posted on the chorus room door.

## This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** Tennis @ CBA (4:30); Golf vs. CBA @ Drumlins (3:30); Vball vs. Oswego (JV-5/V-6:30); Boys soccer vs. Red Creek (5 p.m.)

**Tuesday Sept. 20:** Vball vs. Cazenovia (JV-5/V-6:30); Boys soccer @ CBA (7 p.m.); JV girls soccer vs. F-P (5 p.m.); V girls soccer @ Phoenix (4:30); Golf vs. West Genesee (3:30)

**Wed. Sept. 21:** Cross country @ ES-M (4:30); V tennis vs. J-D (4:30); JV tennis @ J-D (4:30); Golf vs. J-D (3:30)

**Thurs. Sept. 22:** Golf vs. ESM-Blue/Phoenix @ Erie Village (3:30); Girls soccer vs. ES-M (5 p.m.); Boys soccer @ Fowler (4:30); Vball @ Skaneateles (JV-4:30, V-6:00)

**Fri. Sept. 23:** V tennis @ Chittenango (4:30); JV tennis vs. Chittenango (4:30); V football vs. Fowler @ Corcoran (5 p.m.)

**Sat. Sept. 24:** Cross country @ B'ville Invitational (10 am); JV football vs. S. Jefferson (10 am); JV Vball @ Marcellus Tourney (9 am)



## Tough loss on Friday (from page one)

with a score from running back Jake LaRussa. It seemed like the game was going Fulton's way until the final minutes, when the Rams forced a safety making the score 12-9, Fulton. With a minute and a half on the clock the Rams marched the ball down the field to score on a one yard run from quarterback Eric Thompson, making the score 16-12, J-D. This concluded the game for the Raiders as their record fell to 0-3. The team will look to get their first win this Friday night against Fowler @ 6:30 in Corcoran.

**School of Thought** compiled by Ross Maxam & Tyler Terramiggi

# What are you most looking forward to this school year?



"I'm very happy with my group of students"  
Mrs. House



"Prom."  
Danielle Trail



"Getting my license"  
Kyle Martin



"Hoping for better lunches"  
Kenny Holbrook

# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy

**67°**

Average: 71°  
Record: 89° (1955)

Tonight:



Cloudy with a rain shower

**55°**

Average: 51°  
Record: 34° (1943)

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy with a shower

**71°**

Average: 71°  
Record: 88° (2002)

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