

Volleyball Raiders to honor senior performers tonight

Tonight marks the varsity volleyball team's final regular season game as the Red Raider girls will be hosting Living Word Academy at 5:30 pm. As tradition holds, it will also be senior night. The night will honor the four seniors on the team: Donna Aiken, Amanda Blake, Haylee Chesbro and Joanna Poppalardo.

The four seniors have played together since

their seventh grade year. Amanda and Haylee, both amazing soccer stars, made the tough decision of whether to play soccer or volleyball. They now both agree that they made the right choice.

Donna was moved up to the varsity as a sophomore and became the team's starting setter. She has always been a setter and has never changed her position, unlike the other

three seniors whose positions changed almost every year. Joanna is looking to play volleyball in college and hopes to play at Cazenovia.

The seniors have high hopes of bringing home a sectional title this year in girls volleyball, and they all agreed that this is the year that it can and will be done.

By Nicole Hansen



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Championship on the line for Raider boys soccer

One mountain has been scaled and an even bigger one lies waiting. And if the Fulton boys soccer team wants to enjoy the view from the top of the Class A hill they will need to be at their best once again and then some.

The mental block called Jamesville-Dewitt was finally conquered on Wednesday night in a dramatic 2-1 overtime win that ended an 0-7-2 string of scoreless frustration against the Red Rams. Their reward is a Saturday 1 pm date with top-seeded Fowler to be played at Chittenango High School.

Recent history favors the Falcons, a team that has gone 7-0-1 against Fulton while not surrendering a goal since the 2010 campaign. But if there is one overriding quality of this year's Red Raider side, it is their ability to leave the past behind them.

Such was the case on Wednesday when the Raiders, "celebrated for a few minutes and regrouped to set the tone for Saturday," according to Coach Nate Murray, who says that, "there will not be a letdown! We are poised to bring home the banner and we stressed that the focus turn immediately to Fowler."

Focus will be important against a Falcon team that has gone 13-3-2 so far this season, losing only to AA outfits CBA, Baldwinsville and Henninger while battling



Fulton's senior performers will be looking to close their Red Raider careers as Section 3 champions on Saturday when they take on Fowler. Pictured from left to right are David Tallents, Austin Wilde, Garet Roik, Jake LeVea, Josh Hudson, Ian Devendorf, Kyle Ware, Austin Beckwith and Carson Vono. (submitted photo)

to scoreless draws against Nottingham and Fulton. "Fowler's athleticism is top notch," Murray commented. "Their center back is stout, as are their two forwards."

Mupenz Irakiza and Abdullah Abdul Kareem lead the Fowler ledger with 11 goals

apiece and 19 and 18 points respectively, while Bonke Rugira has three goals and six (continued on page 4)

Due to Friday's half-day collaboration

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will not be published Friday. We will return on Monday, Nov. 2

Section III Boys Soccer Championship

#3 Fulton Red Raiders (14-4-1)

vs.

#1 Fowler Falcons (13-3-2)

1 pm Saturday at Chittenango



Opinion

Halloween has evolved from ancient times

Halloween is a time to celebrate and a time of superstition. People believe it originated from Samhain, an ancient Celtic tradition. Samhain was when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off wandering spirits. In the eighth century Pope Gregory III made November first the day to honor all saints and martyrs. The day before was All Hallows' Eve and then later called Halloween.

Samhain marked the end of the harvest and the beginning of the dark cold winter. This time of the year was often related by the Celts to human death. The Celts believed that on October thirty-first the boundaries of the worlds of the living and dead blurred and allowed the dead to roam amongst the living.

When the Romans took over the Celtic territory they mixed in some of their own tra-

ditions by honoring Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees, on Samhain which is where bobbing for apples came from because Pomona's symbol is an apple. After Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon in Rome to all Christian Martyrs the celebration of All Martyrs Day in the Western Church.

Later on the church started celebrating All Souls Day on November second to honor the



dead. All Saints Day was called All-hallows or All-hallowmas and the night before was called All Hallows Eve and later on Halloween. When the colonists came to America they brought Halloween with them, mixing their traditions with the Native American culture.

When millions of Irish came to America during Ireland's potato famine they would dress up in costumes and go door to door asking for food and money, and that is where we get modern trick-or-treating from. Parents were encouraged by newspapers and community leaders to take anything scary out of the Halloween celebration. Then slowly it became the Halloween we know and love where Americans spend an average of six billion dollars on candy annually, making it the second largest commercial holiday in the US. *By Kim Rombough*

Have fun, but stay safe trick or treating

Here at *Raider Net Daily*, we know there are several students out there who still don't consider themselves too old for trick-or-treating. For those people and their younger siblings, here are some important safety tips to make your Halloween as safe and disaster-free as possible.

