



## Rough Saturday for Raider sports teams

It was hardly worth the wait for the Raiders boys lacrosse team on Saturday as their rescheduled game against East Syracuse-Minoa proved to be one more chapter in a book filled with disappointment as the Spartans ran to a 10-3 victory. The original game was supposed to be played on Tuesday after school, but due to the poor weather conditions, the contest was bumped to Saturday morning. The game was also delayed due to a lack of officials, who were not notified of the rescheduling. The faceoff scheduled for 10 actually took place around quarter after 11.

The delay yielded a slow start for both teams, although the Spartans found the game at a quicker pace. At the end of the first quarter, the game was 2-1 in favor of E.S.M., but was still a close and well-fought battle. The second quarter showed different results, as the Spartans opened up the scoring, netting three behind rookie net minder Scott Hughes, who was playing in his second career varsity game. The half ended with the score at 5-1, with favorable bounces favoring ES-M.

The third quarter proved to be a three goal deficit for the Raiders as well, as the Spartans pounded four goals in the net to Fulton's one, resulting in a score of 9-2. The fourth quarter was a push, as both teams found the net once each. Leading the offense for the Raiders were the three senior captains, Corey Crook, Brett Williams, and Donald Watson. Crook had a goal and an assist, and Williams and Watson both found the back of the net. Junior Ross Maxam also had an assist in the contest. Freshman goalie Scott Hughes preformed valiantly in the effort, recording 10 saves, his second consecutive game with double digits.

Grant Smith led the Spartan charge to 6-4 overall and 4-3 in league play with five goals while Robert Campese tallied twice for ES-M.

The next contest for the Raiders is tomorrow night as Fulton travels to Jamesville-Dewitt to take on the Red Rams. J-D is still undefeated and favored to win the state tournament again this season, repeating last year's performance. The lax men find themselves playing at home again on Thursday night as the New Hartford Spartans come to town in a redemption match. In the first meeting, the Raiders lost to New Hartford 10-8, in a match that could have gone either way. Thursday

afternoon's game is scheduled to take place at 5 p.m., and this contest promises to be a hard fought battle that has a good chance of ending in Raider victory.

*By Colin Shannon*

### Homer bursts to win

Payton Boice and Zephan Kash combined on a one-hitter while Homer rapped out 12 safeties of their own en route to an easy 14-0 win over the Raiders on Saturday. Kash, Zach Blanden and Brent Quinlan accounted for seven runs between them by socking round trippers for the Trojans, who improved to 7-1 overall and 6-0 in league play.

The Raiders are slated to visit CBA on Tuesday in a 4:30 p.m. start.

### Girls sports weekend:

## Big inning dooms softball team, big efforts at county gathering

For the want of an inning it would have been a great Saturday for the Fulton varsity softball team. But instead the Raiders fell victim to the big frame twice in succession in falling 6-5 to Mexico and 11-6 against Pulaski at the Oswego Tournament. And in both cases the opposition thwarted a strong comeback bid to leave Fulton frustrated at 1-7 heading into what looms as another rainy week in an already saturated spring schedule.

Mexico used a four run burst in the fifth inning to ease past the Raiders by a single run after Fulton had rallied from being 2-0 down with three in the top of third and one more in the top of the fifth to build a 4-2 advantage. Lindsay Larkin, Ashley Cummins, Stephanie Hotaling and Ciara Chapman allslapped doubles, including a three-run rip from Larkin, to pace the Raider attack.

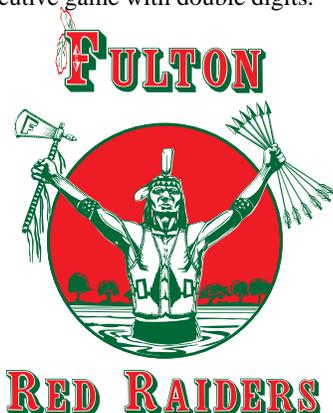
It was a similar story in the consolation game as Pulaski scored seven times in the top of the sixth frame to rally past a 5-4 deficit after Fulton had erased a 3-0 disadvantage with four runs of their own in the fourth. Liz Mulcahey had two hits and two RBI and Lindsay Larkin counted two hits for the Raiders, who also picked up two RBI off the bat of Ciara Chapman.

