

Lots to look forward to in final weeks of school

The days are brighter, the kids are lazier and it is time to congratulate everyone on their hard work over the years. Between studying for finals and Regents exams, students relish in the chance to relax and have fun with their schoolmates. The final weeks include a number of school bonding events that promise to be times of games, food and congratulations.

The next weeks are filled with awards and proud students. It all began on Wednesday at the annual awards ceremony where students of all grades were congratulated on their hard work and rewarded in the process. Senior ath-

letes will be recognized at a banquet on June 7, and two days later Honors Graduates are honored at 6 pm in the GRB Cafeteria.

Outside of actual paper or edible awards the rest of the school is awarded with events such as Battle of the Athletes on June 8 and the annual Bodley Bash on June 6. Both take place after school at the athletic complex and are well known for their success and memories over the years.

Also for seniors the event many of them have been waiting for will occur on June 11 with the annual Senior Day. The day will include a

senior slide show and plenty of games and foods down at the complex.

Before you know it this year will come to an end with the greatest honor for the Class of 2011, graduation, on June 25. The next few weeks are sure to be exciting and entertaining. Students are very thankful for what they hope to be sunny days and wonderful events together. These are the things the seniors will miss about high school, the times where everyone gets along to enjoy one others company, goof around and just relax.

By Brenna Merry



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Fulton's past: "the city the Great Depression missed"

By Patty Morrison

Fulton is home to many things; the famous Red Raiders, NHL hockey player Robbie Schremp, the 2005 State Championship boys soccer team, and a wrestling team that has been ranked first in the state on five different occasions. But those are just recent things. What many students do not realize is that Fulton was home to countless businesses and industries throughout the twenties until now.

The city of Fulton is a community that was divided into two parts; the Village of Oswego Falls and the Village of Fulton; and was not merged and chartered as one city until the year 1902. The city has since been connected by two bridges, and the bridges have been rebuilt or refurbished several times since they were built.

Fulton was also a home to many industries. American Woolen Mill was a main textile mill

that supplied the US Army with their uniforms during both World Wars, and also, they were a main supply of clothes for many Italian and Polish immigrants, who worked in the factory, shopped at the company store, and lived in simple company housing. Foster Knife Works was also a main source of industry here, and the factory manufactured cutlery for both industrial and domestic uses.

Along the river, there were many other factories that established there so they could take advantage of the water power that came from the rapids on the river. These names included: Hunter Arms, Hunter Bicycle, Hunter Fan, Sealright-Oswego Falls Corporation, which later became Huhtamaki, Dilts, which later became Black Clawson, and a number of flour mills including Arrowhead. There were also many paper and other miscellaneous manufacturers including Velvet Paper, Volney Felt Mills, Armstrong Cork, and the Container Cor-

poration of America.

When Peter Cailer Kohler began chocolate production in the United States, Fulton became the home of the first chocolate factory in America, called Nestle. And the chocolate factory here is how Fulton got its population of Swiss people. The Swiss are skilled in the art of making chocolate, so they followed the plant here, and settled to work and live close to the factory.

The industry of the city bred a small, but strong work force for many years. In fact, in the early 1930s during the Great Depression, the *New York Sun* newspaper, based out of New York City, wrote a lengthy article about the city, describing the people and the local economy, headlining the article as, "Fulton: The City the Great Depression Missed."

Fulton was also home to the "Dizzy Block," which was a part of the city that was home to over 100 stores and businesses.

Recreation Park, now next to the War Memorial and the high school was also home to an amusement park, an ice skating/dancing rink and the Oswego County Fairgrounds.

Fulton also has deep roots in immigration, which goes for any city, but this city was just full of every European nationality possible. Fulton is just like a big melting pot of Europeans. The west side of the river was primarily made up of Italians and Polish people, however Syrians, Czechoslovakians, and Ukrainians also settled there. And the east side of the river was mainly made up of English and Irish, but Swiss, Scottish, and French people also settled there.

