



## Raider bowlers charge to ninth straight win

It may have been cold outside but the heat was on as usual for the Fulton bowling teams as the Raiders rolled past Homer on Wednesday. Upping their OHSL counts to a perfect 9-0, the Lady Raiders blanked Homer 3-0 while the boys topped the Trojans by a 2-1 count.

Mikayla Guernsey rebounded from an opening 158 by firing back-to-back 247 games to help pace the girls to victory. The

OHSL leading senior surpassed her 208 average on the day with a three game, 652, followed closely by Kendra Tryniski with a 649 series and high game of 233. Danielle Rupert added a high game of 215 on her way to a 544 series for the girls, who have yet to yield a point this season. The Raiders will be looking for their tenth straight win when they face Bishop Grimes this afternoon in Mattydale.

### Boys dump Homer

Homer's shutout streak of not giving up a point came to an abrupt end in the boys match as Fulton won the first two games en route to victory in the matchup between un-

beaten sides. Junior Kyle Denson tied Homer's Kory Platt for high game at 246 and scored a high series of 662 to push Fulton into sole possession of the OHSL lead. Nick Walberger notched a high game of 214 and a 624 series and Shawn Walberger aided the Raider cause with a 619 series highlighted by a high game of 237.

Platt finished the day with a 657 series and rolled 246 in his final game to help the Trojans avoid the shutout.

The Fulton boys will also meet Bishop Grimes looking for a 10-0 start when the two teams take to the alleys today in Mattydale at 3:30.

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

**HOPE Club** meets every Monday in room 119.

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

**Fultonian Yearbook** meets on Wednesdays in room 102.

**GRB Journalism Club** meets Wednesdays in room 102.

**SPRING 2014 drivers ed registration paperwork** is now available in the guidance office. Deadline to register is today, January 23rd. You must be 16 years old by February 3rd to enroll.

**Yearbooks** are still available for preorder for \$60. See Mr. Senecal in room 228 during GSH.

Any **students needing a physical** for spring sports or working papers should stop by the Nurse's office to make an appointment.

### What's for lunch?

**Today:** Hot turkey sandwich with gravy with whipped potatoes, butternut squash and roasted apples with topping or alternative of hot diced chicken and cheese wrap.

**Friday:** Beef and bean chili with soft pretzel with baby carrots, spinach and diced pears cup with alternative of managers choice.



The current deep freeze that has gripped Central New York wasn't enough to stop members of the Ski and Snowboard Club from braving the elements on Tuesday night, albeit well bundled. It proved to be an early night for most as the below zero temperatures were a bit too much to deal with. Pictured from left to right, inside the lodge at Labrador Mountain, are Nate Welsh, Dylan Farnham, Sean Carroll and Casey McCann. (Steve Gilliland photo)

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# I never thought breast cancer would pervade my life

By Tevin Simard

I found out my mother had stage three breast cancer when I was a state away, in New Jersey last summer. I had been working on a dreadful AP English assignment that was due the next day and decided to take a break by scrolling down my Facebook News Feed. I enabled my chat settings that I usually turn off so as to keep annoying people from messaging me; two minutes later, I saw that I had a message from my mother.

After talking for a little bit about how I occupied my time and me asking how she spent hers, she asked me that I not get mad at her. I wondered what would be so terrible as to make me feel that way. Then she told me she had breast cancer.

I did not feel anything, not because I was shocked, but because I felt like it was a confirmation of what I had already known. The spring beforehand, she had health problems that could only be attributed to this vicious disease, and months before that, she had



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been feeling uncharacteristically fatigued every evening. Yet, she had testing done to see whether or not it was her worst fear, but the results came up negative. Anyway, there was no way I could hear the pain or deep sense of shame in her voice when she revealed this new aspect of our lives to me, as if this were her fault.

When we receive sensitive information like this via the internet, there is a certain degree of separation that is apparent, which at first it may appear as a wall, but upon further inspection, it is a tangible sheer veil. You can see what lies behind the cloth, however not for its entirety. And that’s how it felt when I sat down to think about the implications of her condition and what that meant to me.

To observers, I seemed mildly ruffled from my facial expressions,

body language, and hushed demeanor. When asked about what my mind was focused on like a person trying to solve a rubik’s cube, I uttered the truth. Seeing others’ reactions to this facet of my life never gets old; one reaction is to look at me with deep pity and unsought compassion, as if I am Oliver Twist, or an unaffected look that conveys to me they do not care, followed by an awkward silence.

Since the first time I told someone about the situation, my situation, though it doesn’t feel as if it even is my own, I have learned that oftentimes people don’t know what to say, so they feel it is best not to say anything at all. What are they going to say? I’m sorry? For what? They had no involvement in this predicament. Nonetheless, I don’t blame them for not caring, I hadn’t been vested in finding a cure for breast cancer then either. I also did not think that finding a cure for breast cancer meant that other diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, which affects a larger number of people in the United States annually, should be overlooked in comparison.

An offshoot response from the former type is that they tell me that they will pray for my family, which as well-intentioned as that is, feels condescending to me rather than comforting. It is their way of offering a solution to an otherwise powerless position. However, I cannot find solace in this act because prayer is often an answer to the difficult things in our lives that cannot be explained. Hence, the existence of God is a way to rationalize why things happen the way they do.

