

College applications, FAFSA forms: time is now for Class of 2012

It is that time of the year when seniors need to begin narrowing down their college choices and start applying for financial aid. As of January 1, seniors could start applying for FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid). The clock is ticking when it comes

to deadlines for college applications and especially for financial aid.

Students are reminded not to wait until the last minute! Nearly every senior knows someone who has graduated who waited too long to get their college applications and fi-

nancial aid forms turned in, and they missed out. Don't let that be you!

It is vital to get it done sooner rather than later so you can have a better opportunity to go to the college of your choice and have the funds to help pay for it. *By Mark Aldasch*



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Raiders invade Phoenix in wrestling showdown

The Raider wrestling team will travel to Phoenix High School tonight for one of the most anticipated dual meets of the year. The undefeated Raiders, currently ranked sixth in large schools, will be looking to tack one more on to their undefeated dual meet record. However such a feat will not come easily, as Phoenix ranks in at number one for small schools.

The Phoenix-Fulton rivalry stems back to the rise of Phoenix as a state-title competitive team under coach Gene Mills, a former NCAA champion and Olympic qualifier.

Out of the last 10 dual meets, the Raiders have won six, which leaves the Firebirds hungry to even out the score. However, it may be tough for the Firebirds, as the Raiders have rolled past Phoenix by more than ten points in each of the last two years.

Prior to that, however, Phoenix became the first team in history to defeat Fulton three times in one season, and the 'Birds feature a trio of undefeated wrestlers in the 20-0 duo of Nick Tighe (126) and Tyler Button (152) as well as 16-0 performer Austin Hayes at 195 pounds.

The 152 pound event should be a classic as Devon Viscome brings a 22-3 record in against Button's unbeaten start while the 160 pound event features Fulton's Tony Torrese at 23-3 against 19-1 combatent Rowdy Prior of Phoenix. Fulton's Mitch Woodworth puts a 20-3 record on the line against 15-4 Brad Dietz at 99 with Adam Wallace (10-3) taking on 16-6 Nate Deitz in what looms as a thrilling match-up in the 138 pound ring.

Both teams have a certain number of standout wrestlers to spare, however during Wednesday's match none of that will matter as both teams bring explosive excitement and

Fulton Red Raiders

(13-0)

Ranked #6 NYS large schools



- 99 Mitch Woodworth (20-3)
- 106 Austin Whitney (6-6)
- 113 Thomas Hill (6-0)
- 120 Brandon Hill (9-6)
- 126 Johann Ambach (5-7)
- 132 Michael Eddy (16-10)
- 138 Adam Wallace (10-3)
- 145 Michael Demauro (8-8)
- 152 Devon Viscome (22-3)
- 160 Tony Torrese (23-3)
- 170 Nick Woodworth (17-2)
- 182 Derek Owen (19-7)
- 195 Todd Oakes (6-9)
- 220 Chris Bixby (13-9)
- 285 Brennan Roberge (19-4)

Phoenix Firebirds

(4-1)

Ranked #1 NYS small schools



- Brad Deitz (15-4)
- Nate Bray (14-6)
- Remington Lynch (6-8)
- Alex Fatcheric (5-8)
- Nick Tighe (20-0)
- Ryan Coe (6-3)
- Nate Dietz (16-6)
- Zach Coe (4-8)
- Tyler Button (20-0)
- Rowdy Prior (19-1)
- Justin Rhodes (8-4)
- Hayden Virginia (6-8)
- Austin Hayes (16-0)
- Trevor Ferez (5-5)
- Billy Powers (3-15)

(please note that these are anticipated match-ups for tonight's meet)

upsets to the table. The match's outcome will depend solely on who wants it more. The Raiders as well as the Firebirds have hammers at the same weights and any outcome is possible, so it will be up to the younger less experienced wrestlers from both sides

to set the pace.

Tonight's match will be televised live on Time Warner Sports; however you won't want to miss the action live, as it will surely be one for the record books.

Opinion

Reading: it's good for your "comprehention"

By Vanessa Langdon

Reading is of utmost importance, as it is involved in literally every profession, whether a career is directly related to reading or not. If you want to be a teacher you will have to read, if you want to be a lawyer, or a doctor, or a mechanic, or a secretary.

Everything involves reading.

Unfortunately many people do not read and that includes the students here at G. Ray Bodley. Hopefully even if you do not read books on your own accord you are forced to read thanks to the curriculum of the English classes and in other disciplines. But even that does not ensure that people are reading. A recent survey conducted at GRB showed results that are dismal, to



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say the least.

Of those surveyed nearly two-thirds answered that they do not read in their free time, leaving only one in three who said that they do, in fact, read in their free time. Reading the books assigned to them for school had more reassuring results with two-thirds of the respondents answering that they do in fact read those books assigned, with one in three admitting to the fact that they do not read assigned books.

