

Annual GRB spring cleanup set for May 11

Students looking to get a few community service hours out of the way or to do something good for the school are invited to donate their time to clean up the school at the annual Spring Clean Up. Hosted yearly by the Science Club, this year's event will take place on Saturday, May 11. This event is a community service project that annually involves 60-120 high school students and adult leaders. Students work in small groups to spruce up the grounds around G. Ray Bodley High School. "We do it every year

and it really does create some pride within the school," commented Science Club Advisor Mr. Gillard.

The projects include removal of sticks, leaves and other debris lingering from last fall and winter as well weeding and mulching around the 20-25 trees that are found around the school. Other activities include purchasing and installing landscaping blocks as seen in the thank you notes from last year, and adding flowers to many of the areas around the school. Many students think the

experience is fun, and this year participants will be served pizza, a cookie and a drink for lunch.

The Fulton City School District is very supportive of the project, supplying top soil, mulch, flowers and tools. Science Club plans the project, coordinates the workers on the day of the event, and purchases the landscaping blocks. Science Club is also looking for adult leaders for the event; which involves a commitment from about 8:30 a.m. to noon on May 11. *By Damien Noel*

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Big doings lie ahead for the Class of 2013

By **Jessica Grant**

Senior year for any high school student should be something worth remembering. With that in mind the Class of 2013 has several big events on the horizon with the senior trip, dinner dance, senior day and graduation.

Like several classes in the past, the seniors will be heading to the roller coasters at Cedar Point, Ohio for the Senior Trip. The class leaves at 3 am on June 7 after meeting at the school. Students will have to bring their own breakfast and lunch for the first day. Once at the park, everyone will get drink bracelets so that they can get drinks for free all day.

Attendees are reminded to bring money for games and if anyone wants food at the park. After the park the class will be spending a wonderful night in The Hotel Breakers with a nice pizza buffet for dinner and a delicious breakfast buffet in the following morning.

The morning of June 8 students will get back on the road and head to Cleveland. There students will be able to choose between visiting the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame or the Museum of Science. Students will have to make sure they have a lunch for the ride home and everyone should be back by 6 pm.

For interested seniors there are still two spots left for the trip. Cost is \$220 to Senior

Class Advisor Mrs. Hallatt.

Monday, June 10 is the date for Senior Day, complete with a velcro wall, cotton candy, snow cones, bounce house and a dunk tank. The class of 2013 is also looking for food donations like hotdogs, and the like, if anyone knows where to get donations please inform Senior Class Advisor Mrs. Hallatt.

The third event filling the seniors schedule for 2013, is the Senior Dinner Dance.

The date is set for Friday, June 14 and the dance for the formal event, which will start at 6 and end at 11 pm at Wysoki's Lakeside Manor in Cicero. There will be a sit-down dinner and seniors have three choices: chicken Cordon Bleu, sirloin beef steak or broiled fish. There will be a cocktail hour prior to the event with veggies and fruit and soda bar. Tickets are scheduled to go on sale

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Junior Prom is here! Safety is a key

Juniors, the countdown is over and the day you all have been preparing for is almost here. Final finishing details are in process with nail and hair appointments, and all the money and preparation will definitely pay off come Saturday evening when the night to remember kicks off. This year's Junior Prom, *Under the Stars*, officially kicks off at 7 pm.

The Class of 2014 Junior Prom should be a promising night in Oswego at the American Foundry. Attending students are reminded not to forget to bring their school ID and prom ticket or they will not be permitted into the prom. It is not the responsibility of teachers to identify you.

Prom night is an exciting night. For many teens, it is the highlight of their high school experience. But beyond the glamour and anticipation of this special night, students need to remember to be safe. Every year stories reporting drunk driving tragedies on prom night make headline news. Since there is no after prom party scheduled for this year, students are urged to play it safe on Saturday night.

The Junior Prom should be one of the happiest days of a teenagers life. Everyone is busy trying to look their best and filled with the joy of being able to attend this memorable night. However, prom night can also bring out wrecked cars and even lives being taken away. Students should understand that drunk driving and prom night do not mix. In fact, teenager prom drunk driving statistics are frightening, but preventable by supporting awareness and making smart decisions.

