



Collaboration produces unique new class

By Jeanette Bartlett

It may come to one's surprise that despite the recent teacher cuts and other financial problems associated with the Fulton City School District that a new course has been added. The new course offered is global environment, which is being taught by Mr. Mainville. The news of a new class might bring about a few questions. Some of these questions might be how the school can afford this, what it is about, and how it got started?

Last year during a meeting with Superintendent of Schools Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mainville, and representatives from both Siemens and the SUNY College of Environmental Forestry, the idea began. ESF started the idea of an environmental class in high school allowing students to receive college credit. Mr. Lynch is constantly looking for opportunities for students to earn college credit. Through much hard work, the course was established.

While most of the staff and students at G. Ray Bodley were enjoying their summer, Mr. Mainville was spending part of his studying the course himself. Mr. Mainville was responsible for designing a curriculum for the course (with the help from ESF). He hoped to have at least 10 students join this new class, but by the end of the first week 20 students were enrolled. Therefore these 20 students are experiencing a new atmosphere of teaching, bringing different challenges and achievements not found in a basic high school course.

For anyone who is becoming more and more enticed by the sounds of this course here are a few things to know. The course is based upon the principles of sustainability. Each student is required to have passed the earth science and biology regents.

Students are also required to have passed the chemistry regents or be enrolled in the regent's chemistry class. Another requirement for this course is to have passed the English 11 regents with an 80 or higher. The course gives students 6 college credits. This,

of course, is not free, as there is a fee to receive the 6 college credits. The cost of this course is \$175, although for students with reduced or free lunch the cost is only \$60.



With this fee any student who passes the course with a B or higher will be guaranteed acceptance into Suny ESF, although other requirements may apply. Each student will then be eligible for scholarships.

Environmental Club is off and recycling

As the first few weeks here at G. Ray Bodley High School kick off, many people may find themselves asking what they are going to do with their lives after school hours. If you are planning on joining an after-school club, why not join Bodley's Chess and Gamers Club? The club meets every other Tuesday in room 217 with Mr. J. Fasulo as advisor.

Whether you know how to play chess or not, there is never a better time to learn. If chess isn't your idea of a good time, then why not join, and enter in the video game tournaments hosted by the Gamer's Club? The video games range from blockbuster titles such as Call of Duty: Black Ops, to Madden 2012, so there is sure to be something for everyone.

After school clubs and activities are usually fun and easy, and they look great on college transcripts. The Chess Club is a hassle free and easy club to join and participate in. If you join the club you are not required to go to every meeting, however it is not advised to do so, because you would be missing out on all the fun the club has to offer.

Participating in the Chess and Gamer's Club is fun and easy. However Mr. Fasulo does require that each student must be passing all of their classes.

Heading the Chess and Gamer's Club will be four officials. Sophomore Thomas Hill is president of the club while junior Pat Fink will be Thomas' second in command as vice president. Also freshman Brandon Clark and sophomore Perrin Ogden will take on the roles of treasurer and sergeant at arms respectively.

It's never too late to join, so why not stop by room 217 and sign up today? Anthony Torrese

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Opinion

Cool 2B in School is not so “cool”

By Carson Metcalf

You would think that the title of an attendance initiative involving a public school system would be grammatically correct and encourage 100 percent attendance. That's not how it is this year in Fulton, however. As you have probably noticed, the “Cool 2B in School” papers have been mailed out to students at all schools, including here at G. Ray Bodley High School, apparently trying to appeal to the masses with its text-lingo title and possible reward.

We are all constantly told in English class to utilize the conventions of standard English, and yet here we have educators promoting the use of a program with a title that contains improper word form. This, however, is not the only problem I see.

The program encourages better attendance on the part of all students. This is meant to coincide with the 90 percent attendance expectation set by the Policy Committee. When parents sign and return the paper to school with a signature that states their child will attend school 90 percent of the time, that student's name is then entered into a drawing for a gift card.

Ultimately, the attendance initiative goal should be 100 percent,



with legitimate excuses acceptable. If the idea behind this program is to encourage students to be in school every day, why not make a goal that coincides with the wishes of the powers-that-be? By having the goal at 90 percent, missing school is still encouraged no matter the reason.

In the letter sent home, it was stated that thousands of days of

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school were missed by students throughout the District last year. This number seems out of line, by the very nature of the data, as it seems as if days for sickness, death in the family, and the like were included in this grand total, making it appear that the days were missed for unacceptable reasons.

