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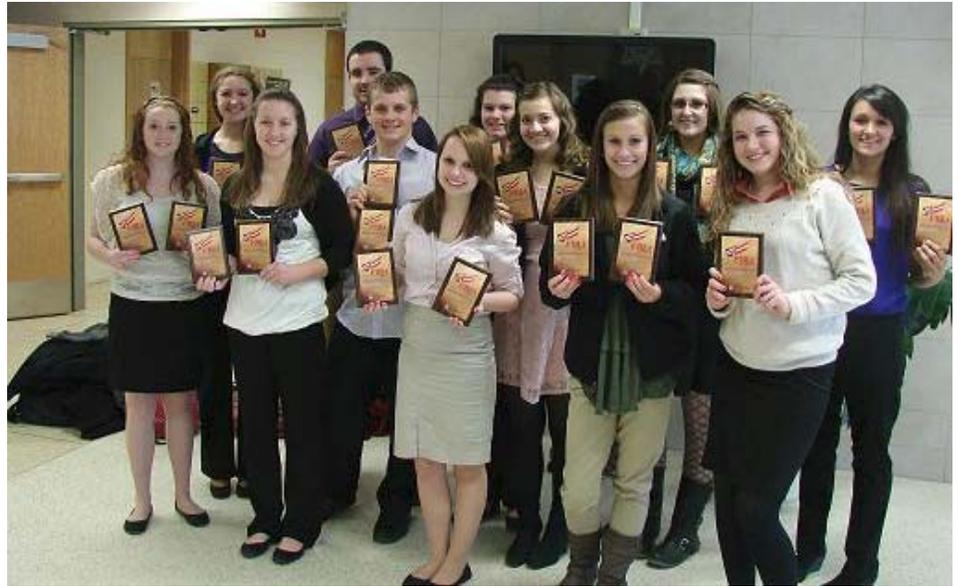
FBLA scores big at district competition

By Casey Ware

"Third time's the charm" was certainly the case for the Fulton Future Business Leaders Club on Friday, February 15 at Bryant and Stratton College.

After being cancelled the previous two times due to weather the Fulton FBLA Club headed to Bryant and Stratton and cleaned house, claiming 22 awards including seven first place finishes, 12 second place finishes, and three third place finishes to claim the overall competition title. When asked what she thought of the team, advisor co-Mrs. Ferlito said, "I think we (FBLA) did tremendously well and 22 awards is amazing!"

All 12 club members came home with a trophy as Fulton extended a recent domination at the district level. Claiming first place for the Raiders was Julia Warner, who took



The members of the Future Business Leaders of America had plenty to smile about recently after claiming 22 awards at the district competition. All 12 members brought home at least one award, with many of them qualifying for the upcoming New York State finals in April. Pictured from left to right in the front are Taylor Rose, Meriah Dishaw, Pat Fink, Ruth Brown, Katelyn Billings, Amanda Abraham, Lilia Kesterke and Cassie Orr. In the back are Katelyn Caza, Jake Crucitti, Julia Warner and Kari Holbrook. The FBLA is co-advised by Mrs. House and Mrs. Ferlito. (photo courtesy of Mrs. Ferlito)

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gold in Word Processing I while Ruth Brown claimed Client Services and Kari Holbrook won Spreadsheet Applications. Lilia Kesterke stole the show in Computer Applications and Cassie Orr won Impromptu Speaking. Rounding out the first place finishes were Pat Fink, cashing in on Economics, and Taylor Rose, taking first in Word Processing II.

Jake Crucitti put his sports management knowledge to good use by taking second overall. Amanda Abraham claimed the silver in Business Communications and Entrepreneurship with teammate Cassie Orr. Meriah Dishaw rocked the competition with

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Bodley artwork on display this weekend

Artists from throughout the area will put their work on display this Saturday at the High School Invitational art show, which will be held at the Fulton Police Department. Opening day is Saturday, March 2, with the show concluding on Sunday. In all there are thirty pieces of art being submitted by students from around Oswego County, including Hannibal, Phoenix, Oswego and Fulton.