The girls are scheduled to be back in action this afternoon at home against Mexico at 4:30 p.m., weather permitting.

### Girls run well at county meet

Fulton was well represented at the Oswego County Invitation Track Meet on Friday as several Raiders turned in stellar performances at Central Square. Junior Kayla Distin led the way with a first place performance of 1:06.8 in the 400 meter run, followed by teammate Anna McKay (1:09.8) and was also the lead runner in a pair of victorious relaya. Fulton set the pace in the 1600 meter relay with Distin, Anna McKay, Hannah Geitner and Morgan Cooper circling the track in 4:41.1. She was joined by Courtney Beckwith, Christina Pensabene and Morgan Cooper to win the 400 relay in 54.1 seconds while Beckwith also claimed second place honors in the pole vault with a 7-foot-6" clearance.

Sophomore Kim Goutermout won the high jump with a 5-foot-1" leap and was third in the 400 hurdles while Mary West claimed third in both the 1500 and 3000 meter runs. The girls host Homer and Jamesville-Dewitt this Wednesday in the first home meet of the season.



## Opinion

# House cats do not make good barn cats

By Daniel Summerville

Many times, people buy pets when they are young and cute, not realizing that they can cause trouble when they get older. Cats in particular can get on owners nerves, and the cute, cuddly kittens quickly grow into large cats. Often, when people grow tired of their cats, they are dropped off on a nearby farm. These drop-offs rarely fare very well on farms, as they are not used to the heavy equipment and large animals. Most either run away or die in the first few weeks that they are dropped off. However, there are some cats that can make the transition easily and thrive as barn cats.

A few years ago, my neighbors had a young female cat dropped off at their house. They brought her to the farm, hoping that she would live



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a long life. After a few days of following my father around the barn, she was christened “Bug,” because she bugged him while he was working. Bug grew to become a healthy cat, quickly establishing herself as the alpha female of the barn. Any barn cat that looked at her was subject to a swipe from her claws. Surprisingly, Bug turned out to be an excellent mother. She has given birth to seven litters of kittens, over twenty individual cats. The whole population of barn cats are her kittens, other than one old tomcat. Bug has asserted her position as queen of the barn many times, and has a permanent limp as a result of her battles. She is the best mother cat that we have ever had on the farm and the best hunter as well. In other words, she is the best barn cat that we have had in a very long time.

Despite the fact that Bug has done very well as a barn cat, there is no doubt that her kind is rare. Out of the countless cats that have been dropped off over the years, Bug is the only one that has fared so well. Most drop-offs either die of starvation because they cannot catch their

own food, or get tangled up with equipment or cars as they try to cross the road. People who drop-off cats at farms should know that the cats do not stand much of a chance. The farm is a dangerous place, and only the best can survive there.



Barn queen, Bug, center, and several of her kittens. Bug is an exception to the rule concerning house cats that are dropped off at a farm. (Daniel Summerville photo)

## Bizarre news of the day

A pub singer has been arrested on suspicion of racial harassment after singing the song *Kung Fu Fighting* in front of two Chinese people. Simon Ledger says he fears he will end up with a criminal record for performing the 1974 disco classic at a seafront bar on the Isle of Wight on Sunday after two people walking past apparently took offence. The 34-year-old from the island regularly features Carl Douglas' 1974 number one hit in his set when he performs at the Driftwood Beach Bar in Sandown.

But after striking up the melody in front of customers at the weekend he noticed a man of Chinese origin walking past with his mother, making gestures at him and taking a picture on his mobile phone. He said that he later received a telephone call from police - while he was dining in a Chinese restaurant - asking him to meet officers about the incident.

He was then arrested and questioned before being bailed.

Police said that it had been following up a complaint of racially aggravated harassment. “We were performing *Kung Fu Fighting*, as we do during all our sets,” Mr. Ledger, 34, told reporters. “People of all races loved it; Chinese people have never been offended before.”

A police spokesman said: “Police are investigating an allegation of racially-aggravated harassment.”

