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The Raider and *RaiderNet Daily* reporter Carson Metcalf commented, "I think these

pages will definitely help to pull more people in to see what we're doing. The new journalism page has already had a big following, just in its first day."

GRB Journalism teacher and Yearbook adviser Mr. Senecal said, "I'm really excited about this. Since Facebook is so popular it will be a great way to keep people up to date with the yearbook, and hopefully we can expand our readership for *RaiderNet Daily* by making it more accessible to everyone."



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HOPE Club sets new standards for talent show

By Vanessa Langdon

The G. Ray Bodley High School H.O.P.E Club is going through some major changes as a club in general and their policies for this year's upcoming Bodley's Got Talent show scheduled for Thursday, April 12 are also changing.

H.O.P.E Club has now joined forces with the newly formed club Hope for Africa, which is aimed to help the Ugandans from Humble School who visited GRB earlier this year. The two clubs are now planning on focusing on a different country each month to help both our own Fulton community and aide the world that we all live in. What could be better than expanding the help that the students of GRB do to all those in need?

On top of the changes in the club's format and the members involved, as the combining of the two clubs greatly increased the membership, the highly anticipated Bodley's Got Talent show will also be in for some updates this year. The requirements for people auditioning this year will be much stricter than in years past.

At a recent H.O.P.E Club meeting a new rubric was devised by the members of the club, entailing just what a prospective person would need to make the cut before even beginning their audition. The rubric details requirements in categories such as grades, attendance, and referrals. The rubric was seen as a necessary addition to the audition process as it was brought to the attention of

club advisor Mrs. Hawley that some participants and even those who have received recognition in the event have been students in unacceptable standing in either grades, behavior or attendance.

And since it is a privilege to be able to participate in an event such as Bodley's Got Talent, requirements are now in place within

that anyone with two or more major referrals or six minor referrals beginning after regents week will not be eligible to participate in Bodley's Got Talent.

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this rubric to truly make this a reward for those doing what they should be in regards to school. The rubric details that anyone who is failing a class will have people look into the reasons for their failing grade by talking to the teacher of the class in question.

The decision concerning the students' eligibility will be based on whether or not the student has been working to the best of their ability, according to the teacher. The other requirements pertaining to attendance and referrals are much less lenient and case by case. If someone is in violation of one of the other requirements, they will not be allowed to take part in the show.

The attendance requirement for those who will be allowed to participate in Bodley's Got Talent is set at a maximum of five unexcused absences starting after students return to school following regents week, Monday January 23rd. The referral policy states

The profits will now be divided 3 ways, to Make A Wish, a worldwide organization, and a more local cause in our own Fulton community. The causes are hoped to be on a certain theme such as hunger, or sex trafficking.

The theme has yet to be chosen, but once picked the club will decide the exact charities the event will benefit and prepare a presentation to be shown at the event to educate the captive audience present for the show.

All those who hope to be involved in the event should take note of the new requirements. Club president Shanique Hordge is currently typing up a formal rubric with all criteria that can be picked up in room 138, Mrs. Hawley's room. Students may also see her for more information. In the meantime mark your calendars for Bodley's Got Talent on April 12.

Opinion

Prom: you don't need to break the bank

By Laura Perwitz

Junior prom is coming fast, and a lot of kids around the school have been on the move to buy dresses, shoes and reserve appointments for hair and nails. Prom is still four months away, and people have been losing their minds over trying to find a date, getting the perfect dress, finding the matching shoes, and picking a hairstyle to go with the ensemble. When you think about it, all of this isn't such a big deal.

Girls have a lot to plan out when it comes to prom. They have to pick the right dress, the perfect shoes, and even want their hair and nails done.

But what's the point?

Having your hair and nails done are great accessories and it looks



nails out and paint them to match your dress? You can get a bottle of nail polish at the store, and it won't break the bank. It's better than spending another load of money on things that are just going to fall off anyway. Don't they hurt after you get them on as well? Who wants that? Nails will look good either way you do them; but when you do them yourself, you know you're going to like them. I would rather do my own nails for prom, than blow all my money on nails that I could have made better.

