



Senior trip receives final stamp of approval

By Brenna Merry

The Senior Trip is on!

After several weeks of waiting for the final approval, the time has come to get the ball rolling and it is now underway.

Thanks to the ten chaperons the class is now approved to leave in the early morning of May 20th and return to school on the afternoon of May 21. The seniors will stay at the Breaker's Express Hotel, which is located right at Cedar Point.

Some students questioned why the group is staying overnight and not going to the park the next day. If they were to make the trip a one

day event, the seniors would have to leave the park at 7 p.m. instead of 11 p.m. This extra four hours seems worth staying the night instead of wasting money on a ticket to not even stay the whole time.

Deposits for the trip are now being taken, and students are asked to turn in their \$50 payment as soon as possible to Mrs. Ingersol in the main office or to Brenna Merry. The students also have the option of paying in full, a total of \$155. The first one hundred people to make the full payment are the ones who are guaranteed spots on the trip to Cedar Point Ohio, so seniors are urged not to hesitate in getting their money in quick!

All checks should be made out to the G. Ray Bodley Class of 2011, and there will be another meeting held to answer any and all questions this week.

It has been a hectic journey but it is hoped that the Senior Trip now goes off without a hitch. Class President Katelyn Holbrook said, "I'm so glad everything is finally official! Now we can just be excited and enjoy being seniors together!"

Also, to anyone who ordered a senior shirt, they are in and can be picked up in room 240. Seniors are urged to wear their shirts on May 20 to support the class on the way to what promises to be an amazing trip.

Raider girls split in lacrosse, softball

Close and no contest was the rule of the afternoon on Monday when a pair of Raider girls teams met with opposite results. The girls lacrosse team used a second half rally to ease past New Hartford 8-7 while the softball counterparts were not so fortunate in a 15-0 loss to Phoenix.

Trailing 6-5 at the half, the Raiders put the clamps on the NH offense in the second half by limiting the Spartans to a single tally in their big win. Kate Rothrock helped lead the charge with three goals and two assists while Erica Knaub connected twice with three assists in the Raider rise to 4-4 on the season. Also scoring twice for Fulton was Kirsten Francis (2-1), with freshman Casey Shannon netting a singleton for the Raiders, who outshot the Spartans 15-8.

Ashley Chanatry scored four times and Lauren Eisenbeck added two goals as New Hartford dipped to 2-6 with the loss.

Firebirds cruise to win

Phoenix scored 10 times in the fourth and fifth innings to break open the game en route to their lopsided win at Fulton. The Firebirds pounded out 12 hits on the day including home runs from Sarah Bregg and Jenna Zaia while winning hurler Brittney Sears limited the Raiders to just two hits. Bregg counted four RBI and Breezy Riggall added three as Phoenix improved to 6-1 on the season and 2-0 in league play at the expense of a 1-4/1-2 record for Fulton.



Juniors Ryann Crofoot, left, and Christine Proud model two of the many dresses being featured at the annual Used Prom Dress sale at the high school. Affordable prom dresses and accessories will be on sale all week long in room 102.

Opinion

What goes through a mother's mind?

By Jennifer Woodruff

After reading an article online about a particular mother's online blog involvement, I was utterly shocked. I read about how much this woman favored her youngest son of twenty months over her three year old daughter.

This is understandable, she is only human. However, this woman is conveying to complete strangers how often she thinks about which child she would like to die. She states that if the time ever arose when one of her children had been the victim in a tragic accident, she would prefer it be her daughter rather than her son. Sure, everyone knows that "mommy has a favorite," but for the mother to admit this on an online forum, and with such detail, is completely repulsing. Even if you feel this way, you shouldn't tell anyone, unless it is your psychiatrist who can provide the proper treatment. It doesn't matter if "the kid will never find out," because eventually he or she will. When something is posted on the Internet, it never disappears.