Everyone attending the prom this Saturday night remember everything you need to bring with you. Also have a good time and be safe. *By Kylie Clifford*

In the News

GRB junior accepted into elite summer program

Special to The Raider

It is not often that a student from G. Ray Bodley High School is admitted to a top college or university, let alone a summer enrichment program. Tevin Simard, President of the Class of 2014, recently received his acceptance letter to the L.E.D.A. Program, held annually at Princeton University.

Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (otherwise known as L.E.D.A.), is a non-for-profit organization, "dedicated to identifying and developing the academic and leadership potential of exceptional public high school students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds." The organization's objective is to prepare low-income, high-achieving students from around the nation with the skills necessary to gain admission into selective colleges and universities.

In doing so, L.E.D.A. hopes to equalize the opportunity for education and to create a scholar pipeline to the nation's leadership sectors. During the program, students receive college entrance exam preparation, writing instruction, college guidance, and cover leadership curriculum, all while enjoying the comforts of residential life and "community building."

Another unique facet of L.E.D.A. is that students are brought to various colleges and universities such as Swarthmore College and Johns Hopkins University, and get the chance to speak with college admissions officers. Similarly, after students complete the summer program, they meet bi-weekly with a LEDA staff member to review their college applications, scholarship essays, and discuss any concerns related to the college admissions process that they may have. When Simard first found and applied for the

program last November, he could not believe it. "It was all I could ever want and more," he said.

Despite some initial doubts from others, Simard felt he had nothing to lose by applying to the all-expenses paid program, an important factor due to his financial situation. The High-Honor Roll student said, "I was solicited by programs from Brown, Harvard, and Dartmouth, but they cost \$7,000 for less than one week at their cam-



Junior Tevin Simard has been accepted into an elite program that will take him to Princeton University in New Jersey this summer. (Vanessa Langdon photo)

pus. When that door closed, I looked for a window. I knew if I looked hard enough, I would find something much less costly or completely free of charge."

After being notified of the organization's decision on the same day of his interview, April 12, Simard said he, "...couldn't believe it, I thought it was a joke at first. Then I was elated. Though I did not doubt myself, I thought 'who would've thought this gay, brown boy from Fulton would land an opportunity like this?'" Not only was the leader's acceptance monumental because he was the first from GRB to be accepted, but also because of LEDA's admittance rate. Out of 1,500 applicants, Simard was one of 60

students to be accepted. In addition, Simard was a finalist at similar programs of prestige at Yale University and Cornell University, both of which he turned down after receiving the LEDA scholarship.

Furthermore, when asked about what prompted his search for the aforementioned programs, Simard said, "I have a hunger to learn and wanted to be around like-minded people who also want to improve their lives and I did not want to stay in Fulton for the summer, I wanted to broaden my horizons. At the root of the matter, though, I wanted to show other students that are in my situation that opportunities like these are, in fact, possible. Over the past few years, I have worked tirelessly in school and in the community. Although it has at times been hard to see the fruits of my labor, I knew if I kept working hard all my hard work would pay off somewhere down the line."

"Now it is," he went on to say. "I am reaping the benefits, and see these achievements as symbols representing how far I have come; they are vindications. Despite the challenges that I have been faced with, and those that I currently face, I do not let them hinder my goals. Instead, I use my experiences as a source of motivation to propel me forward, rather than a crutch. Lastly, I would like to thank Mrs. Boltz, Mrs. Windsor, Mrs. Child-Dauphin, Mr. Ascenzi, and Mrs. Parkhurst for all of the support they have given me on this six month journey, and want them to know that I deeply appreciate how much they have done to help me realize my potential. I am especially appreciative of the teachers who willingly gave countless hours of their time and expertise. They truly exemplify what is best here at G.R.B. Thank you all." Simard will begin the program on June 19, 2013.

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Why not let there be music?

By Jessica Grant

Latin, Rock, Country, Hip Hop, Gospel...there are so many different kinds of music in the world. Why do we listen to it though? In the beginning when tribes started to be formed, there was a lot to do every day. Between farming and hunting and cooking and cleaning, people also trained animals and made music. Music was used in rituals a lot of times by the Native Americans, but as time progressed and life changed it was used for celebrations.