Dresses seem to be the biggest thing that girls buy for prom. Some girls already have dresses from last year that they don't want to wear again because it'll look bad. According to some people, wearing a dress that you wore last year is just horrible. Why is it so horrible? How many people will even remember what you wore last year? They were probably too busy having the time of their life to worry about what everyone else was wearing.

You can save a lot of money by wearing the dress from last year. When you pick out a dress, you should probably make sure that you're going to like the dress a lot before you make the purchase. Some girls are dress shopping for the first time. Helpful hint: Don't get something overly expensive. In most cases you're only wearing the thing for one night, and it would be foolish to spend a ton of money on a dress that you're only wearing for that night. Always look for dresses on clearance. Sometimes, clearance racks have dresses that you love that you would never have found anywhere else. Don't go out and spend \$500-\$800 on a dress that you're only wearing for a few hours. Cheap and simple is the way to go.

There isn't any reason to freak out over prom just yet. Wait until it gets closer to the date. Prom is going to be great for everyone despite what brand dress and shoes you have or how much you paid for them. The cost and brand will never matter to anyone. You will honestly look beautiful or handsome in whatever you get, so don't sweat about it. Just keep thinking simple and your prom will be affordable, and you will be comfortable and enjoy whatever you're wearing.

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good, but your hair is just going to fall out anyway. You spend \$50 on nails that are just going to fall off either at prom or the week after. Here's something new: do your own hair and nails, and you're sure to be pleased with the results. When you go get your hair professionally done, it is often the case that you're not quite sure if you're going to like the resulting piece. Everyone knows how to do their hair, so make it nice yourself.

If you don't know how to do something with your hair, ask someone and they will probably be more than happy to help you. But what's the point of getting your hair done and spending loads of money on something that you may not even like?

The same thing goes for nails. Why can't you just grow your

Quote of the day:

“If I had to sum up friendship in one word, it would be comfort.”

- Terri Guillemets



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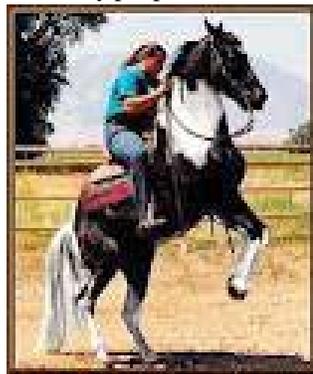
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Horseback riding is a sport too

By Michaela Best

There are many people in the world who would say that horseback riding is not a sport. A sport is defined as something that requires skill or physical prowess and has a sense of competitive nature. Based on that definition horseback riding is a sport! People tend to think that it is not a sport because you are not competing on a team, but in another sense you actually are on a team.

Horseback riders do not deal with inanimate objects, we are sitting on top of a live animal that has a mind of its own and can think for itself. Our sport is actually more dangerous than most other sports. We have the possibility to fall off of our horses and we could be seriously injured or we could be fine. Riding a horse is a risk that many people would not be willing to take with their lives. Over



200 people are injured every year due to accidents involving horses. Some of them are fatal.

I have been riding horses for almost 10 years and I have fallen off about 20 times in the past 10 years, probably five or six of them were off of my seven year old horse that my father bought for me four years ago. If you think that you don't have to use any muscle or balance to stay on a horse then you are very wrong.

Horseback riding requires an enormous amount of muscle. It requires the use of your thighs, calves, back muscles, and arm muscles. You have to use your legs to stay on the horse also some riders have



to use them to make the horse jump over a fence.

For example, last night I was riding my horse and she wasn't listening to me so I disciplined her and she reared up on me (stood up on her hind legs with her front legs off the ground). I had to squeeze against her sides with my legs to stay on otherwise I could have slid right off the back of her. I also had to throw myself up on to her neck so I wasn't leaning back and pulling her back, if I had been leaning away from her neck I could have caused her to go so

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far back as to flip over.

Unlike other sports, horseback riding has many different disciplines. There are hunter/jumpers, eventers, dressage, reiners, barrel racers, etc. Having all of these different disciplines makes even more of a sport. If a rider was to have a horse that did many of these different disciplines they would be showing their horse every day at a show they were attending.