By Morgan Firenze

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# AP exams begin this week, not really a day off

By Daniel Summerville

At G. Ray Bodley High School, most students

still have more than a month to prepare for their end of the year tests. But for some elite students, the tests have come much earlier. Most high school students are just starting to think about reviewing for Regents exams, completely unaware that some of their classmates are about to take exams much harder and more important than the tests they are taking. For students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses, the tests start this week.

AP courses are college level classes intended for students who have taken advanced classes throughout their academic career. AP courses are more in depth than normal Regents courses, and only the top students are recommended for the harder classes. AP tests are held in May, more than a month before Regents. The classes are more rigorous

and difficult than Regents-level classes, and the tests at the end of the courses are national rather than statewide.

The AP students will be undergoing the tests in the next few days, in locations other than the school. While these students may be missing class, other students should be mature enough not to whine; as those who are self-motivated enough to undergo some of the most rigorous classes in GRB should be allowed to miss a day or two for tests. The AP students will not be skipping; they will be doing work elsewhere. Taking tests such as the AP exams are a good enough reason to be able to miss at least one day.

For the students who will be taking their first AP test, the past few weeks have been hectic, as studying and trying to learn all the material is not an easy job. Once the tests are over, every AP student will be able to breathe a sigh of relief; since one of the good things about AP courses is that after the test there is not much to do. But until then, keep studying and good luck!

### Quote of the day:

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up"

~Mark Twain

### This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** JV Girls Lax @ Carthage (5 p.m.); Softball vs. Mexico (4:30); Tennis @ J-D (4:30).

**Tuesday, May 3:** V Baseball @ CBA (4:30); JV Baseball vs. CBA (4:30); Girls Lax vs. Chittenango (5 p.m./6:30); Softball @ Burnett Park (4:30); Boys Lax @ J-D (4:30/7 p.m.).

**Wednesday, May 4:** Tennis vs. Chittenango (4 p.m.); Track vs. Homer & J-D (5 p.m.); Softball vs. J-D (4:45).

**Thursday, May 5:** Boys Lax vs. New Hartford (5 p.m.).

**Friday, May 6:** V Baseball vs. Bishop Ludden (4:30); Softball @ Chittenango (4:30); Girls JV lax @ Homer (5 p.m.); Tennis @ Mexico (4:45); JV Baseball vs. Pulaski (4:30); Girls Track @ ES-M Invitational(4:30).

**Saturday, May 7:** Boys Track @ South Jefferson Invitational (2 p.m.).



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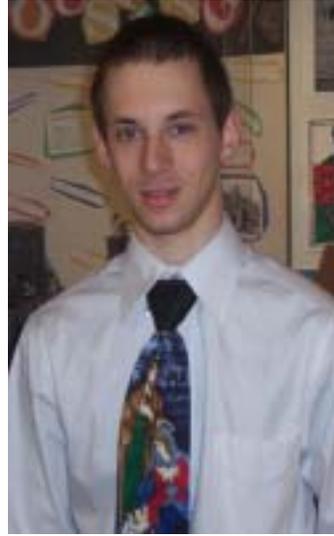
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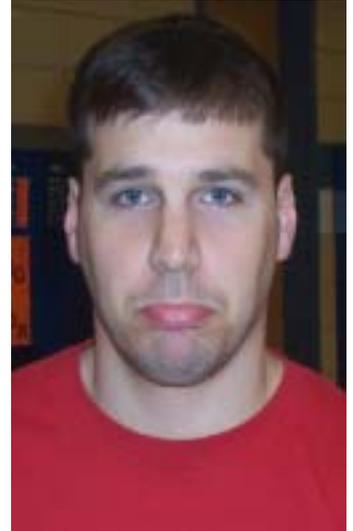
"Slowly but surely, the world will end."  
Jared Hyde



"It's gonna cause a lot of bug problems."  
Ben Hendry



"It's flooded everything and I'm quite upset."  
Will Sawtell



"It's been bad for my basement."  
Mr. N. Fasulo

## Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



**Today:**



Cloudy with a few showers. High around 60.  
Record high: 86 (2001).  
Avg. high: 63.

**Tonight:**



Cloudy with a shower. Low in the mid-40s.  
Record low: 30 (1974).  
Avg. low: 41.

**Tomorrow:**



Rain showers. High around 60.  
Record high: 88 (2001).  
Avg. high: 64.

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