

Annual blood drive coming this Thursday

It's that time of year again for G Ray Bodley High School's annual Halloween American Red Cross Blood Drive. The Blood Drive, sponsored by FBLA and the GRB Student Senate, will take place on Thursday, October 29th in the Wrestling Room from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For anyone looking to get community ser-

vice hours required for graduation by New York State law and save lives at the same time, the Blood Drive is a smart move. Working there will earn you community service hours equal to the amount of time you do so, but anyone who gives blood will receive two hours of community service, which makes giving blood a wise choice in more

ways than one.

Don't worry-giving blood will only take four minutes, not two hours.

Anyone interested in participating in the Blood Drive or who would like more information, please see Mrs. Ferlito in room 115 for further details.

By Zachary Almeter

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Overcoming mental block key for Raider soccer

The game of soccer is played between the touch lines and the end lines, but it is also played between the ears of every player involved. While physical skills are a must toward success, mental toughness can be just as important if not more crucial during pressure situations and high stakes moments.

Tonight the Fulton boys soccer team will have its mental resolve tested in a big way when the Raiders face their personal demons at 8 pm at East Syracuse-Minoa. Jamesville-Dewitt, the #2 seed in the Class A tournament comes into the contest at 12-4-1 with a full head of steam and a mindset for victory that must be broken if Fulton is to live to play another day.

"As far as J-D...We are actually a better team in each of the thirds of the field," Fulton Coach Nate Murray said of tonight's third round playoff opponent. "Our biggest obstacle at this point is whether the boys can mentally be tough enough to do what it takes-with all of the stats and past performances against J-D there is a real mental block that they need to overcome."

Nine times in a row the Raiders have taken to the field against the Red Rams, and nine times in a row the result has pretty much been the same as J-D has prevailed seven times while the teams battled to a pair of scoreless draws. Making matters all the worse is the fact that Fulton has not scored a goal against the Rams since the 2009 Red Raiders claimed a 4-3 victory in an offensive showing that has been the exception, rather than the rule.

In that game J-D burst to a 3-0 lead just 10 minutes into the game before the Raiders rallied to score the next four goals, includ-

ing one in overtime.

Last month Fulton appeared poised to end that long goalless drought when the Raiders invaded J-D, only to have the Rams net two early goals en route to a 2-0 victory. All told Jamesville-Dewitt has scored the last 21 goals in the series, so when Murray mentions statistics that need to be overcome,

producing offense will need to be at the forefront today for Fulton.

To that end they will look to scoring leader Austin Beckwith, the senior accounting for 17 goals so far this season including two apiece in playoff wins against Indian River and East Syracuse-Minoa. Fellow senior Austin Wilde has also been a major offensive contributor with a goal and four assists in the past two games to run his tally to six goals and 11 assists, second on the team to Beckwith's 19 points.

Senior Ian Devendorf has also been on a roll in the playoffs and has four goals and five assists to his credit, while Spencer Vono, a big game player in the team's 2014 playoff run, looks to add to his six goals and six assists. Josh Compson (4-1-5) and Ian Marden (1-4-5) may also be key figures tonight while senior stopper Josh Hudson is sure to be tested by a J-D side that is led by 20 goal scorer Jordan Van Stry.

Like Beckwith, VanStry has picked up

right where he left off during the regular season, scoring twice in the team's 4-0 win over Camden and Saturday's 6-1 run past Vernon-Verona-Sherrill. On both occasions the Rams were quick out of the gate with four goals in the opening half, a trend of fast starts the Raiders have also followed, but will need to prevent on the defensive side in order to ad-

Section III Boys Soccer Tournament

#3 Fulton Red Raiders (13-4-1)

vs.

#2 Jamesville-Dewitt Red Rams (12-4-1)

8 pm today at ES-M



vance against either Fowler or New Hartford.

VanStry also has four assists while other danger men in the J-D lineup include Jake Socia (8-7-12), Dean Kousmanidis (6-6-12) and Tyler Lux (4-3-7). In goal the Rams rally around keeper DJ Newman, who has nine shutouts to his credit including string of three and four straight whitewashes.

Since dropping back to back contests against AA schools Baldwinsville and Liverpool to open the season, J-D has gone 12-2-1 while losing to Fowler and CBA and drawing 1-1 against AA Fayetteville-Manlius. But despite the impressive statistics and results, Coach Murray knows his team has what it takes to prevail if they can put past failures in their rear view mirror.

"We try not to look back and only focus on the things in front of us and again there is another team that stands in our way to a title," he concluded. "Only time will tell if the boys are mentally ready to remove them!"

Special to RaiderNet Daily

Opinion

Sport or performance art? The debate continues

By Nicole Hansen

Is cheerleading a sport or a performance art? That is the question that has torn friendships apart and makes other athletes feel superior. Cheerleading seasons start at the same time every other sport does, though they don't have specific games or matches. Cheerleaders do not participate with a ball or a puck or other sports equipment, so what makes them a sport?

New York State is one of 35 states that has deemed cheerleading as a real sport, which is more than half the country. The question is, however, is it really a sport if New York State has to say it is? In 2014 New York State officially ruled cheerleading a sport due to its strenuous activity and it was said, "Cheer teams that only root from the football and basketball sidelines won't be impacted, but teams that participate in competitions will be subject to official New York State Public High School Athletic Association rules on issues such as length of seasons, required practice days and time between competitions. Coaches will also be subject to certification requirements." Cheerleaders, whether on the sidelines or in competitions, have to lift and throw girls over their heads, jump, dance and do some gymnastics, all while keeping a smile on their face.

