

Don't forget to wear purple on Wednesday!

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Unfamiliar foes mark soccer playoff openers

Soccer's second season will begin today for the Red Raider soccer forces, and it will be uncharted territory for both the Red Raider boys and girls when they take on a pair of unfamiliar foes. The girls will host Vernon-Verona-Sherrill at 5:30 pm today with the boys hosting Indian River at 5:30 pm on Wednesday. And while each side enters the opening round as the favorite, it's the time of the year when nothing can be taken for granted.

"We know that if we look ahead, it's one and done," girls Coach George Beckwith said as his team prepares for tonight's home encounter with V-V-S. "We need to take it one step at a time." His Red Raider girls are battle tested, however, as, "pretty much every game we played was close...all of our losses were against state-ranked teams. Three of the games were one goal losses and we played J-D and Westhill evenly in the second half....it takes a lot to get us rattled."

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Girls Soccer
Coach George Beckwith

The roles will be reversed this time around for the Fulton boys soccer team as the Raiders enter sectional play on Wednesday with great expectations. Last season Coach Nate Murray's squad battled into the playoffs as an underdog and went all the way to the third round with a pair of road victories. That won't be the case this year as the 11-4-1 Red Raiders are the #3 seed in the Class A Tournament and must play the role of the favorite when 8-8 Indian River, the #14 seed, line up for their Wednesday clash.

Even though the Raiders hold a much higher seed than last season, Coach Murray isn't looking past the Warriors as, "every game in the tournament potentially is your last. We need to keep playing, there is a lot left in us! Our boys will be ready!"

"We are the third seed in which our path is the toughest to get through!" he went on

to say. "Indian River stands in our way to a sectional title so we will not overlook them." Should the Raiders prevail on Wednesday, two more potentially dangerous teams await them, and as the coach noted, "ES-M as the six seed is a great team and a tough out. They are the best team by far past New Hartford at the four."

2015 Warriors are a shadow of the teams that ravaged the Frontier League the past two seasons while charging to a combined record of 24-10. This year's edition found the back of the opposing goal 32 times, a far cry from last year's 79 goal side and light years away from a 2013 offensive juggernaut that scored 92 goals in 16 games.



Section III Girls Soccer Tournament

#10 V-V-S Red Devils (11-5)

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#7 Fulton Red Raiders (10-5-1)

5:30 pm today in Fulton



A perennial thorn in Fulton's side is also in their bracket in Jamesville-Dewitt, and as Murray knows, "J-D of course is J-D and we are scared of them. And then Fowler should be the last team in our way."

"That is a formidable set of opponents," he stated, "(but) if we can play together and win the title we will have earned that banner for sure!"

As for the approach on Wednesday, "the keys to this game are the same for every game for us," Murray commented. "Control the pace of play with our possession and defend as a unit and keep them at zero! If they don't score we can't lose!"

With only four seniors in their lineup, the

Underclassmen lead the way for Indian River as junior Ty Godin has nine goals and eight assists and sophomore Dylan Wagstaff has eight goals and nine assists to his credit. Freshman Alex Gabriel has chipped in with five goals, and after that the dropoff is significant. Between the pipes the Warriors are counting on sophomore Nate Smith, who has four shutouts and 79 saves for a team that was never more than a game above or below the .500 mark throughout the entire season.

Indian River never won more than two games on the spin and never dropped more than two in a row, splitting their final four matches against Watertown IHC and

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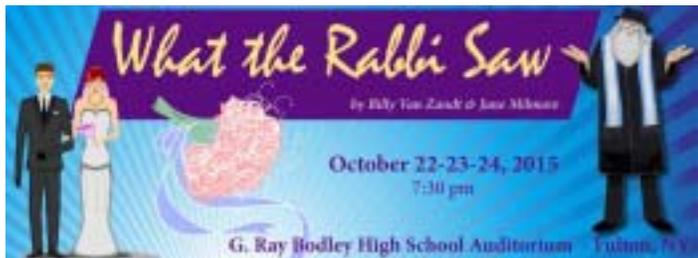
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Quirk's Players present:

What the Rabbi Saw

Thurs. - Sat. Oct. 22-23-24

@ 7:30 pm GRB Auditorium



Look for our cast previews daily!

