



## Laxmen fall in season finale

The Raider boys lacrosse season ended last night with a 14-8 loss to Cortland, although the game was much closer than the score might have indicated. The first quarter ended with the Raiders up by a score of 3-2, but the powerhouse of Cortland, who finished the regular season with a record of 12-4, could only be stalled before the engine started. Cortland put in six goals to Fulton's two in the second quarter, with the score at halftime standing 8-5 in favor of the Tigers.

The third quarter continued to go in favor of Cortland, as the Tigers put in five goals, outscoring Fulton by four in the frame and jumping to a lead of 13-6. The fourth quarter favored the Raiders, but not enough to make a serious impact on the game, as Fulton outscored Cortland by a score of 2-1 in the final quarter, resulting in the final score of 14-8.

Leading the Raider offense was senior captain Brett Williams, and junior Bryan Benton. Williams had the hat trick, recording three goals and an assist, while Benton had four goals of his own. Senior captain Corey Crook also put a goal in the books. Junior netminder Colin Blake had 13 saves on the evening as Fulton finished the season at 3-13.

Colby Reagan (3-3) and Austin Dilorio (3-2) paced the winners, who also picked up big efforts from Phil Potter (2-3), TJ Beardsley (2-2), and Chad Timmons (201) while Casey Bergeron registered 17 saves.

The end of the season match-up proved to be a hard battle and a well-fought contest as the Raiders did not give up until the final horn to cap their season with pride and determination.

*By Colin Shannon*

### Second half burst topples girls

In girls action on Monday Onondaga used an 8-3 second half surge to pull away from the Raiders 12-6. Cori Holbrook scored three times with an assist while Katie Gantley and Abby Webster netted two goals apiece for the 4-11 Tigers.

Sophomores Kate Rothrock and Alanah McClellan paced the Raiders with three and two goals respectively while Erica Knaub added a solo marker. Torrie Whelsky registered 12 saves as Fulton dipped to 6-8 overall.



Fulton's Courtney Beckwith matched the school record with an eight foot clearance in the pole vault to highlight the Raider performance at their invitational meet on Friday. For more pictures, see page 4 of today's RaiderNet Daily. (James Ireland photo)

## Plan now for driver education class

On Friday May 13, the forms for summer driver education became available in the Guidance office. Students must turn 16 on or before July first to be eligible for this course. Registrations must be handed in by Thursday, May 26 in order to be considered for driver education. There are forty-eight openings for the summer course, so interested students should get their paperwork in to the guidance office as soon as possible.

However, even if students hand in their paperwork on time, there is no promising that they will make it into the course. The 48 openings will be filled with 2011-2012 seniors first, then leftover spots will be filled according to date of birth. A previous license or permit is not required for this course, but students who do not have one are required to have a copy of their birth certificate in order to prove their age. The cost of the class is \$100.

Driver education is not required for new drivers; however it is a good idea. The class will provide students with experience and teach them the rules of the road. If students do not get into driver education over the summer, there are also classes offered in the fall and spring. Learning to drive is a huge milestone in a person's life, and driver education is one way to reach this goal.

*By Daniel Summerville*

## Opinion

# Weighing the validity of long-distance, internet love

By **Patty Morrison**

This is going to be extremely personal for me, and I hope you don't think less of me because of what I've done, and I am still doing.

I met a boy in December of 2009 on the internet. I was doing a favor for a friend, who had already met, and had feelings for this boy. I was never going to speak to him, because I knew that it was a stupid idea from the start.

Talking to a guy you have never met in real life is not smart for any girl, actually, it's not smart for anyone to do. But I thought "what the heck, I'm doing it for a friend."

At the time, I only knew him as "Rockstar," as he was posing as NickJonasEgo on the social networking website, Twitter, and that was my nickname for him. He called me "Ditto." I only talked to him a few times, and he seemed really nice, and just like a good guy. He was seventeen, and I was sixteen, he also had a girlfriend (whom I was



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friends with also, through meeting her on jonasbrothersfan.com) I slowly started to get to know him, and began to trust him.

My parents were very, very apprehensive, and they still are, because he and I, after months and months of me fighting for him, and tears and heartache, are in a relationship. Yes, I know that it is extremely stupid, because I still have not met this boy in person. But how can you help who you fall in love with? You can't. It just happens.