Also it makes it even more of a sport because the people who are showing the horses are required to have more stamina and muscular strength to be able to make the horse do what they want, especially when they get tired.

For all of you who think that horseback riding isn't a sport, I would like to see you get on a horse and do what I do when I ride my horse. Then maybe you'll finally see how hard it actually is and you'll know that it actually is a sport.



Bizarre News of the Day:

Monkey-business on the farm

A Chinese farmer is claiming that a goat-riding monkey keeps sneaking onto his land to steal his vegetables.

Ye Shu, of Donguan, Guangdong Province, says the animals are owned by a neighboring circus. He claims the pair sneaks into his field nearly every day, where they eat a lot of vegetables and damage many others. “This has been going on for two weeks since the acrobatic troupe was first stationed here,” he complained.

Ye says the clever monkey first stands on the goat's back to make sure the coast is clear before launching his raids. “If the monkey sees that nobody is working in the field, he rides in on the goat and they start eating and causing trouble.”

A circus spokesman admitted there was nobody to keep an eye on the animals after they had finished their part of the performance. “We have compensated Ye Shu, and we are sorry for our neglect,” said Wu Jun, the troupe leader.

Wu said he was now recruiting more animal keepers to prevent the pair from getting out of hand again. *By Morgan Firenze*

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Bowling vs. Chittenango @ Mattydale (3:30); Wrestling vs. Cortland (6 pm).

Fri. Jan. 20: Girls Bball vs. Chittenango (JV-5:30/V-7 pm); Boys Bball @ Chittenango (JV-5/V-6:30); Indoor track @ OCC (4:30); Hockey @ Whitesboro (7:30).

Sat. Jan. 21: Wrestling @ Section 3 Duels (C-NS starting @ 9 am).

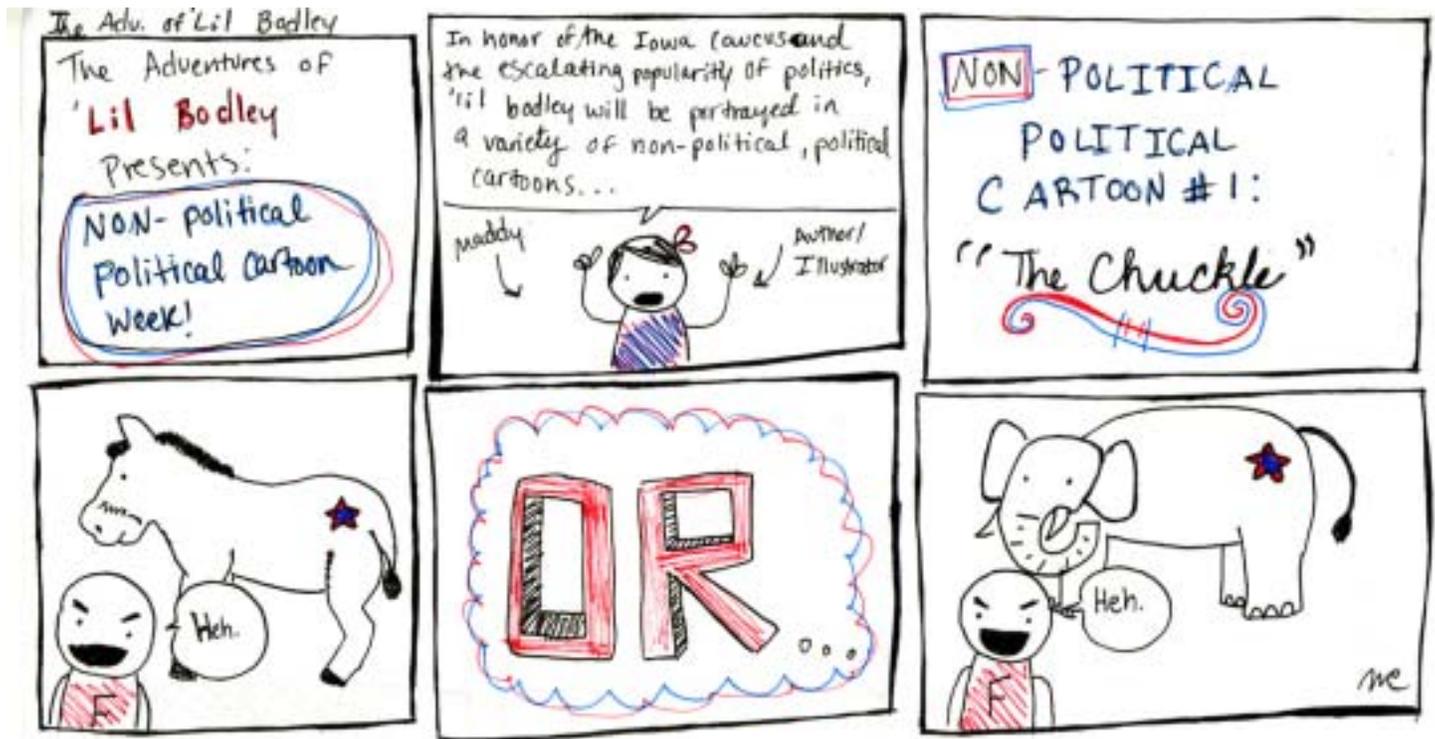
Tues. Jan. 24: Girls Bball vs. Cortland (JV-5:40/V-7); Hockey @ Skaneateles (7 pm).

