

Stories vary on origin of April Fool's Day

Today is April Fool's Day; a holiday known for great pranks and funny stories. On April Fool's Day, also known as All Fool's Day, tricks great and small are played on friends, family, and even the world at large. It's a holiday celebrated all over the world, from Australia to Russia to the US. But why do we celebrate this crafty holiday?

Despite the fact that this holiday extends all over the world, no one truly knows how it sprang into existence, but there are a number of theories. One of the most common theories has to do with the switch to the Georgian Calendar by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582. During the Middle Ages, a week-long celebration was held around March 25 welcoming the New Year, and ending around April 1. The change in the calendar made the New Year begin on January 1, when it used to be on April 1. Those who didn't get the memo, or who were steadfast traditionalists, were referred to as "April

Fools," and people began playing tricks on them.

Although this explanation seems believable, it may not be the true origin of this wily holiday. References to April Fool's Day have been around since before 1582, and the English didn't even adopt the Georgian Calendar until 1752. And jokes had been played long before that.

Another idea has to do with the seasons. Some believe the change from winter to spring brings out a lightheartedness and a propensity for fun in others. Hilaria was an Ancient Roman festival of rejoicing that took place around March 25. There is also a holiday called the Hindu Holi, as well as the Jewish Purim, that took place around the beginning of April. Other April Fool's Day ideas include a misconstrued reference in Canterbury Tales (Chaucer, 1392) "April fish" from a French poet in 1539, and a story from Flemish poet Eduard de Dene about

a nobleman who made up foolish errands for his servant on April 1.

Perhaps the most believable theory is that the holiday's origin was an April Fool's day joke in itself. In 1983, the AP ran a story quoting Joseph Boskin, a history professor at Boston University. He said the holiday originated with the emperor Constantine, who allowed the jester to run the empire for just one day. While the jester was emperor, he declared that each year, to commemorate the day he ruled, a day of absurdity should be held. It didn't really happen (Boskin was pulling his own April Fool's joke), but it still makes for an interesting explanation.

No one really knows for sure where this holiday came from, but it doesn't make it any less fun to celebrate. Check out our own celebration of this "holiday," RaiderNot Daily, today at oswegocountytoday.com

By Ryann Crofoot



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Class reponse outstanding for May senior trip

At the announcement that the senior class would be taking a trip to Cedar Point on May 20-21 there was abounding excitement. It was announced that a down payment of \$50 out of \$130 would be due the week of April 4-8.

Students may pay in cash or checks made out to GRB Class of 2011. Money can be given to class advisor Mr. Reale or senior class officer Brenna Merry. This cost includes transportation, a one-day pass to the park, hotel, and breakfast. Hotel rooms will consist of four people to a room.

Students who have preferences for roommates are asked to write them down on the permission slip when they are given out. Girls and boys cannot room together.

Once all of this was announced seniors were asked to sign up if they were interested. Over 100 students wrote their names under the headline "Senior Trip Sign Ups." If all of these students pull through then the class will take two buses instead of one bus filled with 50 students and this could lower the cost of the trip.

However, if not enough students sign up to fill two buses, then places on the 50 person bus will be first come first serve. So bring in your deposit as early as possible!

Also, in order for this trip to go off without a

hitch, the class needs ten faculty members to chaperone the trip. Teachers who are interested in joining the class on what promises to be a wonderful event should contact Mr. Reale or Senior Class President Katelyn Holbrook.

Among the questions answered during the auditorium were, "Are we going to be missing school and are we still going to have to leave early?" The answer is yes, the senior trip is planned to begin in the early hours of the 20th, a Friday morning. The group wants to leave as early as possible on the five hour trip to ensure that they can enjoy the park as long as possible.

Also asked was, "Are we going to the park on both days?" To this the response was no, in

order for a two day pass it would be an extra \$50, which was deemed too high a cost. Staying overnight will make the event much less stressful and relaxing. Students will be able to tire themselves out at the park for the entire day, get a restful sleep, breakfast, and then embark back to Fulton.

With all questions answered and the details beginning to align, it is hoped this is going to be an amazing trip and reward for the senior class. Class President Katelyn Holbrook said, "I'm so happy to see the majority of the class interested in going! It will make it much more of 'senior bonding' time and shows that our class actually appreciates one another. I really can't wait to go!"

By Brenna Merry

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Opinion

Skipping a test doesn't mean you don't take it

By Brenna Merry

As a senior, my visits to the testing center over the years have been few and far between. However, on the rare occasion I do miss a test I make sure to make my appearance as quickly as possible because the longer I put off a test, I find, the worse I do.

On my last trip down to room 115, Mrs. Lawrence stated "I love your articles, they are very cut throat. How about writing about how students purposely skip on test days?" At this comment, I was not only flattered but inspired to write about just that.

The days remaining in this school year are dwindling down, and it seems more and more students are skipping school. I always make sure I do not miss tests because it's a hassle to make them up and usually double my amount of stress. Little did I know, many feel the exact opposite. There are countless students who purposely skip school to miss a test. Mrs. Lawrence stated, "Just because you miss a test



doesn't mean you do't have to make it up in the future."

