

Lots going on for senior class of 2011

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and this week, advisories were excited to see the return of the Valentine's Day survey. Although this event did not happen last year, in previous years it has been a success and there was a resounding cheer that it was brought back. In the survey people are asked to answer entertaining questions such as what they feel is "Hot" or what they look for in a boyfriend or girlfriend.

Once the surveys are filled out and fed into the computer, the results can then be purchased the week of Valentine's Day for only \$2. All are encouraged to fill out the questionnaire this week, even if they do not have the intention of buying one. This way, their names can appear on other people's sheets and everyone will know their true "love match." This fundraiser is entertaining, makes the dull days of winter more entertaining, and is a great way for the Senior Class to raise money.

The proceeds from this event will go toward Senior Dinner Dance to help make it more affordable for everyone to attend. This year's

Senior Dinner Dance will be held at The Oasis. Contrary to some comments, this does not mean the dance is at Thunder Island. The Oasis is an extremely open, fancy, banquet room, where there is plenty of area for dancing, eating, and socializing, all within an amazing atmosphere.

Seniors are urged not to judge it before seeing how truly amazing it is. Having the dance so close to Fulton also makes transportation cheaper, with no fear of getting lost. This will also give students more time at their events after dinner dance. The price of tickets, as well as the date of the event, will be announced at a later date. What is known is that it will be the perfect way to end senior year. Be sure also to attend the Valentine's Day semi-formal during the week of Cupid's holiday. It is the perfect way to have fun with your friends or show your loved one you care.

Cap & Gown orders soon

With June rapidly approaching, the time is here to order graduation caps and gowns as well as invitations. A representative from

Josten's will be at the high school on Monday, January 31 and Tuesday, February 1 to take orders. Students should place their orders at the table outside of the auditorium.

Senior class shirts are also in the works! Within the next month students should be able to purchase the shirts they have been aching to be able to wear. The shirts will read, "On a scale of one to 10, we're an 11" on the back, and will also have a design on the front. Pricing is still in the works and Class President, Katelyn Holbrook, is working as fast as she can to get everything sorted out. When the opportunity arises, be sure to support the class and show pride in making it this far in high school.

In the coming year all the hard work and senioritis will pay off with a class trip to be announced later, senior day, Senior Dinner Dance and much more. Don't let the senior year blues get you down! You are halfway there and have almost reached the days you have been waiting for!

By Brenna Merry



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Raiders prime for showdown with lopsided win

Bring on the Section 3 Duals! That seemed to be the message delivered by the Fulton wrestling team on Thursday when they steamrolled past visiting Whitesboro 71-13. Turning their final tune-up before this Saturday's massive clash at Cicero-North Syracuse, Coach Conners matmen took turns pinning the Warrior opponents while racking up eight six point slams on the evening.

Greg Jodway and Brandon Hill delivered

lower weight pins at 112 and 119, a trend that was followed in pin-o-rama style by Adam Wallace (135), Devon Viscome (140) and Tony Torrese (152). Also pinning their opponents were Nick Woodworth (160), Zach Race (189) and Brennan Roberge (285).

The Raiders will now turn their attention toward a different band of Warriors as #2 seeded Fulton hopes to eventually meet #1 ranked Indian River at the Section 3 duals. Local rival

Phoenix and most of the other top teams in Section 3 will also be there in what looms as a big day of wrestling for local mat enthusiasts.

Bowlers back on track

Winless Bishop Grimes felt the force of Fulton's anger on Thursday when the Raider boys bowling team swamped the Cobras 4-0. Quickly putting Wednesday's 4-0 loss to CBA behind them, the boys improved to 7-1 overall and 5-1 in league play as Dan Wahl rolled an exceptional 708 series while joining teammate Brandon Wallon (645) with high game honors at 254. Zach Wright also helped key the Raider win with a 607 series.

Raider swimmers fall

The combined forces of CBA and Jamesville-Dewitt were too much for the Raider swim team to handle on Thursday in a 93-75 setback. Fulton claimed first place points in both the 200 and 400 reestyle relays as diving winner Steven Hanczyk joined Josh Strauss, Austin Curtis and Scott Bullard to win the 200 relay. Strauss returned to help aid the victorious 400 relay cause alongside teammates Ross Gardner, Dave Tallents and Dan Bateman,

Raiders seek momentum vs. Homer

Pride will be on the line tonight when the 1-8 Fulton boys basketball team takes on 1-9 Homer in Fulton in the first of a home and home series. Despite their overall mark, the Red Raiders are much more talented than their record shows, and if they play basketball the way that they are capable, then this should be a second straight win for Coach Kimpland's cagers.