While I commend the school district for trying to further the battle against the low attendance issue, I question at the same time the tactic of bribery being used along with poor grammar. This is a public school system, after all.

RND writer recalls fond memories of summer

It's a pretty safe bet to say that all of us here at G. Ray Bodley High School enjoy summer. Whether we are relaxing at the beach, working, or just staying at home, we all have some big memory that sticks out because no matter what you do, the fact that it is summer makes everything sweeter!

I had a wonderful summer. The highlight for me was visiting my sister, a former G.R.B student, Erica Puccia and her boyfriend, another former G.R.B. student, Chris Johnson, in Indianapolis. I flew to Indy by myself, the first time I have flown by myself ever. But to make it more exciting I had been in the emergency room for six hours the day of my flight. I rushed straight from the emergency room to my house to pack, and then rushed back to the airport. I had a spinal headache, a complication from a spinal tap, and was experiencing excruciating pain. But I had paid for my plane ticket so I was going to see my sister!

The plane ride was okay and I thought very exciting, but it also was stressful. My plane was late getting to Syracuse so I was worried I would miss my connection in Chicago. Thankfully we made it on time. But that's when the medicine I had been given in the E.R. began to wear off. The twenty minute car ride from the Indianapolis airport to my sister's apartment felt like two hours. I managed to have a wonderful time and just made sure to drink lots of caffeine to help with the headaches. I loved spending time with my sister and her boyfriend in Indy. They included me in everything they did and made me feel so grown up and independent.

I liked spending time with them so much that I didn't even mind it when Hurricane Irene messed up my travel plans and I had to stay for two extra days after my connection flight in Washington D.C. was cancelled. I loved being with my sister, going shopping, watch-

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The lighter side of life



10 fun animal facts...

1. Gorillas have different nose prints.
2. A harp seal can live up to 30 years in the wild.
3. Giraffes have the same number of bones in their neck as humans.
4. Hippos even though they spend most of their time in water are bad swimmers.
5. Cheetahs are the only big cats that purr instead of roar.
6. All dolphins have different whistles.
7. A starfish does not have a brain.
8. A snail has four noses.
9. A tiger's paw print is called a pug mark.
10. Elephant's teeth are made of the same material as human teeth.



By Jeanette Bartlett

Bizarre News of the Day:

Bees gone wild!

A southern Arizona hog farmer said that she watched in horror as thousands of bees swarmed a 1,000-pound hog during an attack that lasted about two hours.

"I went out three times to hose him down," June Hewitt told The Associated Press. "The very last time I went, he lifted his head when I called his name, flicked his ears, and that was the end."

Farmers were trying to move a hive that weighed around 200 pounds when about 250,000 Africanized bees swarmed like a black cloud and attacked animals and workers, KOLD-TV reported. Hewitt said the attack killed her male pig, Franklin. An 800-pound pregnant sow nearby also was stung so many times that she went into a coma and lost her litter.

"It was very unpleasant," said Hewitt, who lives in the town of Bisbee near the Mexican border.

Bee expert Reed Booth said Franklin had no chance because Africanized bees had spread pheromones all over the farm animals, riling up other bees. "The pigs started getting stung, and the pheromone was on the pig and that was the target area for the rest of the bees," Booth said. "So the rest of the bees went completely goofy and killed that poor pig. We watched him take his last breath."

Booth said he can't explain why the bees are so agitated this year. "It doesn't have any rhyme or reason," Booth said. "I've been doing this over 20 years. For some reason, this year, they're just going completely insane."

By Morgan Firenze

Summer memories

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ing movies, and exploring the city. That was my favorite memory from this summer. Now I want to hear yours. I will be writing about one G.R.B. students exciting summer memory every week until it seems to be not so exciting anymore. Who is going to be next?

By Vanessa Langdon

NFL Picks

NFL Picks: meet this year's contestants

The names and the faces may change, but not the passion for football. Starting this week five members of the RaiderNet Daily staff and advisor Mr. Senecal will provide their weekly observations and picks for all the games on the National Football League schedule. All six are hoping to follow in the footsteps of our 2010-2011 winner, Brett Williams, and 2009-2010 winner, Jake Tallents. We're also excited to welcome our first female predictor, Jeriann Parker. Remember, this is all in fun, so don't bet the farm on our picks.



Mark Aldasch

Lions @ Vikings

The Detroit Lions are off to a great start with a 2-0 record in the 2011 season. The Lions are led offensively by quarterback Matthew Stafford, who has taken control of the offense with the help of two big play receivers, Nate Burleson and Calvin Johnson. On the defensive side of the ball Detroit is led by defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh, as the defense has allowed only 23 points in two games.