Bodley Bash set for June 6

On Monday, June 6, G. Ray Bodley High School will be holding its annual Year End Bodley Bash. Sponsored by Team Positive, the Bodley Bash is a popular event for all students at GRB. The event will be held on the sports complex after school until 5 p.m.. The many activities for students to take part in include a kickball tournament, a Minute to Win It Competition, a Tug of War, and volleyball. Popcorn and lemonade are free for all participants, and hotdogs are 25 cents each.

Students interested in the Minute to Win It Competition should sign up in their advisory. Seniors who are interested can sign up with Ms. Clayton in room 113. Sign-up sheets for the kickball tournament are available from Mr. Murray, Mrs. Richardson, and Mrs. Rossi. All interested students must be sure to sign up for the events. There is no doubt that the Bodley Bash will be a fun event for everyone. All faculty, staff, and students are more than welcome to join in on the fun.

By Daniel Summerville

Opinion

Memorial Day: remember why we have it

By Brenna Merry

The last weekend of May in Fulton, New York is often associated with the annual fair, fireworks and parade. It is a time where the city is full of life, music and fatty foods. However, during this time most people do not stop to think what has brought the community together in such a manner.

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance of those who have died in the services. In an era where war is nearly common, this day strikes home to many. Many seniors are making their way in to the armed forces and it is rarer to not know someone who has lost their life fighting for the country than the opposite. As you see the men marching in their army uniforms down the road for their parade, they are there for more than your entertainment; it is a form of honoring those who have been in the same shoes as they are.

Memorial Day first originated after the Civil War and in 1868 was declared an official holiday by General Logan. These days, days for many people, Memorial Day is the mark of the beginning of summer. It is a time when families start to open up their pools, have cook outs and smell cut grass and summer flowers. However, the sight of the city sitting by the road waving miniature American Flags still strikes a sense of nationalism in everyone's heart.

It's rare and far between that Fulton, NY is known for its excess of events and community. During this holiday, though, it seems the public as a whole comes together. In a world where losing someone to war is commonplace and parents often watch as their children walk out the door dressed in military attire, the only way to get through such events is with the upstanding support of those around you.

Not many years ago there wasn't a choice as to whether or not you were sent overseas. It was mandatory that men of a certain age were enlisted and drafted. Today these men stand right beside women, voluntarily leaving their homes and lives behind to risk all they have for their nation. I admire those who have such heart and bravery, were it



not for them who knows how life would be? Watching many of my fellow classmates so certain in their decisions to join the military, I could not be prouder of my class for having the courage to do something that I could not.

This weekend be sure to enjoy the G. Ray Bodley marching band in the parade, eat too much cotton candy, listen to the bands, ride the ride that spins far too much and spend ten dollars trying to win a toy worth a quarter. Amidst the annual fun that many look forward to, take time to remember those who have lost their lives to allow Americans to have this joy and freedom. Shake the hands of the soldiers walking around the city and realize how lucky you are that they are putting their life on the line, for you.

"I admire those who have such heart and bravery, were it not for them who knows how life would be?"

Bizarre news of the day

Six-year-old Croatian boy Ivan Stoiljkovic can hang up to 25kg of metal from his chest, including cutlery, coins and even a non-stick frying pan.

According to his family, when Ivan, who is from Koprivnica in Croatia, takes off his shirt, metallic objects such as spoons, mobile phones and even frying pans simply stick to his body. His grandmother claims that it all started "as a joke," after she saw a similar boy on the TV.

On a video on *The Telegraph*, a British news site, Ivan can be seen "catching" several silver coins on his chest when his family members tossed them at him. Ivan, it is also claimed, is much stronger than other children his age and is able to easily carry bags of cement as heavy as 50 pounds. His grandfather remarked that Ivan, who was rollerblading at 15 months, has always been "different."

That isn't the end to Ivan's unusual talents, his family says Ivan has also used his 'healing' hands to alleviate his grandfather's stomach pains and take away the pain of a neighbor who hurt his leg in a tractor accident.

By Morgan Firenze

Quote of the day:

"A child can ask questions that a wise man cannot answer."
~Author Unknown

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The Great Outdoors: Tom turkey or bust as season draws to a close

By Daniel Summerville

Memorial Day weekend is coming up, and while most people are looking forward to a relaxing long weekend, others are starting to scramble as the end of the month approaches. Many students cannot wait until May ends, while others wish it would go on forever. The end of May means that the school year is almost over, but it also means that spring turkey season is coming to an end.