And you can tell me "you're only seventeen. You don't know what love is. And how can you be in love with someone you have never met in your life? How can you be in love with someone you've only known for a year and a half?" And, if you are that ignorant, you can believe that. But it doesn't take a genius to know what love is.

Even though there is not an exact definition for love, I am going to

give you mine. To me, love is when you are 200% happy and excited about everything all of the time, when the person makes you smile like you never have before, and love is when you care about the other person more than yourself.

Until just recently, that is how I have been feeling. This is the happiest I have ever been in my entire life. I have never felt this way about another person, or anything before. All of this, and I have never met this person before, which makes it even worse, because there is that chance that he is a creepy old man who wants to kill me. Do I want to believe that? No, I do not. Do I keep it in the back of my mind at all times? Yes. I do. So don't judge me on this.

I realize that I might sound defensive, and I apologize for that, but I just get so tired of hearing how stupid I am for doing this. My sister reminds me of it every day just about, and my friends do too. Even though they are all supportive of me, there is still that feeling in the bottom of my heart that they are all thinking it, and it hurts me.

I would love to have found someone here, in this school. But none of the guys here are what I'm looking for, and the guys I could possibly like are too good of friends for me to be able to even consider having a relationship with. It is just impossible for me to even think of them that way.

I realize I'm just rambling now, and I don't even really know what the original point to this story was, but I'm just trying to put my thoughts into words. I guess, now that I really have no idea what to say about it anymore, I should finish this up. If you take one thing from this column, story, thing, don't tell teenagers that they don't know what love is. Because, believe it or not, some of them actually do.

And also, don't judge a person based on how they started their relationships, actually, just don't judge them at all. You might know a person's name, but you don't know their story, or anything else about them. They could put on a happy face, but you don't know how they are feeling on the inside.

## Quote of the day:

**"We are each of us angels with only one wing, and we can only fly by embracing one another."**

*Lucretius*

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## Opinion

## Lack of student maturity marred Grim Reaper event

By Ryann Crofoot

Last Thursday, two days prior to this year's Junior Prom, members of the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and SAFE clubs were attempting to show the consequences of driving while drunk. And the maturity level of the school came through, and honestly, you could find more maturity in a preschool room.

Throughout the day, students would "die" in an attempt to represent the teenager who

dies every 33 minutes in America due to drunk driving. Students wore black shirts, and put on black and white face paint to complete the look. During the day, the students would not speak to represent the person lost due to drunk driving.

And students not part of the event were immature and rude to those who were. If you didn't appreciate what the students were doing, that's fine, but you didn't have to broadcast it to them and everyone else by



being jerks. The day was created to help raise awareness of a serious problem, and not everyone affected by drunk driving was necessarily part of the bad decision. Imagine never seeing your best friend again because of someone else's bad decision.

After school, students laid outside in positions of people in a car accident, to show just how much drunk driving impacts the person in the car. And students leaving to get to their buses were disrespectful, rude, and downright stupid. From kicking the "dead" people to poking them, to even sitting on them, other students throughout the school were childish and downright rude.

There are people affected by the choice to drive drunk every day, just about every half hour. And people in our school have lost loved ones or been similarly affected by these decisions. The students in SADD and SAFE were trying to bring attention to this issue and students spat on their efforts, literally. The students weren't hurting anybody, and people were still jerks to them. If you aren't affected by the decision to drive drunk, then just leave them alone. Some people are impacted by it, and this is something that could help bring about awareness if people treated it seriously and in a manner expected of people old enough to attend a high school.

## Spending an evening in the veterinary world

A friend of mine and my mom's volunteers as a veterinary assistant at the Oswego County Humane Society, and last Tuesday night, she let me tag along. Some things were just like I expected, and others weren't. When I was there, the only thing that happened was sterilizing cats, but it still gave me a lot to think about.

One of the biggest things that I remember was that the vet had to spay a number of cats that were pregnant. She admitted that at first, she wasn't thrilled about having to go through with something like that; it provided some ethical issues at first. But later on, she would see cats that were brought to her because of neglect and abuse, and decided that it would be better to not be born than to be born into something like that. And, she said cats were pretty overpopulated, and could repopulate like crazy, so sometimes it was just something she needed to do.

