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Youth Club Night set for Fulton City Hall

In an attempt to bring the youth of the community together, Jessica Naoti is putting together a Youth Club Night on Wednesday, December 25. The event will be at Fulton City Hall, from 8 pm - 11 pm. Admission will be \$5 per person, and all proceeds will go toward the costs of the DJ, venue rental, and the Sunshine Young Ones operation fees. There will be pizza and drinks, and it is open to anyone 21 and under.

The Youth Club Night will also need volunteers, so any seniors who are still in need of community service hours can get a hold of Jessica and arrange to volunteer through the Sunshine Community & Child Care center, and earn the three hours of community service.

Jessica will be hosting many more events like the Youth Club Night in order to offer a safe environment for the younger members

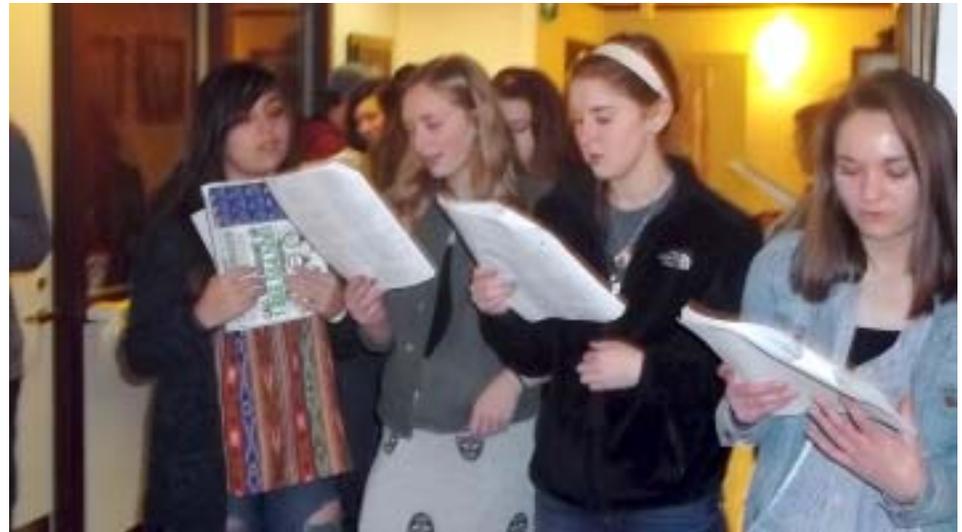
of the community to get together and do something more than sitting around at home. There have already been dances and dinners put together for The Young Ones Youth Group, and they are always looking for more to join.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who wishes to get involved in the community, to

be a part of something that will hopefully make a difference for the youths of the community.

For more specific information, contact either senior Taylor Simpson for a general flier, or Jessica Naoti for specifics on the Youth Club Night and signing up for volunteering.

By Dawson Samson



Students from the French, German and Spanish Clubs brought some holiday cheer to the residents at Michaud Nursing Home last Friday when they made their annual caroling trip. (Jon Noeller photo)

Holiday concerts

7:30 pm in the high school auditorium

Thursday, Dec. 12

GRB Chorus

Monday, Dec. 16

GRB Bands

Tuesday, Dec. 17

GRB Orchestra

all concerts are free to the public

What's for lunch?

Today: turkey sausage frittata on biscuit with tater tots, applesauce, juice box and apple or raspberry churro with alternative of PBJ or chicken nuggets.

Friday: Fish bites, baked beans, peas and diced pear cup with alternative of tuna fish on hogie roll or fish sandwich.

What's happening at G. Ray Bodley High School?

Sophomores need to turn in their Savearound orders ASAP to Mr. Lacey in room 227. Anyone who has not returned the booklet they signed out needs to turn in the booklet, or \$20 to Mr. Lacey.

HOPE Club meets every Monday in room 119.

Future Business Leaders of America meets every Monday in room 116.

Fultonian Yearbook meets every Tuesday in room 102.

GRB Journalism Club meets Wednesdays in room 102.

