

Bodley student has Titanic connections

The phenomena surrounding the famous oceanliner Titanic is at an all-time high as the hundredth anniversary of its maiden voyage and sinking has passed and the 3-D edition of the highly acclaimed movie version of the event is currently in theaters. But our own Fulton and even G. Ray Bodley community has connections to the historic event.

Sophomore Connor Relf's grandfather worked at the shipyard where the Titanic was built and his Great-Great-Grandfathers worked on the actual Titanic!

Jim Relf, Connors grandfather, who currently lives in Fulton, worked at Harland & Wolff shipyard in Belfast, Ireland, the famed ship yard that built the Titanic, in the 1960s. Jim Relf worked at the shipyard as an ap-

prentice engineer. Jim Relf left the shipyard in 1970 due to Protestant persecution of Catholics. He had to escape the shipyard by rowing a boat across the River Lagan to the west bank with a group of three other Catholics. Jim Relf never returned to the shipyard. But extraordinarily Jim Relf's paternal and maternal grandfathers worked at the same exact ship yard on the Titanic!

Jim Relf's paternal grandfather, Wilhelm Fredrick Relf, came to work on the Titanic from Poland. Wilhelm was a riveter who although born in Poland, was a German citizen. He went to work on the Titanic in 1910 and lived in a section in Belfast called Sailortown. Wilhelm worked 10 hour days, six days a week. Wilhelm applied for a job

on the crew of the Titanic but fortunately was not selected; if he had been Connor Relf may not have been a student here!

Jim and Connor Relfs connections to the Titanic do not stop there! James Edward Kane was Jim Relfs maternal grandfather who worked in the shipyard as a dockworker. Kane applied for a job on the ship as a stoker and was selected. But yet again thankfully Kane did not make his way onto the ship that fateful day in April 1912. Kane came down with bronchitis and the ship left without him.

Connor Relf may have never been to Ireland, but his ancestors were a part of history that is currently being acknowledged everywhere. *By Vanessa Langdon*



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Onondaga rides comebacks to lacrosse title

The War on the Shore lived up to its name, but unfortunately when the final battle was over, the Raider girls were on the short side of an 8-6 final. On a weekend when every goal mattered and three of the four games were decided by a single tally, the Onondaga girls ruled supreme by staging a pair of second half comebacks to disappoint their opposition.

On Friday the Tigers reversed a 7-6 deficit by outscoring Jordan-Elbridge 4-2 in the second half en route to a 10-9 win while Saturday's championship run saw Onondaga overturn a 5-4 Fulton advantage by outgunning the Raiders 4-1 after the intermission. With the split on the weekend Fulton is now 3-2 overall, while Onondaga evened its mark at 2-2 with their first two wins of the season.

Efficiency was the name of the game for Fulton on Friday when the Raiders scored on 10 of their 12 shots to ease past Mexico 10-9. Jordan Rizzo and Erica Knaub scored three times each for the winners and Kate Rothrock added two goals and two assists. Julia Ludington chipped in with a goal and two assists and Amelia Coakley also scored for Fulton while Casey Shannon had an assist.

In goal, Torrie Whelsky stood tall with 10 saves and collected an assist on a day when Mexico outshot the Raiders 19-12. Jessica Lawler led the Mexico cause with three goals and two assists.

Onondaga joined the host Raiders in the tournament final as Sam Annable scored four times and Abby Walker added two goals to front the 11 save goaltending of Sam Ashley.

Ashley was a key performer again on Saturday with a 12 save effort against the Raiders. Rachel Akshar scored twice and Cori Holbrook had three assists to lead the Onondaga championship attack. Amelia Coakley and Julia Ludington replied with two goals each for Fulton with Erica Knaub (1-1) and Kate Rothrock also connecting. Torrie Whelsky was strong between the pipes once again with 12 saves.

The consolation match-up proved to be another tense affair as J-E outlasted Mexico 10-9, despite being outshot 23-17 on the day. Amanda Wheeler scored three goals with two assists for the winners and Morgan Conroy registered 14 saves, overcoming two goals, two assist efforts from Joelle Lobardoni and Jamie Wallace and a pair of goals by Amanda Brown in their first win of the season.

