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Bodleyans taking part in "The Water Project"

By Kara Yakel

The average person might think that everyone in the world has clean water...but little do they know that one billion people in the world do not have access to safe water to drink.

With this in mind, the Water Project began and numerous people decided to help the cause! G. Ray Bodley High School is now helping with this project through the Science Department and the HOPE Club. The news has spread around the school and students and teachers alike are anxious to help.

So what does the Water Project do?

The Water Project finds places that are in need of safe water to drink and fundraises by having people give up everything but water for two weeks or even more. While just drinking water, the idea is to use the money that would be spent to buy coffee, milk, juice, etc. and donate it!

Seems easy right?

Well, if you don't want to give up the usual morning beverage, just donate! All profits go to a fountain to be built in a community that does not have access to healthy water. The Water Project has helped in places such as Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Kenya, Sierra, and Uganda. The organization has also helped with projects in Haiti, Cameroon, and India. It has already helped over 60,000 people with their access to clean water!

The HOPE Club has been trying to help a community in need and GRB Science teacher Mrs. O'Brien was searching for a way to help her students connect to the world using anything but technology! Once Mrs. O'Brien found this project, she informed HOPE Club and also the rest of the school. Other teachers are joining in, and even a little girl in elementary school wants to help out and have everyone involved!

Senior Chelsey Lapage informed her family of the cause and her younger sister donated all \$14 from her piggy bank to the Water Project. Chelsey stated, "This is a re-

ally good idea, and it really gives us a chance to think about what we have and what other students don't." She went on to say that,

all have. I enjoy helping people."

Mrs. O'Brien made a point to her class when informing them of this. She said,

"All profits go to a fountain to be built in a community that does not have access to healthy water. The Water Project has helped in places such as Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Kenya, Sierra, and Uganda."

"We now get a chance to help other students." Chelsey was spending time in Mrs. O'Brien's room last Friday counting up the money that had already been donated when starting that day. Freshman Braden Welke commented that, "It's really cool helping out other students in need of something that we

"Look around this room, all the girls would probably be dead from not having safe water to drink, and some of you boys wouldn't be here either from the natural causes." When the students realized this, it opened their eyes to helping out others instead of concentrat-

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Unprecedented warmth breaks record

A ten-year-old high temperature record for April 16 was broken on Monday when the mercury soared to 90 degrees in Syracuse.

The old record for the day was just ten years old; 88 degrees set back in 2002.

The warmth was only destined to stick around for one day though, as temperatures were set to head back to more seasonable levels for the day on Tuesday. Keep in mind that the average high for this time of the year is 58 degrees. According to the National Weather Service, this is only the fourth time in history that Syracuse has reached 90 degrees in the month of April. It was also the earliest time in the month of April where a temperature of 90 degrees or above had ever been recorded in Syracuse.

No more intense heat like what Central New York experienced Monday is to be expected for at least the next several days. However, with the ups and downs the spring season has already delivered in this region, don't be surprised if another brief heat wave arrives before too long.

By Carson Metcalf



Opinion

Corruption ruining intent of welfare system

By Ashlynn Palmitesso

We live in a country that provides a safety net for people in need. We create laws and acts to provide for the general welfare. It is in our conscience to help others. There are certain individuals who truly need our financial assistance. However, there are many people who steal our hard-earned money and corrupt the system of welfare.

The United States government offers several programs to assist those who struggle financially. The welfare system mainly consists of Medicaid, the Food Stamp program and the cash aid program. Medicaid provides free medical care. The Food Stamp program allows families to purchase food items and the cash aid program provides money to common necessities. This is the intended definition of welfare. However, that is not the welfare system that exists today.

"Initially, this program was created to get families back on their feet. Now, it has become their main source of income."



The welfare system that exists today harbors many deceitful, lethargic, abusers. The welfare system was supposed to financially assist a family in need for a short period of time. Instead that short period of time has now elongated into a lifetime of government dependence for many.

Initially, this program was created to get families back on their feet. Now, it has become their main source of income. Single women are receiving their income from children. In doing so they cheat the system by having more children. According to Pamela Loprest, a welfare expert at Urban Institute, the monthly welfare payment for a single mother with two children ranges from \$120 to \$923. In

conclusion, a child symbolically represents a dollar sign.

