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## Raiders claim five titles at Division I final

Five was a favored number for the Fulton wrestling team on Saturday when the Raiders went a perfect five for five in the finals to claim a fifth consecutive Division I title at the Section 3 Championship Meet. In securing the third jewel of the Section 3 Wrestling crown, Fulton once again out-pointed Indian River in the final tally by outscoing the Warriors 233.5 to 199. Cicero-North Syracuse also finished the day with 199 points, with Mexico a distant fourth at 123.

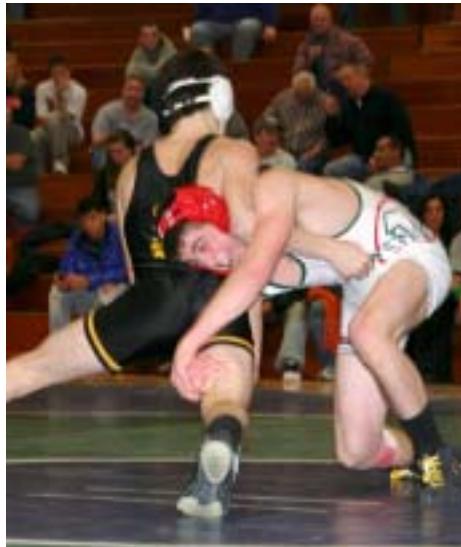
Five Raider wrestlers will now advance to the New York State Championship at Albany's Times-Union Center on February 25-26, all hoping to earn the coveted title of NYS Champion. David Hall led the way as the meet's Most Outstanding Wrestler with fellow senior Zach Race also claiming individual glory as a weight class champion. Juniors Adam Wallace and Nick Woodworth joined freshman Thomas Hill on the top rung of the Section 3 podium as well as Fulton added the Division I title to their recent Dual Meet and Class A Tournament triumphs.

After being denied a third straight Section 3 title in his junior season, David Hall left no room for doubt this time around in a performance that earned him Most Outstanding Wrestler honors for the day. Hall pinned three straight opponents in a combined 9:23 to run his mark to 47-1 on the season and 140-36 overall in a career that includes three sectional crowns in four years.

Zach Race wasted even less time booking his return visit to the New York State Championship with three pins in 5:06 to improve to 42-4 on the year. The dominating 189-pounder finished the day at a career mark of 103-16 with a phenomenal 72 pins, including eight in a row and all six opponents in the Class A and Section 3 Tournaments.

Also insuring a great day for the Raider wrestling faithful was Nick Woodworth (35-8), as he scored a repeat of his 160 pound win at the Class A finals with a 16-6 overpowering of IR's Matt Simpson. But the fun didn't stop there for Fulton as Adam Wallace was equally impressive as he improved to 43-2 on the season with a pin at 1:41 to prevail in the 135 pound final.

In the 96-pound ring, Thomas Hill ran his



**David Hall claimed his third sectional crown in four seasons and was named Most Outstanding Wrestler on Saturday at the Division I championships. Hall and four teammates will now compete for the state title in Albany. (RND file photo by Taylor Harvey)**

record to 28-3 by following up last week's 2-0 win over Jody Brown of Indian River with a 7-2 decision in the finals. Along the way the freshman also avenged his last loss, a 2-0 setback in the finals of the Section 3 Duals, by outlasting Indian River's Nick Toutant 2-1.

Raider wrestlers were also dominating in the third place matches, registering three wins in four tries led by Devon Viscome, who scored a 28 second pin in the consolation round to earn third place points for the Raiders at 140.

A competitive 152 pound weight class saw Tony Toresse battle back from a heart-breaking 2-1 overtime loss to eventual champion Garrick Cook of Indian River to earn third place honors. Toresse scored a 7-6 consolation win over Cortland's Tyler Thayer to finish a 27-6 campaign with third place honors at 152.

Also finishing third for Fulton was 171-pounder Nick Muckey with an exciting 13-11 win, while Brennan Roberge placed fourth in the 285 pound ring.