With such results I was hoping that those who answered that they do not read would redeem themselves with their answer to the third and final question, concerning whether they wish they were able to read in their free time. Unfortunately not everyone answered this question and only 13% of the people answered that they would like to read. Again, a third of respondents said that they would not read,

even if they had more opportunity to do so.

What was almost more concerning for me was the fact that the cause of the lack of reading was not some strange thought that reading is not important, but instead pure laziness. People were able to list numerous advantages to reading and why they should be reading; to build their vocabulary, to increase their grammar, and to improve reading comprehension among others.

Unfortunately even reassuring comments had negative aspects; one survey came back with a response to the question of whether reading is important, saying, "Yes because it help with comprehension skilz." Whether or not this person intentionally wrote that incorrectly is a moot point, as the point was made, people need to read. If not you end up like this poor person.

If you do not read you will have a hard time with everything, as reading increases your vocabulary, grammar and spelling, making you a more eloquent speaker who is then better able to express their thoughts and feelings.

(Note: while we are far from perfect and often make spelling errors at the worst time here at RaiderNet Daily, the misspelling of comprehension in the title of this article was intentional).

Bizarre News of the Day:

That's one way to catch a robber

Terence Dimmock, a disabled man, used an antique bed warming pan to fight off gun-wielding robbers who broke into his home.

Mr. Dimmock, 63, snatched the copper pan off the wall and hit one of the raiders around the head after he was pistol whipped with an imitation gun. Mr. Dimmock, who suffers from a bad back, also managed to bite the arm of robber Phillip Scarrott after he grabbed him around the throat.

The robbers fled with his wallet containing \$193 in cash, a bank card, a fishing license and his bus pass.

Scarrott, 22, was caught after police matched saliva left on the 3 foot-long warming pan with his DNA. He was jailed for six-and-a-half years after he admitted robbery and possession of an imitation firearm at Worcester Crown Court.

By Morgan Firenze



Reflections

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Undefeated but still unknown: Fulton bowlers

By Vanessa Langdon

An undefeated school sports team gaining almost no recognition

seems ridiculous, right? Unfortunately that is precisely the case with G. Ray Bodley High School's girls and boys bowling teams. They are both undefeated and not many people know about it, which hardly seems fair.

These two teams work just as hard as all the other sports teams at GRB, practicing two times a week at Lakeview Lanes while taking part in matches on Wednesday and Thursday in Mattydale at Strike and Spare Lanes. On top of the practices and commitments associated with the school bowling team many of the GRB bowlers participate in another bowling league for juniors. All but one of the girls plays in a Saturday morning league at Lakeview Lanes.

Sophomore and two year member of the girls bowling team Danielle Rupert recently took the time to explain her sport in general. Danielle informed me about some of the basic bowling rules, The bowling that these students do is vastly different from the bowling many people are used to, which sometimes includes bumpers and a final score of about 50.

According to Danielle there are only five starters and then subs and team members bowl three games. One point is given for the high team score in each game, and a single point is awarded for the high team total when combining all five scores for each of the three games. As a result, the best score possible is 4-0. They figure out a team's score by adding the total number of pins a team knocks over for each game and that constitutes winning that game. That process is repeated for each of the three games and a possible point is won by the team whose total number of pins is highest. The girls bowling team has won 4-0 in all six matches they have played this year, allowing them to have a true perfect record!

The girls bowling team consists of six girls, with five starters and one substitute. The starters of the perfect girls team are Mikayla

Guernsey a sophomore, Kendra Tryniski a freshman, Katelyn Ely a freshman, Kylie Clifford a junior, Danielle Rupert a sophomore, and their substitute is Amanda Deavers a freshman. A perfect team with no seniors means only greatness is expected from this squad again next year!

The 7-0 boys bowling team includes seniors Dan Wahl and Ryan Kelly, Kyle Denson an eighth grader, juniors Kyle Martin and Dan

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Henkle, seniors Zach Wright and Zach Wallon and sophomore Brandon Wallon as well as freshman Shawn Walberger and seventh graders Nick Walberger and Bryce Guernsey. The boys starters change but generally include Dan Wahl, Ryan Kelly, Shawn Walberger, Bryce Guernsey with the fifth position switching between Kyle Denson and Kyle Martin.

Danielle Rupert had an amazing match on Wednesday, January 4, getting a personal record of 556! She bowled game scores of 169, 177, 210 with a series 556. Bryce Guernsey couldn't let Danielle have all the spotlight and bowled a 289, his highest score ever and the next day, Thursday, January 5, he bowled his highest series ever, a 703!