Another source of welfare fraud is the deceitful aspect. There are some people who have full-time and part-time jobs. However, they hide it from their caseworkers so that it does not affect their benefits. It is ironic that people are paying taxes from their jobs to people who have jobs.

In the article *Breaking the Bonds*, the author Star Parker interviewed a perpetrator of welfare. A woman, also known as the "welfare queen," depended on the government for seven years. She became pregnant at the age of twenty-one and needed an abortion because the child was going to interfere with her nightlife. Her job did not have medical insurance. Therefore, she bought a Medi-Cal sticker from her friend. Medi-Cal is California's government medical assistance program. With this sticker, she was able to get a free abortion.

Six months later, she was pregnant again. This time she went on Aid to Families with Dependent Children and received \$465 a month plus an additional \$80 in federal food stamps. Then she sold her food stamps and her extra Medi-Cal stickers and made an additional \$400 dollars a month. This woman should have been arrested. She is stealing from the government and from the tax payers. Normally, a person caught stealing is arrested and classified as a criminal. She committed a crime. Why was she not arrested?

Another example of welfare fraud involves the illegal use of Electronic Benefits Transfer cards, also known as EBT cards. EBT cards are similar to debit cards. They allow a person to access money electronically. That alone promotes fraud. Many of the perpetrators of welfare do not spend their money on necessities, instead they spend their money on items such as marijuana, cocaine, cigarettes,

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Quote of the day:

"To fall is not to fail. Failure isn't about falling down, failure is staying down."

Steve Hogarth



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Nutrition

A pair of desserts that are delicious and nutritious

By Natasha Luis

Deserts are usually very bad for you, but it doesn't have to be that way. Here are some that will make your taste buds dance and are actually healthy for you! After all, who doesn't have a sweet tooth??!

Apple Pie: This is a warm, and delicious home aid apple pie. It is a traditional favorite!

Ingredients:

1/2 cup sugar
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 7 cups thinly sliced pared apples
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1 Pastry for double-crust pie (9 inches)
 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
 1 egg white
 Additional sugar



Ingredients:

1 cup watermelon balls or cubes
 1 cup cantaloupe balls or cubes
 1 cup honeydew balls or cubes
 1/3 cup lime juice
 2 tablespoons sugar
 2 tablespoons honey
 1/4 cup flaked coconut, toasted
 Fresh mint



Directions:

In a small bowl, combine the melon balls. In another bowl, combine the lime juice, sugar and honey; pour over melon and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least one hour. Sprinkle with coconut. Garnish with mint if desired.

Meet the Reporters

**Dylan Holden,
Senior**

Dylan joined the staff of RaiderNet to write sports and to take pictures while coming up with interesting questions for School of Thought.



An avid hockey, cross-country and track performer, he is also a twin. Something that people might not know about Dylan is that he loves bacon.

Directions: In a small bowl, combine sugar, flour and spices; set aside. In a large bowl, toss apples with lemon juice. Add sugar mixture; toss well to coat. Line a 9-inch pie pan with half the pastry. Place apple filling into crust; dot with butter. Roll out remaining pastry to fit top of pie. Cut a few slits in top. Beat egg white until foamy; brush over pastry. Sprinkle sugar on top. Bake at 375 degrees F for 35 minutes. Increase temperature to 400 degrees F and bake 10-15 minutes more or until golden.

Melon Ambrosia: this is a light and refreshing desert, it is simple and colorful. It smells fresh, and is appealing to the eyes.



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Opinion

Better regulations might help prevent fraud

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beer and "junk food." Some recipients also partake in food stamp trafficking. They sell their EBT cards for cash.

The Food and Nutrition Service investigates EBT cards to identify suspicious activities. The Food and Nutrition Service has estimated that \$395 million is accumulated from food stamp trafficking and other illegal activities. To amplify that, that is \$395 million that is not being circulated into the economy, and they wonder why they don't have jobs. In order to create jobs consumers need to purchase items in the economy, not illegal substances.

According to the State welfare offices; Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are 35 million people who are cash welfare recipients or food stamps recipients. It seems like people are relying on welfare instead of finding a job.

Something needs to happen because many tax payers disagree with this system. They expend their time and energy to generate income for their family and then their money is taken away from them. That is not right.