There will be a wide array of different types of art being submitted. Ten of the thirty pieces are three dimensional, being composed of either clay or metal, with four of them being metal, submitted from Mr. Sievers class. He has quadrupled the amount of pieces coming from his class, having only one submission last year. Eight of the pieces are photographs, making this the first year photography has been submitted. The rest of the pieces are drawings or paintings.

The winning students are decided by the public, judges vote on which piece they think is best. Students can place either first or second, and those who win will be given a ribbon and a cash prize, First place is awarded \$100 and \$50 for second place. Junior Dawson Samson is having a piece submitted and commented by saying, "I'm extremely honored that my artwork was considered for the art show because I did not think it was up to par."

By Damien Noel

Opinion

Do you believe in spooks? Some Fultonians do

By Jessica Grant

Sometimes it's good to figure out the history of your town's past, good or bad. But what if the past doesn't stay the past? Do ghosts roam the streets of Fulton? There are those who believe this to be the case, and believe it or not, a few of them have happened close to the high school.

The first tale is the tale of a house that used to stand just down the road from the Fulton Jr. High school. As the legend goes, a boy was spending the night at his grandparents house around 1993 and was downstairs trying to sleep on the couch. In the middle of the night, around 2 a.m., it started to get really cold in the room, even though the furnace was on, and the boy woke up. When he looked around he could see a dark shady figure on the walls (in mythology this figure would be seen as a shadow walker,) and it

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outstanding second and third place finishes in Word Processing II and Marketing. Seniors Katelyn Billings and Katelyn Caza rounded out the second place finishes with Billings taking second in Spreadsheet Applications and Desktop Publishing by teaming up with Kari Holbrook, and Caza placed second in Economics.

Katelyn Caza was third in Word Processing II and Pat Fink rounded out the day with a third place showing in Electronic Career Portfolio. Mrs. Ferlito was proud of all her students and said, "I'm hoping the kids who qualified will go on to states on April 10th-12th."

just stared at him. In fear the boy covered himself with his blanket, like any child would when they are scared.

Some 20 minutes later the boy uncovered his head to see if the figure was still there. It was, and for a moment before it noticed the boy, it was just looking around. When it noticed the little boy's head peeking out, the figure slowly turned its head to look at the boy. Then it reached down to touch him. He screamed loudly, waking his grandparents. When he told them what happened his grandmother sent him back to bed, telling the child it was just a nightmare. The house is no longer standing and the grandparents are now both deceased.

Another legend is the common idea that the junior high itself is haunted. When alone in the halls, some have reported hearing voices, but when they turn around there is no one, and lights will turn on and off by themselves. Late at night locked doors will supposedly open by themselves also. Many have a theory that the school is haunted by a past wrestler.

Another common haunting story involves

the Mt. Ednah Cemetery. Why wouldn't they though, as that is the oldest cemetery in town?

One last haunting in Fulton was reported on West First Street. There is an old house that is still occupied, but sometimes at night, the people living in the house can see an old man walking around silently. The connection between the man and the house is the story that he built part of the front porch when he was living, but there is a second mystery in that house as well.

Supposedly there is a young girl who roams the halls of the house, but no connection has been found between the girl and the old house. Reportedly neighbors have said that next door to the house there was a young girl who fell out of her bedroom window. Some people say she jumped after the old man's death, while others believe the young girl was being abused by the old man, but the truth lies with their ghosts.

Are these stories true? Who knows, but perhaps the crew from *Ghost Hunters* will make their way to Fulton one day to scan the area for poltergeists.

Hoopsters set stage for future glory

Although the Lady Raider basketball team did not end the season the way they hoped, it was the most successful season in three years. Surpassing their win total from the previous two years, the Fulton girls basketball team made sectionals for the first time since the 2009-2010 season and hosted a sectional playoff game against the New Hartford Spartans while winning 38-35, thanks to a Raider crowd that packed the stands.

Some impressive games for the Raiders this year included a win over 10-8 Cortland,

a 38 point senior night victory over the Jordan-Elbridge Eagles, and only losing by nine-points to a state ranked and powerhouse Jamesville-Dewitt girls team.