The **GRB Music Department** is presenting free holiday concerts in the auditorium. The chorus concert is Thursday, Dec. 12, the GRB band performs on Monday, Dec. 16, and the orchestra concert is on Tuesday, Dec. 18. All three concerts begin at 7:30 pm. **HOPE Club** is collecting hats and mittens during GSH all this week. All donations will be distributed throughout the community. The GSH with the most donations will win a breakfast, courtesy of the HOPE Club.

Kids Helping Kids is a collection to help support children admitted to the Golisano Children's Hospital for the holidays. Check out the donation bag in GSH for needed items. Your donations will help make their hospital stays through the holiday a little more cheerful. See Mrs. Hyde in the guidance office for more details.

The French Club will hold a King's Day celebration on Monday, Dec. 6 after school in room 125. Interested students are asked to sign up with Mademoiselle Coleman or Madame Honeywell no later than Friday, Dec. 20.

Janel and Patrick take Shanghai: how two GRB students ended up on the other side of the world

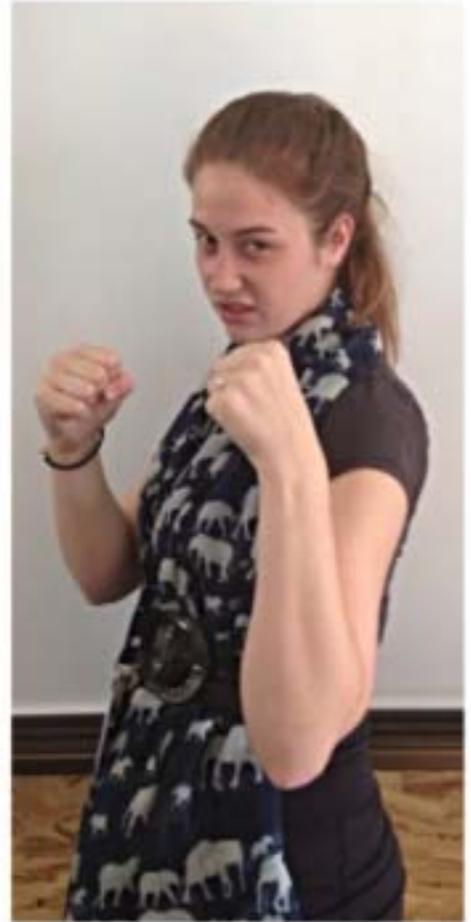
By Tevin Simard

You never know where an education from G. Ray Bodley High School might take you, just ask Class of 2008 graduates Janel Sullivan and Patrick Manno. Although they had other stops on the way, the GRB graduates have landed on the other side of the world, literally.

Shortly after graduating from Syracuse University in December 2011 with an English Education major, Janel Sullivan worked for *Oswego County Today* as a reporter. For a time, Sullivan had wanted to teach internationally, and near the end of the 2011-2012 school year her former classmate Patrick Manno contacted his friend and told her that there was a job opening at his school, Shanghai United International School (SUIS) Wan Yuan U.S. High School. After applying, the Syracuse graduate was jetsetting off to China.

Manno's decision to begin life anew resulted largely from his relationship with his then girlfriend, now wife, who is Shanghainese. For him, the choice was immense, "After graduation, I had two options: go to grad school in the school I was accepted at, or follow my girlfriend... to China and put my undergrad knowledge immediately to the test. It was just one of those moments in my life where I can say I followed both my heart and my ambition to adventure."

Life abroad for Patrick has come with unexpected experiences, such as when he met primatologist Jane Goodall in 2012. "She signed a picture for me saying 'For Patrick,



Class of 2008 graduates Patrick Manno, left, and Janel Sullivan took different paths to a similar destination as they are both currently living and working in Shanghai, China.

follow your heart.' I feel like that brief but meaningful quote summed up everything I've done after high school. Find what you're passionate about and stick to it; you never know where it will lead you to in life."

Teaching English in the most populous nation in the world, Sullivan expected to find large educational differences between school in the United States and school there. Her
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Reflections

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GRB grads the subject of curious onlookers

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preconceived notions were incorrect; she “was surprised to find that in some ways the teenagers here are similar to teens back home. They still forget their homework sometimes and come late to class. Overall, the students are really nice and well behaved.”

