

Cortland surge thwarts Raider hoops rally

With Cortland coming to town on Friday the Fulton girls knew they were in for a challenge. After hanging in tough for nearly the entire game, Cortland found a way to run away with the victory in the end, 61-44.

With a packed house and falling down early, the Raiders seemed to kick it into gear, not letting the Tigers run away with this one. After trailing by nearly double digits to open the game, Fulton charged back with some very tight defense, pulling within four points by the half. The story of the entire season for the girls

has been coming out ready to play late in the game. It was no different on Friday as Cortland outscored Fulton 33 to 20 in the second half alone.

Although suffering another tough loss bringing the girls to a 1-9 record, overall there are some positives they left the floor with. Fighting back early and going ahead late in the first took a lot of heart rather than just letting up when things were getting ugly. Also playing confident, face-paced offense seven different girls found a way to put the ball in the hoop,

showing teamwork that really pumped up the hometown crowd. Ashlynn Palmitesso led the way with 17 points and Sammi Stowell added nine for the Raiders, who also picked up five point nights from Sydnee Plato and Michelle Gorea. Maggie Brown did major damage for the Tigers with a game high 26 point performance.

But despite the loss, there is hope for the Raiders. Tonight the girls host their rival Mexico Tigers, tip-off at 7:15 here at G. Ray Bodley.
By Max Fobes



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Raiders fall in shutout, swimmers fare well

The Raider icemen encountered a tough loss last Friday as the Skaneateles Lakers handed Fulton a 5-0 defeat. The Lakers scored two goals in both the first and second frames, and iced the victory with a goal in the third.

Starting in net for the Raiders was senior Kara Pafumi, who recorded 23 saves on the night, while fellow goalie Kevin Niver came in after the third goal, and had 13 saves of his own. Laker goalie Trevor Diamond recorded 25 saves in the contest and led the Lakers to victory. Dan Tarolli (2-1-3) and Jacob Cooney

scored two goals apiece to lead the visitors, while Mike Benson dished out three assists for the 6-2-1 overall Lakers.

This loss gave Fulton a 3-7-1 record, and a steep climb for the team to make sectional play. The next contest for the Raiders is tomorrow night, as the puck drops in New Hartford at 7:30. The Raiders defeated the Spartans earlier in the season by a score of 4-2, and hope to have a similar result in the upcoming contest.
By Colin Shannon

A pair of senior performers both fared well at Saturday's OHSL Individual Championship Meet at Mexico Academy. Dan Bullard placed fourth in the 50 freestyle with a time of 24.56 and was fifth in the 100 freestyle at 55:33.2. while teammate Josh Strauss claimed fifth place in the 200 IM with a finishing time of 2:26.03 and was sixth in the 100 breaststroke at 1:13.80. The boys are back in action tonight when they travel to Weedsport for a 5 p.m. meet.

This week in Raider Sports

Today: V'ball @ ES-M (5/6:30); Boys Bball @ Mexico (5:30/7 p.m.); Girls Bball vs. Mexico (5:30/7 p.m.); Swim @ Weedsport (5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Jan. 19: Bowling vs. CBA @ Mattydale (3:30 p.m.); Hockey @ New Hartford (7:30)

Thursday, Jan. 20: Bowling vs. Bishop Grimes @ Mattydale (3:30); Vball @ J-D (6/7:30); Swim vs. J-D/CBA (5 p.m.); Wrestling vs. Whitesboro (6 p.m.)

Friday, Jan. 21: Hockey @ Auburn (6 p.m.); Boys Bball vs. Homer (5:30/7 p.m.); Girls Bball @ Homer (5:30/7 p.m.)

Saturday, Jan. 22: Wrestling @ Section III Duals (@C-NS); Indoor Track @ OHSL Championship (9 a.m. @ Hamilton College)



Looking for something to fend off these cold winter nights? How about a Red Raider blanket? Junior class officers Jeanette Bartlett, left, and David Johnson show off one of the blankets, which are currently on sale for \$27 through class advisor Mr. Lacey. (Danielle Gillett photo)

Opinion

Love may be grand, but we don't need to see it

By Brenna Merry

Although there are a number of ongoing problems within the school, none affect the student body more than "PDA." This is not the first time students have written about the issue of "Public Displays of Affection," and rules have been put into effect in an attempt to stop the problem.

But despite these measures, it seems to continue to grow. Students purposely avoid certain areas of the hallway in which there are coves filled with couples making out. Most of you would not do that in front of your parents, so why are you so comfortable with these actions in front of all your teachers and schoolmates?

School is not the appropriate place to display your feelings for your boyfriend or girlfriend in such a manner. Although small "pecks" and hugs good-bye are understandable, even these actions can make others feel uncomfortable. School is supposed to be a place where students walk freely; they should not have to feel out of place in the halls due to



over, giving me a front row seat to their love fest. Then, as I'm done at my locker I enter the closed stairwell only to see a different couple swapping spit. It seems no place is free of uncomfortable situations! It is baffling to me how these students are so comfortable with actions that are most definitely intended for private areas. What is it about school that could ever possibly give students an incessant drive to touch one another?

Stopping these students from such actions would require greater monitoring of stairwells, doorway coves and nearly every hallway. This supervision is something our school is not capable of. However, it is not uncommon for me to see teachers walk by students doing the tongue tango and say nothing. This is most likely because it makes teachers feel awkward as well, yet, adults are the only people with the power to stop this PDA. The students who are just as disgusted with these actions can have no say in the matter because students do not take other students seriously. There are many teachers who use the common, "Let's get to class kids," and to these teachers I am greatly thankful.

One student stated that the PDA of one couple during class was constantly in her peripherals and distracted her from doing her work. For many students it is hard enough to stay focused, further distractions due to "teenage love" do not seem necessary.

