

All-county band festival this weekend in Oswego

This weekend, the 2012 Oswego County All-County Band Festival will be taking place at Oswego High School. Students from all around the county prepared an audition back in December. A select number of musicians were notified if they had been chosen to perform with the group.

Fulton will be sending six students this year. Recognized will be Nick Abelgore on trombone, Danielle Rupert and Emma Belcher on clarinet, Kyle Loftus on bass clarinet, Janelle Tallents on tenor saxophone, and Stephen Haywood playing tuba.

Students leave Friday during school to ar-

rive in time for a 1 pm rehearsal. Practice on Friday goes until 7 pm, with various breaks and a dinner in between. The All-County musicians will then return to Oswego High School in the morning for a 9 am rehearsal to fine tune things in preparation for the 2 pm concert.

The Jr. High Band performs first, followed by the Sr. High players. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and adults. T-Shirts and CDs will also be on sale. All of this will be taking place at the Faust Theatre in Oswego High School. Anyone looking for some good entertainment and music

should come and listen to the 2012 All-County Band concert.

Dr. Adam Brennan of Mansfield University, Pennsylvania will be conducting the high school band. The selection of music even includes two pieces that he composed himself. Students will be able to experience firsthand working with the creator of the music they are playing and will learn to play it exactly as he envisioned it.

The Orchestra All-County Festival will be taking place later this winter while the choir performance will not be until the beginning of April.

By Nick Abelgore



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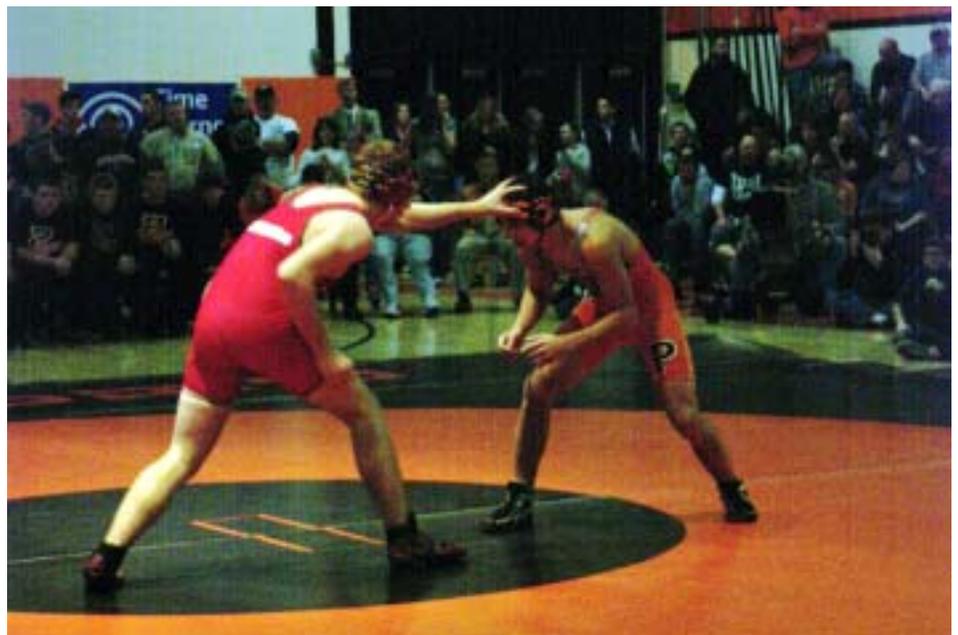
Raiders outduel Phoenix in an instant classic

The Fulton and Phoenix rivalry lived up to the advance hype and billing last night when the Red Raiders crept past the Firebirds by a mere two points, prevailing 36-34. The Raiders, now with a flawless 14-0 record defeated the Firebirds, who are currently ranked number one in the state for small schools.

Time Warner Sports televised the event at Phoenix High School, where the bleachers were filled to their max. Alumni and fans of the rivalry sat on the floor and stood the entire match just to get a glimpse of the action; and there was plenty of it. From the standing ovation Timmy Conners received after the national anthem, to the chanting by each side of the crowd, the match was an adrenaline-packed two hours.

The Raiders began by putting the booing Phoenix crowd to rest when senior Chris Bixby from Fulton defeated his Phoenix opponent Trevor Ferenz by a single point. The tempo picked up for the Raiders as junior Brennan Roberge, in collaboration with freshmen Mitch Woodworth and Austin Whitney defeated their Phoenix opponents to put the score at a solid 19-0 for Fulton.