The Homer Trojans are led in scoring by Casey Cleary with 11 points per game on the season, and if the Red Raiders eliminate him, then the team will have to make someone else beat us, if we take away their scorer then they will struggle." Overall the Red Raiders will need to play as a team and are looking for a big game from the seniors to rip through the Trojans. Come out and support the Raiders as tip off starts at 7 p.m.

By Hunter Gorton

Opinion

Take simple steps to become organized

By Ryann Crofoot

There are tons of times throughout the school year when I go to do my homework, and it takes me ten minutes to find it, because my backpack is a disaster. There are papers everywhere, and not in any particular order. Getting organized is essential to get through the school year. Being organized, however, is not usually a teen's forte.

To get started, get a folder, notebook, and/or binder for every class. Try color coding them to help you find which binder is for which class with a quick glance. For example, try using a green binder for science, a red one for math, and so on. You may want a separate folder for your homework, so it doesn't get crumpled in your bag, and is easy to find later.

When you get an assignment, write it in your agenda. It's there for a reason. Writing it down can help you prioritize your homework into which class should be done first. It will also make sure that you don't forget any assignments. When you write down the assignments, ask for a rubric and stick it with your agenda so you know what the teacher expects.

Be ready for tomorrow. At night, lay out your clothes, pack your backpack, and make your lunch so you are ready for the next day. Set all your stuff by the door so it's there as you are leaving. Being ready the day before can help make your mornings feel less rushed, and you will be less likely to forget things at home.

Clean out your things periodically. Whether you make it once a week or once a month, make sure you clean out your bag, getting rid of papers you don't need, and keeping ones you do. You may want a separate folder or binder so that when you find work you may want to keep, you can put it somewhere other than your bag.

Make a special study space. Keep it clean, and try to remove any distracting things away from that area. Keep anything you might need such as pens and pencils within arm's reach, so they are there when you need them. Always sit at the same area when you do your work, so that when you go there, your mind and body will recognize that it is time to work.

Have a set time for studying and homework. If you need a break after school, take one, but then get back to work. When you work, make sure that you take periodic breaks, so you don't overload your mind, and you can retain more information. Work for about a half hour, take



a short break, then get back to work.

Keep your notebooks neat. Don't write things you don't need in them, or fill the pages with random doodles. Keep a separate notebook for those things. Writing random things in your notebook will be a distraction.

Becoming organized won't happen overnight. You will have to work at it for a while to make it a habit, but it will certainly pay off in the end.

Bizarre News of the Day

Civil servants Kathy and Edward Francis planned to surprise their grandson Micah Strachan with the holiday of a lifetime to Florida in February. They were only going to tell Micah about it when they took him to the airport on February 19 for the flight to the US.

The couple had already spent more than £1,500 on plane tickets and had been organizing the trip for months, but last week, US Embassy officials denied the schoolboy a visa to enter the US. They said there was a risk he would not leave the US at the end of his holiday and refused his application under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Micah holds a South African passport because his grandparents Kathy and Edward, who have lived and worked in Britain since 1990, only got him a South African passport. They are originally from South Africa. A letter from Micah's primary school was included in his visa application confirming he attended the school, but the US Embassy's rejection letter to Micah said: "Because you either did not demonstrate strong ties outside the United States or were not able to demonstrate that your intended activities in the US would be consistent with the visa status, you are ineligible."

His grandmother Kathy, from Brixton, South London, said: "It was going to be a total surprise. He would have loved it. We feel so deflated by the whole experience. I want to know why he would be deprived of the holiday of a lifetime. It's crazy to think that he wouldn't leave the country. This is causing severe stress on the family. I am going to fight this."

Tessa Jowell, Labor MP for Dulwich and West Norwood, said: "I was very concerned to learn about the situation facing my constituents and of course understand the distress the decision has caused. I have asked the American authorities to look again at this and very much hope they will feel able to reconsider their decision." Meanwhile, the family has written to President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to ask for an explanation of the decision. A US Embassy spokesman said it was "not policy" to comment on individual immigration cases.

By Morgan Firenze

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Three new movies hit the screens for weekend



It's the final week of the first semester. You should be home studying for finals or putting the finishing touches on that project that is due on Monday. Or, you could be checking out a new movie.

If that's your line of thinking, there are several new ones that look like real winners, *The Way Back*, *The Company Men* and *No Strings Attached*. As always, check the local theater listings for times and availability for these movies.

friends who agree to start a casual fling, thinking they can do it without emotional baggage. Sounds easy, right? Sure, until love gets in the way. From then on, they must decide whether they can make their new friendship work.

