

PLAN exam, BOCES visit available to sophomores

By Sierra Maher

The next few weeks are going to be very important for sophomores. There are two events coming up for any interested tenth graders; a trip to B. Ramer Technical Career Center (BOCES) in Mexico, and the PLAN exam.

The PLAN exam is an exam that helps prepare students for the ACT college entrance examination. Those who take the PLAN exam have a better chance at scoring higher than those who don't take the test. The exam is going to be held at GRB on Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 8 am to approximately 11:30 am. The test contains English, science, math, and reading.

PLAN also contains an inventory that can help students find the best career choices for

them, and the correct courses that will guide them to their career goals of the future. The test can show the problem areas for students to work on, and being sophomores it gives them an early advantage to fix and perfect them for the ACT exam that is usually taken in spring of their junior year.

There is an \$11.25 fee for the scoring of the test, the fee and the signed permission slip (that can be found in the guidance office) must be handed in to Miss Coniski in the guidance office by Tuesday, November 15.

There is an also orientation being held at BOCES on Monday, November 21 for any interested sophomores. BOCES has many programs like technology, cosmetology, culinary arts, and early childhood education as well as others. According to their handout,

BOCES has many pros to their program including college credits, the fact that it is free for high school students and morning and afternoon sessions.

All the student has to do is hand in the permission slip to the guidance office by Monday, November 14, with two areas picked and a parents signature. The orientation is very educational, and can help with the future as many current and former BOCES students can attest.

It is highly recommended that sophomores consider participating in these to events that are revolved around setting students up for the future. Whether they have a career/college plan in mind, or have absolutely no idea what they are going to do, it is a good idea to attend.



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Quirk's Players hosting spaghetti dinner Sunday

Quirk's Players of G. Ray Bodley High School will be holding a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, November 13 from 4-7 pm at the Fulton Polish Home, located at 153 West First Street North. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the annual GRB musical, which is scheduled to be presented in March.

"Come join us for a wonderful spaghetti dinner featuring sauce from Canale's Restaurant," stated Neil Devendorf, a senior member of Quirk's Players at G. Ray Bodley High School and a member of the Fulton varsity swim team. "In addition to pasta and meatballs, salad and Italian bread, the evening will feature entertainment with a fantastic DJ, gift baskets and tasty treats."

The students in Quirk's Players seek your support. "As the school budget was developed and finalized this year, we lost the money we get from the school district for our annual musical. We still would like to present a musical for the community though. We hope to be able to raise the money that we need to be able to do so," stated Nate Hawthorne, another senior member of Quirk's Players and President of the Joseph



Chef Gino and his crew are preparing for Quirk's Players upcoming spaghetti dinner, which will be held this Sunday from 4 to 7 pm at the Fulton Polish Home. The support started with generosity from Canale's Restaurant, which donated sauce for the dinner. Pictured here are (left to right) kneeling-Ryann Crofoot, Nate Deavers and Alex Bawarski. Standing are Chef Gino, Nick Canale, Jr. of Canale's Restaurant in Oswego, Nate Hawthorne and Neil Devendorf.

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Opinion

Put down the coffee and get to school on time

By Laura Perwitz

Few things are more annoying to teachers than having a student show up late for class with a hot beverage in hand. Your first priority should never be going to Dunkin' Donuts or the new addition of Tim Horton's to Arby's to get something to eat or drink in the morning as opposed to being on time for school.

Instead you should be making sure you're getting to school on time so you're not missing something important. Believe it or not, when you miss even 10 minutes of class, you have a lot to catch up on. It's different if you have a doctor's appointment and your parent or guardian takes you to get something to eat after. But if you leave your house knowing you're going to be



knows how to make coffee or hot chocolate by themselves by now, so just take the time to make it yourself. Why would you go spend \$4 on that latte or coffee, when you can make it in your own home for a lot less money? It seems like making it at home would be the smartest idea. When you make it at home, you don't take that risk of being late and having teachers upset with you (not that the majority care) and missing classwork or notes that you should have been taking. If you feel as though you're going to be late, you should probably skip the coffee for that one day and just get to school. I know you can do it; you just have to find the will to do it.

The bottom line is, make your beverage at home if you're that desperate. If you aren't, then get your butt to school and just skip it for the day. Coffee and hot chocolate aren't absolute necessities for your day, so skip them and go learn something. Learning something is more valuable than getting coffee and a doughnut in the morning before you go to school.

