

# Senior dinner dance will have Greek theme

This year the senior class is honored to present *An evening in Greece* on Friday, June 8. The theme this year for the senior dinner dance will be inspired by Greek culture, gods and goddesses. Everyone might think that it is necessary to dress like the theme, but that is not the case.

Senior dinner dance is a time to get together as a class. Unlike prom, senior dinner dance is more semiformal than formal. No one is expected to dress in a certain way. It is simply a time to get dressed up for dinner and dancing with your classmates.

In the past years the seniors have worn cute dresses for the girls and for the guys a nice button up shirt and slacks. There is no need to go all out. Senior dinner dance is about

getting together as a class and having fun. Feel no pressure and do not think it is necessary to match the room. The theme just gives the room a little something extra.

The Greek theme will surround the room with life-size Greek gods and goddesses as well as pillars and flowers. The food will be a banquet style with many options to choose from. The River Vista is beautifully located on the river and just opened. The Class of 2012 will be the first class to have a school function at the River Vista, so it is a completely new adventure for GRB.

Class President Jeanette Bartlett is currently involved in planning for the dance, and is trying to arrange a 300 cupcake tower that

matches the theme. She also plans on bringing something extra to the dance with multiple game and raffle ideas. If any seniors have ideas or questions they should visit the GRB Class of 2012 Facebook page and Jeanette will respond as soon as possible. Also, do not forget that fundraiser ideas are always welcome, because the class can always use the money.

"I hope that everyone is ready to come and party on June eighth," she commented. "Do not forget to purchase your ticket." The tickets are \$50 each; and include dinner, dance/DJ and more. This is not just another dance, it is the last dance for the Class of 2012, and it will be one to remember.



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## Track teams split, diamond forces fall on busy day

It was another tough day for the Raiders on the diamond on Wednesday when both the softball and baseball teams dropped their games to the Red Rams out of Jamesville-Dewitt. The boys managed only one run and two hits to end up on the short side of a 14-1 final.

Bright spots for Fulton included senior shortstop Tyler Terramiggi stealing two bases and junior Cody Dick tallying the lone RBI. The Raiders dropped to 1-6 on the year. The Rams followed a familiar script by jumping on Fulton for four runs in the first inning and then erupting for six more in the sixth to build a 14-0 lead.

Winning hurler Matt Yonta aided his own cause with three doubles while Paul Fitzgibbons collected four RBI to go with three RBI outings from Eric Thompson and Nick Austin for the 4-4 overall, 3-2 league Red Rams.

The softball team had four hits and an equal amount of errors in their 13-1 loss to J-D. Senior Ciarra Chapman led the way with two hits and Falecia Coleman and Ashley Cummings also added hits of their one. Coleman had the only RBI of the game for the Raiders.

J-D pounded put 13 hits including three



School record holder Courtney Beckwith picked up where she left off last season by claiming first place honors on Wednesday in Fulton's first outdoor meet of the season. The junior skywalker cleared the eight foot mark to help the Raiders gain a split on the day. (Michaela Best photo)

for five efforts from Mary Young and Deb Toscano that accounted for seven RBI between them.

The track team was also out to show what they have on the athletic complex last night in their first home meet. Before the meet,

the seniors were also honored for their contributions to the track and field program over the years. The Raiders split with their opponents, beating Chittenango but falling to Jamesville-Dewitt.

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## Opinion

# Save the Crayolas for your coloring book!

By Madeline Clark

As an open minded individual and student here at GRB, there are seldom times that I question the work of others. I am usually accepting of what my classmates share with the class, in whatever medium they may channel their philosophical abilities

through. However, there is one exception to this general, personal rule of thumb. And that is when my classmates choose to utilize the crayon as a legitimate writing utensil. As far as I am concerned, there is no redemption from a mistake as dastardly as the use of what kindergarteners choose to color in pictures of dinosaurs during recess with.