Phoenix answered back with a win of their own however, when Nate Bray of Phoenix defeated Greg Jodway by major decision. Fulton fired back with a big win from Brandon Hill, who came back from behind to win his match.



Junior Derek Owen, left, scored one of the biggest wins of his career last night when his decision proved to be the deciding points in a 36-34 win at Phoenix. (Michaela Best photo)

The Firebirds then won the next two matches by pin over Johann Ambach and Michael Eddy to bring the score to a much closer 23-16, still in Fulton's favor. Senior Raider Adam Wallace then defeated Nate Dietz of Phoenix by major decision; however at the 145 pound bout William Hilliard of Phoenix topped Raider Michael Demauro in overtime to put the score at 27-19, again

in Fulton's approval.

Phoenix fired their two guns, Tyler Button and Rowdy Prior, to defeat senior standouts Devon Viscome and Tony Torrese, which hurt the Raiders and suddenly propelled the home side into a 28-27 lead. Their joy was short lived, however, as senior all-star Nick Woodworth brought Fulton back

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Opinion

Final episode marks end of a Disney era

By Vanessa Langdon

This past Friday the last show that was on the air when many of us spent our days watching the Disney Channel aired its final new episode. The series finale of *Wizards of Waverly* aired Friday evening at 8 pm on the Disney Channel.

The show premiered on the Disney Channel on October 12, 2007 to an audience of 5.9 million viewers. It followed the Russo family, an Italian-Mexican American family of three siblings, all wizards, as they lived and worked in their family sub shop in Manhattan, New York City. The show centered on an oldest brother Justin, a younger sister Alex, and their younger brother Max and their schooling on the rules of being a wizard by their former wizard father. The finale culminated in the final wizard competition where the siblings of each wizard



growing up, our old childhood shows have all ended. And with the end of these shows era ends the era of our childhood. We are grown up and preparing to enter the world as adults. But thankfully there will always be reruns for those days when we just need to feel like a kid again!

Bizarre News of the Day:

Airborne car startles residents

A stolen car became airborne and landed on the roof of a California apartment building, startling residents. The driver, who fled the scene in California in his boxer shorts, is said to have lost control in foggy conditions, and hit some large rocks that sent the car flying into the air.

Police say the driver of the stolen vehicle was speeding and hit a raised area of the road and became airborne. No one was injured in the incident in Fresno, California despite two people being in the house at the time.

"It appears that they climbed the curb, the car begins to go airborne, strikes a boulder and a tree stump that further lifts the car airborne and launched it upon the roof about 10 feet behind it," Lt. Anthony Martinez of the Fresno Police said.

Some residents of the area were startled and thought the whole thing was a prank.

"At first I thought it was a prank like you've been 'punked' or something, I thought somebody lowered the car on the house because that's not something you see every day," witness Jeanell Ricks said.

Police arrested a 26-year-old man a short distance away from the accident scene. He faces charges of driving a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was later removed from the roof by a crane.

By Morgan Firenze

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family must compete against each other with only one sibling from each wizard family gaining wizard-ship into adulthood.

The one hour finale was bittersweet for me and I believe bittersweet for many students who grew up watching the Disney channel because the finale of this show marked the end of the era of shows that were on the air and popular during the time period that many of us here at G. Ray Bodley were avid fans of Disney. There are no longer the *Even Stevens*, *The Proud Family*, *Lizzie McGuire*, *Phil of the Future*, *That's So Raven* and now the shows that replaced them; *Hannah Montana*, *Sonny with a Chance*, and finally *Wizards of Waverly Place* are all over.

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Quote of the day:

"When you die, if you've got five real friends, then you've had a great life."



Reflections

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News story on milk prices very misleading

By Daniel Summerville



Over the weekend, I came across a headline while watching the news that made me stop and think. The news story was about the rising milk prices.

In the story, it was stated that dairy farmers are demanding higher prices for the milk that they produce, and that is why prices are slowly going up in stores around the country. Because this story was on a trusted television news channel, a lot of people will believe it without a second thought. However, this story did not report all the facts, and some of them it reported incorrectly.

I have grown up on a dairy farm, and in the past few years I have been working alongside my father whenever I am not in school. Milk prices may be high in stores, but farmers are not seeing any great increases in their income. The farmers themselves have little or nothing to do with the milk prices. Some farmers may be pushing for higher milk prices so that their income increases, but it is not because of them that milk prices are as much as four dollars. Farmers see about twenty five percent of that amount in their milk checks; barely enough to keep a farm running.