Taking the sixth spot on the podium to aid the victorious team total were Connor Aldash (103), Derek Harris (125), and Derek Owen, who placed sixth despite wrestling well above his weight at 215.

## Upset win propels Raider spikers

Don't count the champs out yet. Such was the case on Friday night when Fulton took its show on the road to upset #2-seeded Watertown in the second round of the Class A sectionals. Attacking the Cyclones from all sides, the #7-seed Raiders used a total team effort to climb to 12-7 on the season on the strength of a 25-18, 25-19 and 25-16 run to victory. It was all E's and K's for Fulton as Erika Johnson led the way with 17 kills, Emily Ervin had 16 assists and Elyse Cianfarano chipped in with six kills and three aces to go with Kirsten Francis' 13 digs and nine kills, 11 digs and two aces by

Kassie McCann and 19 assists off the hand of Kali Kearns.

A familiar foe stands in the way of Fulton's sixth straight trip to the Class A finals and a shot at a third consecutive Class A crown as the Raiders meet #3-seed Oneida at 6 p.m. on Tuesday evening at Jamesville-Dewitt. The Indians improved to 14-2 on the season by besting J-D 3-1 on Friday to set up a rematch of last year's Class A finale which will also stand as the fifth playoff meeting in the past six years between the two perennial强houses.

## This week in Raider Sports

- Today:** Boys Bball vs. Homer (5:30/7 p.m.).  
**Tuesday, Feb. 15:** Boys BBall vs. ES-M (5:30/7 p.m.); Girls Bball @ ES-M (5/6 p.m.); Girls Vball vs. Oneida (6 p.m. @ J-D).  
**Wednesday, Feb. 16:** Bowling vs. Bishop Grimes (3:30 @ Mattydale).  
**Thursday, Feb. 17:** Boys BBall @ Phoenix (5:30/7 p.m.).

## Opinion

# Valentine's Day: take it for what it really is

By Brenna Merry

For many it's that time of year where loves fills the air. There are hearts skipping beats, sweaty palms and the smell of flowers bringing smiles across the world. For others it's a reminder of the fact that love has yet to enter their life. These circumstances are what cause people to love the holiday or absolutely despise it.



Often times people question whether or not Valentine's Day is just a commercialized event for stores to make money, wondering why there should be a specific day to show someone you love them. However, this holiday did not just come out of nowhere. The tradition dates back to the age of the Roman Empire. Sources say it began as a day to honor Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. One festival involved girls names being drawn out of a jar by the boys, these pairs would be partners for the festival. Often times these couples would fall in love and get married. Concepts such as a flying baby shooting people with arrows called "Cupid" are also rooted back into history and Greek Mythology.

In the early 19th century the concept of the heart shaped box arose. It was the ultimate representation of what someone has meant to you. In present times, Valentine's Day cards are sent at a rate of one billion a year! Although it is evident that the holiday did not just come out of nowhere, it has changed into a day more about shiny jewelry and romantic dinners. Many couples fight to make sure their wedding day is on this "Day of Love," and girlfriends across the world wait to hear their boyfriends pop "the question," on February 14th.

It seems that as time passes people develop a near holiday madness that almost destroys the true meaning of these days. Stores begin celebrating Christmas, Halloween and Valentine's Day months in advance to get people to begin spending. Valentine's Day is supposed to be as simple as a box of chocolates or a hand-written letter. It began as a day of love without presents and is now a day where girls find themselves disappointed that they didn't get the perfect gift. Ironically, this is showing the exact opposite of love.

Seize this Valentine's Day for what it is supposed to be. Show love to everyone around you and embrace all the frilly hearts and giddy teenagers. No matter what your relationship status on facebook reads, you should appreciate Valentine's Day as a day to love the people who are important to you. Whether it be your "special someone," your fam-

ily, friends or even yourself. This year the school is ensuring that this holiday does not go wasted for anyone!