Michael Jackson was the king of pop, Elvis was the king of Rock. Once living legends, now their music leaves us something great, but is there a specific time when people should or should not listen to music?

As one student commented, "I listen to music because it feeds my soul, depending on what I listen to. On the other hand, sometimes it affects how I feel too. Like when I listen to a sad song, I end up getting sad. It's more than listening to tunes, every song tells a story and is like a movie when you actually listen to a song, word by word. I love to listen to music during school most of all because it's the one place I don't like to be and the music is like sanctuary, freedom from hearing people talk dirt about someone else, or yourself. It's just mostly relieving."

Seth Sylvester added, "It's a way to block noise out, it also gives me some entertainment, because, even the fights here are a sad form of entertainment."

If everyone would listen to music instead of spreading rumors or talking about other people's business, then maybe the harassment, and bullying rate would decrease. As

a result this would be a fabulous place, and with awesome tunes everyone would be in awesome moods, and no one would have time to talk crap. Remember the years at the junior high dances when people were laughing and having an awesome time? The music was loud and cranking through your skull, and even when you wanted to tell a friend about something, the music was rolling the thoughts out and the party continued. This is how it should be.

Although it is technically against school rules, students should be able to listen to music in school, because a quick rhythm seems to help the brain in certain tasks. Additionally kinesthetic learners have a beat to move to, and movement seems to help them learn.

Students are likely to talk less when they are listening to music, and they are not distracted by other sounds, and can focus better (as long as they aren't fiddling with their playlists and have chosen music that helps them individually).

Listening to music when working also helps people stay awake, and stimulates the brain in great ways. A lot of older people listen to music when working is because it helps them remember things better and the same holds true for students.

Class of 2013 (from page 2) starting on Friday, May 10.

Just seven days later students of the graduating class will be doing a rehearsal for the graduation on the 22, then as the graduating seniors walk across that stage, they will be saying goodbye to the past and hello to the rest of their lives as they learn to live in society as adults.

Lego drive starts Monday

Senior Cody Richardson's Lego drive will officially kick off Monday, May 6. The drive will benefit community children in the form of a Lego room to be built at the CYO. Cody encourages everyone to donate their gently used Lego blocks at boxes in the main entrance of G. Ray Bodley High School or to directly drop them off at the CYO.

The Lego drive is the brainchild of the senior, and he has been working dutifully on it for several weeks. Everyone-students, faculty, and staff-should look in their attics, under their beds, and in long forgotten playrooms for the toys. Legos, while some may consider them "common place," are expensive, and the donated toys will facilitate creativity in the children many of whom may not have the means to otherwise play with the blocks.

Cody summed it up best on his flyers, saying, "One brick at a time." We may not all have buckets upon buckets of old Legos sitting around at home, but if everyone brought in just 20 blocks the school could really make a difference. Like the old saying goes, the longest journey starts with only one step. Likewise the tallest Lego tower begins with only one block!

For more information on the Lego drive and how you can further help the cause contact project visionary and leader, senior Cody Richardson at painingum@gmail.com. GRB is ready to be covered in blocks from Monday, May 6 to Friday, May 17.

By Vanessa Langdon



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Raider Sports

Tennis, softball break out of slumps in big way

Putting an end to a recent stand of disappointment in convincing fashion, the Raider tennis and softball teams scored big wins to highlight the week for Fulton sports.

The Raider tennis players turned on their game on Monday when they defeated the Mexico Tigers 7-0. The Raiders ended a tough run that saw them losing in close 4-3 matches against Oswego, ES-M and Cortland, along with a 6-1 loss against undefeated Jamesville-Dewitt. After situating the team the Raiders were a force to be reckoned with.

The night started off with an amazing performance from senior Mitchel Lalik with two back to back set scores of 6-0 in the singles division. The experienced Raider gave the singles team a massive morale boost beating the best that Mexico had to offer. Javier Pajarm fed off of the energy and continued with impressive 6-4 and 6-3 sets. Following the performance by his fellow teammates sophomore Brad Crofoot also prevailed 6-4 and 6-3.

