

Raiders charge into Class A volleyball final

A little less than a month ago the varsity volleyball team was struggling to put together a winning season.

My how times have changed.

And on Wednesday night Coach Richardson's charges moved to within one victory of a rags to riches story by upending #3-seeded Oneida 3-1 to advance to this Saturday's Class A championship match. Improving their record to 12-7 on the season, the #7-seed Raiders scored a repeat of last year's Class A final while claim-

ing their third straight win in sectional play. With #2 Watertown and #3 Oneida both vanquished, Fulton has its eyes set firmly on top seed and 18-1 Homer, a 3-1 winner over Whitesboro in Wednesday's other Class A semi-final as the Raiders go gunning for their third consecutive Section 3 crown.

Fulton opened with wins of 25-22 and 25-17 before Oneida rallied to take a 25-19 decision in the third game. But rather than fold, the Raiders responded with an overpowering

25-12 victory to book their sixth straight trip to the Class A final.

It was another combined team effort as Kirsten Francis and Erika Johnson knocked down seven kills apiece and Francis added 10 digs to go with six kills from Elyse Cianfarano and 18 assists by Kali Kearns. Kassie McCann had three aces and eight digs for the Raiders to offset nine aces from Oneida's Candra Connelly and nine kills with 27 assists from Paige Pendleton for the 13-3 Indians.



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Mock Trial team set to defend county crown

By Ryann Crofoot

It may only have been a scrimmage, but after overcoming some last minute adversity, the G. Ray Bodley High School Mock Trial Team looks more than ready to defend the county title. Although the scrimmage was a learning experience, the GRB Mock Trial team came out on top against Sandy Creek. Students had to miss classes in order to prepare for the event, and their hard work paid off.

Students were given a case based on a real trial that has already been tried. The students are then split up into defense and plaintiff attorneys and witnesses, and have to learn the case. The teams then meet in competition, each team bringing either defense or plaintiff to the event. The attorneys would then ask the witnesses who, what, when, where and why questions in an attempt to pull the judge to their side. The judge will make their decision, and will announce the winner.

Students are given points based on how well they know the case, objections made, how professionally they conduct themselves in the courtroom, and overall respectfulness. There are time restrictions for how long an attorney can question each witness, and they begin to lose points if they go over it.

The GRB Mock Trial team has been working hard since the beginning of January to learn the information, but when the big day finally came, chaos ensued. They went to the library for some last minute preparation, only to discover that two of their team members could not attend the competition. Other team members, Logan Carvey and Christine Proud stepped up to the plate. Carvey, a freshman,

the baby of the team, became one of the plaintiff attorneys, and had to learn the case and come up with strategy in less than four hours. Proud, a two-year member of the team, had to learn the ins and outs of the information of witness Chris Crangle in the same amount of time.

Despite the difficulties, the Mock Trial team managed to pull a win out of the scrimmage, as well as some valuable advice for future competitions.

Last year, the GRB Mock Trial team was the county champs, winning \$250 upon graduation, and advancing all the way to the regional competitions later in the year. Sadly, the team left regionals without being able to grab a win. This year, though, the team plans to advance to regionals again, and, with hard work and a little luck, be able to take home a win.

Class of 2011
group picture

Thursday, March 3,
7:30 a.m. in the gym

Bodley's Got Talent
set for April 13

Are you preparing? Bodley's Got Talent needs you!

The H.O.P.E Clubs annual Bodley's Got Talent show will be held on Wednesday, April 13. This date allows all going on the band trip to participate before heading off to Florida. In order to really be in the running for first place start preparing your acts now!

Not really into being the center of attention? Prepare yourself for all the amazing talents to be displayed, and be sure to be ready for April 13. **By Vanessa Langdon**

Volleyball challenge coming February 28

With the volleyball season coming to a close it was yet another remarkable season for the girls. Physical education classes throughout the school brushed up on their hits and now the school volleyball tournament is just around the corner. Mrs. Richardson and the volleyball girls are hosting yet another school-wide volleyball tournament for 2011. The games will be held at the high school from 3-6 pm on Monday, February 28, the first day of school after winter break.

The maximum of ten teams have entered in their roster and are set to battle for gold. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and even third place teams for their accomplishments against a tough line-up of nine other teams. Food and Drink are likely to be served and an open audience is encouraged to support their team. Three courts will be set up; two in the main gym and a third in the back gym. Courts are to be regulation size and official rules followed. Come have fun, bring a friend and enjoy the annual volleyball tournament.