Raider boys fall to Tully

Fulton's quest for a third straight win on the boys lacrosse circuit got off to a good start with an early 3-0 lead. But it all went sour from there as Tully scored 10 of the next 11 goals and held on for an 11-9 win on Saturday.

An 8-2 advantage over the second and third quarters transformed a 3-2 Fulton lead into a 10-5 Tully advantage that the Raiders challenged, but could not quite overcome. The Raiders scored four times in the final quarter and held the Knights to a single tally, but the damage had already been done as Tully improved to 2-3 overall at the expense of a 2-4 Fulton slate.

Brian Benton scored four times while Ross Maxam had a goal and five assists to spearhead the Raider charge. Also scoring single tallies were Joe Sutton, Steven Delisle, Seth DeLisle and Steven Hanczyk.

Nathan Doody paced Tully with three goals and an assist and Syrrus Mash had two goals for the winners. Fulton will be looking to jump back into winning ways on Tuesday when the Raiders host Chittenango.

For more weekend sports, see page 5 of today's *RaiderNet Daily*.

Opinion

Should the big events be class exclusive?

By Kara Yakel

Prom and senior dinner dance are two of the experiences that most students cannot wait for when entering high school. Not every student gets the chance to attend these events twice, or even four times!

How is this fair?

Should the prom be limited to juniors and senior dinner dance only to seniors? This is a situation that has come about from the previous years at G. Ray Bodley.

Do you remember your prom, the night you always dreamed of and hoped for? Or are you anxious to go to prom? Are you waiting for that hot junior to ask you to go with him or her? There has always been the joke that upperclassmen bash on the freshman class, but do they call for it?

If you ask any freshman, almost all of them would say, "I cannot



wait for prom! I want to go to it bad!" It is almost as if they are intruding on the junior class. Isn't it their prom?

While listening to the gossip about prom limos, dresses and tuxes, the most common talk centers around who is bringing who!? Last year many of the juniors noticed that it wasn't even their prom; it might as well have been the whole school's prom. There were seniors, sophomores, and what many of the juniors did not want—freshmen. There is an extremely large gap of maturity and obedience between freshman and upperclassmen.

Senior Dylan Holden stated that, "It was awful!!" Not all fresh-

men are immature, but don't you want it to be with your class? The people you know?

Okay, so people will probably bring a freshman or two to the junior prom...not a big deal, but when the dance floor is crowded with people who aren't even in the junior class it is a bit upsetting. If you go to the junior prom as a freshman, by the time your prom comes along, it isn't going to mean as much to you because you have already experienced it.

Senior dinner dance is a totally different concept. This is the last time all the seniors will be together before graduation. Where were the freshmen when the seniors were all going through high school? They weren't there through all the tough times the seniors have had to face. Can't the underclassmen accept that? This is it for them, show some respect.

Back when staff members Mrs. Cook, Mr. Bono, and Mrs. House went to high school, their prom was a lot like ours! All classes were allowed to go. Mrs. Cook went to both her junior prom and senior dinner dance looking as stylish as ever. When she was a senior her boyfriend was 21 years old, and he was able to go.

Social Studies teacher Mr. Bono's prom was amazing from what he said about it. The prom was at a restaurant and after prom there was an actual party for everyone to go to!

Mrs. House stated that at her school, "Everyone was allowed to go. I personally did not mind because I was one of those underclassmen who were able to go."

It really depends on the person. Mrs. Cook and Mr. Bono were taking someone they were dating. Mrs. Cook actually married the man she went with. These days it is almost as if juniors cannot find a suitable date for prom, so they resort to bringing freshmen who are dying for a chance.

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Quote of the day:

"All that is valuable in human society depends upon the opportunity for development accorded the individual."