High school is the time when you are supposed to date, have your first kiss, first boyfriend or girlfriend and sometimes, first love. These experiences are all wonderful and exciting. However, that does not mean you need exhibit your newfound "love" by swallowing each other's faces for all to see. Just because you may feel as though, "You two are the only ones around," that is most certainly not the case and you should be conscious as to how awkward and uncomfortable you are making others feel. One rule in school since Kindergarten has always been, "Keep your hands to yourself." I feel that a better rule for high school is, "Keep your tongues in your own mouth!"

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other's actions. Couples holding hands in the hallway does not cause problems with being necessarily uncomfortable, but instead creates a barricade through which no students can pass to get to class. Countless times I have had to awkwardly squeeze by couples displaying their affection in order to get to class on time.

Every day as I try to open my locker I have to deal with a couple in a full on tongue battle. In a hurry to get my books and go to class I have to subtly cough or say "excuse me" to this heated couple so they move out of the way. Usually this just results in them moving one locker

Quote of the day:

"What do you mean we can't get rid of those weeds in time? Then go over there and put some fancy signs with Latin names in front of them."

Walt Disney

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Lionel Messi wins coveted FIFA trophy

His name may not be a household word in America, but throughout the rest of the world Lionel Messi is adored as one of the greatest soccer players on the planet. Last week his star rose even higher when Messi was announced as the winner of the FIFA Ballon d'Or. This award is given to the player considered to be the most influential to his team's success over the calendar year. Messi, claimed the award over his Barcelona teammates Xavi and Andres Iniesta. Messi had previously won the FIFA World Player of the Year and the Ballon d'Or as well when they were separate awards last year.

Messi is recognized as one of the greatest players of the modern age and has proved that he was not a one and done season player. He has been given this major award for the second season running and at only 23 he has the bulk of his professional career ahead of him. In the 2009-2010 season he led Barcelona statistically, scoring 47 goals and making 11 assists. His immense contribution led the team to the La Liga championship and he tied Ronaldo's record total of goals in one sea-

son. Barcelona looks to be on course to winning another La Liga title and is still in the mix for the UEFA Champions League and Spain's Copa del Rey. The Argentine maestro has his eyes set on more trophies, and more victories. However, humbly, Messi has said that he prefers winning honors with the team more than individual accolades.

While Xavi and Iniesta each had great club seasons as well they came up just short. The pair of midfield masters were an integral component of Spain's World Cup winning team, with Iniesta scoring the winning goal in the final against Holland. However, there seems to be no bitterness between the trio of players as Thursday they were able to come up with a convincing 5-0 win over Real Betis in the Copa Del Rey. Iniesta came up with two assists, while Messi earned a hat-trick, perhaps asserting how he deserved his reception of the coveted FIFA Ballon d'Or.

Whether Messi remains on the top of his game during the year 2011 remains to be seen. However with 31 goals and 15 assists already this season, it looks as though he might be on course to shatter his own statistics. Whatever happens throughout 2011 you can at least count on, barring injury, that Lionel Messi will be terrorizing defenses, scoring goals and looking to lead Barcelona to even more glory.

Bizarre News of the Day

Captain America's latest foe is deadlier than the Red Skull: suicide. The character, armed with his trademark shield, faces off against suicide in a new story that publisher Marvel Entertainment released on Wednesday for free through its website and app. The toll-free hotline for America's National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is featured in the work, too.

The 11-page story "Captain America: A Little Help" is written by psychologist Tim Ursiny and illustrated by Nick Dragotta. In it, an extremely unhappy youth is poised to jump off a building when he spies Captain America facing a large group of villains on a nearby roof. The fight keeps him from going over the edge, literally and figuratively. There is no dialogue, except for the end, which shows the boy saving both the hero and, in the process, himself.

"Super heroes fight a lot of battles, but there are few more important than combating suicide," said Tom Brevoort, Marvel Entertainment's senior vice president of publishing. "That's why we're making 'Captain America: A Little Help' available for free via our digital comics outlets," he said in a statement. "If even one person calls this number instead of doing something very tragic, we know that means we succeeded."

Besides being available for free digitally, the story is featured in the fifth and final issue of the "I Am An Avenger" limited series, which was also released last week.

By Morgan Firenze

Winter photo contest noted

The G. Ray Bodley High School Photo Club is proud to announce the second annual winter theme photo contest. Students and teachers are invited to submit 1-3 printed pictures to Ms. Amerault in room 120. The deadline for photos is March 7. See Ms. Amerault for details.

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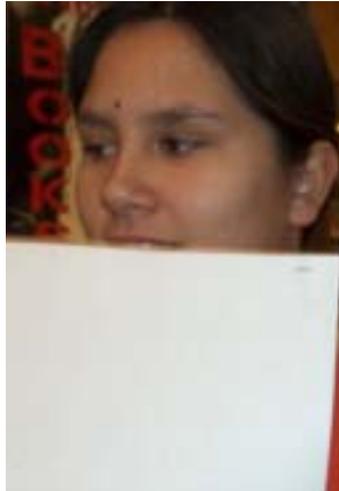
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School of Thought compiled by **Patty Morrison**

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favorite."
Desirae Otis



"Snooki."
Kaitlyn Lauber

Meteorology and you

By *Carson Metcalf*



Today:



Cloudy with snow and ice. High around 30. Record high-61 (1973). Avg. high: 31

Tonight:



Cloudy with a few snow showers. Low in the mid-20s. Record low: -14 (1977) Avg. low: 14

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with a few snow showers. High in the mid-20s, falling throughout the day. Record high: 64 (1996). Avg. 31.

GRB junior 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.