By Max Fobes

Opinion

The day that someone schooled the fools

By Jennifer Woodruff

So, I was sitting in lunch the other day and there were many people using the vending machine located in the cafeteria. Now, my table is right next to this crazy contraption, so I get the privilege of witnessing all of the chaos revolving around that area.

Today was quite different from the usual curse-throwing shenanigans I'm used to, mainly because there were a few delighted faces circling around it. The first to try their hand at actually getting something out of the machine, without losing their money, was some young gent whom I have never met before. He tried to purchase some chips and other goodies, but the machine, wait for it, "ate" his money.

So, what is the proper thing to do in a situation like this? Press the money return button and forget about the darn thing, of course! That is what he did, and happily went on his way. There was more to it than that however, because apparently as his money was dispensed he received a lot more back than what was actually put in.

Well, you can be sure some other goonies behind him got quite the thrill when they figured out how to "trick" the mechanical monstrosity. So, off they went one by one, trying to gain an extra penny in their trousers. Sure, this system seemed to be working quite well, but where one thought that he could get away with his tomfoolery with the me-



chanical device, he could not dupe the true ruler of the kingdom- the lunch monitor.

Yes, she quickly stepped in and stopped the thieving hoodlums right in their tracks (and was not shamed in the least to announce that they were in fact stealing from the machine, and thus the school itself) as she turned the machine off and slapped the out of order sign on the front.

So, let it be said to those who care enough to actually read this short article; sometimes the greatest model of maturity and wisdom is not

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found amongst superior teachers in this school, but in the chaotic realm of the school cafeteria where one woman had the guts to school the fools.

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Bizarre News of the Day

A one-year-old Chinese girl has apparently set a new world record for having the most fingers and toes on any living person. Lei Yadi Min has seven toes on each foot and six fingers on each hand for a total of 26 digits.

Min is now waiting for official recognition. The current record holders are two children in India, one who is five-years-old and the other is 15. Both have 12 fingers and 13 toes. All of the extra digits are a result of an anomaly that occurs in one in every 500 live births with the extra digits usually non-functional.

Although quite a large number, the children still are short of the all-time number of 15 fingers and 16 toes that an anonymous child, also in China, was born with. That child didn't make the record books however because the extra digits were removed shortly after birth by doctors.

By Morgan Firenze

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Something for everyone in this week's movies

Winter break is upon us! What better time to catch a movie? This weekend's new releases offer something for everyone in the way of action, comedy and a psychological thriller.

I Am Number Four - Three are dead, and he is number four. D.J. Caruso delivers an action-packed thriller about a young man, John Smith (Alex Pettyfer), who is a fugitive on the run from ruthless enemies sent to destroy him. Changing his

identity he moves from town to town with his guardian named Henri (Timothy Olyphant), John is always the new kid and always feels left out. In a small town in Ohio where he now calls home, John encounters life changing events, his first love (Dianna Agron), and powerful new abilities. (Science Fiction / Action)

Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son - Martin Lawrence stars as FBI agent Malcolm Turner in his third role in the Big Momma's House series. This film shows Lawrence's cross-dressing alter ego, Big Momma, heading to an all-girls school with his nephew, Trent (Brandon T. Jackson), in order to catch a murderer. (Comedy)



Unknown - A man (Liam Neeson) wakes up from a coma after a sig-

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nificant car crash while on a business trip to Europe only to find that some other man has taken his identity and stepped into his life. Even his wife acts like she has never seen him before when he confronts her in a panic. He then makes it his mission to take back his identity. (Drama ñ Thriller)

Meet the Reporters

Daniel Summerville, Junior

Daniel joined the staff of The Raider to report about the Outdoor Adventure Club. Outside of school, he enjoys hiking, camping, hunting and farming.



One thing that you don't know about Daniel is that he lives on a dairy farm.

Compiled by Patty Morrison

Quote of the day:

"Money doesn't make you rich. Life does."
Jack, *Boy Meets World*.

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School of Thought compiled by Max Fobes & Don Wilmot

What are your plans over winter break?



"Snow Boarding."

Jake Erhard



"Sitting home, and doing nothing."

Tiffany Travato



"Drama Rehearsal all week."

Joe Medico



"Catch up on Jersey Shore."

Jared Hyde

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



A few rain showers.
High in the mid-40s.
Record high: 60 (2006)
Avg. high: 34

Tonight:



Cloudy with a few rain showers. Low in the upper-30s.
Record low: -17 (1979);
Avg. low: 16

Tomorrow:



A few rain showers.
High in the mid-50s.
Record high: 62 (1981)
Avg. high: 34

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