Albert Einstein



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Students create pamphlets with SAT guidelines

It is that time of year when members of the junior class should be signing up for the SAT and ACT examinations. Those not sure about signing up should stop by the guidance office for information. This test will determine what college you go to as well as many colleges who want you to visit them or are interested in you and your major.

Recently, Mrs. LaDuc's English 11 classes had to make an informational guide on the SAT exam. To make this project fun, Mrs. LaDuc made the assignment into a competition. The winners would receive review books for the SAT or the ACT exam, which would benefit them when it comes time to take the test.

After the projects were done, Mrs. LaDuc and some other guests judged the projects to determine the winner. After a very thoughtful

decision, two juniors were crowned as the winners. Alexandra Boyce and Robbie Lagowski ended up taking home review books and the best pamphlets. Both projects were very well done and very informational. Congratulations to both winners!

When signing up for the SAT or ACT exams, be sure to check out the informational pamphlets by Robbie and Alexandra, which can be found in the guidance office, to learn what to bring, how to sign up and the answers to several other common questions. After reading all of the information, be sure to sign up for the exams before it's too late! These tests will benefit you in the long run to help you choose the right college. Sign up today!

By Laura Perwitz

Tuesday is National "High Five" day

By Maddie Olon

The term "high five," has only been a part of the English Dictionary since 1980! This is opposed to the low five that dates back from at least World War II. Every year the third Tuesday of April is designated as National High Five Day!

Surprisingly the first high five was said to have been executed by the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team on October 2, 1977.

Through further research Glenn Burke and Dusty Baker randomly and unexpectedly even to them, hit each other's hands high in the air. This was said to be that first sighting of the high five, and started a new trend.

There have been, however, other origin stories that try to challenge the Dodgers origin. The Louisville Cardinals basketball team is said to have exchanged high fives in the 1978-79 season. This high five was said to be between Derek Smith and Wiley Brown. The last story that has come up and tried to claim the title of the first High Five involved Murray State University as in the 1960s player Conor Lastowaka tried to claim the title.

Although the high five doesn't seem like a big deal, it actually is. To think that the high five wasn't actually known before the 1980's is surprising, especially because it is so normal now and not thought about on a daily basis. It's funny to think about and there are websites that have dedicated themselves to the history of the high five and



stories about the high five.

The high five also has different variations. There is the traditional high five, which is up high. There is the down low, which is just a typical high five but down low. There is also the fake out, "up high, down low, too slow." That is said to be a combination of the first two. The most recent is the Air High Five, which is when the hands never actually touch, but is a high five in the air and far apart.

One wouldn't actually think that there is so much information and history on the high five. Yet there is a day dedicated to the infamous high five.

So tomorrow, April 17, 2012, share a high five with someone. Whether it's during the school day or when your sports team wins a game, remember that you're celebrating National High Five Day.

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Tales from the farmlands:

Felines and fowl, it's all in a day's work

By Daniel Summerville

There is no doubt that cows are the most important animals on a dairy farm. Holsteins, Jerseys and Guernseys are the ones that the whole milking industry revolves around.

At the farm level however, there is another creature that can be very important as well. Barn cats keep the rat and mouse populations down, which in turn saves the grain bins and silos from being raided. Barn cats are known for being skittish and sometimes nasty animals, and in some cases this may be true. Not all barn cats are mean though; some are just as tame as the common house cat. Strangely, this tameness may be due to one simple fact; when people want to get rid of an unwanted cat, they view a farm as a place to do it. A lot of barn cats are actually former house cats.

A few weeks ago, I started seeing a strange black cat on my farm. He was very skittish and would not have anything to do with any of the barn cats. For about a week and a half, this young male hung



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around in the shadows, just out of reach. At the beginning of spring break he finally allowed us to start petting him. He was extremely thin, but surprisingly well kept. My family came to the conclusion that he was a house cat, dropped off on the farm when he reached maturity.

Spencer, as he has come to be known as, did not seem to be doing very well in his new environment. He did not get along with the current barn cats, and he did not even know how to drink milk from a bowl. It took him almost a week before he learned that there was food around the barn, and all that he had to do was look for it. He is now starting to gain weight, and he has found a friend in one of the young barn cat toms. Spencer is the first cat that has been dropped off in a while, and luckily he seems to be getting used to his new environment.