Opinion

Columbus Day has outlived its purpose

By Zachary Almeter

Many students here probably enjoyed getting last Monday off from school, but the truth is, the legacy of Christopher Columbus does not warrant a holiday in his honor.

Christopher Columbus is absolutely revered by the Italians, but he sailed under the Spanish flag instead of the Italian flag. He may have grown up in Italy, but he did not even speak Italian. Columbus is also responsible for the apocalyptic genocide of thousands, if not millions, of Native Americans, both by disease and by senseless slaughter. He may not even have been the first person from the Old World to set foot in the Americas. There is evidence that the Vikings beat him to it a few centuries earlier.

For the reasons mentioned above, Columbus Day is becoming less and less celebrated throughout the country. Hundreds of United States cities already refuse to acknowledge it as a holiday any more.



Instead, they are replacing it with holidays of their own, such as Indigenous People's Day.

In several years, or at least a couple of decades, Columbus Day may not even exist as a holiday any more. Children will still get the second Monday of October off from school, just not in memory of Christopher Columbus.

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

The next meeting of the **Fultonian Yearbook** is Tuesday after school in room 102. New members welcome.

Physicals for sports and working papers will be available on October 27 by appointment only. Stop by the nurse's office to make your appointment.

There will be a **senior class officers** meeting after school on Wednesday in Mr. McCarten's room.

There will be an informational meeting today for students interested in participating in **Battle of the Books**. Students should meet in the library promptly at 2:30.

The **Class of 2019** is selling pizza slices and bottled water after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$1.50.

Mentor volunteers: training will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 21 after school in room 119. See Mrs. Cronk for more details. Anyone who did not attend on Wednesday needs to come to the next session as you must have training before you can begin mentoring. See Mrs. Cronk if you mentored last year.

Math Club will meet after school on Tuesday, Oct. 27 in room 111. Bring your team name and a logo, as well as t-shirt ideas for this year's shirt.

Attention **Ski & Snowboard Club** members: paperwork and first payment are due to Mrs. Ryan in room 111 by this Friday.

What's for lunch?

Today: Chicken smackers with biscuit with peas, butternut squash and fresh apple.

Wednesday: Cheese pizza with salad, baby carrots and peaches



Seniors take note!

*Prom and baby pictures
must be turned in by
Tuesday, Nov. 3*

Bring them to Mr. Senecal in room 118

*Submitted senior portraits
and parent recognition ads
are also due by Nov. 3*

*Picture retakes/missed
picture day is Tues. Oct. 27*

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In the News



Wedding Catastrophe! The wedding of Walter and Wendy seems to be falling apart as secrets are revealed and tuxedo pants disappear. The scene is from Quirk's Players' fall production, *What the Rabbi Saw*, which will be presented this weekend at G. Ray Bodley High School. Pictured here are (l to r): Michael Mankiewicz (Walter the groom), Sarah Fisch (Wendy the bride), Mitch (the best man) and Claudia (the maid of honor). *What the Rabbi Saw* is under the direction of Fulton Teachers Tom Briggs and Rob Lescarbeau. (Photo by Kelly LeVea)

Meet the Cast of *What the Rabbi Saw*

Gina Babcock

This will be Gina Babcock's fourth show with Quirk's Players. She has previously appeared in *Hello Dolly!*, *Curtains*, and as Daphne in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Outside of school, she has played Snoopy in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and a bird girl in *Seussical Jr.*

This time, she plays Lainie Berman, the wedding singer. Gina describes her as "your typical Vegas star. Lainie is very confident and flashy. When she's around her boyfriend Vinnie, though, she becomes this tough girl." She adds, "I am really excited to play Lainie Berman because she's so different from me. She's been fun to play so far."