Many local hunters have been finding that the turkeys have not been as plentiful as they usually are. Fewer people than normal have managed to harvest a turkey this season so far, and this weekend is the last chance for hunters to bag a gobbler. Those of us who have not yet given up this year will be out in our favorite hunting spots this weekend, calling hopefully for a big tom. This late in the



season, most hunters realize that their chances of bagging a turkey are slim. By now they know that they are being hunted, and are very skittish. They will retreat at the slightest noise or movement. If a sportsman can shoot a turkey during the last weekend of the season, they are either an extremely lucky or fairly skilled hunter. The toms that have made it this far are the smartest of the species, and are often some of the bigger birds. There are few things more frustrating than seeing a tom strutting around in a field every afternoon and not seeing so much as a tail feather in the morning, but in many cases that is what happens.

It may be because of the short nesting season last year, or because of the extremely wet weather this year, but there is no doubt that it has been a hard turkey season. Turkey hunters have put up with wind, rain, and mud all season, and many of them have not harvested a turkey. Memorial Day weekend is the last chance for hunters to bag a bird, after May 31 turkey season will be over until fall. After this weekend, the turkeys will be able to roam freely about the woods again. This season it seems that the turkeys have been triumphant, not the hunters.

Two potential blockbusters for Memorial Day

At the Movies
By Hunter Gorton

Memorial Day is the unofficial start of the summer movie season and this weekend offers a pair of potential blockbusters with follow-up editions of a pair of popular movies.

For the kids, *Kung Fu Panda 2* hits the silver screen while adults get another helping of the crew from *The Hangover* as *The Hangover 2* is finally here.

pens in Thailand is just downright outrageous. (Comedy)

Kung Fu Panda 2 - In *Kung Fu Panda 2*, Po, the main character, is now living his dream. He is The Dragon Warrior, protecting his village, the Valley of Peace, alongside his friends and kung fu disciples, The Furious Five. But Po's new life of glory and pride is threatened by the emergence of a terrifying villain, who plans to use a top secret, unstoppable weapon to conquer China and destroy the ancient art of Kung Fu. He must explore his past and uncover the secrets of his mysterious origins, only then will Po be able to unlock the strength he needs to succeed. (Family, Animation)

The Hangover 2: A follow up to the record breaking hit *The Hangover* where Phil, Stu, Alan and Doug head to the exotic Thailand to join Stu and his soon to be wife in holy matrimony. After the intense bachelor party in Las Vegas, Stu is taking no chances and is promoting a much toned down bachelor experience. This being said things don't go as imagined. What happens in Vegas might stay in Vegas, but what hap-

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Raider Sports

Tennis concludes season at tourney

The Fulton varsity tennis team finished its regular season last Thursday and sectional play came to a close Tuesday. Although the team finished with a 3-9 record, the matches were closer than the record makes them appear. Fulton lost nearly every match 4-3 and the wins came with the same score. The wins came with two against ES-M, and one against Homer. The margin between victory and defeat waxes so close that in one match against ES-M and the Homer win, the opposing team had to forfeit the 4th singles position, automatically giving Fulton that point. The team played with a never say die attitude this season with many matches going to three sets and the players seeing their fair share of tiebreakers.

The team will be losing seven seniors and a lot of experience. After four years on the team, Kyler Gardner will be moving on. Jon Bonning, Doug Sherwood, Erik Bierbrauer and Mark Bailey will also be lost to graduation, while co-captains, Scott Bullard and Tyler Crandell, round off the group of graduating seniors. Junior Eric Naioti will have seniority next year, moving into his fourth season of varsity tennis. In his final high school year he will look to lead his team to overturning the few points they needed this year so that the matches will end up going Fulton's way.

