

Bodley music duo set for upcoming scholarship auditions

The Oswego County Music Educators' Association will be providing performance scholarship auditions on Monday, January 9. Seniors who were interested completed an application form about a month ago.

A good number of fine musicians from across Oswego County now have scheduled audition times in which they will be performing solos on an instrument of their choice. The auditions take place at Oswego High School.

Judges will be evaluating criteria such as musicianship, technique, accuracy of notes, good tone quality, and many other musical

aspects. The top three students will be awarded scholarship money, with first place receiving up to \$500. This is an excellent way to earn cash toward college. One can use it to buy textbooks or any other school supplies that are needed. Every little bit counts.

From Fulton, only two senior musicians will be participating. Nathan Deavers will be performing vocally as a tenor. Nick Abelgore is auditioning on both the piano and the trombone. All music has to be a Level VI NYSSMA solo.

That is not a problem because both Nate

and Nick received high scores at the NYSSMA Solo Festival last year. They were both in the Area All-State Festival this past November and Nick went on to participate in Conference All-State as well.

Nick says that this will be a great preview to his four upcoming college auditions. This way, he can break in the aspect of performing in front of judges under pressure and refine any final things with his music.

All those auditioning have proven themselves to be some of the top musicians in their area, so the competition will be tough.



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All eyes on Ashlynn as senior closes in on 1,000

By Ross Maxam

The Raider varsity girl basketball team will be back in action tonight against their down the road rival, the Mexico Tigers. The Raiders currently sit third in the league with a 1-2 record that contributes to an overall record of 3-6. The girls hoopsters have yet to face the Tigers this year, but expect it to be a good contest with Mexico standing at 4-3 overall and a 2-1 league record.

Unlike the Raiders, their scoring is fairly spread out with three girls averaging over 10 points. One of the biggest threats to the Raiders will be leading scorer Jamie Wallace who has 16 triples on the season. A prototypical threat from behind the arc, she will hope to lead the Tigers into Raider country and escape with a win.

This will come as no easy task as many members of the Fulton community will fill the G. Ray Bodley gym to cheer on senior captain Ashlynn Palmitesso's milestone attempt to join the 1,000 point club. With just 15 points needed the Raider faithful are hoping that tonight she will become only the third person in Fulton history to reach this mark. GRB 2003 grad Matt Cooper and fellow female Robin Vanschneider (1990) will welcome her with open arms into the ranks of Fulton's finest.

So far this season the talented senior and

four year varsity performer has averaged 18 points per game including a career high 36 against Chittenango. In the recent Fulton Invitational she fired up 21 points against Carthage and 23 vs. Phoenix in a consol-



Senior Ashlynn Palmitesso is only 15 points away from becoming the third player in Fulton history to score 1,000 career points. The Raider faithful hope she does it tonight when Fulton hosts Mexico in a 7 pm start. (Ross Maxam photo)

ation victory for the Raiders. In nine games she has surpassed the 20 point plateau on five occasions, so expect some noise every time she touches the ball tonight.

The Raiders will hope to help out their standout scorer by providing high percentage shots and solid defense. Despite all the emphasis on scoring, defense will play a big part in the game. If junior Christina Pensabene can create havoc and swipe the ball like she always does, the Raiders will be looking up. Sydnee Plato has been logging very important minutes off the bench as of late. She is as forward/center reserve who provides good energy and a blue collar work ethic that translates into good rebounding from the reserves.

Other players who hope to have big games will be a pair of juniors in Jessica Hudson and Michelle Gorea. Hudson exploded earlier this season with a career high 19 points and if she can produce at that level consistently, other teams will be watching out for the Raiders. Gorea is also a player who if she gets hot and plays to her potential, it will be lights out for teams in section 3.

Stop by the GRB gym tonight at 7 p.m. for what looms as a historical treat. With all of Raider pride on display, the students will be cheering on fellow classmates while Palmitesso will be in the spotlight. Fulton's history books just might be rewritten.

Opinion

School starts when it starts: get over it!

By Vanessa Langdon

School starts at 7:35 and ends at 2:20, that is five minutes later than last year, but yet people still complain about the early time we start.

People need to realize that although we may start school earlier than some others schools, we then get out earlier. Would you really want to sleep your morning away and then waste away your late afternoons in school?

