



Students claim first at tree decorating contest

The votes have been tabulated and a winner has been declared at the annual Parade of Trees. And when the final tally was announced, the members of Mrs. Thompson's class at G. Ray Bodley High School were a happy bunch as their tree, "A Special Treat for our Friends," was declared the winner.

Taking part in the winning design were Kyle Arroway, Justin Broadwell, Logan Brooks, John Brummett, Dakota Burgess and Daquan Davis along with Logan Diefenbacher, Donovan Fancher, Ernie Ferro, Michael Flynn and Tatyana Hoyt. Also aiding the victorious cause were Jessica Klieman, Guadalupe Leyva-Bran, David Mattiaccio and Curtis Pollard as well as Derrick Rusaw, Jessica Sereno, and Shannon St. Andrews.

The students made ornaments from bird seed, decorated pine cones and dried fruit for our Fulton Feathered friends. This



Dakota Burgess, left, and Derrick Rusaw admire their winning entry in the recent tree decorating contest, which is held annually at Fulton's Pratt House. (submitted photo)



Students from Mrs. Thompson's class recently captured first place in the annual Christmas tree decorating contest at the Pratt House. (submitted photo)

marked the sixth year that Ms. Thompson's class has participated in this community event. Each year the students come up with a theme, make homemade ornaments, decorate their tree, visit the Pratt House for a tour and learn about Fulton's Past and encourage others to vote and visit this beautiful historical site in Fulton.

Each year the Pratt House in Fulton has a tradition called the Parade of Trees. This year there were 16 Trees from various organizations, and each tree has a story of its own. The Adult Category consisted of the following themes: "was the Night Before Christmas (ARC), Angels we have heard on High (Camp Hollis Senior Camping), A Homemade Christmas (Towpath Towers), A paperbag Christmas (Oswego Industries), Angels Among US (State Street Church), and Reclamation for Lake Neahtawanta (Women's Club).

Various Businesses spent some time being

creative including Kathy's Cakes, which decorated an edible tree with the theme Frozen. Uniforms Etc. had a Candyland Christmas, and new to this tradition was Artistree, who decorated in crafts from their shop.

Children of all ages were very busy decorating trees with a Transportation Tree (Noah's Christian Nursery School), A Lego Christmas (Fulton Library), An ABC Christmas (Fairgrieve Elementary), and Frozen (Universal Pre-K).

It is easy to realize that the Youth group enjoys the outside by looking at the decorations on their trees. This year's contestants were Kids and Camp Goes Hand in Hand (Camp Hollis), Scouting is Fun (Cub Scout Pack 715), and a "Special Treat for our friends" created by Ms. Thompson's class.

The prize money will be used to help support the students with their Jr. Prom, Senior Dinner Dance and more community involvement.

Raider Sports

Raider hoopsters cruise to historic 4-0 start

When it comes to boys basketball, Fulton has been a pretty good wrestling school. And while it is far too early in the season to make bold predictions, the 2014-15 Red Raider basketball team is well on its way to ending a long stand of courtside frustration.

Tuesday night's 66-38 romp past Mexico, their fourth straight win over an Oswego County foe, marks the best start to a season in more than 12 years as the Raiders are 4-0 heading into Friday's game at Homer. In fact, the four victories represent more wins than Fulton amassed in seven of the past 12 years, and are one shy of last year's 5-13 overall record and two more than the 2-16 showing of the 2012-13 squadron.

There is still a long way to go and plenty of tough opponents ahead, but their hot start has the Red Raiders on a pace to become just the third team to post a winning record in a dozen years and the first since the 2008-09 team went 12-10.

As was the case a few days earlier against Hannibal, the Raiders pounced on Mexico early with a 22-10 first quarter run that extended into a 36-20 halftime edge. There was no third quarter letdown as Fulton owned a 19-5 advantage and a 20-point lead that made the fourth quarter academic in their fourth consecutive win.

Cody Green and Chris Jones provided the outside/inside threat that the Tigers could not handle as Green rifled in 26 points and Jones added 10. Tyler Lee followed up with eight points as part of a nine man scoring show while Justin Marsden led Mexico with 16.

In other Tuesday action the varsity girls basketball team entered the victory column for the first time this season with a big 52-34 win over Mexico. Nicole Hansen broke loose with a season high 18 points while

Michaela Whiteman and exchange student Lena Helmstradter chipped in with eight points apiece and Mallory Harter added seven. The girls used a 17-7 second quarter barrage to pull away from a tight first quarter to improve to 1-2 on the season.

The girls will host Homer on Friday with JV action starting at 5 pm.