Despite the 3-9 record, Fulton ended up sending four players to sectionals. Eric Naitoti and Mitch Lalik went at the second and third singles positions and Mark Bailey and Tyler Crandell went for second doubles. Sophomore Mitch Lalik, who had an excellent run at third singles, was seeded third at the tournament, giving him a first round bye. Sectionals were played Monday and Tuesday at Syracuse University's Skytop Tennis Courts. The two singles teams and the doubles team won their first matches and moved on to the next round where they all put in great efforts, but were beaten. For Lalik, this was the semi-finals,

which meant that he would have to come back Tuesday to play a consolation match. After school Tuesday he returned to the courts and won his match to finish in third place. Mark Bailey said of the team's sectionals performance, "I thought we all did a good job. There were some really good players there but I think we held our own for the most part."

With the team retaining 9 of 16 players going into next season, some people will have to fill the gaps that are going to be left behind. With two players who had strong sectional showings returning along with other starters, the team will have some quality players to work with. Overall the team will look to bounce back after a season of matches that just barely went the wrong way time and again.

By Tyler Crandell



Coach Wilson and members of the Fulton boys track and field team will be headed to Canastota on Friday for the Section 3 Invitational meet. (James Ireland photo)

Raiders run well at VanDusen Invitational

"Cruisin at the Dusen" was the motto followed by members of the Red Raider track squad this past Saturday, with multiple placers at the 15 team invitational. In the pentathlon Mark Aldasch placed fourth overall scoring 1,000 points while in the 400, Zach Howell placed fourth overall, running a 53.1, just back of the first place time of 52.4. In the discus, captain Mat Shoults looked to place for the first time at the Van Dusen, but fell short by half an inch.

In the jumping events, Casey Holden took third overall, placing the highest for the Raiders, and matching his personal best of 5-feet-8. In long jump captain Don Wilmot jumped an 18-feet-7, placing fourth, and in triple jump Wilmot jumped a 37-feet-7, placing fifth.

With no Justin Armour, the Raiders were forced to scratch the 4x100, an event that they could have easily won. In the Raiders most prized event, the 4x400, the team of Howell, Casey Holden, Wilmot, and Jim Ireland ran a 3:48, a time they were not proud of, but they still placed fourth out of the 15 teams. Howell clocked in with a 55, Wilmot and Ireland came in with 56, and Holden a 59. The Raiders look to have four solid practices, as they send 13 to sectionals Friday.

Trackmen set for Section 3 Invite

This Friday, May 27 the Raider track squad will travel to Canastota, to take part in the sectional invitational. The Raiders who will be competing include Justin Armour, running the 100, 200, and 4x100 and Zach Howell, running in the 4x400, 4x100, 400, and long jumping. Nick Morse and Mat Shoults, will be throwing discus, and shot put with Jim Ireland, running the 4x400, and 4x100.

In addition, Don Wilmot is running in the 4x100, 4x400, and jumping long and triple. Eighth grader Bailey Lutz will be running the mile and Dylan Holden, Alan Cronk, Nick Tallents, and Kyle Loftus will be running the 4x800 team for the Raiders while Loftus will also be running the mile. Other Raider competitors include Casey Holden, who will be competing in high jump, the 400, and the 4x400. Mark Aldasch will be competing in the pentathlon, which is comprised of the 110 hurdles, shot put, long jump, high jump, and the 1500.

The Raiders have high hopes in all of the events, but an event that stands out for them is their 4x100, run by Justin Armour, Zach Howell, Jim Ireland, and Don Wilmot. The team has a best time a 47 seconds, and looks to run even faster at the sectional meet. The other standout team would be the 4x400, run by Howell, Casey Holden, Ireland, and Wilmot. This team has run a 3:45, and also looks to drop time off of their run, by switching the order that the people run in. The Raiders will be looking to take top two positions, so that they can continue to the state qualifier meet. *By Don Wilmot*

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Deadliest tornado since 1953 destroys Missouri town

While we have nothing to deal with but cloudy skies and a few showers here in Central New York, there is more record-setting severe weather occurring in the United States. The deadliest tornado recorded in the United States since 1953 ripped a path of destruction through Joplin, Missouri on Sunday evening. This storm not only led to massive chaos but also a show of emotion from the media in the area in the tornado's aftermath.

There are now at least 125 confirmed deaths, and still roughly 1000 people unaccounted for due to the Joplin tornado. The storm was initially evaluated as an EF4 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, which is used to rate tornadic intensity. This was upgraded to an EF5 on Tuesday evening ...the highest possible rating. This means that winds greater than 200 miles per hour were likely associated with the massive storm.