Just think about what you're doing before you tick a teacher off. That would also be a smart thing to do, or at least I think so. Getting one of your teachers angry over something stupid just isn't the way to go when it's still the beginning of the school year. Get your mind away from overpriced drinks, and spend more time thinking about your studies.

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late for school, maybe you should leave at an earlier time, or better yet, set the alarm a little earlier so that you can stimulate Fulton's economy AND get to school on time.

It's okay to bring things with you like this to class as long as the teacher is okay with it. Leaving early could prevent you from being late and missing important information that could be used later on. Or another idea would be to make it yourself. Pretty much everyone

Quote of the day:

"Individual glory is insignificant when compared to achieving victory as a team."
Dot Richardson

Bizarre News of the Day:

What would PETA think?

Apparently there is no age of consent required when it comes to tattooing an animal, at least in Russia where a cat recently received a King Tut tattoo on its chest.

A tattoo artist tattooed the Don Sphinx cat. The cat's owner asked the artist to make an Egyptian pharaoh tattoo on the chest of the pet. The 30-year-old owner of the cat named Mickey can now hardly take his eyes off his tattooed treasure.

The process took several hours as the cat was placed under an anesthetic during the entire procedure so he did not feel anything. "Now my cat is a star!" the owner proclaimed.

"Everyone is thrilled when they see my cat and they want to have their pictures taken with the cat all the time. I named the cat in honor of my favorite actor, Mickey Rourke," the cat's owner said.

By Morgan Firenze

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Opinion

The adventures of 'lil Bodley!

By Madeline Clark (this comic created on reused paper!)



Stay on top of school with mygradebook

It's the end of the first quarter, and for many students that means it's time to worry about their averages. Strange this is, they have had the chance to keep track of their grades all year long, thanks to mygradebook.com.

Mygradebook.com has been a useful tool for the past three or four years. The website is an online grade book that teachers are supposed to put the student's grades in. The grades are then made public for the students and parents to see.

This website was introduced to our school system so that students would use it to help them do better in school. Although some students do not check Mygradebook very often or at all there are those who do use it. I personally check Mygradebook every day to make sure that the teachers are putting in all of the correct grades. If I ever have any questions about any of the grades, my teachers are always more than willing to explain their reason for putting that certain grade in there.

Mygradebook is not just there for the teachers and the parents. It is mainly there for the students. A student's parent shouldn't have to hound on their kids to check mygradebook. This is the student's responsibility. Mygradebook is supposed to help these kids get their acts together and hope-

fully do better in school. Make sure you check mygradebook at least twice a week. If you start doing this then most likely your grades will go up. *By Michaela Best*

RaiderNet

Daily

Players hoping to save musical

(from page one)

N. Campolieta Chapter of the National Honor Society at Bodley. "There's a lot to do in a musical, and a lot of expenses. We are ready to present a great show for our community, but need community support in order to reach that goal."

Quirk's Players has a long tradition of presenting school musicals, going back to the late 1960s and early 1970s. "Mr. Quirk, for whom our theatre ensemble is named, and Mr. Swierczek, former Director of Music, brought musicals to our community. We are excited to be able to follow in their tradition and hope that we can continue to do so this year as well," remarked Hawthorne. Devendorf explained that, "many of us became interested in Quirk's Players and performing by attending the school assemblies we would see for the musical each year in

elementary school."

Quirk's Players has entertained the community with dozens of musicals over the years including *Fiddler On the Roof*, *Grease*, *Annie*, *Oklahoma!*, *Brigadoon*, *One Upon A Mattress*, *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, *Carousel*, *Mame*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Sound of Music*, and most recently, *Disney's Beauty & The Beast*.

Tickets for Quirk's Player's spaghetti dinner will be available at the door; prices are: adults-\$8.00, children 10 and under-\$5.00. Children under 3 are free.

Both Devendorf and Hawthorne concluded by stating, "Quirk's Players is more than a group at our high school, it is a second family. Please join us for a plate of spaghetti on November 13th to help our family and to help us present the GRB spring musical!"

Sports

Local riders take part in AQHA World show

By Michaela Best

This past August local riders Lauren Tousley, Carissa Holliday and Julia Furlong attended the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Show in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. These three riders all ride together at Pople Ridge Farm in Mexico.