Swimmers splash past Weedsport

The Raider swimmers evened their mark at 2-2 with a 94-85 win at Weedsport. Andrew Distin won the 200 freestyle and was second in the 100 freestyle to go with a double victory performance from Tim McAfee (100 butterfly, 100 breast) and Justin Grower's first place effort in the 500 backstroke and a second in the 50 freestyle.

Other big performances came from 200 IM winner Sage Hourihan and 500 freestyle winner Dakota Stoutenger, who was also third in the 200 IM. David Tallents also provided valuable points toward the winning total by placing third in both the 100 and 200 freestyle events.

The swim team will travel to West Genesee on Friday for a 5 pm meet.

Bowlers keep on rolling

The Raider girls bowling team maintained its unbeaten start on Tuesday with a 3-0 win over Cortland. Claiming their sixth straight win of the season and 28th consecutive victory overall, the Raiders were paced by Kendra Tryniski's high game of 216 and high 582 series. Kate Ely rolled a 548 over three games and Zoe June totaled 490 pins for the Raiders, who have outscored the competition 17-1 so far and are 47-1 in their last 48 matches.

The boys bowling team improved to 5-1 with a similar 3-0 victory against Cortland. Kyle Denson scored the high game of 257 and a high series of 704 while Bryce Guernsey totaled 602 over three games and Bayley Raponi followed up with a 592 series.

Both teams took on Bishop Grimes on Wednesday and will face Oswego today to close out another busy week of action.

Cortland-Homer got the best of the Raider icemen, scoring three times in the third period for a 6-2 win. Fulton will be looking to rebound this evening when they play host to a strong Syracuse combined team at 6 pm.

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Bowling vs. Oswego @ Mattydale (3:30); Hockey vs. Syracuse (6 pm)
Fri. Dec. 19: Girls Bball vs. Homer (5/6:30); Boys Bball @ Homer (5/6:30); JV Wrestling @ Phoenix Tourney (4:30); Swim @ West Genesee (5 pm); Indoor track @ CNYITA Meet @ OCC (4:30)

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

Signups for the **Lip Sync Contest** are taking place until December 23 in Mr. Lacey's room 125. Groups of up to eight can perform at the contest, which is scheduled for January 14 at 6 pm in the auditorium.

The next meeting of the **Fultonian Yearbook** will be today after school in room 102. All members are urged to attend.

Do you plan on playing a **Spring Sport**? Please ask the nurse now (yes, NOW) if you need a physical.

The **Senior Class** officers meet every Monday after school in room 125 and all seniors are welcome to attend.

HOPE Club will be collecting hats and mittens for those in our community in need from now until Dec. 19 during GSH. The guided study hall with the most items will receive a pizza party on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Attention **Junior Class!** The Class of 2016 is currently selling candy to raise money for prom decorations and hopefully a photo booth. See Mr. McCarten in room 222 to get involved. If anyone has an idea for the next fundraiser, see Mr. McCarten or fundraising coordinator Tatiana Pierce.

What's for lunch?

Today: Hot turkey and gravy with dinner roll, whipped potatoes, butternut squash and apple crisp.

Friday: Fish with broccoli, baked beans and peaches.

Club, class officer & senior poll pictures!

**Monday, December 22 in
the auditorium**

**See your advisor for a pass and
look for the schedule posted
throughout GRB**

Environmental Club Corner:

Nearly every Friday during the school year, members of the GRB Environmental Club take part in recycling. Here are the totals for Thursday, Dec. 12.

Recycling facts:

Recycled paper: 390.1 lbs..

Recycled plastics: 61.9 lbs.

Cardboard: 67.4 lbs.

Total: 519.5 lbs.

Reams of paper: 78.0

Sheets: 39,014.3

Trees used (one tree = 16.5 reams):
4.7

Year to Date (13 measurements):

Tons recycled: 2.40 (paper)

kwh saved: 12,045.15*

Gallons of oil saved: 1202.36*

Gallons of water saved: 16,799.65

Reams of paper saved: 890.18

Total sheets of paper: 445,089.70

Trees saved: 53.95

Landfill saved (ft³): 23.79*

*-based on plastic and paper combined
(information provided by Mr.
Mainville)



HOPE Club

Hat & Mitten Drive

Dec. 10-19 in GSH

Christmas Fact of the day:

Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel's classic Christmas story, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" was first released in 1957.



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in the main office.**

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NFL Picks

NFL hits the home stretch this weekend

**Mitch Woodworth****Last week: 12-4 Overall: 113-85****Denver@ Cincinnati**

Last week Denver looked pretty good in beating San Diego 22-10, but the more impressive game was the Bengals beating the Cleveland Browns 30-0.