I would even go a step further to say that even the kindergarteners are capable of using other, more suitable media than the crayon. This simple fact is the reason I lose a little bit of hope for my generation whenever I see my peers try to pass off Crayola's demon spawn as a substitute for the more mature pencil or pen. Rose art will rue the day that I fill out a worksheet or write a five page thematic essay in mac and cheese orange and cerulean blue. So why



writing tool at hand, but then find comfort in the fact that, "Had they asked, I would have been more than happy to lend them a good ol' Ticonderoga!" the stream of consciousness continues when I stumble upon the simple fact that, "This is a public school, a pencil is just a request away at any second. Why are they still using a crayon?"

Aside from any personal thought processes, the simple fact is this. You are in high school. Crayons were ruled out as a writing tool the minute you rolled out of Kindergarten. Crayons do not belong on your geometry homework. You want to be taken seriously as a high school student and magenta colored wax is not doing you any favors.

Employers, college professors or even authority figures are not going to take you seriously, nor are they going to believe that you have anything invested in your work if you choose to use a crayon in lieu of a pencil or pen. Pencils and pens are literally given away for free; there should be no excuse for handing a quiz completed in purple. Please, show the world that you care about the work that you have completed, refrain from crayon-use. A pencil or pen is just a hand raise away.

## Baiting game is illegal (from page 3)

illegal is entirely fair. If a hunter puts the time and effort into a food plot, he or she should be rewarded with having more game animals around. Baiting takes little effort, and can draw deer or other game away from an honest hunters stand. In other words, food plots are the best way to go.

Whether you are a hunter, or just a casual wildlife watcher, food plots can be well worth the time. Now is the time to start working on them. A good food plot makes a hunter's life a lot easier in the fall. The effort that it takes is definitely worth it.

**"So why would anyone consider using a writing medium that can easily be inserted into a minor's nostrils?"**

would anyone consider using a writing medium that can easily be inserted into a minor's nostrils?

I am dumbfounded.

Students in high school who chose to use the crayon or even its slightly less yet still elementary cousin, the colored pencil, as a means of completing their school work, are a mystery to me. Whenever I see this intolerable act being committed in front of my on-looking eyes, the following thoughts roll across my mind.

The first of which is simply, "Is this really happening right now?" The next realization comes slowly but salted with disdain; "Is this seriously the only writing tool that he/she could possess?" I then start to feel sorry in the case that perhaps the crayon was the only

### Quote of the day:

"Seek the lofty by reading, hearing and seeing great work at some moment every day."

*Thornton Wilder*



## Reflections

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# The Adventures of 'lil Bodley

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



## The Great Outdoors

# Food plots can benefit both hunters, game

By Daniel Summerville

Turkey season is only a few short weeks away, and hunters are anxious to get out and bag a bird. However, preparing for turkey season is not the only thing that hunters should be doing this time of year.

While the fall hunting seasons may be a long way away, there are some things that hunters can do to help improve their chances when they arrive.

Contrary to what many non-hunters believe, hunting takes a lot of skill and planning. Scouting and determining places for stands can take a lot of thought. In April, it is still early to start thinking about stand positions for deer season, but it is the perfect time of year to start preparing food plots.

Food plots are small areas of land where hunters grow crops such as corn or alfalfa specifically for game animals. The practice of



making food plots has been proven to improve the health of wildlife in the surrounding areas, and in most cases they increase hunting success. Food plots draw many different game animals, and a nearby tree stand is an ideal setup.

Plots should be positioned on the edge of heavy cover, such as a fence-line or hedgerow. With cover close by, animals will be more at ease in the plot. The overall shape of the plot should be relatively thin and long, but any shape will draw animals to the area. Planting times vary with the different crops, and different crops will draw different types of wildlife. Hunters should study up on what their chosen species prefer, and plant that crop.