Starting on Valentine's Day and continuing on through the week students can find out their true love match who walks the halls of G. Ray Bodley! The answers to the Love Questionnaires will be on sale during lunch bells for \$2. Even if you highly doubt their accuracy, it's still a fun way to enjoy the holiday and laugh with friends. Who knows, the name you pick may be the one you spend your day with and even-

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tually, marry!

Also on sale are Valentine's Day flowers for \$1.50. Flowers are the ultimate Valentine way of showing someone you care, including parents, friends, and teachers as well as your special someone! Don't be on Cupid's hit list, enjoy the holiday and everything it represents.

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## Quote of the day:

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The Beatles**

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## In the News

# UEFA Champions League resumes this week

After a two month break, the UEFA Champions League kicks off this week. Europe's premier soccer tournament has boiled the 32 team group stage down to a round of 16. In the earlier stage, eight four- team groups cycled through six rounds with teams playing each other twice, over the course of two months. With three points for a win, one for a tie and zero for a loss, the tables ended up revealing some of the break-through teams of the season and that many of the likely suspects had come out on top.

In the round of 16, group winners are paired up with second-place finishers of different groups, and the two teams must not be from the same domestic league. The third and fourth place finishers have been knocked out. This round is a two-legged affair with teams competing at their home stadium and their opponent's, giving both the element of home field advantage. An aggregate score is compiled after both fixtures with the team coming out on top moving through to the next round. The other is eliminated from the competition. In the event of a tie, the team scoring the most away goals will advance, with extra time and

even penalty kicks working as further tie-breakers.

Champions League play resumes from Wednesday, February 15 to Thursday, Feb. 23, with teams playing each other according to breaks in their domestic league schedule. The return fixtures of this round will be played from March 8-16, giving some teams who looked out of it, hope to come back and others an opportunity to solidify their place in the quarterfinal. Regardless of the outcomes of this round, it is sure that it will be an extremely entertaining set of soccer matches.

England's Tottenham Hotspur will travel to AC Milan while Arsenal plays host to Spanish juggernaut and 2009 winner Barcelona in two of the first matches. Chelsea is at Kobenhavn and Spain's Real Madrid visits Lyon of France in other encounters, while Manchester United is at Marseilla of France and 2010 runner-up Bayern Munich is on the road at Internazionale. Rounding out the list of pairings, Schalke is at Valencia and Italy's Roma plays host to surprising Shakhtar Donetsk.

The title is up for grabs as last year's champions, Inter Milan, have already been eliminated from the competition. *By Tyler Crandell*

## GRB announcements:

Photo Club members are reminded to come to Ms. Amerault's room 120 to sign up for the Eastman House field trip in Rochester on March 25. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

There will be a quick meeting after school for all girls interested in playing JV girls lacrosse today in Room 209. All girls in grades 9 and 10 who think they may be interested in playing this coming

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spring should plan on attending. That's today in Room 209 at 2:25. See Coach Rothrock for details.

## Bizarre News of the Day

A man has been charged with making a fake bomb threat after leaving a toilet that looked like it had been rigged with a bomb outside a public building. The man attached a cellphone, an electronic device, and a signed note to the toilet before leaving it outside the old Baltimore County courthouse in Maryland.

The county bomb squad was called to investigate but the toilet, which had also been adorned with newspaper clippings and photographs, posed no danger, police said. Last Monday night he was charged with making a false statement on Facebook about leaving destructive devices outside the building, and bail was set at \$200,000.

He told a judge in court that he had planted similar toilets all over Baltimore, including one in front of the Baltimore City Schools headquarters. He said he never intended to make a fake bomb and that all the toilets were pieces of art depicting racism in America. The court denied his request to be released from custody in order to attend his mother's funeral.

*By Morgan Firenze*

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## Valentine's Day

# Theoretical histories of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day love can be traced back to 1415, to a poem by Charles, Duke of Orleans to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London after he was captured at the Battle of Agincourt. The love letter is part of a manuscript collection which resides in the British Library in London, England. Even several years later it is believed that King Henry V hired a writer named John Lydgate to compose a valentine note to Catherine of Valois.