* Go out with a friend or small group and stay as close to each other as possible. Not only will it be harder for you to get lost, but you don't know what could be lurking out there. And I'm not talking about werewolves, zombies, and vampires. I'm talking about stalkers, predators, and wanted fugitives. You are more likely to be singled out as a target if you go out alone.

* Bring a flashlight or something else reflective so cars will see you.

* If you happen to be driving a car yourself, keep a sharp eye out for little kids.

* If you can, start trick-or-treating as early as possible, preferably when there is still daylight left.

* You will find it harder to get lost if you just go around the block.

* Make sure not to stay out too late. People might start worrying about you.

* Make sure you inspect your candy before you eat it. And I'm not telling you to watch out for adults who give away fruits and vegetables instead of candy. If your candy appears to have been pre-unwrapped or have pieces of glass or razor blades stuck in it, you shouldn't eat it. Returning to a previous topic, if you do get an apple or a broccoli stalk or something similar in your basket, my personal recommendation is that you wolf it down. It's good for you.

Have a happy and safe Halloween! *By Zachary Almeter*

**This Friday
Wear red for
Raider Pride Day**

**Join Team Positive in
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Welcome back!

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prom & dinner dance**

**Welcome aboard to the
Class of 2019**

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In the News

Staff days, holidays mean short weeks ahead for FCSD

With winter quickly approaching, the days are growing shorter and the mornings are growing more unbearable. As alarms go off in the morning, chances are, many are hitting the snooze button. The darkness outside the window and the iciness of morning air produce numerous excuses to crawl back into that warm, safe bed.

If this sounds familiar, I have good news. This is the season of early releases and days

off. October 30th, the Friday before Halloween, is a half day. Remember though, this still requires that students and teachers wake up in the morning at the same time. Fortunately, it gets better.

The following week, there will be no school on Tuesday, November 3, due to a staff development day. Thank you, staff.

The Wednesday of the following week, November 11, is Veteran's Day. Thank a

veteran that day, and honor them for serving our country. Remember that because of them, we have been blessed with more than just a day off.

Between November 16 and 20th, there is a full week of classes, except for elementary school students, who have Friday off due to elementary conferences. High school students, don't be too upset. Remember that we have Regents Week at the end of the school year and elementary students do not.

The following is the week of Thanksgiving break, with Thursday and Friday off.

If teachers seem to be getting crankier than usual, remember, they have less days off than students. Just hang in there, we can sleep in soon enough.

By David Houck

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.

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

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 104 from Wednesday, Oct. 28 to Wednesday, Nov. 4. See Mr. Lescarbeau or Mr. Nami for more information.

What's for lunch?

Today: Mini French toast with sausage with hash browns and applesauce

Friday: No lunch due to half-day collaboration

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Varsity Vball vs. Living Word Academy (5:30 pm)

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

Sat. Oct. 31: Boys soccer vs. Fowler (1 pm @ Chittenango)

Quirk's Players set audition schedule for Oklahoma!

With the fall production over, auditions for Quirk's Players, the spring musical Oklahoma! will be here sooner than expected. That means that auditions will soon be taking place, and they are a quick and painless process. The directors are a great group of people.

Musical auditions require that students prepare a short monologue and sing part of a song from the musical. At a later date, students will participate in a dance audition. Monologues can be obtained at the front desk of the library. They are short readings that students are expected to memorize and perform, with a little creativity, before the directors. Do not be afraid of going over the top during auditions. This is the time to impress the directors. Students are also allowed to use a monologue found online.

On November 2, 4 and 5, Mr. Nami will be teaching audition songs in the chorus room, room 104, at 2:30. Students may come to one rehearsal or all three, whatever they prefer.

Audition sign-ups are located in Mr. Nami's room. All interested auditioners must sign up by Wednesday, November 4. Students will be assigned an audition time on either Monday, November 9, or Thursday, November 12. Auditions will be held at Granby Elementary School. Its best to come to auditions about five minutes early.

Dance auditions will be held on November 17 at 4 pm in the auditorium. Students will be taught part of a dance, and will then split up into small groups. After practicing, the groups will perform the dance on stage. This is the only part of the audition process that students will do in front of others, but it is definitely not something to be worried about. In fact, this part can be a lot of fun.

Oklahoma! demands a large male cast, so if there are any guys on the fence about auditioning, this is the show to do! As Wayne Gretzky said, "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." Give it a try and you may be surprised by what you are capable of.

By David Houck

Football preview

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bouyed by Jackson and Koda LaBeef with 19 and 18 tackles respectively.

Calling last week's big win at Carthage, "a nice stepping stone for the program," Rothrock's team could make a giant leap forward if they can duplicate their first round performance where they, "played a good game. A really good second half."

The coach praised the efforts of his senior performers, saying, "they've been great. They certainly are our leaders."

"It's been good for the younger players to see what a good and dedicated group of seniors can do for a team," he concluded. "They also bring a strong desire to win-which is not always a given." That desire will be put to the test against a Spartan team that has gone 32-12 in the past five seasons. But as they showed last week against the Comets, past history means nothing in football's second season.