Food plots are perfectly legal, but there is a similar practice that is not. Baiting is not legal in New York, and anyone who is caught baiting game will be ticketed by the DEC. While food plots are plots of food left year round for wildlife, baiting is when hunters leave a pile of food near their stands during hunting season. The two concepts are similar, but the reasoning behind baiting being

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## Diavolo brings acrobatic dance to Syracuse

By Vanessa Langdon

DIAVOLO, a dance company out of Los Angeles created in 1992 by Frenchman Jacques Heim. The company partnered with Penn State College for their current exhibition that was presented as a work in progress last Friday, April 13 at the Landmark Theater in connection with Syracuse University.

The exhibition was free to the public to anyone who had a general admission ticket that was given out through various dance studios in the Syracuse area. There was even a dance intensive offered to students during the week where the students could take classes alongside Heim and the dancers to fully understand how a modern company that mixes dance and full contact athletic acrobatic moves seamlessly together.

The company has been working on this movement, Transit Space, for months first in the studios in Los Angeles for on average of six hours, five days a week and then took the show on the road to get audience feedback.

Modern Acrobatic dance came to Syracuse in the form of

The show is not your average ballet. Instead, the show had text behind the first act that helped tell the story so people who may not be as experienced in watching and deciphering ballets could fully understand what was going on in the story. Along with the text motion censored sound effects were used in the form of skateboards that were used as props along with skateboard ramps that the dancers ran up, slid down, and flipped off of!

The second act featured an amazing architectural structure inspired by a crescent moon that was placed on the stage and could rock freely so the dancers could dance on the moving structure and move from the structure to the ground stage. One of the things that made this performance so astounding and impressive is that the entire company is made up of only 10 dancers!

The performance was electric and moving, and the emotion pouring out of the dancers was palpable. The dancers gave the performance their all, as one dancer even vomited on the stage!

The show will officially premiere at Penn State on April 19 at 7:30 in the Eisenhower Auditorium.

## New York City bans smoking at parks, beaches

By Ashlynn Palmitesso

When most people envision parks, they visualize a beautiful, clean place to relax and play. But when they actually arrive at parks they are sometimes exposed to cigarette smoke and the litter that often accompanies it.

Recently the New York City Council approved an antismoking law for its 1,700 city parks and 14 miles of beaches. This bill is a step forward for non-smokers because the last antismoking bill was enacted in 2002 against smoking in restaurants and bars.

The Council speaker, Christine C. Quinn, said the ban was derived from the rights of nonsmokers. Ms. Quinn commented on the approval of this bill, "Their health and their lives should not be negatively impacted because other people have decided to smoke." Health advocates were ecstatic to hear this news, seeing it as a breath of fresh air to everyone and especially to children.

A couple who visits a nearby park was asked about their opinion on this newly enacted law and said that smokers can ruin the experience. Many people applaud this ban, but some oppose this anti-smoking law because they believe it is infringing on their individual rights. A frequent park visitors stated, "I enjoy a great cigar here and there and this is just another freedom[taken away] of where I

can and can't do it. I mean, who pays for this park? I do."

While it is easy to understand this gentleman's reasoning, when visitors infest the park with litter and cigarette smoke, it makes it unpleasant to those who have to breathe in the second-hand smoke.

Everyone has special rights and privileges, but when we abuse them, we have to pay the consequences. Unfortunately, those individuals who smoke in separate areas to avoid the chance of second-hand smoke toward children and other visitors and those who do not litter have to deal with the consequence put forth from those who do.

Some opponents are interpreting this ban as an increase in revenue for New York State. They believe that they are enacting this bill for arrests. However, Councilwoman Gale A. Brewer of Manhattan was quick to respond on this comment, saying, "I'm not interested in arrests; I'm not interested in revenue," she said. "I'm just interested in public health."

A city health department study published in 2009 stated that people inside or outside are exposed to the same amount of second-hand smoke if they are within a three feet radius of a smoker. So while you may think you are breathing in the refreshing outdoor air, you are still exposing your lungs to smoke. Finally, a trip to the park will be a breath of fresh air.