FBLA Dance tonight with Jus Mic from Hot 107.9 7-10 p.m. \$5 admission bring your ID

The Way Back: A small band of multicultural convicts stages a daring escape from a World War II era Siberian gulag, then embarks on a dangerous journey across five countries in a desperate race for freedom and survival. An intense drama, this movie is a must-see once it hits the box office this weekend.

The Company Men - The Company Men focuses on a group of very successful businessmen who are suddenly without jobs because of corporate downsizing. They are immediately affected and begin taking any job they can, but are not used to actual manual labor. This lay-off not only opens the eyes of the men, but ultimately reminds them what is really important in life.

No Strings Attached - Natalie Portman and Ashton Kutcher play two

Meet the Reporters

Christine Proud, Junior

Christine joined the staff of The Raider to be a reporter and a photographer. Outside of school Christine is a member of the tennis team, and the drama club. She also likes music a lot. One thing you don't know about Christine is that she has an obsession with giraffes and platypuses.



Compiled by Patty Morrison

Quote of the day:

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'" **Mary Anne Radmacher**

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Raider Sports



Zach Race and the Raider wrestlers have some unfinished business to attend to this weekend when they look to regain the Section III Dual Meet title. Action will take place all day at Cicero-North Syracuse on Saturday, where the Raiders enter the day as the #2 seed behind unbeaten Indian River. (Kayla Hanczyk photo)

Learning to ski: halfway down

By Tyler Crandell

Another Tuesday, another Ski/Snowboard Club excursion to Labrador Mountain. This trip came with much anticipation. From two runs the first trip to 11 runs the second, I had improved a ton. Last trip I had gotten myself prepared to go straight away, so I wouldn't waste any time. It's a lot more fun skiing than falling, and this being said I was looking forward to trip three a lot more than I was looking forward to trip two. This time I looked to build on a good trip from a week ago.

Once again I packed a dufflebag Monday night. In the morning I also threw together a bagged "lunch" to eat at the lodge. I had forgot to print out a rental form last week until about 15 minutes before the bus left, and this time I didn't want to do the same thing. I had planned to print one out sometime by the end of last week so I could have it ready to go by Tuesday. But instead I procrastinated again and ended up printing one off during ninth bell and filling it out on the bus. Either way I was all prepared and ready to go. The bus was a little late, as the driver had gone to pick up the Ski Club at the wrong door of the school. But he eventually came to where he was supposed to be and we got on.

Once again things were running well, right from when we got off the bus. I knew the routine from the previous two weeks and what to do. I threw my gear on and went down to rent some boots and skis. While it had been recommended that I take lessons every week, I had decided to go without last Tuesday and went with that approach again. I headed over to Razorback and boarded the ski lift. On the way up I realized how tired I was and started to psyche myself out, thinking that I had forgotten how to turn. However this wasn't the case as I was able to disembark from the lift and ski down the mountain with ease. Last week I had stayed on this slope the whole time and ended up doing 11 runs. This time I felt comfortable enough with my ability to give a different slope a try.

After six runs I went in for some dinner. I hadn't fallen at all yet and was feeling pretty good about things. I wanted to eat to keep up my energy so that I could maintain good form while skiing down the mountain. Actually, I was just hungry. Anyway I ate what I packed and decided to head out to the triple ski lift for the first time. Getting on it was a little more

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Girls seek third straight win at J-D

With back to back wins for the Lady Raider volleyball team, the girls are that much closer to sectional play-offs. Although they were in a rut for a few games, the Raiders have gotten it together in order to beat East Syracuse-Minoa and Solvay.

The Raiders will face Jamesville-Dewitt tonight at 7:30 in J-D. Players that the Raider must look out for are Ally Loewy with 67 kills, Jenna Hayward with 56 kills and Jess Butler with 40. Their defensive strength comes from Emily Parker with 134 digs, Ally Loey with 47 and Lexi Lerman with 45 digs.

Leading hitters for the Fulton volleyball team include Erika Johnson with 100 kills, Kirsten Francis with 56 and Elyse Cianfarano with 45. These hitters are assisted by Kali Kearns with 58 assists and Emily Ervin with 77 successful sets. Top defensive players for the Lady Raiders include libero, Kassy McCann with 92 digs and Kirsten Francis close behind with 90.

The Raiders have been improving steadily throughout the season. Although they have struggled with a few teams, their skills are shining through as the season winds down. Come support your fellow classmates at their next home match next Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Fairgrieve Elementary.

By Kirsten Francis

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Hockey @ Auburn (6 p.m.); Boys Bball vs. Homer (5:30/7 p.m.); Girls Bball @ Homer (5:30/7 p.m.); Vball @ J-D (6:00/7:30).