We can talk about the various reasons not to convey your innermost secrets to an online community until our guts burst, but the reality of the situation is that everyone has thoughts like these- thoughts that do not need to be brought to the attention of others. If you need help, seek it. Don't rave about the odd workings of your mind in a forum filled with psychos just like you. If you feel this way about one child when they're "in a mood," how are you going to react when your golden child starts complaining? Even though I know how much of a jerk this woman is, apparently Fate greatly disagrees, because she is going to have a third child in only a few months. Oh, did I mention that she hopes the baby is a boy? I would assume there will be no domino effect. Then again, why wouldn't there be?

So, why did I read about such a depressing topic? Well, it's a relatable topic, and one that should be addressed. In reality, most children love their mother and their mother loves them back, but there are kids who never receive any love in return. Not every parent loves their child at every moment of every day, because there are certain things that kids do to irk their parents.

When it comes to adults getting ticked off at their own kids, there needs to be room for leeway. Kids don't understand why your day was so horrible, but when they see how depressed you are, they try to help. As a parent it is your obligation to treat each of your children equally with love, no matter how frustrated you feel. You need to appreciate



the effort they put forth in loving and admiring you, instead of slashing their existence to your online fan base.

When children think that their parent doesn't care about them, then they won't want to preserve any relationship that is left with their guardian. If a kid lives every day with looks from judgmental eyes and feels unwanted in his or her own home, they may find other ways to spend their time. Before the parent's eyes, self-mutilation has possessed their child to do horrible things to themselves in order to escape undesired emotions. Now, I'm not saying that this woman's young girl will grow to be a masochist, but from my point of view she will always be living her life in the shadow of her younger brother.

An example of a tragic case of insane thoughts causing the loss of three innocent lives happened recently when a mother drove herself and her children into the Hudson River. Both the woman and three of

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her kids died. Luckily there was one survivor of this horrific incident, and that happened to be the eldest son. Despite only being ten years of age, Lashaun Armstrong was able to climb through an open window of the sinking vehicle, and swim to shore. What drove (no pun intended) this mother of four to take such drastic measures? Apparently there had been a domestic dispute prior to their deaths, having to do with their father, in which a relative of the family received an odd phone call with "tussling in the background." Whether or not this mother killed herself and her children in order to escape some sort of abuse (or simply did it for another reason) is still unknown. In the end, it seems better to keep some things unsaid; and live life in ignorant bliss no matter what type of parent you happen to have.

Quote of the day:

"Even if happiness forgets you a little bit, never completely forget about it."

~Jacques Prevert

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Raider Sports

Raider boys are back on track

After an embarrassing loss to Mexico and Phoenix to open the season, the Raiders seem to have found themselves. Following up with strong showings at the East Syracuse-Minoa Invitational, and the Mexico Mayhem Relays, the Raiders have had a spark of life. At the ES-M invite, sprinter Justin Armour placed second in the prelims, before false starting and getting disqualified, but ran an 11.9 second 100 meter dash.

Eighth grader Bailey Lutz ran a 5:22 mile placing third in the Novice mile. In the high jump, the Raiders placed fourth, with Casey Holden soaring over 5-foot-6. Jumping fanatic Don Wilmot placed third in the long jump, and fourth in the triple jump while senior Nick Morse placed fourth in shot put, with a toss of 39-foot-7. Missing key members, the 4x400 team was forced to adjust as seniors Don Wilmot and Justin Armour had to face their fears and run a 400. With Armour running first and Wilmot running second, the Holden brothers were expecting to have to make up a lot of time. But after getting out to a slight lead, Armour handed to Wilmot, who extended on the lead. Casey Holden built a 50 meter lead over Mexico before handing off to his brother, Dylan, who was unfortunately run down in the last 50 meters by Amos

Webb of Mexico, who ran a 50 second flat 400. At the end of the night, the Raiders were already amped up when they found out that junior Mark Aldasch had broken the school pentathlon record with a score of 2,710 points, beating Ed Marsh's previous mark of 2,630.