While our school day does start early, we get out at a time early enough to allow people to have jobs, get their homework done and some if not most nights be able to do something fun! If we got out at a later time sporting events would not get over until almost 11 pm! People always make the point that if we had school starting later people would be in a better mood and work more effectively.



But would we really, or would we all just stay up even later and end up getting the same amount of sleep?

One student at G. Ray Bodley mentioned that in Texas school starts at 9 am and ends at 4 pm. To her that would be a better option, but this girl has a job, is active in school as well as outside of school, and if we had a longer school day everything would change.

To me having school starts when it starts is a good thing, as good as school can be. We get to school early, get it done with and are out of here with still enough time to get things done. If we started school later I would personally be outraged as it would eat up my entire day. But honestly nothing is going to happen; we are going to continue to have school at roughly the same time forever. So even if you don't like school and the time we start, suck it up and show up. Make the best out of your high school career and do not worry about the times of our day.

BLAST from the PAST! (taken from the archives of *The Raider* student newspaper)

From *The Raider*, January 2002

Where's all the snow? By Lisa Vescio

Ten years ago in January, the people of GRB were having the same problems that we have: no snow, a white Christmas, and no school closings or delays. Halfway through January with no snow, students were upset, while the teachers were glad that snow wasn't bothering their commute to school.

Destiny USA: boon or bust? By Amber Dunham

We all know about the Destiny USA project at Carousel Mall in Syracuse. Ten years ago this was nothing but a plan, and *The Raider* and students had many opinions on the new to them project. Many looked at it as a positive, a way to earn money and attract tourists, while others looked down at the idea of overcrowding at their local mall. Destiny USA was still in the process of voting and finalizing plans, but the plan was that the mall would be done in five years. It's been ten years, and it is still in the making.

From *The Raider*, January 2007

2006 was a memorable year By Janel Sullivan

Five years ago, *The Raider* was celebrating the end of a memorable year. Some of the memorable events were, Saddam Hussein being sentenced to death, Elliot Spitzer became the new governor, and

the fads were skinny jeans, High school Musical, MySpace, YouTube, etc. Mel Gibson was charged with a DUI and had to apologize for an anti-Semitic tirade. *Compiled By Sierra Maher*

Bizarre News of the Day:

Video games gone to the frogs

A frustrated frog trying to catch digital insects on a smart phone has notched up more than 2.5 million hits on YouTube.

The African bullfrog is the second member of the animal kingdom, after a bearded dragon, to be filmed playing the Ant Smasher game. The frog's aim is well on target, and on numerous occasions he actually manages to crush the virtual insects, reports Metro.

But it became increasingly frustrated as it realized that the ants it had 'caught' are still on the screen and not in his belly.

As the game winds down the man goes to touch the screen but, in a surprise twist, the frog launches an attack on his owner's thumb, causing him to yell out in shock. *By Morgan Firenze*



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Opinion

Snow! It's what makes this area so special

By Madeline Clark

Snow; it is hated by many and revered by a select few, but is what makes Central New York such a unique place to live! There are few places in the continental U.S. that get quiet the amount of snowfall that upstate New York does.

In fact, in a recent poll by weather.com, Syracuse and Buffalo were voted the top two snowiest cities in the U.S. with an average yearly snowfall of 128 and 96.1 inches respectively! Compare this to Cleveland, Ohio's measly 68.3 inches and it is obvious that we live in a very unique habitat; perhaps one which we should appreciate more.

Too many times I see people disrespecting the rather characteristic weather patterns of the great north. That's why I am here to take a stand and gladly proclaim, "Long live the snow!" Being able to practically cross country ski down the street in January is something to be proud of; it takes a hearty people to whether 128 inches of utter cold!

There is something to be said for experiencing winter almost five months of the year and still being able to wear a smile. Central New York wouldn't be half the place it is if we didn't have snow. The truth is that we have something over the residents of Los Angeles or Orlando; the ability to survive some of the most extreme weather conditions in the continental U.S.

Without our copious amounts of frozen flakes, northern New York



just wouldn't be the same. If it was green all year round, things would get pretty boring! If it was temperate year-round, Central New York residents wouldn't have their favorite sport; complaining about the snow!