The Vikings, on the other hand, are off to a slow start with an 0-2 record, losing to the San Diego Chargers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Vikings are led offensively with an explosive Adrian Peterson, who has more than 200 rushing yards. Quarterback Donovan McNabb has the ability to run and throw the ball, with a big play receiver in Percy Harvin. Minnesota's defense is a tough team to run the ball against, but I think the Detroit Lions will be able to win the game through the air, winning by two touchdowns.

Mark says:

Carolina
Detroit
San Francisco
Cleveland
New England
New York Giants
Tennessee
New Orleans
New York Jets
Baltimore
San Diego
Atlanta
Arizona
Green Bay
Pittsburgh
Washington



Sean Fink

New England Patriots @ Buffalo Bills

The Bills, coming off a win last week, are facing a tough Patriots team. Last week they showed that they can come back and win, rallying from a 21-3 halftime deficit to prevail on the final play of the game. Quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick is averaging 236 yards a game, with 3.5 touchdowns. Buffalos go-to receivers are Nelson and Johnson, and in the past two games they have combined for 311 yards and three touchdowns.

The Patriots are going to have a tough game this week, playing a very enthusiastic Bills team. The Patriots are traveling to Buffalo to see which team will get its first loss of the season. Quarterback Tom Brady, averaging 470 yards and four touchdowns a game is looking to give the Bills its first loss.

I think the Buffalo Bills will win this game due to the home field advantage and how they have been playing lately.

Sean says:

Carolina
Detroit
San Francisco
Miami
Buffalo
Philadelphia
Denver
New Orleans
NY Jets
Baltimore
San Diego
Atlanta
Arizona
Green Bay
Pittsburgh
Dallas

Ross

Maxam

Green Bay vs. Chicago.

When I saw the Packers vs. the Bears in the paper a few days ago I couldn't help but look back to last season's playoffs when the Packers beat the Bears 21-14 to advance to the Super Bowl. Aaron Rodgers, the Packers quarterback, had a fantastic game as well as the whole defense. Playing without their starting quarterback, the Bears managed to stay in it. Ultimately, they turned the ball over late in the fourth quarter to solidify the loss and the Packers went on to win Super Bowl XLV.

These long-time division rivals have produced some of the greatest football players of all-time. With the likes of Brett Favre, Reggie White, and Bart Starr, the current Packers have a huge legacy to live up to. The Bears also have their fair share of future and current Hall of Famers as they have the most currently inducted out of any team with 27 members. Gale Sayers, Walter Payton and Dick Butkus are some of the most recognizable

My pick is the Packers 21-10 over the Bears. They are getting back to championship form and Aaron Rodgers is emerging as an elite quarterback in the league. The only way the Bears will win is if their very reliable defense forces turnovers and maybe gets a defensive touchdown.

Ross says:

Carolina
Detroit
San Francisco
Cleveland
New England
Philadelphia
Denver
Houston
New York
Baltimore
San Diego
Atlanta
Arizona
Green Bay
Pittsburgh
Dallas



NFL Picks

**Jeriann Parker***Steelers @ Colts*

Ok Colts fans, I know it has been a not so lucky beginning, but we have to have faith. The Colts play the first of five scheduled prime-time games on Sunday night against the Pittsburgh Steelers, who come to Lucas Oil Stadium. Indianapolis (0-2) has been a staple on Sunday, Monday and Thursday nights the past decade largely due to the presence of Payton Manning, and that's the case again since the brutality of the four-time MVP's neck injury wasn't known until long after the schedule was released.

The Colts are set to make five prime-time appearances for the fifth consecutive season; a number that will likely remain considering the only option to be flexed is Week 13 at New England. Manning has twice visited Indianapolis' practices this week, but will be out for the next two weeks. For the first time since 2006, the Colts have failed to hit 200 yards passing in back-to-back games, and Kerry Collins (current quarterback for the Colts) followed his two-fumble performance in a season-opening loss at Houston with two more turnovers in (continued on page 6)

Jeriann says:

Carolina
Detroit
Cincinnati
Cleveland
New England
NY Giants
Denver
New Orleans
New York Jets
St. Louis
San Diego
Tampa Bay
Seattle
Green Bay
Indianapolis
Dallas