Bowling is not really a spectator sport with the crowd, if a small group can be classified as one, mostly made up of parents and siblings. But people are most definitely allowed to go and watch and support one of our best standing teams! Their next match of the season, which is coming to a close at the end of this month, is today in Mattydale at 3:30 against Cortland. Hopefully even if you are not able to make the trek you will see some of these hard working athletes in the hallway and tell them good job!

Quote of the day:
 “Friendship is love without his wings!”
 - Lord Byron

Moonlight Madness this Saturday at Fulton YMCA

Are you looking for something fun to do this weekend? How about an evening of balloon basketball, indoor volleyball, swimming, snacks and more?

This Saturday, January 14, at the Fulton YMCA you can enjoy all of these things for free. This will only be going on for one night from 6 pm to 9 pm and anyone ages 11 to 18 is welcome to attend. Don't forget to save the date today so you do not miss out on this fun adventure.

For more information contact the Fulton YMCA at 598-9622.

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Bowling vs. Cortland @ Mattydale (3:30); Wrestling @ Phoenix (6 pm).
Thurs. Jan. 12: Hockey vs. Auburn (6 pm); Boys Bball vs. Cortland (JV-5:30/V-7 pm).
Fri. Jan. 13: Indoor Track @ CNYITA Meet (4:30 @ OCC); Girls Bball @ Cortland (JV-5:30/V-7 pm).
Sat. Jan. 14: Boys Bball @ C. Square (JV-noon/V-2 pm); Swim @ Multi-team meet A Mexico (TBA).
Tues. Jan. 17: Hockey @ Clinton (4:30).
Wed. Jan. 18: Bowling vs. Chittenango @ Mattydale (3:30); Wrestling vs. Cortland (6 pm).



Odds & Ends

The Adventures of 'lil Bodley

By Madeline Clark (this comic is drawn on reused paper!)



Hudson hits for 26 as Raiders nip Phoenix

It proved to be another nail biter for the Fulton boys basketball team on Tuesday as the Raiders faced rival Phoenix. And as has been the case so far this season, Fulton was up to the task in the close ones, easing past the Firebirds 56-53. The Raiders got off to a slow start defensively in the first quarter, giving up 15 points to the hosts to trail 15-14 after eight minutes. As the second quarter began Fulton turned up the offensive pressure as senior captain Nathan Hudson got the hot hand quickly, scoring three three-point shots in a row. A 21 point barrage in the second quarter gave the Raiders a 35-30 lead going into the half.

But the Firebirds were not about to go down easy, and as the third quarter began Fulton found itself mired in another slow start. Knowing full well that Fulton's go-to guy was Hudson, the Firebirds put pressure on Hudson and left it up for the rest of the team for some offensive scoring. At the end of third quarter the Raiders still had the lead, 49-45. As the fourth quarter began Fulton knew they had the potential to win this game. The fourth quarter proved to be a defensive struggle for both teams as the two sides combined for just 15 points.

With less than 40 seconds left and Phoenix down by one point, they fouled junior captain Cody Dick. After working on free throws at practice the day before, he was the perfect man at the line for Fulton sinking both shots to put the Raiders up three. A defensive stop at the other end forced Phoenix to foul again. This time sophomore Mark Pollock was at the line for a one and one. Pollock missed

the first, but while Phoenix trying to make an outlet pass, the sophomore made an outstanding defensive stop to give the Raiders their fourth win on the year. Hudson had a season high 26 points with four three-pointers while Cody Dick and Tyler French added seven apiece for the Raiders. Leading the way for Phoenix with 20 points was Kyle Himes, while Chris Vaverchak netted 14 for the Firebirds, who fell to 0-5 in league play and 0-9 overall in a tough loss.

Now 3-2 in league play and 4-6 overall, the Raiders, winners in three out of their last four, will be back in action on Thursday when Fulton plays host to Cortland. Junior varsity action begins at 5:30 pm, with the varsity to follow.

By Sean Fink

In swimming action on Tuesday the Raiders picked up a pair of first place performances in a 96-78 loss to New Hartford. Steven Hanczyk won the diving event with a score of 174.76 while also joining teammates David Tallents, Ross Gardner and Jacob Strauss on the winning 400 freestyle relay in a time of 4:15.79.

Raider Sports

How much snow do you think we are going to get this year?



"Six feet."
Mrs. Williams



"Not that much because of El Nino."
Emily Ervin



"69 feet."
Brian Garret



"I hope none."
Mrs. Hawley

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy.
Chance rain.

38°

Average: 31°
Record: 67° (1975)

Tonight:



Cloudy with an icy mix toward morning.

30°

Average: 16°
Record: -18° (1968)

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with rain and snow.

41°

Average: 31°
Record: 54° (1995)

GRB senior Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com
Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.