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Red Raider pride is on display next week

By Sierra Maher

Homecoming is just around the corner, and all next week will be filled with showing some Bodley pride. The fun starts on Monday and continues all week long heading into the annual pep rally and Homecoming football game on Friday.

Students will have the chance to show their pride by dressing up for the topics of the day, which were recently voted on during homeroom. Monday is Pajama Day while it's Two for Tuesday with Twin Day. Students are reminded that in order to participate in Pajama Day they must avoid revealing clothing and to conform to the school dress code. For Twin Day, participants should find a friend and dress alike.

Wednesday is Team Day where students can dress up in the colors of their favorite college or professional team. Hats will be allowed that day with an optional \$1 donation to charity. It will be bright the following day as Thursday has been designated as Neon Day. Friday is the traditional Raider Pride day, where everyone is urged to proudly wear the school colors of red and green.

On Wednesday open house will also be held, so directly after school the hallway decorating contest will take place from 2:30 to 5 pm. Freshman through seniors will compete to see who decorates their hallway better, so students at all grade levels are urged to show up and support their class! Participants in the hall decorating contest will be treated to free pizza courtesy of Student Senate.

Weather permitting, Thursday night will feature the long-awaited return of the Homecoming bonfire. This event, which is free to all students, will be held by the lake on Cpl. Barrett Drive from 6:30 to 8 pm.

Friday will be highlighted by the annual pep rally during school hours which features the crowning of the Chief Red Raider and Homecoming Queen, Most Spirited students and faculty, and the annual results of the Mr.



Spirit Week and Homecoming mean the return of the popular Mr. Legs and Ms. Lips contests, which will be decided next with voting during all lunch bells. Puckering up as contestants for this year's title of Ms. Lips are: kneeling-Amber Raate; left to right-Kara Yakel, Shauna Perau, Sophie Sorbello, Ticia Hayden, Liz Hursch, Jeanette Bartlett, Lyndsey Ladd and Jessica Briggs.

Legs and Ms. Lips contest.

Later on Friday, at 5 pm, there will be a parade down to the football game, with students asked to assemble in the lobby outside the GRB auditorium. Anyone who par-

ticipates in the parade will receive free admission into the game.

Students are also urged to come and cheer on the Raider varsity football team when they

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Spanish Club elects new officers

The selection of new officers and a busy schedule of events during the coming months were the main points of interest at the second meeting of the Spanish Club, which was held on Tuesday, September 26. The meeting was slated to nominate and vote on club officers and to discuss club activities. The club voted and the officers are a group of juniors with president Mitch Lalik, vice president Julia Spier and secretary Vanessa Langdon. The officers will run each meeting and plan along with club advisor Senora Pirano to make the club fun and full of activities.

Spanish Club which will meet one Tuesday a month and has chosen eight activities to do at each meeting such as crafts, field trips, cooking Spanish food, making piñatas and having various parties for different Spanish holidays. They also plan to have dinner at Azteca, learn Spanish dances, and to have a Spanish pen-pal.

The next meeting of the Spanish Club will be on Tuesday, October 18 and club president Mitch Lalik will make a calendar with all club activities to distribute to anyone who attended the meeting on the 26th. Anyone interested in joining Spanish Club is welcome, no matter what their level of Spanish knowledge is. Interested students should just contact either Senora Pirano or any of the club officers.

By Vanessa Langdon

Opinion

Meaning lost by frequency of fire drills

By Tony Torrese

The past few days here at G. Ray Bodley High have been excruciatingly hot, humid and sunny, and with all the nice weather, the school administration figured they would squeeze in a few fire drills.

The problem: there were six fire drills in two days. Now the nice weather does permit fire drills, but does the school really need to allow six drills within two days?

The fire drills happened on Monday and Tuesday during bells two, three, four and nine; with bells three and nine being dinged, literally, two days in a row. As a result teachers have been cut off during instruction to direct their students out of the school, thus interrupting class time. Some students rejoice at the break in classroom teaching while others see the fire drills as a nuisance to their learning.

The planning of the fire drills may have to be revised by the school administration, as the teachers and students alike here at GRB have complained that six fire drills in two days are just too many. What



good is it doing the students to do three drills in one day? The concept will go in one ear and out the other, while on the contrary if the students were to have one a day, it would seem more like an important drill, and not just cramming.

I understand that the weather here in Central New York is unpre-

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dictable, and as phys. Ed. Teacher Mr. Blackburn says, "If you don't like the weather here, just wait fifteen minutes." However, in good weather or not, in all actuality there will be enough appropriate days to fit in one drill a day and still fulfill New York State's requirement of twelve per year, with eight being done at the start of the school year, to December 1.