Business teacher Mrs. Ferlito said, "It seems every time I have students who miss test day and have to make it up on their own time they almost always do worse than normal." This could be because they are not in the testing environment with other students taking the same test around them or because they pushed off studying and forgot about the test and now have to take it after the information has left their mind.

Senior Drew Harmon said, "When I skip school to put off a test I usually tell myself I will take the day to study and get a better grade. What usually happens is I do nothing but procrastinate, don't study and get a worse grade."

Point being, skipping test days does not mean you skip tests. In the long run it will most likely lower your grade. So do yourself and Mrs. Lawrence a favor and stop this nasty habit.

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Quote of the day:

"Friendship isn't a big thing -
it's a million little things."
~Author Unknown

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Bizarre News of the Day

Three inmates and their loved ones were charged with attempting to smuggle drugs into a New Jersey jail on the pages of a children's coloring book, authorities said.

The drug, Subozone, normally used to treat heroin addiction but itself classified as a controlled dangerous substance, was dissolved into a paste and then painted into the coloring book, said Cape May County Sheriff Gary Schaffer.

Pages with "To Daddy" scribbled on top were sent to the prisoners at the jail in Cape May, New Jersey. Authorities received a tip drugs were being smuggled in drawings, Schaffer said. Charged in the case were three prisoners as well as the mother of one of the inmates.



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Raider Sports



Fulton's Brett Williams is pursued by a pair of defenders during action from Thursday's lacrosse game against Tully. Williams scored four times, but it wasn't quite enough as the Raiders dropped a 9-8 decision against the Black Knights. (Kayla Hanczyk photo)

Girls face Indian River tonight

After winning their first official game on Tuesday, the Lady Raider varsity lacrosse team will defend their home turf this afternoon, looking to make it 2-0 on the season. The girls will be up against Indian River High school at 5 p.m..

Coach White's stick force is hoping to continue their strong start, especially after opening shop on such a good note with their 7-6 win against Clinton. Indian River also won their first game, and could present a problem for the Fulton defense after pummeling Ogdensburg Free Academy 18-2, with Chelsea Boshart and Katie Brierton each scoring five goals.

The Lady Raiders are definitely ready to rise to the challenge, especially after Tuesday's win which featured goals scored across the board by six different offensive players. The team is comprised of many strong players and scorers as opposed to one or two leading girls, which is definitely a huge asset. For anyone who did not get a chance to watch the debut game, tonight's match-up is the perfect opportunity to come out and show some support.

By Danielle Gillett

Tough night for Raider lacrosse, baseball sides

Trout season didn't start until today, but on Thursday afternoon the Fulton boys lacrosse team was left to ponder the proverbial "one that got away." Reversing the form that saw them fall 18-6 the previous day against Westhill, the Raiders came away on the short end of a 9-8 decision against Tully to drop to 0-2 on the season in heartbreaking fashion.

Five goals in the third period helped the visitors escape with the win as a 6-5 Fulton lead evaporated in the game's closing stanza. Tully was quick off the mark with a 3-2 first period advantage but the Raiders roared back with a dominating 4-0 second quarter to enjoy a 6-3 lead at the halftime break.

Neither side could generate offense in the third quarter with Tully scoring the lone marker to make it 6-4 heading into the decisive final stretch. Casey Jean scored two goals with two assists while Sean Snow and Chris Cook also tallied two goals apiece to lead the Black Knights, who picked up 12 big saves from Eric Randazzo.

Fulton's Brett Williams notched his second consecutive four goal game and Corey Crook scored twice for the Raiders to front the 13 save goaltending of Colin Blake. Also registering goals for Fulton were Steven DeLisle and Joe Sutton, with Ross Maxam collecting two assists to go with one helper from Bryan Benton.

Ludden blanks Raider nine

It was not so close for the varsity baseball team on Thursday as perennial powerhouse Bishop Ludden blanked the Raiders 11-0 in the season opener for Fulton. Michael DePalma socked a pair of home runs and drove in seven runs while James Murray delivered a two run shot and three hits overall for the Knights, who scored nine times in the fourth and fifth innings to break the game open.

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Softball vs. ES-M (4:30); V Girls Lax vs. Indian River (5 p.m.).

Saturday, April 2: Boys Lax @ ES-M (JV-10 a.m. / V-noon).



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Skipping a test doesn't mean you don't take it

By Nick Mattice

March Madness is over and it's the first weekend of April. And for NCAA Basketball fans that means that the Final Four is set! Virginia Commonwealth, Butler, University of Connecticut, and Kentucky are all headed to Houston for a shot at the National Championship. This tournament has been a major surprise to many sports fans. Of the four remaining teams not a single number one seed remains. Ohio State was eliminated by Kentucky, Kansas was removed by VCU, Duke was eliminated by Arizona, and Pittsburgh was knocked off by Butler.