It is the middlemen who are profiting from the higher prices, not farmers. In the past few years, many small farms have been going

out of business because of low income, even though the price of milk in stores is quite high. If farmers received the amount of money for every gallon that people pay for milk in stores there would not be any farmers going out of business.

The story also made it sound like the only way to get hormone free milk was to buy organic. This is not true either; there are a lot of non-organic farms that do not use growth hormones on any of their livestock. In truth, there is very little advantage in drinking

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organic milk, especially considering that it can cost almost two dollars more than normal milk.

It surprised me that such a widely watched news program would make such a large mistake in their reporting. It just goes to show that before people believe all that they see on television, even on the news, they should try and get the whole story for themselves.

Beauty & the Beast gets the 3-D treatment

Don't let the superstitions surrounding Friday the 13th get in the way of some fun over the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend as a trio of new movies hit the silver screen, including a time-honored classic with the 3-d release of Disney's Beauty and the Beast. As always, check the local theater listings for times and availability of these movies.

Contraband: Ex-con Chris Farraday is pushed back into the smuggling scene when his brother in law gets himself in trouble with a drug dealer. Chris picks up his old contraband ways to pay for the debt. He assembles a crew and heads off to Panama, where things go awry, and he finds himself inside a dangerous world of criminals, drug lords, and hit men. Will his family pay the price? Find out in this action movie.

Beauty and the Beast 3D: The Disney classic hits the big screen once again, in 3D. Belle is taken captive by the beast, befriends many unique castle enchantments, and realizes that the Beast isn't all that he seems.

Joyful Noise: This comedy has many well-known actors and actresses in the mix; Queen Latifah, Keke Palmer, Dolly Parton, plus many more. The movie takes place in Georgia, during rough times, and the community is looking forward to winning a competition to



get them out of it. With the two leaders of the choir group feuding, it's going to be a bumpy ride to victory.

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.

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

This week in Raider Sports

Today: 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).



Raider Sports

The Adventures of 'lil Bodley

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



Raiders rally to win

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on track with a pin over Codie Corso and a 33-28 Raider lead.

The next bout, at 182, was the match that would determine who would walk away with their heads held high as junior Derek Owen wrestled Justin Rhodes of Phoenix. The match went the first period without scoring before Owen kicked in the after-burners to defeat Rhodes 10-4, putting the match out of reach for Phoenix at 36-38 Fulton.

The Fulton side of the gym roared throughout the entire final match where Austyn Hayes of Phoenix pinned Todd Oakes of Fulton. But pin or not, the match was simply out of reach for Phoenix and the Raiders had won. With the Section 3 Duels just nine days away on January 21 at Cicero-North Syracuse, wrestling fans are already salivating over the prospect of another Fulton vs. Phoenix match-up. And if Wednesday's showdown is any indication of what lies ahead, it should be another exciting chapter in this Oswego County rivalry between neighboring schools. Fulton will be back in action on Wednesday, January 18 when the Raiders play host to Cortland in their final tune-up before the Section 3 Duels. *By Tony Torrese*

Bowling teams stay perfect

Cortland produced the high scorer of the day, but Fulton claimed the highest scores on Wednesday as both the girls and boys teams remained unbeaten by rolling past the Tigers. The girls remained perfect at 8-0 with their eighth consecutive 4-0 shutout while the boys charged to 9-0 on the season by outpointing Cortland 3-1. In each case the Raiders had to weather big efforts from Cortland's ace bowlers to prevail in the final team tallies.

Danielle Rupert led the way for the girls with a 539 series while Kylie Clifford, Kate Ely and Kendra Tryniski showed Fulton's depth with three game totals of 521, 520 and 510 respectively. Cortland's Cassie Baker earned top honors with a high game of 225 and a 588 series, but it wasn't enough to prevent the Tigers from falling to 6-3.

Cortland's boys were paced by Jacob Passalugo's high game of 229 and 659 high series, but it was all Fulton after him as Dan Wahl, Bryce Guernsey and Shawn Walberger carried the Raider charge to 9-0. Wahl rolled a 6343 series and Buernsey followed with a 590 while Walberger finished the day at 563.

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What does Martin Luther King mean to you?



"All men deserve to be recognized as equals."
Danni Kline



"He is like Abraham Lincoln."
Annette Bennett



"I enjoy having the day off of school."
Scott LaVoie



"Freedom."
Sarah Pluta

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with rain and snow showers.

43°

Average: 31°
Record: 54° (1995)

Tonight:



Cloudy with snow toward morning

29°

Average: 16°
Record: -25° (1982)

Tomorrow:



Windy with snow. Gusts 50 mph+

32°

Average: 31°
Record: 64° (2005)

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.