Our environment would completely different as well! Much of our natural habitat would be off-kilter. Think of how confused migratory birds or hibernating critters would be if there was no winter, or snow for that matter. New York's many outdoorsmen would have nothing to do all winter except sit around. The tolls of having no snow would create unimaginable hassles for the northern New York way of life.

So the next time you start having the winter blues, think about all the benefits of having such a snowy homestead. Central New York wouldn't be half as magical as it is if there was no snow. There

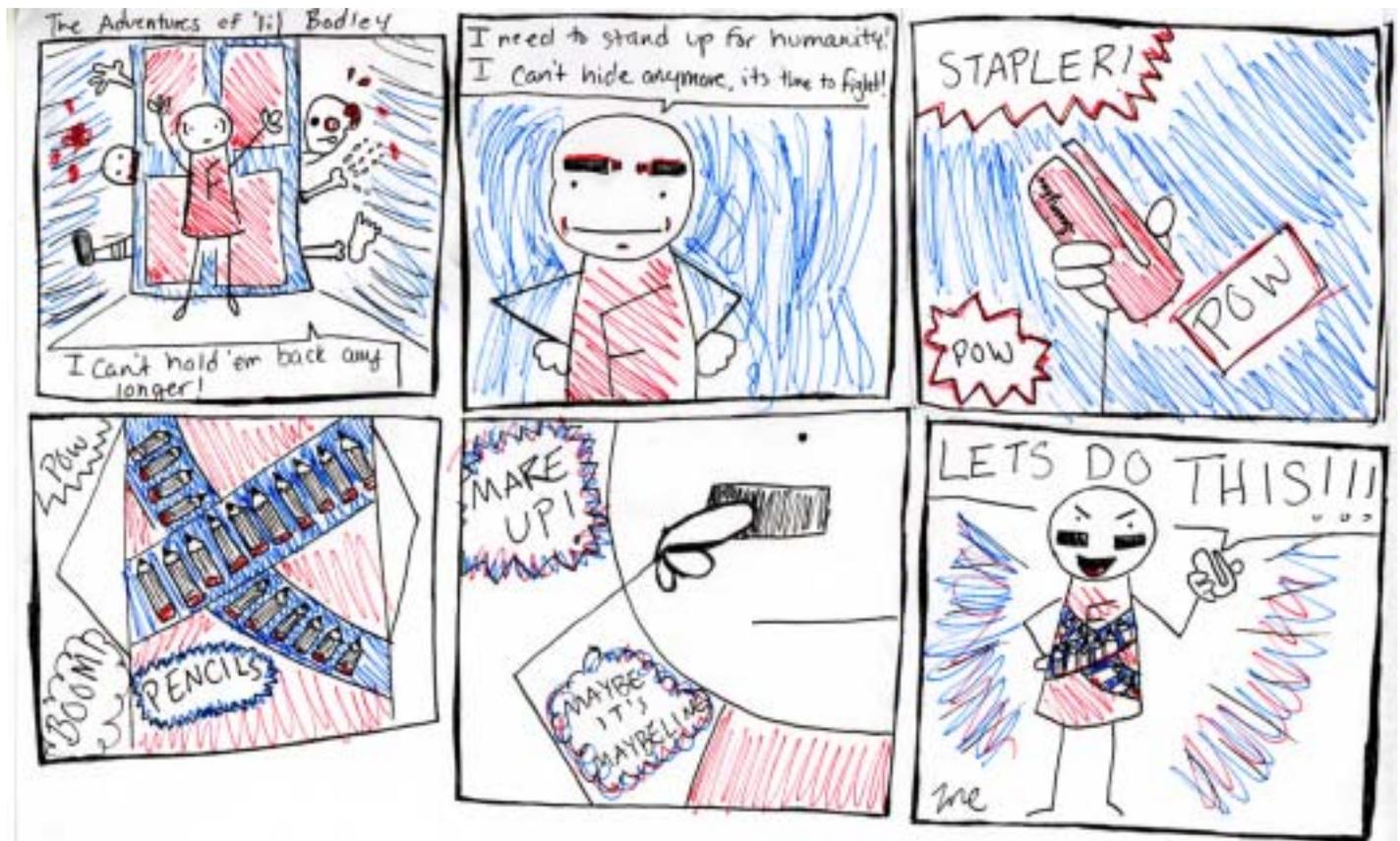
"...it is with great satisfaction that I encourage all Central New Yorkers to embrace those 128 inches..."

would be no snow days, snowmen, ice hockey, snow angels, ice fishing or snow ball fights; all of which are very important to the classic winter experience.