Virginia Commonwealth had the most to prove coming into this tournament after their highly questioned place in the field of 68. VCU is the first 11 seed to make the final four since George Mason in 2006. Led by senior point guard Joey Rodriguez, the Rams have been able to defeat some of the toughest competition in the tournament. It has been three-point shooting that has carried this team through the bracket, winning the support of many basketball fans. Head Coach Shaka Smart has proven himself as an elite coach. His poise, selflessness, and fearlessness has rubbed off on his players and infected this team of young athletes. Don't expect VCU to back down or be surprised if they are playing for the National Title.

Butler, a number 8 seed has put together another impressive run after last season's trip to the championship game. Shelvin Mack and Matt Howard will lead the attack for the Bulldogs against the Rams. They will see an offense similar to the one they run, essentially 4 or 5 perimeter players who can shoot the ball from outside and also create for themselves and their teammates. This game will be all about who wants it more. Each of these teams has faced all odds in making it to the Final Four. The question is: who will advance to the Championship?

The Kentucky Wildcats have been quite impressive with their young talent. Freshman Terrence Jones and Brandon Knight have led the 'Cats this year and are major reasons they are at where they are. Other players have stepped up such as senior John Harrelson to help this team succeed. After knocking off the number one overall seeded Ohio State Buckeyes, confidence will be quite high heading into the game against the very impressive Huskies.

UConn, led by the outstanding efforts of player of the year candidate Kemba Walker, will head into the final four riding a nine-game

win streak. During this streak they have beaten powerhouse teams such as Georgetown, Pittsburgh, Syracuse, and San Diego State. UConn is probably the hottest team heading into the Final Four, and will have great poise against Kentucky. This game is expected to have the atmosphere of a championship game.

My picks for these two games are VCU and

Plenty of variety this weekend



There is truly something for everyone this weekend at the movies, including three new features that cover a wide range of genres. From the animated *Hop* to the spooky *Insidious*, folks who want to avoid NCAA Basketball certainly have their options.

Hop: Bringing together the art animation with real action, *Hop* is a comedy about E.B. (voiced by Russell Brand), the teenage son of the Easter Bunny. On the night of taking over the family business, E.B. leaves for Hollywood in search of his dream of becoming a drummer. He meets Fred (James Marsden), an out-of-work loser with his own hopeless goals, and accidentally hits E.B. with his car. Feigning injury, Fred finds himself rooming with something just a little bit out of the ordinary. (Fam-

UConn. I love the way each of these teams are playing and I expect high energy from each team. I believe if these two teams meet in the finals it will be one of the most exciting and fast paced games in a while. Each of these teams likes to get out and run, and so far this has played in their favor. This should be a great weekend of basketball for all fans.

ily/Animation/Comedy)

Insidious: The writer-director team behind *Saw* and the filmmakers of *Paranormal Activity* bring a twist to the haunted house genre in *Insidious*. This horror film is the one of the most terrifying films since *The Shining*, starring Jack Nicholson. The story of a family who shortly after moving due to paranormal reasons discover that their house had been taken over by evil spirits which possessed their home and their son who has suddenly fallen into a coma. In an effort to escape the haunting and save their son from danger they move again, only to then discover it wasn't the house that was haunting them. (Horror/Thriller)

Source Code: When a very proud soldier Captain Colter Stevens (Jake Gyllenhaal) comes alive in the body of an unrecognizable man, he learns he's part of a mission to find the bomber of a Chicago commuter train. In an assignment not like any he's ever known, he is part of a top secret government experiment called the "Source Code," a program that enables him to cross over into another man's body in the final 8 minutes of his life. With a second, much larger bomb projecting to kill millions in downtown Chicago, he re-lives the bombings over and over again, leading him to clues and ultimately preventing the next attack. (Action/Thriller)

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"UConn."

Joe Weller



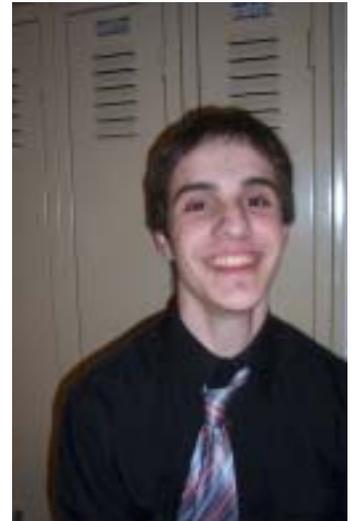
"Kentucky."

Steven Seguin



"VCU."

Kyle Parker



"Butler."

Jordan LeClaire

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



A few rain or snow showers. High in the mid-40s.
Record high: 85 (1998).
Avg. high: 49.

Tonight:



Mainly cloudy. Low around 30.
Record low: 16 (1965).
Avg. low: 30.

Tomorrow:

Scattered rain or snow shower. High in the mid-40s, low near 30.
Record high/low: 87/20 (2010/1964). Avg: 50/30

Sunday:

Mainly cloudy. High in the mid-40s, low around 30.
Record high/low: 87/14 (2010/1954). Avg: 50/30.

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Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.*