One difference, she did note, however, was in the attitude of incoming high school students. “Since many of our current ninth graders came from Chinese Middle School, this is their first time in an all-English westernized school. Many of them were really shy at first, and not used to the American style of teaching where class time involves a lot of group work and moving around and discussion,” she observed. “Now that the first semester is almost over though the kids are coming out of their shells and starting to embrace the school community.”

To say that living and working in Shanghai has been a life-changing experience for the former reporter is not enough. “It’s true that the Chinese have a lot of respect for their teachers. The students and their parents want to make sure the expatriate staff enjoys their time in Shanghai. They’re always willing to suggest restaurants and theaters. One unique experience I had was when my roommate and I went to the movies”

“First of all, you can get all sorts of goodies at the movie theaters here. So we got popcorn, M&Ms, ice cream, drinks, and queued up to find our assigned seats. The movie started and it was in Russian with Chinese character subtitles. We both burst out laughing in the theater, but stayed for the whole movie. By the end I was exhausted from trying to read the body language of all the characters.”

For Manno, the city is “certainly more community-based. Due to the excessive popula-

tion, you’re always surrounded by people. It’s intimidating at first, but once you get used to it, you appreciate how people adapt to what can be perceived as a crowded way of life. In America, you have a lot of space to call your own and opportunities to block out the rest of the world on demand. It can sometimes encourage more isolation and individualism.”

Equally, Sullivan has had to make cultural adjustments in her new country. For example, fireworks can be set off wherever, and go off frequently. Next to SUI Wan Yuan,

if they can take pictures with me. I don’t really mind, but some foreigners think it’s awkward.” Likewise Manno has been stopped by curious onlookers as well and credits this to the large population of Chinese who come from the countryside, who have never seen a Westerner before.

Despite Sullivan’s visibly different background and limited Mandarin-speaking skills that cause some of her students to sometimes laugh at her mispronounced intonations, the teacher feels at home. Her male counterpart enjoys his life, is progress-

Because of her Western look, she has been stopped by both Shanghainese locals and Asian tourists countless times. According to Janel, she has had her picture “taken on the train, in restaurants, at the mall. At more touristy areas I’ve had people stop and ask if they can take pictures with me.”

an apartment complex sets off fireworks nearly every day. While some students do not notice them, Sullivan has had to momentarily stop teaching because of the loud, unexpected roar.

In addition, “almost everywhere you go (the bank, the phone store, the doctor), you have to draw a number and wait in a queue. Sometimes it’s quick and sometimes it isn’t. When rent is due for my apartment it can take an entire afternoon to pay it. There are also no checks; most everything is paid for in cash.”

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ing in his Mandarin, and is the top student in his Chinese language class.

Sullivan admits that when she accepted the job offer, it was still daunting. The American had “never been so far from home before and I was moving someplace where I don’t know the language. But now that I’m here I wouldn’t change anything. I miss my family, of course. We FaceTime as much as we can with the time difference and all our busy schedules. I hope they come visit; I’d love for them to see where I’ve been living all the cool things to do here.”

Manno said that he misses loved ones back in the States, too. “My job and the adventure of being here, however, keep me occupied,” he said, while mentioning that his family will be visiting in March with the

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NFL Picks

NFL week 14 offers some crucial match-ups



Jason Mattice

Last week: 9-6
Overall: 70-44

Green Bay @ Dallas

This NFC matchup between the Packers and the Cowboys is one that

may determine each team's chance at making the playoffs this season. Both teams are behind slightly in their division and they each need a win to have a better chance at contending with the division leaders.

It looks like quarterback Aaron Rodgers for the packers is going to be out for the sixth week in a row, and the team is struggling with a 1-3-1 record since Rodgers went down against the Bears with a fractured collarbone. The third ranked scoring offense in the league of the Cowboys should have a good chance to score some points against the struggling Packers defense which has allowed at least 20 points in the last seven games.

Tony Romo will be looking to step up his game and try to work his team's way up to the top of the division over the Eagles, who they face in the final week of the season. The Cowboys last three games this season are tough matchups, but they should be able to get a win against the Packers who struggle without Rodgers. The Packers, on the other hand, also need a win to try and put themselves in a better position in the division against the Bears and the Lions. If Matt Flynn can play at the level he did two years ago when he played for Rodgers I think the team will come away with a win. But if he struggles, Romo and the Cowboys will get the win on Sunday.