At the Mexico Mayhem relays, with their full team, the Raiders were extremely confident, and it showed in all of their events. In the discus, senior Mat Shoults, and junior Nate Hackett placed third overall, and Shoults and Manford placed fifth overall in the shot put. Don Wilmot and Mark Aldasch won the long jump by more than two feet, and Dylan Rizzo and Don Wilmot won triple jump by more than two feet.

In the 4 x 400, Jim Ireland, Don Wilmot, Dylan Holden, and Casey Holden placed second behind Mexico, losing by four seconds. In addition, Josh Drake, and Mike Holcomb placed first for the pole vault. The weight man relay is always a fan favorite, and after winning one for the first time in years last year, the Raiders looked to continue their streak. Josh Drake, Pat Fink, Mat Shoults and Lyndon Manford, won the weight man relay for the second year in a row in fashion, after having to eat a corn dog as fast as possible, then sprinting 100 meters to hand off to a teammate.

The Raiders will be looking to carry their momentum on the road this afternoon when they travel to Chittenango to face the Bears and Cortland in a 6 p.m. start. Later this week the girls will compete at the Oswego County Invitational at Central Square on Friday while the boys visit Oswego for the annual gathering of Oswego County schools.

Raider lax seeks revenge tonight

Tonight the Raider lacrosse team looks for redemption versus the ES-M Spartans. Earlier this season the Raiders traveled to ES-M and lost 12-4. But many members of the Fulton team believe that they can reverse their fortunes tonight, and that all it takes is some pride and focus for a whole game and Fulton could pull off another win.

"On Tuesday you play ES-M again. A team you could beat, if you just put forth the effort and listen to what we are telling you. You guys saw what you could do versus Whitesboro in the fourth quarter, let's do that, but for a whole game," stated Coach Halladay. Garret Smith is ES-M's biggest threat, having scored six goals and one assist against the Raiders the last time Fulton visited them.

By Brett Williams

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Baseball @ Chittenango (4:30); Tennis vs. Cortland (4:30); Girls Lax @ Cortland (4:30/6 p.m.); Boys Lax vs. ES-M (5/7 p.m.); Softball @ Fowler (4:30); Track at Chittenango with Cortland (6 p.m.).

Thursday, April 28: Baseball vs. Cortland (4:30); Tennis vs. ES-M (4:45); Softball vs. ES-M (4:45); Boys Lax @ Homer (5/7 p.m.).

Friday, April 29: JV Baseball @ Homer (4:30); Tennis @ Homer (4:30); Girls V Lax @ Homer (5 p.m.); Girls JV Lax (Fulton Tourney-6/7:30); Girls Track at County Meet (4 p.m. in C. Square); Boys track @ County Meet (4 p.m. in Oswego).

Saturday, April 30: JV Girls Lax Tourney in Fulton (11 a.m./12:30); V Softball @ Oswego Tourney (11 a.m.).



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What did you do over Spring Break?



"Played baseball."

Matt Liberti



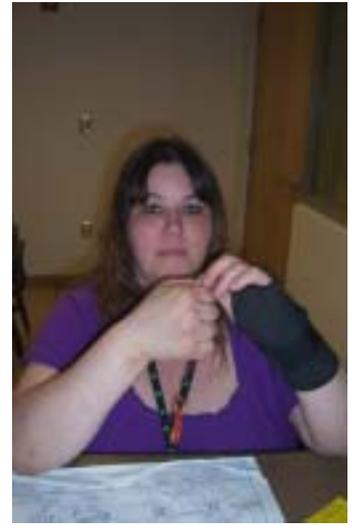
"Went to Florida."

Emma Whitmore



"Went to Florida."

Jake Crucitti



"Nothing."

Mrs. Wilmot

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with a shower or thunderstorm. High in the low-70s. Record high: 87 (1990). Avg. high: 60.

Tonight:



Mainly cloudy. Low in the mid-50s. Record low: 26 (1972). Avg. low: 39.

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with a shower or thunderstorm. High in the mid-70s. Record high: 91 (2009). Avg. high: 61.

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