Most cats that get dropped off at farms are not as lucky as Spencer has been. They usually fall to a tractor, predators, or even starvation before they assimilate into their new surroundings. There are cats that can make the change, but they are few and far between. A farm may seem like a good place to leave an unwanted cat, but it is not. Cats are an integral part of a farm, but they are not your average house cat.

In 1866, Summer-villa Stock Farm was founded with only a few cows and chickens. For over one hundred years, the farm was home to countless cows, chickens, and even barn cats. However, a new kind of animal made its debut on the farm last year.

In the spring of 2011, the dairy farm became home to five young turkey poults. These turkeys were raised alongside the brood of chickens that had been bought that year, and once they were old enough, they were moved out into the chicken coop with their extended family. Four of the poults were hens, while only one of them was a jake. The jake was the friendliest, and he quickly became known as Earl. Earl would often ride on my shoulder, and would readily follow me across the yard.

Sadly, the young roosters began turning on their turkey friends, pecking at their feet. The larger, more docile turkeys did not resist. We managed to build a turkey pen inside the chicken coop in order to separate the birds, but it was too late for three of the hens. Even Earl lost a toe to the roosters. A few weeks after the pen was built, earlier this year, tragedy struck and Earl succumbed to a disease, leaving only one hen remaining.

The last hen, named Peeper, was very lonely after her brother's death, so we started to put the chickens that were being bothered by the roosters in the turkey pen with her for company. Eventually, the roosters started causing so much trouble that they were corralled into the turkey pen and all the hens, chickens and turkey, were given free reign of the coop.

As soon as they were freed from the roosters, the chickens began laying more eggs than ever before. For the past few weeks, we have been getting fourteen eggs every day. Even more surprising than the chickens' increased production is Peeper's rebound. Not only is Peeper doing a lot better now, she has started to lay eggs herself. Most people do not believe that eggs can hatch without a male and a female bird, but contrary to popular belief, turkey eggs can. By a process called parthenogenesis, normal male turkeys can hatch from unfertilized eggs.

Right now, Peeper is more interested in eating than sitting on her eggs, but if she ever starts to tend to them, there may still be another generation of turkeys on the farm.

Bizarre news of the day:

An expensive hedgehog

A German businessman caused £30,000 of damage to his beloved Ferrari Testarossa - when he swerved to avoid a hedgehog.

Joerg Daecher was travelling home from work at Eschershausen in Lower Saxony when he spotted the creature in his headlights.

Mr. Daecher told police that the car had spun out of control, slipping on leaves on the road, as he tried to avoid running over the animal.

The hedgehog escaped unhurt, which was more than can be said for the sports car that cost £85,000 when new. The driver was also unhurt.

By Morgan Firenze

Raider Sports

Raider tennis opens with big win over undermanned Mexico

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth, especially coming off a 3-9 season. Such was the case on Friday when the Fulton tennis team finally opened the 2012 campaign against an undermanned Mexico side with a 7-0 triumph. The Tigers had only four eligible players to face off against the Raiders, so to give themselves a chance, four singles games commenced.

Starting at first singles for Fulton was junior sensation Mitch Lalik against Mexico's Colby Minter. Senior captain, Eric Naioti, took to the courts at second singles to play against Ian Roach. Facing off against Mexico's Ryan Lee at third singles was senior captain Nathan Deavers. And rounding out the matches at fourth singles was newcoming senior, Dan Wahl against Bradley Fravor. Each of

these matches ended with a Fulton win of 6-0, 6-0, except for third singles where Nathan Deavers defeated Ryan Lee 6-4, 6-1.

With Mexico having to forfeit three matches to the doubles teams, first doubles team, Alex Bawarski and Joe Medico, second doubles team, Zach Mizener and Brian Garrett, and third doubles team, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Bradley Crofoot, all took home their first win of the season. Last season, the boys did not have a single shut-out all season, so these year's team has something to be proud of.