**Mr. Senecal***Dolphins @ Browns*

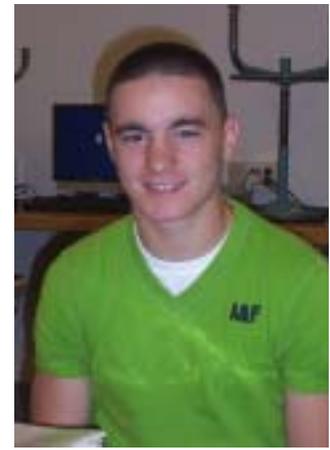
From what I've seen in the first two week-ends, it's going to be another long season for the Dolphins while the Browns appear to have turned a corner and look headed for respectability. This match-up will be important for both teams, because if the Dolphins lose, they can forget about challenging for the playoffs in a division that includes powerhouses in New England and New York and a seemingly resurgent Buffalo side.

Browns quarterback Colt McCoy has adjusted well to life on Sundays, and the porous Miami secondary should help him feel even more at home. Considering the fact that Miami ownership went behind Coach Spagnolo's back last year to court current 49ers boss Harbaugh and then got caught with egg on their face, one has to wonder how much confidence the team has in their coach and his system.

NFL coaches don't usually get fired during the season, but there may be an exception brewing near South Beach for a team that has a bad knack of settling for field goals rather than pressing for touchdowns.

Mr. S says:

Carolina
Detroit
Cincinnati
Cleveland
New England
Philadelphia
Tennessee
New Orleans
New York Jets
Baltimore
San Diego
Tampa Bay
Arizona
Green Bay
Pittsburgh
Dallas

**Tyler Terramiggi***Houston @ New Orleans*

This is one match-up I'm very excited to see; two high powered offenses squaring off. It should be a high scoring, well played football game. The Texans, coming off two good wins against struggling Indianapolis and the Miami Dolphins, are looking to keep their undefeated season on track in the Superdome. One thing that worries me for Houston is that their all-star running back Arian Foster is sitting out due to an injury in week one. However, their back-up Ben Tate is third in the league with 219 yards on the ground.

What really has me leaning the Texans way is the passing game from Matt Schaub to Andre Johnson, which may be the best quarterback to receiver combo in the league. Schaub, one of the up and coming quarterback studs of this all-star quarterback league in the NFL, is looking very sharp again in 2011. He's completed 72% percent of his passes along with 450 yards and three touchdowns in two games so far in the young season. Along with the big play potential of Johnson, I have the Texans prevailing in a 45-41 shootout.

Tyler says:

Carolina
Detroit
San Francisco
MIAMI?CLEVELAND
New England
Philadelphia
Tennessee
Houston
New York J
Baltimore
San Diego
Atlanta
Arizona
Green Bay
Pittsburgh
Washington

Sports

Girls ride shutout streak with 2-0 win

Shutouts were in fashion on Thursday, but unfortunately for a pair of Raider sides, the whitewash was applied to the wrong side of the fence. Only the varsity girls soccer team, 2-0 winners over East Syracuse-Minoa came away victorious as the boys fell 2-0 at Fowler and the girls volleyball team dropped a 3-0 decision against Skaneateles.

Jocelyn Ravesi scored a goal and helped set up a tally from Maddie Robillard as the Raider girls used a goal in each half to blank the Spartans. Hannah Geitner and Kayla Distin picked up assists on the day and Allyson Bricker turned aside three shots to help key the Raider rise to 3-3-1. The win was Fulton's second shutout in three days, following up a big 7-0 win over Phoenix on Tuesday.

Their boys counterparts were not so for-

fortunate as Fowler scored twice in the first half to hand the booters their second loss in seven starts.

Connor Goss shot a 43 to pace the Raider golfers in a 207-227 loss against ES-M

In volleyball Emily Ervin had 13 assists and 5 digs and Erika Johnson counted 9 kills and 7 digs in a 3-0 loss to Skaneateles. Sara Campolieta and Julia Spier had 8 digs apiece for the Raiders.

Colts set to rebound

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Sunday's 27-19 home loss to Cleveland. Indianapolis is 0-2 for the first time since dropping its first four games in 1998, Manning's rookie season. While the Colts wound up losing by 27 points in Week 1, the Steelers (1-1) came off even worse in a 35-7 loss to Baltimore that had some wondering if Pittsburgh's defense was too old to be dominant once again.