So it is with great satisfaction that I encourage all Central New Yorkers to embrace those 128 inches because it is what makes us so unique. We are a people of frozen toes and warm hearts, so what are you waiting for? Shake off that cabin fever and embrace who you are. Love the snow; don't hate it because you truly don't know what you've got, until it's gone.

The Adventures of 'lil Bodley

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



NFL Picks

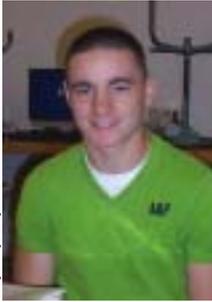
Road to Indianapolis starts this weekend

Tyler Terramiggi

Last week: 24-8

Overall: 154-72

Detroit @
New Orleans



In this match-up between the Detroit Lions and the New Orleans Saints in the first round of the playoffs you can expect an absolute aerial attack between quarterbacks Drew Brees who broke the all-time record for the most passing yards in one season with 5,476 yards, breaking Dan Marino's previous record of 5,084, along with Matt Stafford who was just 50 yards short of the record with 5,038 yards.

For the 13-3 NFC South champion New Orleans Saints, Brees has had a stellar 2011 season, breaking the yardage record, with 46 touchdowns (4 short of the record), along with a 71% completion percentage. In Brees' last three games, he has shredded opposing defenses as he's done all year for 14 touchdowns and over 1,000 yards. The last time the Saints faced the Lions, he threw 26 completions for 342 yards along with three touchdowns (129.1 QB Rating).

On the ground for the Saints, their three-headed rushing attack has served them well all year long in Darren Sproles (87 carries, 603 yards, 2 TDs), Pierre Thomas (110, 561 yards, 5 TDs), and Heisman trophy winner Mark Ingram (122, 474 yards, 5 TDs). Receiving, the Saints are led by two 1,000 yard ball snappers in tight end sensation Jimmy Graham (99, 1310 yards, 11 TDs) and Marques Colston (80, 1143 yards, 8 TDs).

The Detroit Lions (10-6) have a heck of a quarterback themselves in Matthew Stafford who has lit up the league this year for over 5,000 yards, 41 touchdowns, a 63.5 completion percentage and a 97.2 QB rating. In the last clash between these two squads, Stafford did what he did all year (put up big numbers) throwing for 408 yards, complet-

ing 31 balls; However, threw just one touchdown.

The receiving corps in Detroit is led by Calvin Johnson, who is dubbed by some as the best receiver in football while hauling in over 1,600 yards for 16 touchdowns on 96 receptions; all good for top five in the league.

However, as great as both of these offenses are, they are equally bad on defense, giving up over 30 points 10 times combined (7 of them from the Lions). I have the Saints prevailing in a 41-31 shootout.

Tyler says:

Houston
New Orleans
Atlanta
Pittsburgh

Mark Aldasch

Last week: 23-9

Overall: 150-74

Atlanta @ New York



This week's NFC wild card matchup between the 10-6 Atlanta Falcons at the 9-7 New York Giants looks to be a great game for the fans. These two teams have never faced one another in the playoffs, but that will change this Sunday in the Giants first postseason game at MetLife Stadium.

The Falcons are led by quarterback Matt Ryan who has entered his best season as a starter throwing for 29 touchdowns, 4,177 yards and a 92.2 passer rating, which are all career bests. Helping out Ryan are wide receivers Roddy White and rookie Julio Jones, both combining for 2,252 yards and 16 touchdowns. The defense has been strong all season and will look to keep things rolling heading into their first playoff game.

The Giants are led by quarterback Eli Manning who has also thrown for 29 touchdowns, and 4,933 yards (67 yards shy of 5,000). Manning will look for help in his big play receiver Victor Cruz, who

has 1,536 yards, and nine touchdowns. He will also look for help in Hakeem Nicks (1,192 yards, seven touchdowns).