Jason's picks:

Denver
Washington
Chicago
Tennessee
Indianapolis
New Orleans
New England
Philadelphia
Seattle
Buffalo
Tampa Bay
Carolina
Kansas City
Dallas
Cincinnati
Detroit



Mr. Senecal

Last week: 11-4
Overall: 69-45

New England @ Miami

A pair of longtime eastern rivals line up for the 99th time this

Sunday as New England visits Miami in a continuation of a series that began back in 1966 during the Dolphins inaugural season in the old American Football League. Miami leads the all-time ledger 51-48, but the Patriots have owned the Dolphins over the past few seasons and Miami fans are still smarting from the 27-17 loss at Foxboro in late October that saw them collapse following a brilliant 17-3 first half showing. That win enabled the Pats to claim their eighth straight triumph over the Fins, the most in Patriots history, and one shy of Miami's nine game run of dominance from early September of 1989 though November of '93.

Last weekend New England showed why it has been the class of the AFC East for over a decade, rallying in the dying seconds to break the hearts of the Cleveland Browns for their tenth win of the season. Miami also showed late game character, blowing yet another second half lead, but this time rebounding to claim a hard fought win in the snows of Pittsburgh.

At 7-6, the Dolphins need to hold serve at home while hoping that Cincinnati can come through at Baltimore in the battle for the second AFC wildcard spot. With a trip to Buffalo ahead next week followed by a season ending visit from the New York Jets,

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Mr. S. says:

Denver
Atlanta
Cleveland
Arizona
Indianapolis
New Orleans
New England
Philadelphia
Seattle
Jacksonville
San Francisco
Carolina
Oakland
Dallas
Pittsburgh
Detroit



Jimmy Martin

Last week: 10-5
Overall: 64-50

Cincinnati @ Pittsburgh

Sunday Night

Football's matchup is an AFC North battle. The Cincinnati Bengals are 9-4 and atop of the division, with a two game lead over the Baltimore Ravens while, the Pittsburgh Steelers are 5-8 and in third in the division. Both teams still haven't clinched a playoff spot and will fight to get one.

The Bengals are coming into this game on a three game win streak and are 4-1 in the last five games. They are led by third year quarterback Andy Dalton, who has thrown for 25 touchdowns this year. On the ground, BenJarvus Green Ellis is the leading rusher with 662 yards and 6 touchdowns. The Bengals have an overall strong team as they have the tenth best offense and the ninth best defense.

The Steelers have the home field advantage and look to turn things around as they try to clinch a spot in the playoffs. They were on a three game win streak, but the past two weeks have been losses. They have a strong passing game but a very weak rushing game. Ben Roethlisberger is having one of his best seasons, so he should come out strong.

This is a very important game for both teams as it is a division rivalry. So far this year has been full of crazy games so it is hard to pick. I think the Bengals can pull off a win and pull farther ahead in the conference.

Jimmy's Picks

Denver
Atlanta
Chicago
Arizona
Indianapolis
New Orleans
Miami
Philadelphia
Seattle
Jacksonville
San Francisco
Carolina
Kansas City
Green Bay
Detroit

“Most likely to travel the world” is doing just that

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arrival of he and his wife’s child.

In the future, Sullivan looks forward to tapping into the sizeable American community there, which she has not been able to explore due to her demanding schedule. The moviegoer also plans on visiting other parts of China as well as Asia itself and would like to get a master’s degree. Her colleague, on the other hand, has already been to Beijing, Hangzhou, Shaoxing, Yiwu, Hong Kong, Macau, and Seoul in South Korea.

To those reading about Sullivan’s journey, she offered some advice: “If you want to travel, then do it. When my plane to Shanghai was taking off I was so scared, but I have

no regrets now. I think that taking a big leap just once opens so many doors. I can’t wait to explore China and see what other countries have to offer as well.” Two valuable things that Sullivan has learned since graduating high school are to use the free time you get after graduating well and to find something you really love to do. You’ll never be as young as you are now and will probably never have as much time on your hands as you do now.”