Senior center Jessica Hudson was the high scorer on the season, tallying a total 182 points in her third varsity campaign. Fellow senior guard Christina Pensabene registered 169 points including 72 free throws and 10 three pointers. Eighth grader Nicole Hansen

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Sports

Woodworth joins 100 win club at NYS finals

By Todd Oakes

There were no state titles to be claimed, but sophomore Mitch Woodworth entered an exclusive club at the recent New York State championships in Albany. Woodworth, a two-time Class A champion and this year's Section 3 titlist, joined the proud few matmen who have earned a title Fulton's century club when he recorded his 100th career victory.

Only a sophomore, he now has a shot at becoming one of the all-time winningest Fulton wrestlers as he goes gunning for the school record victory total of 175 by former Raider standout David Hall and became just the 29th wrestler in the school's storied mat history to reach the 100 win plateau.

Woodworth's first trip to the state competition was a tough one as he lost his first match with a decision of 6-2, putting him in the run for third and fourth place. The young matman won his next match, fighting hard to pull a close win with a decision of 2-0 to earn his 100th victory. The joy was short lived, however, as a loss by a close 3-1 decision sent the Raider back home. Still Woodworth enjoyed a great season with an overall record of 26-6 and an overall career record of 100-27.

Junior Thomas Hill, a three time Section 3 champion, also made his way to the state championship tournament. No stranger to the state tournament, Hill suffered a tough 1-0 loss in his first match, but rebounded to win a close match by a decision of 5-3.

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scored 144 points in her season debut, providing high hopes for the future of Raider hoops.

Sophomores Micheala Whiteman, Courtney Parker and Taylor Duda and eighth graders Nicole Hansen and Sydney Gilmore return next season, and with a team that will likely have no seniors the expectations are high for the future as the lady hoopsters look to bring home their first Section 3 title in school history.

By Casey Ware

But all hopes of a stand on the podium ended in disappointing fashion as the Raider junior suffered from a re-accruing injury and was forced to injury default his last match. Thomas finished the season with an overall

Big year ends with second round exit

The first playoff game in three years for the Lady Raiders was a nail biter throughout. But in the end it was Fulton coming out on top in a close game over new Hartford, 35-32. A low-scoring first half produced a 13-11 halftime edge for the Raiders as the student section for Fulton was alive and loud in the game, really hindering New Hartford's concentration.

The game was tough and physical, especially down in the paint during the rebound battles. The leading scorers for Fulton were playing their last home game in their high school careers, with senior Christina Pensabene leading the way for the Lady Raider hoopsters by scoring 12 points while fellow senior Jessica Hudson contributed a very solid performance with 10 points. For New Hartford, their leading scorer was Amy Evans with 11 points.

Overall Fulton controlled the tempo of the game. For Fulton, five seniors played their final home game as Christina Pensabene, Jessica Hudson, Michelle Gorea, Cheyenne Brien and Sydney Plato all concluded their home careers with a victory.

After the New Hartford game Fulton had a tough road to their ultimate goal, the Section 3 finals in the Carrier Dome. Their round 2 matchup against Jamesville-DeWitt was a rematch of two previous games this year, which both went J-D's way.

Sadly for Fulton, the third match-up proved to be more of the same as the Rams came out on fire and never really let up, holding Fulton to zero points in the first quarter and leading at half time by a score of 28-6. J-D eventually found holes in Fulton's defense and erupted for 50, leading them to 50-20 victory over Fulton.

The Fulton offense never really got going as no Raider player was in double figures. The closest one was senior Jessica Hudson

record of 28-5 and a career mark of 76-27 as he looks to become Fulton's 30th career 100 match winner when the curtains are drawn on the 2013-14 campaign.

By Todd Oakes

with six points while fellow senior Christina Pensabene had four points. Jamesville-DeWitt's Arriell Mussi continued to have Fulton's number, topping her previous 13 point outing by erupting to for a season high 19 points. J-D standout Kayleigh Cavanaugh added six points for the Rams, who have now advanced to the Section 3 final following a 55-32 win over Oneida.

Leading scorer and senior Jessica Hudson finished the year with 9.5 points per game. Fellow senior Christina Pensabene had another solid year and was second on the team in scoring with 8.5 points per game. Eighth grader Nichole Hansen had the third highest scoring on the team with 7 points a game. Next year the team will rely on the returning players to lead them to the playoffs once again, while the seniors will be missed by everyone both on and off the court.