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

Tuesday, Jan. 25: Boys Bball @ Homer (5:30/7 p.m.).

Thursday, Jan. 27: Hockey @ Hamilton (6:30); Swim vs. Pulaski (5 p.m.); Wrestling vs. ES-M (6 p.m.); Bowling vs. ES-M (3:30 @ Mattydale).

NFL Picks



Brett Williams
 Last week: 1-3
 Overall: 132-76

The Green Bay Packers are going all the way, plain and simple. They've proven themselves as being the NFC's best. Their explosive offense and high powered defense have carried them throughout the season and into the playoffs.

Aaron Rodgers has shown confidence in his decision making. Not only that, but they also have acquired a running game they haven't had in previous seasons.

Although the Jets beat the Patriots, they face a tough opponent in the Steelers this week. Mark Sanchez and the Jets' defense will need to be sharp in order to get to the Super Bowl. They've slipped a few times, and one more time will only put them out of the hunt for the ring. Packers all the way!

Brett Says:
 Packers
 Jets



Max Fobes
 Last week: 3-1
 Overall: 129-79

This is what it all comes down to; a rivalry match-up for the NFC Championship. The Packers are headed into Chicago hot off a blow-out win over the number one seeded Atlanta Falcons. Aaron Rodgers has led the team with over 350 yards through the air just last week, but outdoors at Chicago in the middle of January it is not going to be as nice to the Green Bay attack. With the stormy, wet, cold conditions at home I think the Bears have the definite edge.

Chicago's defense has been the story all season long and with Jay Cutler running your offense you can't go wrong. Chicago coach Lovie Smith has said all season their two biggest goals, "eat their biggest rival the Green Bay Packers and earn a spot to contend for the Super Bowl." With a win this Sunday they will kill two birds with one stone. For all you Green Bay fans I hope your Super Bowl isn't spoiled, Bears win and watch the Packers pack it in.

Max says:
 Chicago
 Pittsburgh



Mr. Senecal
 Last week: 2-2
 Overall: 127-81

Several of the league's most storied franchises will lace them up this Sunday with the hopes of advancing to the NFL's ultimate stage: the Super Bowl.

Green Bay has won the big game three times, including the first two AFL-NFL championship games, while the Jets lone appearance, in Super Bowl III, is still recalled by many as the greatest upset ever. Pittsburgh owns five Super Bowl titles and the Bears have one memorable victory in the Super Bowl, but stand as one of the most famous teams in NFL history.

With all that in mind, past history will have no bearing on this Sunday's games. Two factors will determine who advances: penalties and turnovers. We saw it last weekend and we will see it again this Sunday. No one is playing as well as Aaron Rodgers right now, so I have to give a nod toward the Packers. As for the AFC, I dislike both the Steelers and Jets, but the Jets seem like a team of destiny at this point..

Mr. S says:
 Packers
 Jets



Nick Mattice
 Last week: 2-2
 Overall: 122-86

The Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears hold the oldest rivalry in the NFL. This game will prove who is the elite team in not only the NFC North, but in the entire NFC. Both teams will look to get out and score early, but the biggest impact will be on the defensive side.

Green Bay's pass rush has proven to be too much for the high-powered Eagles and the #1 ranked Falcons. Aaron Rodgers has played incredibly over these two games and looks to keep his roll going and take out the only team standing in the way of the Super Bowl, the rival Bears.

The defense of the Packers is playing better than they have all year. Tramon Williams has three interceptions, including one to save the game against the Eagles and one he took to between the pylons. Clay Matthews has added three sacks and I think the way the Packers are playing and all of the momentum they have acquired will get them to Dallas.

Nick says:
 Packers
 Jets



Don Wilmot
 Last week: 1-3
 Overall: 118-90

In the battle of the big cities, The Steelers look to take down the Jets. The Jets defense has beaten legendary quarterbacks, Peyton Manning, and Tom Brady in back-to-back games.

Both teams defenses have been playing excellent, and their offenses putting up big numbers, this game could come down to a battle in the trenches, good old-fashioned power football. The Jets will soar, in a 21-17 thriller.

Don says:
 Chicago
 NY Jets

Opinion

Video games are the scapegoat again

By Jennifer Woodruff

Have you been watching the news lately? There have been various psychologists insinuating that video games are a mental health risk, mainly to adolescents and teenagers. They said that parents who allow their kids to play violent video games for more than two hours a day, will basically turn them into homicidal maniacs.