And her last bit of advice was, “as the Genie says to Aladdin, ‘just be yourself!’ If you’re real with people then they’ll be real with you. You know all your strengths and weaknesses, and you’ll get a lot further in

life if you stop pretending to be someone you’re not. If you’re honest then it doesn’t matter where you came from, or what your background is. You are the best and only you.”

The girl who was named “Most Likely to Travel the World” in her senior year now feels that she can go anywhere after making such a big move from Fulton to Shanghai, while the father-to-be never expected to be living his life in China.

“I’ve always wanted to travel and see the world so I look at this as just the beginning. After making such a big move from Fulton to Shanghai I feel like I could go anywhere now.”

Opinion:

Obsessive parental behaviors border on child abuse

By Alexis Lastra

Physical surgery has irrefutably evolved over time from reconstructing extensive bodily injuries to merely altering natural characteristics that one believes are blemished or imperfect. Over the years, the practice of body modification has become shockingly commonplace.

What used to be reserved for adults and reconstructive purposes is rapidly edging into the lives of adolescents, often times stimulated by their own parents. Just recently, a YouTube video featured a mother forcefully holding down her infant son while he was being tattooed. Just as disturbing as the video were the comments from viewers, as some consider this act analogous to a mother piercing an infant’s ears, a common practice.

Another instance of such acts occurred last January, when self-proclaimed “Human Barbie” and plastic surgery addict Sarah Burge sparked controversy by presenting her seven-year-old daughter Poppy with a bizarre Christmas gift, an \$11,000 voucher for liposuction, a follow-up to a \$9,300 voucher for breast augmentation. Though tattooing and such operations only require parental consent for patients under the age of 18, it is altogether unacceptable altogether for a parent to introduce her children to the idea of modifying physical appearances at such a young age.

The side effects of receiving a tattoo may be fatal for toddlers as tattoos provoke allergic reactions that may eventually lead to diseases. The same goes for cosmetic surgery. Any sort of operations done on a young, undeveloped person have a risk of complexities such as permanent scarring or infection, which can sometimes be



fatal.

Parents who idiotically presume that they are investing in their children’s future must realize that growing and developing adolescents will eventually disfigure as they age, in consequence of extreme cosmetic procedures. The problem of physical alterations performed upon youngsters does not end there, however. The often painful gifts that parents present their children tie in with the grave issue of the rapid decline of morals in our society.

It is true that parents have the right to their children’s affairs over all matters. Nevertheless, by means of inflicting physical pain and ethical degeneration on their children it clearly shows that the parents are dissatisfied with the way their kids look. This further shines light on yet another disconcerting fact, these parents carelessly brush off the well-being and proper education of their children, but immerse themselves in advancing their children’s physical image.

It is highly likely that these easily influenced youngsters will inherit their parent’s imprudence to a certain degree, and consequently take up a synonymous mindset. In our morally deprived society, attempting to implement sound judgment may be a lost cause.



Imagine giving your seven-year-old daughter a voucher for liposuction or breast augmentation. That’s what self-proclaimed “Human Barbie” Sarah Burge, left, has done for her daughter Poppy.

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Raiders earn all-league accolades

The fall sports season is just a memory at this point, but the honors have started coming in for a number of Red Raider athletes in the form of all-league recognition. Golf, boys soccer, volleyball and football have all named their all-star squads, and Fulton made its presence felt in each case. Two Raider coaches were also honored by their respective leagues as golf Coach Ascenzi and boys soccer Coach Murray were named Coach of the Year.

The Raider golfers turned in their best season in recent memory by going 12-5 overall and 6-4 in league play, good enough for a share of the league title. Senior Connor Goss qualified for the New York State Championships in the spring and was named first team all-league along with teammate Matt Kitts. Earning honorable mention status was Cam Clark, while Coach Ascenzi shared Coach of the Year laurels with Dan Kelly of Chittenango.

The varsity soccer team placed five players on their all-league side, led by leading Raider scorer Carson Vono, who was a first team selection. Vono paced the team in goals and scoring, finding the back of the net 16 times while also earning two assists for a team high 18 points.