If “He” intended my mother to get breast cancer to teach her some lesson that hasn’t revealed itself yet or to punish her for past infractions, then what is the sense in praying anyway? After all, “He” wanted it to happen, did he not? I would not consider a person to be benevolent if they kill innocent people randomly without just reasoning to do so, if that even is justifiable. In my experience, sometimes life throws bombs, not curveballs, at people, and rather than trying to change a situation through giving praise to the sky, we need to accept our situations, move on, and also accept that the world is chaotic and more often than not, there isn’t a reason things happen, they just do.

Then, there are the people who want to help beyond the realm of angels. Admittedly, when people tell me to “let me know if you need anything,” or “call me if you need anything,” I nod with an

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# Benevolence can come from unlikely sources

By Alexis Lastra



We all have at least one enemy we'd love to see crawl on their knees to beg for our help, only for us to say no and laugh at their misery. Some of the most powerful people in the world have found themselves in this exact situation, and when the time came to tell their rivals to eat dirt, they instead turned around and said, "Sure thing, buddy, let me help you with that."

Ernest Hess was a regular guy who made the serious mistake of being Jewish in Germany during the 1930s. Despite being raised Protestant, his mother's ancestry was Jewish, which was good enough for the Nazis. Even though Hess had fought bravely for his country in World War I, he was treated like every other Jew: He had to wear the Star of David, and he was constantly harassed by Nazi supporters on the street.

But then an old war buddy came along and lent Hess a helping hand. This Nazi-foiling veteran soldier went by the name of Adolf Hitler. Wait, what?

## Breast cancer pervades

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"okay," but do not know what that even means. For different people, those phrases mean different things; differences that I haven't yet followed up on. Unlike many people, I don't enjoy asking others for things I need.

There have been other ways my life has been affected by my mother's condition, as well. I quit Cross-Country this past fall in order to help take care of my mother and younger siblings. As much as I hated making that decision, especially because I was a team captain, it was a necessary one to make then. Accordingly, I have less time to commit to both extracurricular activities and academics; but I make it work, somehow. Going to in-person college and scholarship interviews also presents a challenge in some respects. Because my mother cannot drive me, and has to be present for questions as well, I have to come up with creative methods to meet, like communicating via Google+ or telephone.

I'm reminded of her status in little ways; whether it's when I find wisps of her auburn hair around the house or remember that "Yes! I will be going to college in seven to eight months" and then "I'll be going to college in seven to eight months," and the implications of that statement for my brother and sister. Mainly, while my mother and I have talked about the future, we laugh a lot. We also watch movies together in her bed, and if she falls asleep, sometimes, I like to give her a hug and just lay there. Thinking.

### Quote of the day:

"Your friend is the man who knows all about you and still likes you."  
- Elbert Hubbard

Hitler had served under Hess in the first war and decided to pull a few strings to give his old boss a break. That's how Heinrich Himmler, the guy who engineered the "Final Solution," ended up informing the Gestapo that Hess had been granted "the relief and the protection as per the Fuhrer's wishes" and that he was not "to be in-opportuned in any way whatsoever." He was even granted a new passport that made no mention of his Jewish ancestry.

While Hess did eventually end up being sent to a labor camp, he at least survived the war, which he probably would not have done if not for Hitler's intervention. Fortunately, other people followed Hitler's example such as Albert Goering, the brother of high-ranking Nazi officer Hermann Goering. Albert was more or less the black sheep in a family of fascists. Where most of us would have rebelled against society by growing our hair out long and putting on a record of whatever passed for Skrillex back then, Albert took the higher ground and saved hundreds of Jews.

Despite being a terrible person, Hermann liked his brother well enough to turn a blind eye to his actions. This included saving hundreds from the concentration camps by employing them, Schindler's List-style, in his factories, regardless of whether they could work or not. In fact, he saved so many that he is now being considered for the Righteous Among the Nations award.

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## This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** Bowling vs. Bishop Grimes (3:30 @ Mattydale); Girls Indoor track @ CNYITA Meet (4:30 @ OCC); Swim vs. J-D (5:30); Boys Bball @ Homer (JV-5/V-6:30); Girls Bball vs. Homer (JV-5:30/V-7).

**Fri. Jan. 24:** Girls Bball @ Fowler (JV-5/V-6:30); Boys Bball vs. Fowler (JV-5:30/V-7); OHSL Diving @ Fulton (5 pm); Hockey @ West Genesee (7:30).

**Sat. Jan. 25:** OHSL @ Mexico (10 am); Wrestling @ Section 3 Duals (10 am @ C-NS).



## What is the coldest temperature you have been in?



"-11.5"

Mariah Whipple



"-12"

chey Velasquez



"-30."

Aliyah Connors



"-16"

Brooke Shultz

# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf

Today:

Tonight:

Tomorrow:



Snow showers.

**10°**

Average: 31°  
Record: 59° (1967)



Snow showers.

**0°**

Average: 15°  
Record: -18° (1976)



Chance snow.  
Warmer.

**18°**

Average: 31°  
Record: 61° (1953)

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.