Defensively the Giants are led by Pro Bowler Jason Pierre-Paul who has 16.5 sacks in the regular season, and Justin Tuck (5.0 sacks). While the defense has had 11 sacks in the last two games they look to pressure Ryan and force turnovers.

Whatever team has the least amount of turnovers and penalties will win this game. It will all come down to that big play that will decide the final score. I believe the Giants will win this game 24-23, with a fourth quarter comeback.

Mark says:

Cincinnati
New Orleans
New York Giants
Pittsburgh

Sean Fink

Last week: 24-8

Overall: 143-81

Pittsburgh @
Denver



After barely receiving a spot in the post season, Denver will have to face a tough Steelers defense, led by Troy Polamalu. Denver has the best chance at winning this game if they get by the Steelers defense as Pittsburgh has some key injuries on offense and will be hard-pressed to score points. Their leading rusher Rashard Mendenhall is out for the rest of the year with a torn ACL, and Ben Roethlisberger has been nursing his sprained ankle for many weeks. Roethlisberger will play because he knows his team's chances are slim without him in the post season.

Denver has lost its last three and the Steelers are looking to make it four in a row. Tim Tebow this week is going to have to find a way to get past the Steeler defense. Tebow knows he is going to have to perform to his greatest potential, because his starting job

NFL Picks

NFL picks (from page 4)

is on the line after losing the last three. The Broncos are going to have to confuse the Steelers with the passing game because Denver runs the ball 80 percent of the time and all the teams in the league know it. Tebow needs to step up this week and make those big throws to show the Bronco faithful that he is the man to lead them back to glory.

I feel Denver will upset the Steelers 17-14 as Pittsburgh has too many injuries, while Tebow knows this is a must win game for him.

Sean says:
Cincinnati
New Orleans
New York Giants
Denver

Mr. Senecal
Last week: 24-8
Overall: 142-82
Cincinnati @
Houston



It's been 20 years since the Cincinnati Bengals won a playoff game, but they hope that history repeats itself this weekend when they travel to Houston in an opening round match-up between a pair of teams lean on playoff experience. Interestingly enough that win, a 41-14 runaway, also came against Houston, albeit the former Houston Oilers.

This Saturday the Bengals, led by rookie quarterback Andy Dalton, look to go where no Cincinnati side has gone in quite a long time. Houston will be making its first ever playoff appearance as the Texans, but after losing the final three games of the regular season while relying on third and even fourth string quarterbacks, have lost a lot of momentum as they seek to make franchise history of their own.

After beating the Bengals 20-19 on December 11, the Texans were primed to qualify for a first round bye and perhaps even the top seed in the AFC. That all came tumbling down in three consecutive losses to end the season at 10-6.

Many people like to point to Cincy's poor divisional record and lack of success against winning teams this season. But the question is, how good would Houston be if the Texans had played both Baltimore and Pittsburgh twice this season rather than Jacksonville and Indianapolis? The Bengals were 0-7 against playoff teams, but six of those losses were by eight points or less.

Look for the Bengals to finally put it all together this weekend, and to use the lessons learned against the Ravens and Steelers to come away with a road playoff victory. Incidentally, they were better on the road, 5-3, than at home this season.

Mr. S. says:
Cincinnati over Houston
New Orleans over Detroit
Atlanta over NY Giants
Pittsburgh over Denver

Ross Maxam
Last week: 22-10
Overall: 143-81
Detroit @
New Orleans



When I take a look at all the wildcard games this weekend, the one that intrigues me the most is the Detroit Lions invading the Super Dome to take on the New Orleans Saints. Both these teams bolster quarterbacks who have thrown over 5,000 yards on the season. On top of that, the Lions have arguably the best receiver in the league in Calvin Johnson, who put up 244 yards against the defending champs a week ago.