(compiled by Zachary Almeter)

Jeremy Herlowski

Jeremy Herlowski, Junior, will be taking up the role of the notorious Mr. Kirschenbaum,



father of the bride in Quirk's Players' farce *What the Rabbi Saw*. Jeremy states that he is definitely enjoying his role, especially considering that he "...get[s] to yell at people," throughout

the show.

To keep Mr. Kirschenbaum's character description "PG" and kid-friendly, Jeremy describes him as an intimidating and unfriendly character.

This will be Herlowski's eighth Quirk's Players production, most recently playing Trevor Graydon from *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and the infamous Dreyfus from *The Pink Panther Strikes Again*.

(compiled by David Houck)

Join Quirk's Players for *What the Rabbi Saw*, Thursday through Saturday October 22-24 at 7:30 pm in the GRB auditorium. Look for more cast previews in the days leading up to the production.

Players ready for *What the Rabbi Saw*

This week, Quirk's Players will be performing the hilarious (and hilariously chaotic) farce *What the Rabbi Saw*. Usually the fall play is only performed for two nights only, but this time, performances will last three nights; this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. all three nights.

The play was written by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore, who also wrote *What the Bellhop Saw*, which Quirk's Players performed in 2013, so anyone who saw that show should know what to expect from this one. And what is to be expected is uproarious dialogue, plenty of innuendo and a heavy dose of visual comedy.

The play depicts a big-budget Jewish wedding at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City gone horribly and hilariously wrong in every way imaginable. The stars of the show are junior Michael Mankewicz as the groom, freshman Sarah Fisch as his bride, senior Victoria Eckhard as the bridesmaid (who also happens to be the bride's sister), and junior David Houck as the best man. The audience soon discovers that this foursome is hiding secrets from each other as well as everyone else at the wedding. And that's just the beginning!

Rounding out the cast are the arrogant, rude father of the bride (junior Jeremy Herelowski), his bullied wife (senior Erica Perwitz), a sky-high Rabbi (senior Zachary Almeter), a perfectionist wedding coordinator (senior Tim McAfee), a glamorous nightclub singer (senior Gina Babcock), a violent, emotionally unstable Vegas mobster (senior Brandon Webb), and a very handsome wedding photographer (senior Bayley Raponi).

The show is directed by Mr. Briggs and Mr. Lescarbeau. The members of Tech Crew are Kayleigh Hotaling, Jenna Coakley, Ean Stevenson, Michael Gerth, and Trey LaRock.

If you're looking for a good laugh this week, consider going to see *What the Rabbi Saw*. Tickets will be available at the door and cost \$8 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens. The show is rated PG-13 for mature humor, so it is not recommended for little children.

By Zachary Almeter

Raider Sports

Battle tested girls look for early jump

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Watertown High School to post a 6-6 league mark.

The Raiders will counter with a senior dominated lineup paced by leading scorer Austin Beckwith, a 13 goal sniper who tops the Fulton scoring ledger with 15 points. Fellow twelfth grader Spencer Vono has six goals and six assists and four year varsity performer Austin Wilde leads the team in assists with seven while also scoring four times. Senior Ian Devendorf has contributed two goals and three assists and Josh Compson has three goals for a Raider side that scored 33 times this season.

Defensively Fulton looks to have the edge after conceding just 14 goals in 16 starts. Senior keeper Josh Hudson has stepped up in a big way in his first season as a starter with eight shutouts and 89 saves. Even more impressive is the fact that nine of the 14 goals

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Boys soccer Coach Nate Murray

came in the team’s four losses, with those setbacks coming against a pair of Class AA schools in Liverpool and Nottingham as well as highly rated sides from CBA and Jamesville-Dewitt that have a combined record of 43-10-10 this year.

Murray believes that the high level of competition the Raiders have faced, especially in non-league match-ups, will pay huge dividends during the Class A Tournament. “Our schedule does help us,” he said. “We schedule tough because navigating through the tournament is never easy! Our boys are used to the tough matches and will be ready!”