Around the seventeenth century valentines began to be widely celebrated in Great Britain and by the eighteenth century, friends and lovers would commonly exchange small tokens of affection and handwritten notes to others of all social classes. With the improvement of the printing press, the replacement of the hand-operated Gutenberg-style press by steam-powered rotary presses allowed printing on an industrial scale. This replaced hand-written signs of affection at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discour-

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aged. Cheaper postage rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings.

Valentine's Days real roots can be traced back to contain ancient mixes of Christian and Catholic religion, but it is widely believed that Valentine was a Priest who served in third century Rome, and the legend goes that as Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men, his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

When you're signing your Valentines letter remember that it is believed that Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting him-

self. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl who may have been his jailor's daughter and who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed "From your Valentine." This expression is still in use today between lovers

and has traveled down throughout history due to coincidental love.

Even though the legends are sketchy, their roots are very probable. Besides what does it matter when love is all that really matters?

Happy Valentine's Day.

*By Andrew Pitcher*

## The bizarre history of the Hope Diamond

A diamond is the ultimate gift of love. But not every diamond has a happy history surrounding it. Such is the case with the Hope Diamond.

The history of the stone which was eventually named the Hope Diamond began when the French merchant traveller, Jean Baptiste, purchased a 112 3/16-carat diamond. This diamond, which was most likely from a mine in India, is somewhat triangular in shape, and crudely cut. Its color was described by Tavernier as a "beautiful violet." The legend involving the stone is gruesome. It is said that Tavernier stole the large blue diamond from the forehead (or eye) of a statue of the Hindu goddess Sita.

Tavernier sold the diamond to King Louis XIV of France in 1668 with 14 other large diamonds and several smaller ones. In 1673 the stone was recut by the court jeweler into a much smaller version. In the royal inventories, its color was described as an intense steely-blue and the stone became known as the "Blue Diamond of the Crown," or the "French Blue." It was set in gold and suspended on a neck ribbon which the king wore on ceremonial occasions.

In 1791, after an attempt by Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette to flee France, the jewels of the French Royal Treasury were turned over to the government. During a week-long looting of the crown jewels in September of 1792, the French Blue diamond was stolen. According to the legend, Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI were beheaded during the French Revolution because of the blue diamond's curse. The family for which the Hope Diamond got its name was not spared from the curse. According to the legend, the once-rich Hopes went bankrupt because of the Hope Diamond.

A glamorous figure since her finishing school days in Paris, Evalyn McLean, the newly married socialite, wore the lavish diamond with pride and loaned it out in hopes of establishing the gem as a good luck charm. Yet McLean's efforts might have been in vain, for there is no doubt that she led a tragic life. Her young son was struck by a car and killed, her daughter committed suicide and her husband ended up in an insane asylum. More than anyone, Walsh McLean became the poster child for the Hope Diamond's legendary curse.

In November 1958, the stone was sent by registered and certified mail with \$1 million in insurance to the Smithsonian Institute, wrapped in plain brown paper. Though the Smithsonian appears to have maintained the Hope curse-free, James G. Todd, the postman who delivered the stone, did not escape so easily. He was hit by a truck and survived, only to be widowed before his dog died and his home caught fire.

Whether the curse is real, or it is just many strange occurrences, the Hope Diamond has brought the Institution nothing but good luck — and a steady stream of visitors for the past 50 years.

*By Morgan Firenze*

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# *What would be the perfect gift for Valentines Day?*



"A nice candle-lit dinner."

Steven Segouin



"Box of chocolates."

Joe Sutton



"Flowers."

Taylor Sanchez



"Chocolate."

Bobby Bonnie

## Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with a few rain and snow showers.  
High in the low-40s.  
Record high: 56 (1984).  
Avg. high: 33.

Tonight:



A few clouds. Low around 10.  
Record low: -20 (1979)  
Avg. low: 15

Tomorrow:



Mainly sunny. High in the mid-20s.  
Record high: 64 (1954)  
Avg. high: 33

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