I think drug testing is a good indicator of whether an individual should receive benefits. Drug testing now takes place in thirty six states. If a person fails a drug test, they not only have to pay for the drug test, but they will also be denied benefits for a year. People are ridiculous. It is pathetic how we have to administer drug test because people spend their money on illegal substances and not proper items.

Bizarre news of the day: A smell for all eternity

What could be better than spending eternity wrapped in your favorite cured meat?

If your dying wish is to be buried in bacon, a company that specializes in bacon-themed products, such as bacon mayonnaise and bacon salt, has just the thing for you: a bacon coffin.

J&D's Foods has created the Bacon Coffin, what they call the world's first bacon-wrapped casket, according to King 5 News.

"Yes, this is really real," wrote J&D owners Justin Esch and David Lefkow in an e-mail press release. iBacon Coffins are finished with a painted Bacon and Pork shading and accented with gold stationary handles. The interior has an adjustable bed and mattress, a bacon memorial tube and is completed in ivory crepe coffin linens."

The Bacon Coffins are available for \$2,999.95 plus shipping.

In the email announcing the Bacon Coffin, Justin and Dave added, "Don't you judge us, yeah, you're right we're probably going to hell for this one."

By Morgan Firenze

There also needs to be a regulation of Electronic Benefits Transfer cards and food stamps. People should not be allowed to purchase items such as unhealthy foods, cigarettes and beer. A reform should limit welfare recipients to dairy products, vegetables, fruits, meats, breads, and proper groceries.

The most important reform is to validate the original definition of welfare, to support a family in financial need for a short period of time. Families are starting to rely on the government for lifetime assistance. Why is life unfair to those who endure in hard work and fair to those who simply do nothing? The government needs to change this. It gives people like us no incentive to work. Former President Ronald Reagan once said "We should measure welfare's success by how many people leave welfare, not by how many people are added." Clearly welfare success does not exist.

The Water Project

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ing on their cell phones and laptops. Senior, Maddie Clark also stated, "This is for a great cause. I have considered giving up all beverages but water for one whole year".

Most people donate to the Water Project during a two week period, but G. Ray Bodley will be donating for about three weeks. Some people started last Friday, but some are starting on Earth Day, April 22.

Drinking fountains are much more expensive than what many people think. The Water Project has to raise up to \$2,500 to build a fountain. The money could increase because of how deep they have to dig to reach water and the amount of people in the community.

Here at G. Ray Bodley the Science Department has already raised over \$115! That figure does not include the nearly \$500 share of the profit from Bodley's Got Talent! To find out more about the Water Project visit, www.thewaterproject.com or talk to anyone in the Science Department and HOPE Club!

In 15 seconds, another child dies from not having enough clean and safe water to drink, how can you help the next one?

It's not too late to sign up for the Senior Trip

Were you interested in the senior trip but missed the date for the deposit?

Anyone who is interested in attending, visit Mrs.

Windsor in room 235 to sign up or for more information. The trip will be to Lake George. The cost for the trip is about \$175 and a deposit of \$50 is due as soon as possible. Don't miss this opportunity, act now.

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Talents of all kinds were on display at Bodley's Got Talent



The talent came in many forms last Thursday evening when the HOPE Club hosted the annual Bodley's Got Talent talent show. A total of \$1,400 was raised for three charities, as students and even a faculty member sang and danced to the delight of a large crowd. Clockwise from the top right are Casey and Dylan Holden, rapper Mike Holbrook, singer Zoe Bolio, Math teacher Mr. Lacey and his son Cullen, one half of the Pawlewicz sisters duo, Erica Pawlewicz on piano, and the singing duo of Maureen LaGrou, left, and Laura Perwitz. (photos by Dylan and Casey Holden and Mr. Senecal)



CBA claims diamond sweep

Christian Brothers Academy made it a tough Monday for Raider diamond forces when the Brothers cruised to a 19-8 win in baseball and the Lady Brothers blanked their Fulton counterparts 9-0 in softball. It was a similar story for the Raider batsmen as they fell behind early due to a big inning when CBA struck for six runs in the bottom of the second inning. Fulton came back with solo tallies in the third and fourth innings, only to have CBA erupt for six more in the fourth and seven in the fifth to raise their mark to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in league play. Mason Garlatti ripped a triple and a home run to clout six RBI for the winners, who also picked up a double and five RBI from Camillo Spinoso. Dan Kenyon ripped two doubles to drive in two runs and Tyler French socked a two run double for the Raiders. Also adding an RBI each were Alex Bateman, Cody Dick, and Dan Bolster as Fulton dipped to 1-5 overall and 1-3 in league play.