Knowing that they had it in the bag the Raiders saw a shift in the morale from Mexico's doubles players, beating them in all three matches. Jake Strauss and Logan Carvey won with impressive sets of 6-1 and 6-3 and the net men kept the pace up continuing the beat down with set scores of 6-0 and 6-1 by Joel Monaghan and Zach Perry.

However the Tigers would not go down without a fight, and in the final doubles match came they came back after losing the first set by a 7-5 score to take a close 6-5 set. The run ended there, however, as Fulton's Thomas Distin and Ben McKay scored a 10-5 victory to complete the 7-0 shutout. With the win the Raiders are now 2-4 on the season.

By Todd Oakes

Softball erupts for big win

After winning three straight games over rival opponents, the Lady Raider softball team faced a Jamesville-DeWitt that was on a roll themselves. It was streak vs. streak, and J-D showed why they are the 24th ranked team in the state as they put on a clinic in an 18-2 romp. Fulton stayed with the Red Rams for three innings, but then J-D exploded for 9 runs in the third and 7 runs in the fourth to put the game away.

The Rams rapped out 20 hits while only giving up 5 hits to Fulton, paced by Maureen McCann's two singles and a walk. Maggie

Austin went 3 for 4 from the batter's box with a triple and a walk and three other J-D batters had three hits each.

The girls were hoping for redemption against CBA, but instead the Lady Brothers built a 7-0 lead and never looked back in a 7-4 triumph. Fulton racked up nine hits including two doubles and a single from Mikayla Guernsey while Hannah Jones and Cheyenne Laun both had two hits for the Raiders.

After losing two straight games Fulton came into the Homer match-up prepared to end their losing streak. The Raiders took out their frustrations by whalloping the Trojans 20-8. Fulton came out swinging and finished with 21 hits, led by the Pal times ath-

lete of the week Keisha Peirce. The junior slugger continued her unstoppable hitting tear going 4 for 6 with 2 home runs and she drove in eight runs while scoring four times.

With that home run Keisha became the league leader in round trippers, really showing her power and batting prowess Mikayla Guernsey went 3 for 6 from the box with a double, one run batted in and scored twice herself.

With the win Fulton improved to an impressive 5-3 record and is third in their league behind CBA and ES-M. The Raiders will be looking to avenge a season opening 14-1 loss to Syracuse West this Friday when the girls are in action at 4:30 pm.

By Dan Henkle

Overtime win lifts Raiders to sweep

Brett Campolieta snapped the Raiders lacrosse 5 game losing skid, when he netted the game winner with thirty three- seconds remaining in overtime to push the Raiders to the finish line and win 10-9 over the Spartans of East-Syracuse Minoa. Junior goal keeper Scott Hughes recorded 10 saves in the victory.

In their first game of the season, the Raiders scored with two minutes to play and defended Raider stadium. The Spartans would not forget, however, as they came out and scored first. Fulton responded with a goal from junior Matt Nelson, who finished with four goals in the victory. Both teams were neck and neck with neither giving up.

With less than one minute remaining in regulation junior Carson Vono scooped up a loose ball in front of the Spartans net and struck it home to send it in to overtime.

In the extra stanza Hughes had what they say was his best save of the season when he made a great kick save. Fulton re-grouped with a timeout and set up the game winning goal as Campolieta came across the middle switched hands and netted it home. Fulton swept the season series against the Spartans and also kept their sectional hopes alive.

"That one was a big one for us," said coach Halladay. "We let a couple slip away from us the first half of the season. We could've easily given up when they went up by one. But the key to the game is they never got up more than one. They'd score, we'd score. We kept fighting back. It was a hard fought game. Hopefully, that can boost us for the beginning of the second half of the season."

Fulton's next home game is next Wednesday, May 8 when they host the nationally ranked and first in the state Red Rams of Jamesville-Dewitt. Come out and help the Raiders stop Jordan Evans, who will be going to Syracuse University next year and has 103 points on the season. Game time is set for 6:30 pm..

By Casey Ware

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