According to Coach Murray, "Carson is a terrific goal scorer in the box. If it was on



Senior Carson Vono kept an eye on the ball all season while leading the Raiders in goals and scoring. The senior striker was a first team all-league performer for his accomplishments.

his foot inside the 18, chances are it was going in." Fulton assist leader Paul Reynoso was named second team all-league with Coach Murray noting that, "Paul is extremely versatile. I could play him at literally any position and he could excel." The coach expects big things from Reynoso, who, "reads the play even before it developed and could shut things down quickly. He will play in college and should do well."

Also earning second team all-league status was junior Shawn Walberger, Fulton's "number one shut down man," according to Murray. Junior goaltender RJ Borrow, with 139 saves and an 86% save ratio, has, "tremendous hands...he gives up very few rebounds and can track across the goal mouth very well," according to Murray, who said that, "there were several games this year that he kept us in." Senior Anthony Anderson, whom his coach termed, "a great outside defender with good speed and good position," gained honorable mention status as a defender, and like fellow seniors Vono and

Reynoso will be sorely missed next season.

Fulton's Class A runner-up volleyball team was well represented as Keisha Pierce and Sami Miller earned first team status while Monica Falanga was a second team pick. Pierce counted 70 digs and 22 aces while Miller had 58 kills, 17 aces and 13 blocks for the Raiders. Falanga notched 56 digs for the Raiders, who also placed Donna Aiken, Emma Harvey and Erica Pawlewicz on the all-league team as honorable mention picks.

Aiken led the Raiders with 242 assists while Harvey was a key performer in Fulton's come from behind victory over Central Square in the Class A playoffs. Pawlewicz was a versatile performer for Coach Richardson's spikers with 29 aces, 55 kills and 12 blocks.

A dozen Raiders made their way onto the all-league team in football, led by first team picks Mark Pollock and Seth Britton, both seniors, as well as junior Chris Jones. Also providing promise for the future, the Raiders placed junior Dallas Bradley and sophomores Quinton Jackson and Cody Green on the second team, with senior Seth Delisle joined by juniors Jon Cummins, Dave Hursh, Nick Reitz, Brian Hudson and Dylan Smith.

Girls soccer all-league selections have yet to be announced.

(statistics are from syracuse.com)

Patriots at Dolphins

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Miami's destiny will run right through its own division. And that is what scares Dolphin fans, as Brady owns a 17-6 career record against Miami and their 1-2 AFC East record is the worst in the division. But if there is a silver lining to this seeming dark cloud it comes in the form of two stats: Tom Brady has three career games where he attempted at least 15 passes and failed to throw for 100 yards. All three of those games were against the Dolphins. In addition New England is 15-33 all-time in Miami. History also says that both teams will score, as there are only five shutouts in the previous 98 games, the last coming on December 10, 2006 when the Dolphins handed Brady one of only two shutouts he has endured in his NFL career in a 21-0 triumph.

The heart says Miami, but the mind says New England. Either way, I'll be watching.

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Bowling vs. CBA @ Strike n' Spare Lanes (3:30).

Fri. Dec. 13: Girls Bball vs. Corcoran (JV-5:30/V-7 pm); Swim @ B'ville (5 pm); Boys Bball @ Cortland (JV-5:30/V-7 pm); Hockey vs. IHC (7 pm).

Sat. Dec. 14: JV wrestling @ Blindman's Tourney (9:30 am @ CNS); V restling @ DeMaco-Trainor Tournament (8:45 am @ Churchville-Chili).



What is your favorite winter activity?



"Snowboarding. "

Devon Chevier



"Building a snowman."

Sam Swatkoski



"Snowball fights!"

Greg Miner



"Stay inside and read."

Daniel DeStevens

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Snow showers.

22°

Average: 37°
Record: 61° (1979)

Tonight:



Snow showers,

17°

Average: 24°
Record: -10° (1988)

Tomorrow:



Snow showers,

24°

Average: 37°
Record: 59° (1991)

Former GRB student and current SUNY Oswego sophomore Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist. Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.