I also learned that just because some things make you squeamish, that doesn't mean you can't be a vet. There were three women I was able to observe that night, and all three of them had something that really set them off. For the vet and the lady I went with, it was parasites, and especially maggots that just grossed them out. The other woman said her worst experiences were usually when an animal came in with a very broken bone, especially if it was grinding and making noises. So just because something makes you squeamish, don't immediately stop considering veterinarian work. As long as you can still keep your head and control your actions, you should be fine.

The veterinarian that I was there with had some advice for those thinking of becoming a vet. "One important thing to remember," she said, "is that there are more veterinarian schools than just Cornell." She said she loved going to Cornell, but advised applying to others also, because some of them are cheaper, and some just have a different feel than Cornell.

Another piece of advice she gave was to find a vet to volunteer with, get a summer job with, or just shadow for the day. "Most vets don't mind volunteers or observers for a while they work," she said. She also said being close to a vet working, and hopefully being able to watch, can do two things for you. One, it will let you know if this is really a field of work you want to go into. You might find that when you actu-

ally watch a surgery performed on an animal, that this isn't something you want to do. Also, it can give you experience, so when you get out of college and go to apply for a job, employers can see that this is work you've experienced outside of just schooling.

Being a veterinarian is a great consideration for anyone looking to work with animals, but there is still a lot to consider to make sure it is the right choice for you. Try finding a local veterinarian that you can watch for a day, or even a few hours, just to see if it is something you would really want to stick with.

By Ryann Crofoot



RND's Ryann Crofoot recently shadowed a local veterinarian's assistant to learn more about the profession. Part of her experience included watching actual pet operations. (Ryann Crofoot photo)

Seniors! Stay in touch with your class! Check out the new website for the senior class at <http://grbclass2011.blogspot.com/>

Raider Sports



**This week in Raider Sports**

**Today:** Tennis @ Chittenango (4:30); JV Boys Lax @ Cortland (4:30); Baseball vs. ES-M (4:45); Girls V Lax vs. ES-M (5 pm.).

**Wednesday, May 18:** V Baseball @ CBA (4:30); JV Girls Lax vs. ES-M (5 p.m.); Tennis @ Homer (4:30).

**Thursday, May 19:** Softball vs. Chittenango (4:30); JV Girls Lax @ Cortland (5 p.m.); JV Boys Lax @ J-D (4:30); Girls V Lax vs. M-PH (6 p.m.); Baseball vs. Phoenix (4:30); Track @ Freedom League Meet @ ES-M (4:30).

**Friday, May 20:** JV Girls Lax @ B'ville (4:30).

**Saturday, May 21:** Baseball vs. Corcoran (11 a.m.).

Boys Track @ Ogdensburg VanDusen Invitational (10 a.m.); Softball @ Herkimer Tournament (10 a.m. & noon).



The Fulton girls track team hosted an invitational on Friday, competing against schools from across the area. Angela Paul, top left, sails toward the pit area in the long jump, while Anna McKay, top right, clears the bar in the high jump. Two of Fulton's relay teams qualified for the upcoming Section 3 meet by turning in outstanding times. In the photo above Morgan Cooper, left, takes the handoff from Christina Pensabene in the four by 100 meter relay. (James Ireland photos)

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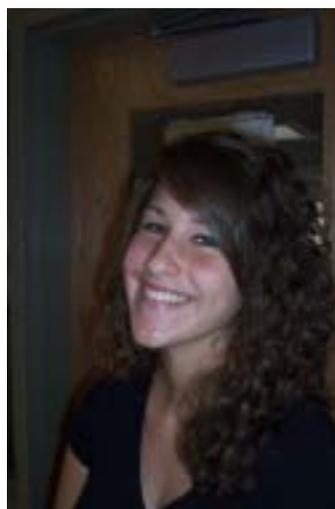
"It was pretty sweet."

Ross Maxam



"It was better than mine."

Matt Liberti



"It was great!"

Sophie Sorbello



"It was wonderful."

Shawna Perau

# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



**Today:**



Cloudy with some rain. High in the mid-60s. Record high: 91 (1977). Avg. high: 69

**Tonight:**



Cloudy skies. Low in the mid-50s. Record low: 30 (1983). Avg. low: 46.

**Tomorrow:**



Windy with rain showers. High in the low-70s. Record high: 90 (1962). Avg. high: 69.

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