In the immediate aftermath, the first pictures to come out of the area were disturbing and breathtaking. The Weather Channel was among the very first in national media to reach the area just minutes after the tornado occurred. Through a very choppy live shot, the nation got its first glimpse of just what type of damage and destruction there was to be dealt with in south-west Missouri. The situation was so dire that at one point, the on-air crew decided to almost disregard the fact that they were on live television and just began helping people search for their neighbors and pull people out of the rubble. Because of this, while giving an overall wrap-up on the latest information from Joplin some time later, the meteorologist on the scene for TWC, Mike Bettes, lost all control emotionally and had to fight back tears as he reported.

The Joplin tornado is just one of the latest disturbances in a pattern of severe weather that some meteorologists see remaining persistent for some time. One of these is Jim Cantore of The Weather Channel. He noted on Tuesday's edition of Weather Center Live that the same on again/off again setup that has produced devastating tornadoes for the last few months is once again reinvigorating itself, and there does not seem to be a substantive end in sight for people living in the south-central portion of our country.

By Carson Metcalf

Information for this article was obtained from the NWS Storm Prediction Center, The Weather Channel, and the Associated Press.



Residents of Joplin, Missouri encountered the worst tornado that this country has seen in almost 60 years this past Sunday. Over 1,000 people are still unaccounted for and 125 lost their life in this natural disaster. (Mark Schiefelbein, Associated Press)



Stage almost set for Stanley Cup finals

As the NHL playoffs begin to wind down, the lifting of the Stanley Cup is coming ever closer. The Western Conference playoffs came to an end in dramatic fashion Tuesday night, as the Vancouver Canucks, the heavily favored team, defeated the San Jose Sharks by a score of 3-2, in double overtime. The Canucks won the series 4 games to 1, and showed a great will to win throughout the entire playoffs, arriving at the Stanley Cup Finals for the first time since 1994, where they fell short to the New York Rangers in seven games.

The Eastern Conference is yet to be determined, as the Boston Bruins and the Tampa Bay Lightning are forced to play a game seven on Friday night to determine who moves on to face the Canucks. The series has been back and forth, and a solid grind for both teams, as the emotions have run rampant throughout.

Last night, Tampa Bay found a way to defeat the Bruins by a score of 5-4, avoiding playoff elimination. Tampa's top line performed valiantly in the game, as Vincent Lecavalier, Martin St. Louis and Steve Stamkos combined for three goals and eight points to help the Lightning to a wild 5-4 victory at St. Pete Times Forum Wednesday night to even this series at three wins apiece. Dwayne Roloson, the 41 year old Lightning goalie played a key role in the forcing of a game seven, as he recorded 16 saves, as Tampa played very solid defense in front of the goalie.

Boston players of note included their top line as well. David Krejci recorded his first career playoff hat trick, netting three goals in the contest. Krejci and his linemates, Milan Lucic and Nathan Horton combined for a total of four goals and seven points, as Lucic found the net for the Bruins as well. Boston net minder Tim Thomas did all he could to help his team win, as he saved 21 pucks on the night. Game seven is going back to Massachusetts as the Bruins will be hosting the Lightning in the final Eastern Conference game of the season. The face off is scheduled for 8 p.m., and promises to be nothing short of breathtaking.

By Colin Shannon

School of Thought compiled by Ryann Crofoot and Christine Proud

What are you doing over the long weekend?



"We're going to the fair and fireworks together,"
Amanda Tetro & Alyssa Scruton



"I'm going camping!"
Caitlin LaVoie



"Having a cookout and watching the fireworks."
Mrs. Hallatt



"I don't know. I didn't even know there was a long weekend until a few days ago." **Eva Jones**

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Strong afternoon thunderstorms. High in the mid-80s.
Record high: 90 (2010).
Avg. high: 72.

Tonight:



Cloudy with a shower or storm. Low in the upper-50s.
Record low: 360 (1969).
Avg. low: 49.

Tomorrow:



A shower or storm. High in the upper-70s.
Record high: 88 (1978).
Avg. high: 72.

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