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## Girls seek fifth win today at Whitesboro

The Lady Raider lacrosse team will be taking its show on the road again this evening, competing with the Whitesboro Warriors. The Lady Laxers have had a rigorous schedule lately but they are prepared for the clash between the Raiders and the Warriors. This will be the final game to make adjustments before the anticipated fight against Jamesville Dewitt this upcoming Saturday.

The Fulton girls keep improving their record, and the ladies continue to improve their skills. The Raiders are coming in on the season at 4-2 while their league record is 3-1. The title for league champion this year is definitely up in the air with such great competition. Julia Ludington is proving herself as a sophomore varsity player with seven goals this season and three assists. She is rapidly catching up with the upperclassmen Kate Rothrock, Jordan Rizzo, and Erica Knaub. Rothrock has blown by defensive units with 15 goals and five assists this season while Rizzo has smashed 12 balls into the back of the net.

Continuing her dominance on the field, Knaub has added 19 goals with six assists to the season. Erika Johnson has flexed her muscles by taking the precious draws and showing her athleticism with the many interceptions she has obtained. Also, Kara Yakel showed off for the watchful Elmira College Lacrosse coach who was looking on during the team's 14-4 win over Chittenango on Tuesday night.

The Whitesboro girls lacrosse team is off to a slow start with a record of 1-4 and a division record of 0-4. Their top Warrior appears to be Krysta Beha, who has conquered goaltenders with 12 goals and 2 assists. Another top dog from the Warriors is Rachael Scaramuzzino, who has tickled the twine four times with one assist. Other scorers from the Whitesboro team are Amanda Chruscicki, Alexandria Dodge, and Katelynne Doherty who have all contributed three goals apiece. Gabriella Huther will stand tall against the Lady Raiders with 31 saves and 42 let-ins this season. The two teams will duke it out at 6:30 pm tonight, with Fulton hoping for another big road showing. *By Hannah Dunsmoor*



Fulton's Nick Abalgore prepares to take a cut at a Jamesville-Dewitt offering during action from Wednesday's varsity game at the complex. The Raider bats remained silent in a 14-1 setback as their record dipped to 1-6 on the season. The team will seek its second win of the year when they travel to Central Square on Saturday for an 11 am start. (Michaela Best photo)

## This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** 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'ville Relays (10 am).

**Mon. April 23:** Baseball vs. Bishop Ludden (4:30); JV Baseball @ Bishop Ludden (4:30); Softball @ Chittenango (4:30); Tennis @ J-D (4:30).

**Tues. April 24:** Boys Lax @ Cortland (JV-5/V-7 pm); Girls Lax vs. Cortland (JV-5/V-6:30); Baseball @ ES-M (4:45); Softball vs. ES-M (4:45).



## Raiders track teams open with split

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The boys topped the Bears 100-41 and the girls beat Chittenango 83-58. Jamesville-Dewitt ruled the evening however, besting the Fulton boys 114-27 and claiming a 124-17 girls triumph.

Some outstanding individual performances were headed by junior Courtney Beckwith winning the pole vault with a height of eight feet. Sophomore Kim Goutermout finished third in the high jump with a height of five feet and junior Hannah Geitner was edged out in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:14.70.

*By Ross Maxam*

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# What do you think of the Spring weather?



"It's warm."

Katie Medico



"Love it! It's been unusually warm. I hate rain, I hate snow."

Mr. Bono



"I think it's pretty nice."

Michaela Whiteman



"I think it should just be warm."

Meriah Dishaw

## Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Sun and clouds.

64°

Average: 59°  
Record: 87° (2008)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy.

45°

Average: 38°  
Record: 26° (1970)

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy.  
Chance rain  
showers.

70°

Average: 59°  
Record: 85° (1957)

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