It was a similar story for the girls in tallying their second loss of the year as Lady Brother Jordan Sheridan held the Raiders to just three hits while CBA pounded out 16 safeties. Molly O'Brien ripped a 3 RBI homer to highlight the CBA night while Clare Plesset and Jessica Valerino counted two RBI apiece. The win was CBA's first of the season after three losses.



While Dining at Disney World, Bodley junior Tim Conners, left, and his family were surprised to run into GRB alum Joe Clark, right, who is currently enjoying his job at the ironically named Fulton's Crab House. Among the diners were retired Lanigan teacher Mrs. Galini, Joe's fifth grade teacher, as well as Mr. Conners, who worked as Joe's PE teacher in seventh and eighth grade. Joe noted that he stays in touch with all things Bodley and Fulton related by reading *RaiderNet Daily*. (photo submitted by Mrs. Conners)

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Boys Lax vs. Chittenango (5 pm); Girls Lax @ Chittenango (JV-5/V-6:30); Tennis vs. Cortland (4:30).

Wed. April 18: Track vs. Chittenango & J-D (4:30); Baseball vs. J-D (4:30); Softball @ J-D (4:30).

Thurs. April 19: Tennis vs. Henninger (4 pm); Girls Lax @ Whitesboro (JV-4:30/V-6:00).

Fri. April 20: Tennis @ Corcoran (4 pm); Softball vs. Syracuse-West (4:30); Boys Lax vs. Whitesboro (JV-5/V-7:00); Girls Track @ Tully Invitational (4:30).

Sat. April 21: V Baseball @ C.Square (11 am); JV Baseball vs. C.Square (11 am); Softball @ F-M (11 am); Girls Lax vs. J-D (JV-10 am/V-noon); Boys Track @ B'velle Relays (10 am).



Raiders wary of winless Bears

They say that a wounded Bear is the most dangerous type. With that in mind, the Lady Raiders are proceeding with caution as they look to rebound from a Saturday setback in the finals of the War on the Shore tournament. This afternoon the girls lacrosse team will be heading off to Chittenango to the play A Bears side that is currently seeking its first win following an 0-3 start.

Thus far they have battled against Jamesville-DeWitt, Mexico, and New Hartford. The Bears leading attacker, Kaitlin Antelmi, has plowed her way through the season with 14 goals. The next in line are teammates Brianna Sheiedo and Ali Barber who both have bypassed goalies two times apiece. The Chittenango goaltender Elizabeth Dennee has put up a valiant effort with 24 saves on a team that has yielded 42 goals so far this season.

The Lady Raider laxers are well prepared to take on the Bears. With multiple top scorers the ladies are anxious to put another win under their belt. The girls are 2-1 in their league season but 3-2 overall. Standouts Jordan Rizzo, Erica Knaub, Amelia Coakley, and Kate Rothrock are ready to bring the heat to goalie Dennee. Rizzo has hit the back of the net 11 times, while Knaub has rocked the cage with 15 goals and 5 assists. Also, Coakley has scored a grand total of 11 times with 3 assists, and Rothrock has tossed in 12 goals with 4 assists.

On the defensive side, Caitlin Caza and Julia Spier have high expectations awaiting them to help goalie Torrie Whelsky maintain and improve her 46 saves to 35 let ins. The Lady Raider lacrosse team has high hopes that they can extend Chittenango's winless ways when all is said and done.

By Hannah Dunsmoor

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"I don't really care for them much."



"What new benches?.."



"I personally think they're stupid and a waste of money."



"I think they are pointless."

Sean Fink

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Mallory Clark

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Sun and clouds.

60°

Average: 58°
Record: 89° (2002)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy.

37°

Average: 37°
Record: 23° (1980)

Tomorrow:



Sun and clouds.
Chance rain.

52°

Average: 58°
Record: 85° (1976)

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.