The true definition of a sport is: An activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others for entertainment. Cheerleading is physical activity but rarely do school teams compete. Cheerleading can be competitive but in high school athletics it is not really seen as that. Some of the cheerleaders on the Fulton team do not compete with the competition team.



The definition of a cheerleader from merriam-webster.com is: "A person who is a member of a group (typically a group of young women) who shout out special songs or chants to encourage the team and entertain the crowd during a game in sports like American football and basketball." This definition of cheerleading does not make cheerleading seem very competitive if it is just yelling for the home team or entertaining the crowd.

Nina Baker, the Section III chair for cheerleading says "The girls are throwing people in the air and throwing themselves in the air. It's evolved from pom-poms and skirts to gymnastics, dancing, stunting." Cheerleading in our area has without a doubt evolved, but to what level? Does dancing and stunting make anything a sport now? To what extent is this ruling deemed?

The drama club sings and moves around while practicing plays

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and musicals. Stunts are also used throughout all the productions they put on. Drama clubs also go to competitions to compete against other schools in skits and acting, so what is stopping them from being a sport as well? The question is asked again, is cheerleading a sport or a performance art?

The girls and guy who participate on the football cheerleading squad do, without a doubt, work hard. They put in countless hours of practice to be the best that they can be. Whether they are considered a sport or not they still deserve respect. So regardless of what the state or the section say, the answer is up to the individual: is cheerleading a sport or a performing art?

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Boys soccer vs. J-D (8 pm @ ES-M)

Thurs. Oct. 29: Vball vs. Living Word (5:30 pm)

Fri. Oct. 30: Football vs. ES-M (5 pm @ Chittenango)

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In the News

HOPE Club raises money for CROP Hunger Walk



HOPE Club Advisor Mrs. Cronk, far left, was joined by members Karina Whitten, Ben Kimball and Tattiana Pierce (left to right) for last weekend's CROP Hunger Walk. Along with Lilia Hemingway the group raised \$165 toward this worthy cause. (submitted photo)

H.O.P.E. Club members recently braved the cold weather and participated in Fulton's annual CROP Hunger Walk. Club members had been raising money for two weeks in order to donate to this worthy organization. Members were able to raise \$165 for the CROP Hunger Walk.

The Crop Hunger Walk is a sector of globally known Church World Services. Church World Services is a relief and refugee agency. Money raised for CROP Hunger Walks are used by Church World Services to provide medical care, food and disaster relief around the world. Up to twenty-five percent of money raised is distributed to local food agencies and food banks in the Fulton area.

By *Liliana Rivera*

Calling young artists

Every year, Google hosts a contest for young artists grades K through 12 entitled "Doodle4Google." Students are encouraged to submit designs for the Google homepage logo. The National Winner will have his or her doodle featured on Google for one day, and will receive an assortment of prizes such as a \$30,000 scholarship and a \$50,000 Google for Education grant for his or her school.

Among other prizes, four other National Finalists will receive a trip to the Google Headquarters in California to meet the Google Doodlers.

This year Google is opening up the competition to all forms of materials, whether it be paint, clay, or macaroni noodles. This year's contest theme is "What Makes Me, Me," and like always, all designs must incorporate the letters G-o-o-g-l-e.

All entries must be submitted by December 7, 2015. For more information, visit www.google.com/doodle4google.

By *David Houck*

**Picture retakes/
missed picture day
TODAY, Oct. 27,
9 am to 1 pm
in the auditorium**

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

The **Fulton Family YMCA** is looking for student representatives on their Board. Students would work collaboratively with the Board members to determine how to best serve the youth population in this community. Applications are available in the guidance office and completed forms need to be turned in to Ms. Weston.

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

Student Senate and FBLA are sponsoring a **blood drive** on Thursday, Oct. 29 from 8 am to 3 pm. Anyone 16 or older can sign up to donate during lunch bells outside the cafeteria, or with Mrs. Ferlito in room 115. Save a life...donate blood!

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

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

International Club will be holding a Halloween themed meeting today at 2:30 pm in room 219 to paint pumpkins and discuss important information about upcoming meetings.

Quirk's Players will be holding auditions for this year's spring musical, Oklahoma! in November. Students interested in auditioning need to sign up for an audition time with Mr. Nami in the chorus room Wednesday, Oct. 28 to Wednesday, Nov. 4. See Mr. Lescarbeau or Mr. Nami for more information.

What's for lunch?

Today: Popcorn chicken with roll, peas, butternut squash and fresh apple
Wednesday: Fiestada pizza with salad, baby carrots and peaches

Who is going to win the World Series?



"Royals."

Mrs. Williams



"New York Mets."

Alex Poyneer



"New York Mets."

Mrs. Ferlito



"Royals."

Callie Beckwith

Meteorology and you

Today:



Mostly sunny

53°

Average: 56°
Record: 80° (1947)

Tonight:



Increasing clouds

43°

Average: 38°
Record: 19° (1976)

Tomorrow:



Rain showers

58°

Average: 56°
Record: 79° (1927)

By Carson Metcalf



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.