Really, we're playing the "video game mind control" card again? The only reason why the news reporters are on this whole rant is because of the Tucson shooter's "addiction" to video games. So, due to the demented shooter's dependencies upon make-shift realities, normal everyday kids and teens who enjoy this genre of games are to be seen as threats?



"The only reason why the news reporters are on this whole rant is because of the Tucson shooter's 'addiction' to video games."

Let me tell you something; all a psycho needs is one little spark of something to get him hooked. Once thoughts riddled with hatred and amusing "what ifs?" come about, it doesn't take a lot for lunatics to act on those thoughts.

Are you really going to tell me that since my little brother plays video games with "Teen" ratings on them that he will eventually want to see how killing someone will make him feel? A mere boy, ten years of age, who excels so highly with his academics, will feel so compelled by a battle game, where Pikachu and Link reside, that he may want to try thrusting a sword through some real human flesh? I never knew that an attachment to a television screen could have such deadly consequences. I will add that many people play video games to escape the world they live in, but people also do this by reading books, watching television, or going on the internet. Don't all of those things listed pose the same threat as video games? Sure, everyone on this planet has their own opinions, but when they turn their thoughts into comments on a mes-

Halfway down

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tricky than the double, but it got easier each time.

I went down five runs, coasting through the woods and keeping to the left. It was a little bit faster and a steeper slope than Razorback but it was easy to pick up on. For a sixth run I veered off that main path and went to the right onto "Minipi Rapids." It was pretty steep and the fastest one I've been on yet. It was definitely pretty fun though. After that I headed over to Razorback again to round off the evening. Compared to the other slope it was much easier.

Overall, I went 13 runs with zero falls. No falling while standing in line for the ski lift or taking a spill going down the mountain. Compared to last week, and definitely the first week, I've gotten a lot better. I look to improve even more and hopefully take on different and more challenging runs.

sage board or a world famous novel, there are people of all mind frames who may learn to thrive off things like that.

For instance, not only was the shooter playing intense games, but he was also posting comments on a message board for the game called "Earth Empire." This video game is focused more upon strategy and tactic than any serious violence. However, being set in medieval times where killing someone didn't necessarily involve shooting them, other brutal tactics were used. It seemed to be his "vent" for all of the stress he was undergoing. Instead of having a conversation with his parents, he ranted online to people who weren't too thrilled by him to begin with. As you can see, the further incorporation of other anonymous presences on the internet were also a slight encouragement, as the shooter relayed his many disturbing ideas to them. The feedback he received from these people may have also helped back his drive to start shooting up a crowd of innocent on-lookers and dreamers of many kinds. Then again, there are more influences which thrive on this planet, looking every day for more followers to keep them company.

Overpopulation: a problem we simply cannot overcome

By Daniel Summerville

Throughout the world, there are countless people who are starving. Cities are becoming overcrowded, forcing people to live on the streets. All over the world, there are people living in poverty, under conditions that are unsanitary or unsafe.

While some may think that it is up to them to try and help, they may be trying in vain. It is clear that the earth has reached its breaking point; it may not be possible for the earth to support the number of people that now live here.

In the January 2011 edition of *National Geographic Magazine*, there was an article entitled "Population 7 Billion." According to the society's

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research, in 2011 the world population will reach seven billion humans. This number is far above the estimates of the earth's carrying capacity. With so many people, the earth may not be able to support everyone. Seven billion is a lot of people, but the population will not stop growing after the seven billionth child is born. As medical treatments improve, the population will continue to grow.

Of course, the population cannot grow forever, and because there are already too many people for the earth to support, we are already seeing the effects of overpopulation. People are going to starve and die out in massive numbers, and there is nothing any amount of financial aid can do to stop it. The earth is overpopulated, and the problems are just beginning.

Even though there is not much we can do about the effects of overpopulation, there is even less we can do to stop it. In poorer countries, the population will continue to grow for years. The problem of overpopulation is going to continue for years to come, and there may be nothing that anyone can do about it.



School of Thought compiled by Kirsten Francis and Kayla Hanczyk What do you think about the Valentine's Day survey?



"The questions were wierd."
Alana McClellan



"Bogus."
Mark Bailey



"I liked it."
Laura Perwitz



"The questions were different, which I liked."
Tori Reitz

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with snow. High in the mid-20s. Record high-59 (1959). Avg. high: 31

Tonight:



Snow showers. Low in the mid-single digits. Record low: -12 (2005) Avg. low: 13

Tomorrow:

Cloudy with a few snow showers. High under 10, low around 0. Record high/low: 59/-19 (1959/1984). Avg. 31/13.

Sunday:

Cloudy skies. High around 0, low around -10.. Record high/low:59/-18 (1967/1976) Avg. 31/13

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