The Bengals have a great team, and at 9-4-1 they are very experienced.

However they are going to have to get the extra workouts this week in order to take down the long time legend Peyton Manning. Andy Dalton only threw for 117 yards with no touchdowns and an interception, and if they want to beat Denver they are going to have to get Dalton more involved this weekend.

Running back Jeremy Hill had a great game with two touchdowns and 148 yards, but they cannot count on their running back to carry the team. The Bengal defense is great and can probably stop Manning, but they have to definitely work on the offense with their quarter back and wide receivers. If the Bengals come out hot, they have a shot in winning.

The Broncos are a great team and have one of the best passing games in the NFL, but they need to work the run game if they want it to be a big win for them. Peyton Man-

ning better be ready and not take the Bengals lightly because Cincinnati is tough at home with a lot of experience in key areas. C.J Anderson is a great running back, and if they can create holes he can run the ball well, especially when he gets moving in a north-south direction. The run game is crucial for the Broncos in order to take down the Cincinnati Bengals. If they get the pass and run game going it should be a close game, with Denver winning 40-34.

Mitch Says:

Tennessee
San Diego
Philadelphia
Detroit
Miami
New England
Pittsburgh
Green Bay
Carolina
Baltimore
NY Giants
Dallas
Buffalo
Seattle
Denver

**Mr. Senecal****Last week: 13-3 Overall: 124-74****Atlanta @ New Orleans**

I'm sure that the schedulmakers envisioned a showdown for first place in the NFC South back when the overall NFL slate was released last year. Little did they know that it would be between two teams with embarrassing records as the 5-9 Falcons head into the Superdome to meet the 6-8

Saints with first place on the line. A loss this Sunday would rightfully pretty much doom the team that comes out on the short end of the score, as a Saints setback would make them 0-2 against the Falcons, while an Atlanta defeat would put them two games back with only one to play.

Both teams will also be keeping an eye on 5-8-1 Carolina's home game against Cleveland, as New Orleans could clinch the division with a win and a Carolina loss, and Atlanta could advance to a showdown against the Panthers on the final weekend of the season in the Georgia Dome regardless of how Carolina does this weekend. So as the old cliché goes, both teams control their own destiny, and that is why this game will be so interesting as two of the league's best offenses hit the field against the two worst defensive units in the entire NFL.

New Orleans is ranked #2 in offense and #31 on defense while Atlanta is #7 with the ball, but a league worst #32 without it. Both teams have quarterbacks capable of filling the air with footballs as Matt Ryan (356 of 541 for 4112 yards and 27 touchdowns) goes head to head with Drew Brees (402 of 574 for 4358

yards and 31 touchdowns), the pair combining for 8,470 yards and 58 touchdowns so far this season but also 12 interceptions apiece.

Brees will look to Jimmy Graham, whose 73 receptions for 782 yards and nine TDs leads the Saints while Matt Ryan is hoping to have a healthy Julio Jones, as his 93 catches, 1428 yards and six touchdowns will be sorely missed if he is unable to play. Jones did not feature against Pittsburgh on Sunday due to a hip injury and did not practice on Wednesday, but is expected to start. Atlanta's second leading receiver, Roddy White, was also absent from practice, and the Falcons certainly cannot afford to lose his 66 catches, 762 yards and seven TDs.

Normally the Saints would be a lock, but their sterling home record has been tarnished this season with four straight setbacks. Two factors that play to their favor, however, are the league's #9 run game paced by Mark Ingram's 869 yards and seven TDs, and a defense led by Junior Galette's nine sacks that has dropped the opposing QB on 31 occasions. I just cannot see the Saints losing five home games in a row, so I look for another wild one between these two teams like Atlanta's 37-34 win back in September, but this one goes to the Saints.

Mr. S. says:

Jacksonville
San Diego
Philadelphia
Cetroit
Minnesota
New Orleans
New England
Pittsburgh
Green Bay
Carolina
Baltimore
St. Louis
Indianapolis
Buffalo
Seattle
Denver

What do you want to see in the new park?



"A basketball court."

Trae Sheldon



"A swimming pool."

Hannah Stanski



"Clean, working bathrooms."

Zoe Perez



"A teeter totter."

Shelby Drake

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with
rain/snow.

34°

Average: 35°
Record: 58° (1921)

Tonight:



Cloudy. Chance snow.

24°

Average: 22°
Record: -13° (1919)

Tomorrow:



Cloudy. Chance snow.

30°

Average: 35°
Record: 59° (1957)

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