The school administration here at Bodley does a fabulous job, but they may want to reconsider the fire drill policies for the future.

Corn harvest set to begin for local farmers

While it has been quite a bit warmer than usual lately, no one can deny that fall has arrived in Central New York. The leaves are starting to fall from the trees, and geese are flying by overhead more and more every day. Fall is a busy season for students at G Ray Bodley High School, but students are not the only ones feeling the stress that comes when fall arrives; across Lake Neatahwanta corn-fields are ready to be harvested.

Many farmers have yet to start cutting corn. Quite a few fields are more than ready to be harvested, but farmers are still devoting a lot of time to their hay. After a very wet spring slowed down hay production earlier this year, farmers are still struggling to catch up. For the most part, the hay has been harvested as much as it will be, but farmers still want to make sure there is enough in their barns for the winter ahead.

At the same time, corn silage levels are running low, and many corncribs could do with some filling. Farmers are being forced to push back their schedule as far as they dare, as once snow starts

falling in any measurable amount it becomes much harder to harvest anything.

Another factor that farmers must consider are the wild animals. The longer the corn sits on the field, the more time there is for wildlife to ravage it. Deer, raccoons, squirrels, crows, chipmunks, and coyotes will all destroy corn. It is not uncommon for the first few rows of a cornfield to be stripped completely of corn cobs. Though animals do not provide a major concern, every corn cob they take is one that cannot feed livestock.

The corn harvest is just starting up around Oswego County, and with a little bit of luck farmers may be able to finish before the snow starts to fall. There have been hard years in the past, and farmers have always managed to endure. 2011's extreme weather has caused farmers throughout the country unimaginable stress. Once the harvests are in farmers will be able to breathe a sigh of relief, but they will still need to be on top of their game because a farmer's job never ends.

By Daniel Summerville

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In the News

How I spent my summer vacation: Volunteer work proved beneficial for GRB junior

When it comes to working a summer job, it's not always about the money. Junior Jen Guilds recalled her recent summer experience that provided her with a summer full of growth as she volunteered at Camp Hollis. Jen admits to having doubts upon arrival at the camp, saying, "When I first started I wasn't confident and didn't think I would be good." But then through the team building she learned she had people to lean on and that they were all there to support each other. Jen said she knows she would not have been able to do it without the other people around her.

Although she only got to work for four weeks because she is 15 and wasn't paid as it was all volunteer, she would recommend any and everyone to work or volunteer at Camp Hollis or other summer camps. Jen said she felt that through work she learned a lot about herself by being around all the other counselors. Jen was there overnight Sunday through Friday; they left Friday and came back Sunday afternoons.

The Bodley junior said that working there made her feel grown up and that she felt like she learned a lot from the other counselors as the youngest Counselor in Training (C.I.T.). As a C.I.T. she had stricter rules to abide by at camp. For example the C.I.T. curfew was two hours before the regular counselors 1 am curfew.

But the rules did not affect all that she learned from the experience. Jen says learned a lot about child care and worked on trust between the other workers and the children. She also learned that sometimes you have to rely on others and it does not make you weak because you were all working towards the same goal. Jen felt like they were all a big family. She still talks to most of the friends she made while working there and she would love to see more students working there next year as she plans on going back next summer!

By Vanessa Langdon



GRB Spirit Week! October 3-7



Monday: Pajama Day

Must not reveal any undergarments, no tank tops/spaghetti straps & no lingerie

Tuesday: Two for Tuesday-Twin Day

Two people dress alike

Bizarre News of the Day: Check out this "sheep-dog"

A sheep in Shropshire has convinced himself that he is a dog. Six-month-old Jack is so sure he is a canine he fetches sticks, jumps up on his hind legs and even tries to bark. The farm in Market Drayton, Shropshire, England where Jack was raised, is owned by Alison Sinstadt and her husband Simon, who both began to notice the sheep's dog-like behavior ever since it built a friendship with the couple's dog.

"He makes this strange half baa, half woof noise which everyone finds hilarious," Alison told News Today. "He doesn't even recognize sheep as his own kind. He tries to herd them up when he's in a field with them."

The friendship between Jack and their springer spaniel has been the main cause of the sheep's new-found characteristics. So much so, that they accompany each other along the canal when going on 'dog' walks and share the same sleeping box.

Jack stands on his hind legs, making it look easy for other sheep, and the woolly animal attempts to herd his fellow species as he approaches exactly how a dog would.