Wed. Jan. 25: Bowling vs. Bishop Grimes @ Mattydale (3:30); Wrestling vs. ES-M (6 pm).



The Adventures of 'lil Bodley

By Madeline Clark (this comic is drawn on reused paper!)



Wahlberg scores winner with must-see *Contraband*

Mark Wahlberg does a wonderful job in his most recent movie, coming on the heels of *The Fighter* which was widely acclaimed and won several awards even though Wahlberg came out of award season empty handed himself. With *Contraband*, he is rearing for another award season hopeful.

Contraband, much like the famed movie *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* from earlier this year, is an American remake of a foreign film. *Contraband* is a remake of the Icelandic 2009 film *Reykjavík-Rotterdam*, which stars the director of the American version, Baltasar Kormakur, in Wahlberg's role. Wahlberg produced *Contraband*, just as he did 2010's *The Fighter*, and he once again brings life to this movie, which he personally helped get into production through his persistence to publicize the story of



Micky Ward, who was a friend.

Contraband follows a converted smuggler, Chris Farraday (Wahlberg) whom people called Houdini because of his uncanny ability to get anything into the country undetected. Things get hairy for Farraday when his wife's (Kate Beckinsale) brother gets in a pinch with a drug lord and needs Farraday to get him out. This leads to Farraday stepping in and once again smuggling to keep his brother-in-law alive. What ensues is a high intensity action movie with twists in the plot and character motivations that are unexpected and will keep you on the edge of your seat!

The movie has received mixed reviews, as some claim it is the average heist movie following the Hollywood formula. But despite what the critics say, it was well received by everyone in my family; my mom, dad, and brother and I would recommend everyone who is age appropriate go see it, as the movie is rated R. *Contraband* brings to life smuggling and makes it seem cool in a way. So as long as you leave any smuggling ideas behind when you leave the theater 110 minutes later it is fine to pretend to live such an exciting and dangerous life.

By Vanessa Langdon

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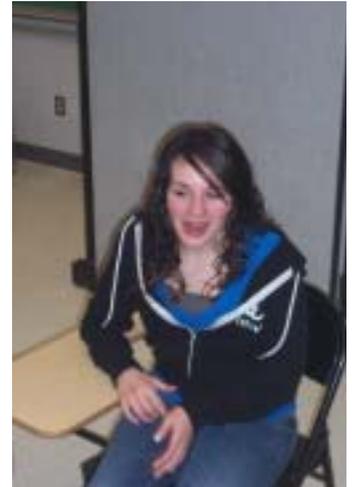
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Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with scattered snow.

28°

Average: 31°
Record: 61° (1973)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy.

12°

Average: 15°
Record: -14° (1977)

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with scattered snow.

32°

Average: 31°
Record: 64° (1986)

GRB senior Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.