If Stafford and Johnson can outscore the Saints explosive offense led by Drew Brees, who by now should have the entire record book named after him, they can upset the saints who are undefeated at home. A Saturday night game makes more a lot of drama and I expect a shootout. The Saints will ultimately win though since I believe they will be the Super Bowl champs. 41-38 Saints

Ross says:
Cincinnati
Pittsburgh
New Orleans
Atlanta



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Raider Sports

Bowlers cruise past Solvay, indoor track shines

The Raider bowlers were at it again on Thursday, and as has been the case so far this season, it was all Fulton in the final tally. Both the boys and girls cruised past Solvay 3-0 to remain unbeaten, the boys at 7-0 on the season while the girls are a perfect 6-0. In each case big performances led the way as Mikayla Guernsey had a 621 series for the girls while Bryce Guernsey broke the 700 plateau with an impressive 703 showing.

So complete was the boys domination that Fulton's runner-up, Dan Wahl, finished a full 106 pins better than the top Solvay bowler. For the girls Kylie Clifford finished with a 583 series.

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"Where in the world is The Raider?"

Quote of the day:

"Friendship is love without his wings!"
- Lord Byron

Indoor track making strides

Fulton boys' indoor track was busy over the recent holiday break as they were getting ready for the Oscar Jensen Holiday Relays. On December 28 the boys team traveled to Onondaga Community College for their third meet of the year. In the last two meets Fulton has tied for last place, so for the past week they had been training for this meet and their efforts paid off.

Junior captain Kyle Loftus stepped up this week as he placed fourth out 30 racers on the 3200 meter run, which gave his team their first four points on the year. Kyle ran a 10:12.07. Also doing well at the meet was senior Eric Naioti, finishing coming 19th out of thirty in the 400 meter dash while running a 59.96. The Indoor Track team is at again this afternoon at OCC, and fans are always welcome to attend.

By Sean Fink

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Indoor Track @ CNYITA Meet (4:30 @ OCC); Girls Bball vs. Mexico (JV-5:30/V-7 pm); Boys Bball @ Mexico (JV-5:30/V-7 pm).

Mon. Jan. 9: Hockey vs. New Hartford (6 pm).

Tues. Jan. 10: Swim vs. New Hartford (5 pm); Girls Bball @ Phoenix (JV-5/V-6:30); Boys Bball vs. Phoenix (JV-5:30/V-7).

Wed. Jan. 11: 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).



Nothing to do today? Why not catch a track meet?

By Laura Perwitz

What do most people do on Fridays? Some sit around and just hang out, while others go out with friends. Why not spend some time this Friday supporting the boys and girls track teams at OCC? Both teams have improved greatly since the first meet, and they need to be recognized for what they have accomplished.

This will be the fourth meet of the season, and all the boys and girls are anxious to see what could happen as competition gets harder. The runners have been improving through practice, and it shows during track meets. Track may not be a favored sport, but it's fun to watch classmates run and possibly win a race or event. During the track meet on the 28th, Allison Bricker and Mary West took first and second in their race. So when



you see them, give them huge congratulations. Most people can't run like they can without getting sick.

All of the Raider indoor track members have done a great job showing what they can do individually, and as a team. The support that we get from each other is something that sticks with you when you're getting ready to race, or prepping for a field event. We all seem to get along great with each other, and that's not something many teams can say. We scream at the top of our lungs to cheer on one of the runners, or we say good job to those who do something different.

So, come on out this Friday, January 6 at 4:30 to see Kim Goutermout jump her way to first, Kyle Loftus win a long and hard race, Erica Pawlewicz jump the longest, Nathan Hackett throw his shot put farther than most people can, and many, many more gifted and intelligent athletes. The team needs all the support it can get, so why not come to the new track at Onondaga Community College and show that you care about the boys and girls track teams.

How do you feel about the upcoming administrative changes?



"I like the way it is!"
Selena Sanchez



"I think it's stupid!"
Colin Blake



"I like (our incoming principal)."
Jesse Ives



"I think they should pay more attention to what's going on in the school rather than getting a new principal every week."
Maggie Ryan

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy.

42°

Average: 32°
Record: 62° (2007)

Tonight:



Cloudy skies.

32°

Average: 16°
Record: -24° (1996)

Tomorrow:

Mostly cloudy.
Chance rain or snow.

43°/25°

Average: 32°/17°
Rec. high/low: 64°
(2008)/ -11° (1996)

Sunday:

Sun and clouds.

35°/22°

Average: 32°/16°
Record high/low: 70°
(2008)/-17° (1968)

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.