“I love the draw because my motto is and always has been...in order to be the best you must beat the best!,” he concluded. “We are looking forward to getting the show on the road and can’t wait to start!”

Girls open tonight

Likewise the girls are hoping that a tough regular season schedule that saw four of their five setbacks come against teams ranked ei-

ther #1 or #2 in their brackets will pay off when they face an unknown commodity in Vernon-Verona-Sherrill. The Red Devils posted an 11-5 record while playing an independent schedule, a big reversal from last

rounds out the top five scoring list for a Fulton team that has also scored in every contest of a 10-5-1 regular season.

“Our experience is in the middle of the field,” Coach Beckwith noted. “Cal (Callie



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#3 Fulton Red Raiders (11-4-1)
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season when they went 4-10-2 and failed to qualify for sectionals. It was only the second winning season in eight years for V-V-S, and with only five seniors on their roster it will be a team lacking overall playoff experience.

The Red Devils could pose some problems offensively, however, as they feature a balanced attack that saw five players bunched together to account for 36 of the team’s 46 goals this season. Junior Katja Meyer leads the way with 11 points on five goals and six assists while fellow eleventh grader Madison Lynch (8-2-10), freshman Alexa Kiser (7-3-10) and senior Madisyn Proper (5-5-10) have also been regular contributors at the opposing goal.

Junior Katie Muscchio has seven goals and two assists while junior Emma Lehman has four goals for a side that scored at least once in every game. At the other end of the field sophomore goaltender Samantha Bentley has turned away 86 chances while posting seven shutouts for a defensive side that like Fulton, gave up 22 goals this season.

The Raiders will look to sophomore goaltender Maddie Lang following a late season injury to all-league senior stopper Emily Kerfien. The young Raiders have rallied behind sophomore scoring leader Jordan Coulon (15-6-21) as well as the 15 point duo of junior Sydney Gilmore (9-6-15) and sophomore Haley Carroll (8-7-15). Eighth grader Madison Gilmore has a goal and five assists and senior Callie Beckwith (3-2-5)

Beckwith) and Shawna (Cooper) at center backs, Syd (Sydney Gilmore) in the center midfield.”

“Cal and Shawna have been standouts for us this year,” he went on to say. “Shawna has been outstanding marking different players this season...Cal is our rock in the middle of the D, she leads, directs, and cleans everything up.”

“McKenna (Chesbro) as a holding mid has been excellent and our offense runs through Syd,” the coach commented. “Our defense has been improving every game. When we move the ball effectively, we are hard to stop.”

Cashing in for double digit victories for the first time since 2012, the Raiders dropped three of their final five games heading into the playoffs while V-V-S split their final four encounters. Both teams lost to strong sides, however, as Fulton’s losses came against Class B #1 seed Marcellus, twice, and Class A undefeated top seed Jamesville-Dewitt, the second ranked team in New York State. In all the four OHSL teams the Raiders could not beat racked up an impressive 40-3-5 record.

All five of V-V-S’ losses came against sides that went 68-12 on the season in Class A #3 seed Central Valley Academy, Class B #5 seed Holland Patent, Class C #1 seed and NYS top-ranked Saquoit Valley and #3 Class C seed Bishop Grimes, and a Poland team that went 14-2 en route to a #2 seeding in Class D.

Send us your pictures of the Raiders in action
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What is your favorite Halloween candy?



"Candy corn."
Jon Earl



"Twix."
Kendyl Lutz



"Snickers Bar."
Justin Hines



"Candy corn."
Mrs. Parkhurst

Meteorology and you

Today:

Tonight:

Tomorrow:

By Carson Metcalf



Cloudy with showers

60°

Average: 58°
Record: 81° (1963)



Cloudy with showers

44°

Average: 40°
Record: 20° (1940)



Cloudy with showers

60°

Average: 58°
Record: 81° (1979)



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