"He was born one of three lambs, which is quite rare," explained Alison. "He was very small and we decided to bring him in the house and put the hairdryer on him and forced him to drink milk. He thinks he's a dog, but he doesn't eat dog food. He grazes along the canal towpath. He is very much part of the family now. We wouldn't want him ending up as lamb chops."

Jack is not the only sheep in Britain to have adopted canine ways. In 2006, Welshman Emlyn Roberts taught his pet sheep Rolo dog tricks, thanks to its time growing up around collies for five years.

Competing against sheepdogs, Rolo learned to jump through hoops, became used to walking on a leash and learned the skill of herding ducks.

By Morgan Firenze

Homecoming next week (from page one)
go against New Hartford at 6 pm. The homecoming dance will also be held that night from 8 to 11 pm with admission set at \$3. Next week is going to be filled with school pride, and a lot of excitement heading into the Columbus Day weekend.

Wednesday: Team/hat day

Optional \$1 donation to Make-a-Wish
Hall Decorating: 2:30 to 5 pm
GRB Open House: 6:30-8:30 pm



Thursday: Neon Day

Bonfire: 6:30-8 pm near the lake

Friday: Red Raider Pride Day!

Pep Assembly during school
Parade-5 pm (meet outside GRB auditorium)
Football vs. New Hartford (6 pm)
Dance-8 to 11 pm \$3

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Golf @ Tully (3:30).

Fri. Sept. 30: Golf vs. Chittenango (3:30); V'ball @ J-D (4:30); V tennis vs. M-PH (4:30); JV tennis @ M-PH (4:30); V football @ Whitesboro (7 pm).

Sat. Oct. 1: V Boys soccer @ Bishop Grimes (4:15); JV V'ball @ B'velle Turney (8:45 am); JV football vs. Whitesboro (10 am); Cross-country @ McQuaid Invitational (9 am).



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Raider Sports



Working toward a "W"



This Saturday the Boys Soccer team is playing a tough Bishop Grimes team. The boys are trying to get back on the right track, after losing 2-0 against Fowler last week. Fulton stands at 4-2-1 and is hoping to add another win to their record. The team has been practicing on the grass all week to get ready for the Bishop Grimes field. The team has been working on better first touches and conditioning. As the picture above illustrates, the boys have been running on the hill at Turtleback Field to make a "W" for win. This symbolizes that they are looking to win Saturday and get back on track. Senior Captain Ross Maxam stated, "That preparation this week is going to get the team back on track. This is the first step of the second half of the season, and for the team winning Sectionals." (Sean Fink photo)

Spikers ace Ludden, now 6-2

Aces were wild for the Raider volleyball team on Wednesday night when the girls hammered their way to a quick 3-0 victory at Bishop Ludden. Coach Richardson's spikers amassed 23 service aces on the evening to run their record to 6-2 against the 1-8 Knights.

Fulton cruised to wins of 25-14 and 25-13 before putting an exclamation point on the match with a 25-5 third game victory. Erika Johnson led the way with 11 aces and added six kills for the Raiders, who also picked up 10 assists and an ace from Emily Ervin. Kassy McCann chipped in with four aces and Sara Campolieta had three while Tiffany Trovato finished with a pair of aces on a night when seven different Raiders managed to ace their opponents.

In cross country action both the Raider boys took a pair of wins while the girls girls earned a split on the day by besting Phoenix but falling to Mexico. The girls prevailed 15-49 over the Firebirds and fell 15-50 against the Tigers. The boys eased past Mexico 28-29 and topped Phoenix 20-43 to claim the twin victories.

Mexico took six of the top eight places among the girls while Phoenix's Haylie Virginia led all runners for the Firebirds with a 22:58 showing. Mary West led the way for Fulton with an ninth place finish of 25:58 and Jenna Hudson was tenth in 26:26 to help the Raiders earn their first win of the season.

In tennis action Mexico added to Fulton's tough start by besting the Raiders 7-0 on Wednesday. The 5-2 Tigers only yielded 19 points on the day, with Fulton's first doubles team of Rachel Guernsey and Dallaslyn Lamb providing the toughest opposition of the day in a 7-5 first game loss.

School of Thought Compiled by Tony Torrese

What is your favorite food to buy at The Raider's Den?



"Mac-n-cheese."
Meriah Dishaw



"Slush Puppie."
Tyler Terramiggi



"Hot pockets and
Swedish fish."
Tiahna Greenleaf



"Slush Puppies!"
Raider's Den staff

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with rain
showers.

68°

Average: 67°
Record: 90° (1959)

Tonight:



Cloudy skies.

57°

Average: 47°
Record: 30° (2000)

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with rain
showers.

65°

Average: 66°
Record: 89° (1953)

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