By Dan Henkle

Boys bowling

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son. Always motivated and striving to keep the season alive, these two really are the definition of senior leaders.

The Raiders undefeated season came as a real shock this year on the lanes. Last year in their final match of the season, Fulton lost a depressing game to Homer, ruining their winning streak. But with the loss of last year's key seniors Dan Wahl and Ryan Kelly, the hopes for this season were dwindling.

But due to the size and skills of this year's squad, their departure proved to be no factor, as the boys emerged as the only undefeated Raider team so far during this 2012-2013 sports season. G. Ray Bodley High School should really take notice on how hard and devoted this team was in making this past season one to remember.

By Adam Briggs

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Repeat title sends girls to state championship

By Kylie Clifford

Making history is tough enough, but repeating it for the second year in a row is even tougher. The success story continued for the Lady Raider bowlers on Friday, February 15 at Strike and Spare in Mattydale as the girls easily defended their Section 3 championship. Working hard all season to win the league title and two different Baker tournaments, the Raiders bolted past yet another obstacle by qualifying for the New York State finals.

The Raiders led all teams after the first three-game block, then pulled away from the field during the Baker format. Fulton finished with a team total of 5561, easily outdistancing second place Auburn (5174). The Lady Raiders dominated the competition as they placed ahead of the second place Maroons by 387 pins.

Leading Fulton to repeat glory was junior standout Mikayla Guernsey with the high series in the section with a 694. Also pacing the victors was sophomore Kendra Tryniski who finished fifth in the section with a 627 series, and senior Kylie Clifford, tenth in the section with a 555 series.

As a result the girls will be heading to the New York State finals for the second straight season and the second time in school history. The Lady Raiders will have a home lanes advantage this year going into the state finals at their home bowling center in Mattydale. Along with the Camden boys squad, Fulton will be representing Section 3 at the state finals this Saturday, March 2.

With Fulton winning sectionals Mikayla Guernsey, who had already qualified for states with her high average in league, will step down from the all-star team to go and compete on Saturday with the rest of the Fulton Red Raiders. The all-star teams will represent section 3 on Sunday, March 3.

For the seniors this will be the last time they get to put the Raider uniform on to go out on the lanes with their team. Fulton will be saying goodbye to first year members Jasmin Denson and Haley Noel as they part from high school this June and head to college. The Lady Raiders will also say there



The Lady Raider bowlers will be seeking the first New York State Bowling title in school history when they hit the lanes at Mattydale's Strike n' Spare this weekend. (Adam Briggs photo)

final goodbyes to sixth year member Kylie Clifford. Kylie, who is a senior, is also team captain and has been on the squad since seventh grade. This is the very last time she will get to bowl with her team before heading to Cayuga Community College on the Auburn Campus to bowl with the Spartans to work with head coach Steve Spinney.

Boys roll to fifth place Section 3 bowling

The varsity boy bowling ended a successful undefeated season two weeks ago at sectionals by placing fifth overall losing behind Vernon-Verona-Sherill, Oswego, Utica Proctor, and 2013 sectional champion Camden. But despite coming up short of ultimate Section 3 glory, the team walked away proud after an undefeated league championship season and the overall Class A title.

Eighth grader Bryce Guernsey was at it again on February 15 at sectionals as he tied two other bowlers for the high game of the

After a long campaign of high expectations that have all been met, the stage has been set for the Lady Raider bowlers to gun for the ultimate prize, the NYS title. The girls will go in with their heads held high and their game faces on hoping to improve on last year's performance that saw them place sixth in all of New York State.

day in individual competition by scoring a 279 game. David Antinelli from C-NS and Tyler Watchus from Baldwinsville joined Guernsey at the top of the list. This talented young bowler and student definitely has a bright future bowling for the Red Raiders.

Seniors have a huge role to play on any team as they show leadership and responsibility toward their coaches and fellow teammates. Seniors Kyle Martin and Adam Briggs were two of the factors that helped propel the Raiders to their undefeated sea-

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