The Raiders next take on the Cortland Purple Tigers on Tuesday, at home at 4:30 p.m. as the Raiders look to improve their record to 2-0 and knock the Purple Tigers down to 1-2.

By Alex J. Bawarski

Raider girls rout Cortland, boys doomed by early barrage

There was no stopping the Lady Raider bats Friday evening, as the softball team dismantled Cortland, led by a six run fifth inning that propelled them to an impressive 13-1 triumph.

Fulton (1-1) had huge days from a pair of seniors Ciara Chapman and Felicia Coleman, who each had four hits on the day. Coleman also had a huge three RBIs. Fellow classmate Lindsey Larkin also had a three RBI triple to contribute to the Purple Tiger trouncing. Ashly Smart, Ashley Cummins, and Kassidy Kearns each went 2-for-4. Kearns chipped in another two RBIs, while Smart and Cummins also had an RBI apiece.

Also contributing to the victory were Maureen McCann, Marissa Laun and Larkin who also notched hits for the home team. Larkin also started on the rubber, with an impressive 11 strikeouts, allowing just one hit in six innings of dominant work. The girls are at CBA today before returning home on Friday against Syracuse West at 4:30.

Errors doom boys

It was another slow start on Friday night for the Raider baseball team, falling 15-0 after four innings. The visiting team Fulton (1-4) rattled off eight unanswered runs to finish the game, led by a three RBI triple from senior Tyler Terramiggi, and a two RBI double by second baseman Adam Briggs.

The homestanding Cortland Purple Tigers (2-3) were led by the stellar pitching of senior hurler Corey Broyles, who threw four innings of one hit ball. Things started to fall apart for the Tigers when relievers JP Regan and Jonathon "J Daddy" Prior took the hill. The Raiders notched five in the fifth and three in the sixth to tighten up the Cortland lead to an eventual 15-8 final.

Devon Darrow and Brian Hughes led the Tigers with three hits apiece. Jonathon Prior and Chris Whelan also had multiple hits while Landon Giroux and Luke Griffin each had a hit. Hughes and Prior each had three RBIs respectively and the winners were aided by 12 fielding miscues from Fulton.

The Raiders were paced by shortstop Terramiggi who had two hits, a triple and three RBIs. Briggs' 1-for-1 day, was a bright spot as his lone hit was a key two rundouble. Seniors Tyler French and Dan Kenyon each had a hit, while Dan Bolster, Alex Bateman, Jake Crucitti, and Jordan LeClair all had two walks with Cody Dick showing a good eye while earning three free passes.

Fulton starter Brandon Guernsey gave up 15 runs, but only five of them were earned in his six innings of work. The Raiders face CBA today and host Jamesville-Dewitt on Wednesday before traveling to Central Square on Saturday for an 11 am start.

By Tyler Terramiggi

This week in Raider Sports

Today: V Baseball @ CBA (4:30); V Softball @ CBA (4:30); JV Baseball vs. CBA (4:30).

Tues. April 17: Boys Lax vs. Chittenango (5 pm); Girls Lax @ Chittenango (JV-5/V-6:30); Tennis vs. Cortland (4:30).

Wed. April 18: Track vs. Chittenango & J-D (4:30); Baseball vs. J-D (4:30); Softball @ J-D (4:30).

Thurs. April 19: Tennis vs. Henninger (4 pm); Girls Lax @ Whitesboro (JV-4:30/V-6:00).

Fri. April 20: Tennis @ Corcoran (4 pm); Softball vs. Syracuse-West (4:30); Boys Lax vs. Whitesboro (JV-5/V-7:00); Girls Track @ Tully Invitational (4:30).

Sat. April 21: V Baseball @ C.Square (11 am); JV Baseball vs. C.Square (11 am); Softball @ F-M (11 am); Girls Lax vs. J-D (JV-10 am/V-noon); Boys Track @ B'ville Relays (10 am).



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Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



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