Lauren Tousley took two horses to the Youth World Show. She took her eight-year-old gray mare Achieved by Grayce (Grayce) and her trainer Deb Furlong's six-year-old gray mare Shezan Achiever (Shawnee). Carissa Holliday brought her ten-year-old bay gelding, Dee Lucks Detail (Newman), to the Youth World Show. Julia Furlong brought her 19-year-old chestnut gelding CJs Last Scotch (Johnny).

Lauren Tousley, a 19-year-old, aspires to own her own horse farm one day. She is attending Houghton College for a business degree in Equine Management. Lauren has been riding her own horse Grayce along with other horses from Pople Ridge for the past few years. Lauren is working toward getting her professional card from AQHA in the next year or two and has attended many nationally ranked shows such as the AQHYA World Show and also the All American Quarter Horse Congress where she has also placed in the Top Ten at both shows multiple times. Lauren attended her last Youth World Show this past August with her horse Grayce and Deb's horse Shawnee. Lauren placed eighth in the Youth Equitation over Fences down Oklahoma City out of 70 on her horse Grayce and was very happy with the results of her last Youth World Show.

Carissa Holliday is 14 years old and is a third generation rider in her family. All three generations have been riding at Pople Ridge Farm. Carissa is a sophomore at Mexico Central High School who has been riding for over five years. Both Carissa and her horse Newman were given the prestigious title of Reserve World Champions in Youth Hunter Hack this past August in Oklahoma City.

Hunter Hack consists of two fences that are at the height of about two foot nine. The team then has to halt and drop their reins and proceed to exit the ring as the next horse is coming in the ring. The riders and horses then have to come back into the ring for their flat work (walking, trotting, and cantering).

The 15 that were left out the 100-plus horses initially in the class were the best of the best in the World.

Carissa just happens to be such a good rider that she was placed second out more than one-hundred horses in the Youth Hunter Hack class. That was not the end of her show in Oklahoma, however. Carissa and Newman then had to go into the Youth Working Hunter Finals a few days later. Working Hunter consists of the horse and rider completing a course with between eight and ten jumps. The judges look at how the horse jumps over the fences, if the horse makes the strides between some of the fences that are set on lines, and also how the horse moves at the end of the course when the team has to finish with their trotting circle.

Carissa and Newman had an almost perfect trip through the course and they were placed eighth out of 73. Carissa was very happy with Newman's performance over the course of the week and she was very excited

when she got all of her trophies and ribbons.

Along with the two older girls who went to the World Show with Pople Ridge Farm there was a nine-year-old girl who is the niece of trainer Deb Furlong and the daughter of professional rider Tyson Furlong. Julia went to her second World Show in 2011 with her 19-year-old sorrel gelding CJ's Last Scotch (Johnny). This was Julia's first World Show where she competed in jumping classes. Julia and Johnny had an awesome show down in Oklahoma. They were not placed but this was one of her most successful shows in making her more confident on her horse. Her family and friends were both very proud of her when she came home.

This is not the first time that Pople Ridge Farm has had multiple top tens at the World Show. They attend both the Youth World Show in August and the Open World Show in November. Both are held in Oklahoma City. Pople will be leaving for the Open World Show this Friday.

Raiders compete at cross-country sectionals

The varsity cross country teams were in action on Saturday, taking part in the Section 3 championship meet at Jamesville Beach. The Raider boys turned in an outstanding fifth place finish in the Class B race, scoring 155 points on the day. Kyle Loftus led the charge with a seventh place showing of 17:32 while Bailey Lutz also broke into the top 20 places by coming in 19th in 18:34.5. Marcellus set the pace for the boys with a low total of 32.

In girls action the Raiders finished ninth in a 15 team Class B pool with 263 points. Westhill's girls set the pace with a score of 38. Leading the way for the girls was Mary West as she crossed the finish line in 16th place with a timing of 21:44.9.

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What does Veterans Day mean to you?



"A day for people who served our country."
Alisia Sciacca, Casey Shannon, and Rylie Bush



"A time to honor the sacrifices of the people in our armed forces."
Neal Burke



"A day to remember."
Tiahna Greenleaf



"My dad's a veteran... it's a time to remember those who have served."
Mr. Buchanan

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Sun and clouds.

63°

Average: 52°
Record: 72° (1975)

Tonight:



Mostly clear.

43°

Average: 35°
Record: 18° (1992)

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy.

65°

Average: 51°
Record: 71° (2009)

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