They outgained Seattle 421-164 and held the ball for nearly 39 minutes in a 24-0 win last Sunday. The Colts have converted just five of 23 third-down opportunities, 31st in the NFL and a far cry from what they have

typically done to stay on the field. From 2005-10, Indianapolis' 49.6 percent success rate on third down was 4.3 percent better than any other team. The Steelers, meanwhile, converted 8 of 15 third downs against Seattle, but could not punch in their lone attempt on fourth down. Pittsburgh failed to score on its opening drive of the game despite having four cracks after reaching the Seahawks' 1-yard line. Roethlisberger came dangerously close to joining Manning on the sidelines Sunday. Seattle's Raheem Brock, who got around rookie right tackle Marcus Gilbert, fell on the quarterback's right leg late in the second quarter, but Roethlisberger returned after missing two plays. Gilbert could have his hands full again this week against Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis, who each have one of the Colts' two sacks.

Roethlisberger must hope he fares better Sunday than he has previously in the regular season against the Colts. Roethlisberger has a 58.9 passer rating and five interceptions in a pair of losses versus Indianapolis; though he did throw two touchdown passes in the Steelers' divisional playoff victory at the RCA Dome in 2006. Collins, meanwhile, is just 3-1 as a starter against the Steelers with five touchdowns and just one interception.

The Great Outdoors

Take tree stand safety seriously

By Daniel Summerville

With deer season approaching, hunters are starting to set up their blinds and tree stands throughout the woods of Oswego County. These stands will be where the hunters spend most of their free time in the months to come as they wait



for a deer to walk by them. While ground blinds are relatively safe, tree stands are notorious for being rather dangerous. Sitting ten to fifteen feet in the air does not leave hunters with much room for error.

The number one rule when hunting from a tree stand is to always wear a safety harness. If a fall occurs, the harness is designed to hold the hunter in place so that he or she can either climb back into the stand or wait for help to arrive. The idea is similar to that of a car seatbelt; they are made to prevent injury yet there are people who still choose not to wear them.

While the harness may be slightly uncomfortable and awkward, it could potentially mean the difference between surviving a fall

and being seriously injured or killed. It is better to be slightly uncomfortable for a few hours at a time than to be lying on the ground with broken bones.

Last year, while bow hunting, I became a little overconfident. I decided to take off my harness to in order to get out of the tree faster. I ended up getting out even faster than I wanted. Twelve feet above the ground, the bottom of my climbing stand dropped out from under me and I crashed to the ground.

Luckily, I landed somewhat on my feet, but my left ankle was twisted in the tree's roots. The few hundred yards from my tree to the four-wheeler were excruciatingly painful. My ankle would not support my weight for very long; forcing me to rest every few feet until the pain subsided. I got away with only having to use crutches for two and a half weeks, but I was very lucky, it could have been much worse.

Many hunters, especially younger ones, tend to think they will never fall. I thought the same thing, but I was wrong. I learned my lesson the hard way, this year I will have my harness on every second that I am in a tree. Hunters must realize that safety harnesses are a pain, but they are also of the utmost importance. One wrong move can change your life; a harness can help stop that from happening.

This week in Raider Sports

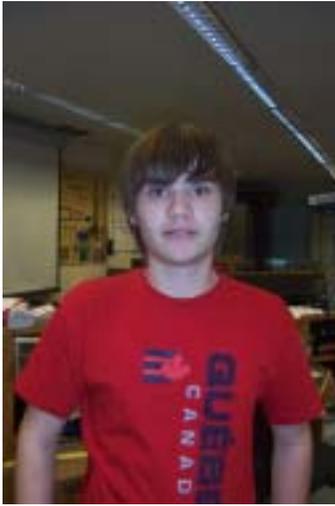
Today: tennis @ Chittenango (4:30); JV tennis vs. Chittenango (4:30); V football vs. Fowler @ Corcoran (5 p.m.)

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



School of Thought

What are you doing this weekend?



"I'm celebrating my birthday."
Rob Lagowski

"I'm training my new puppy."
Austin Doyle

"Going to the SU game."
Mr. Thurlow

"I have no idea."
Courtney Smith

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with a shower.

72°

Average: 69°
Record: 90° (1959)

Tonight:



Cloudy skies.

57°

Average: 49°
Record: 32° (1963)

Tomorrow:

Mostly cloudy with a shower.

73°

Average: 69°/49°
Rec. high/low: 90° (2010)/ 29° (1963)

Sunday:

Mostly cloudy with a shower.

75°

Average: 68°/48°
Record high/low: 91° (2010)/32° (1963)

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