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action**

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Raider Sports

Upset minded Raiders seek Spartan payback

After paying off one long standing debt last weekend with an upset win at Carthage, the Fulton football team has its sights firmly set on repaying another long term nemesis as they take on state-ranked and number one

Soccer preview

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assists for a team that has not looked overwhelming statistically, but nearly always seems to come away with the win. The Raiders know that frustration well as five of their seven losses have been by the slimmest of counts in 1-0 finals. When the two teams met earlier this season Fulton all but dented the crossbar, but had to settle for a scoreless standoff.

"We need to make sure we remain organized and provide coverage," Murray noted. "If we possess like we are capable we win the game." The coach will be hoping for a continuation on Wednesday's big win over J-D where, "we knocked the ball around very well. Won the bulk of 50-50 balls and most importantly our mental toughness was unbreakable."

Finding the back of the goal against a Fowler defense that has given up an almost unbelievable eight goals in 18 games is a priority on Saturday, so big things are being expected from Fulton's senior led charge that is headlined by 17 goal contributor Austin Beckwith. Austin Wilde, the only holdover from the 2012 team that went all the way to the sectional finals (7-11-19) has a goal in each of the team's three playoff games while Carson Vono has six goals and six assists and Ian Devendorf, (5-5-10) the overtime hero on Wednesday, has been playing his best soccer of the season when it matters most.

Experience favors a Falcon team that has compiled an outstanding 58-9-2 record since 2012 that includes a trip to the New York State final four and charges deep into the playoffs in each of the past two seasons. But as Murray sees it, "experience is in the eye of the beholder. I will take confidence over experience any day and we have plenty of that!" Fulton will seek the school's third ever Section 3 title, hoping to match the accomplishments of the 2008 Red Raiders and the 2005 "Dream team" that went on to win the New York State championship.

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seeded East Syracuse-Minoa in the second round of the Class A playoffs.

Few gave them a chance last week against a Carthage team that had beaten them badly five times in a row including a season opening 42-19 runaway, and hardly anyone outside of the Red Raider locker room thinks they can upend the 7-1 Spartans for the first time since 2009. But since the Raiders are already playing with house money, who's to say they can't end another six year losing streak when they line up against the Spartans at 5 pm Friday in Chittenango?

"We have to play a very good game. Besides the obvious don't turn the ball over, don't have dumb penalties and win special teams, we need to stop their tough run game and limit big passes," Fulton Coach Jeff Rothrock commented. "We need to put some points on the board in order to win."

Job number one will be slowing down ES-M's wrecking ball tight end turned fullback Jeremy Perry, something they could not do earlier this season when he rambled for 411 yards and four touchdowns. The Raiders are not alone in that category, however, as Perry has amassed 1644 yards on 190 carries with 28 touchdowns on the ground and four more through the air including six against New

Hartford and five against Fowler.

"We have to slow down their run game and can't give up easy big runs," Rothrock noted. "We would like to create some pressure in passing situations."

The Raiders stayed with their highly regarded opponents through a 6-6 opening half and only trailed 14-12 in the fourth quarter before Perry took charge with scoring runs of 54, 10 and 46 yards in the game's closing minutes. And while stopping the big man might be a huge ask, Fulton's best defense will be a strong offense led by their standout running back Quentin Jackson, who has 1289 yards and 10 touchdowns on 198 carries. "Their defense is strong," Rothrock said of a team that has reeled off seven straight wins. "We need to get hats on hats to grind out yards and possession."

Frank Barbagallo provides another strong option with six touchdowns this season, while Justin Hood has emerged as quarterback Cody Green's favorite target with 13 catches for 196 yards. Mike Peck (48x352) and Darrin Cooper (41x262) will also be keys on offense, with senior Jake McDermott, the team's leading tackler with 34 stops, headlining a defense that is also

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Fulton Red Raiders vs. ES-M Spartans

5 p.m. Friday
@ Chittenango



Fulton Red Raiders (4-4 overall)

Fulton 19 Carthage 42
Fulton 7 Jamesville-Dewitt 28
Fulton 55 Fowler 26
Fulton 34 Oswego 6
Fulton 20 Whitesboro 31
Fulton 18 East Syr-Minoa 35
Fulton 28 Watertown 24
Fulton 20 Carthage 14
PF: 171 PA: 196

Recent results:

2014: ES-M 42 Fulton 26
2013: ES-M 58 Fulton 33
2012: ES-M 53 Fulton 10
2011: ES-M 53 Fulton 0
2010: ES-M 23 Fulton 20

East Syracuse-Minoa Spartans (7-1 overall)

East Syr-Minoa 33 F-M 38
East Syr-Minoa 52 New Hartford 34
EastSyr-Minoa 28 J-D 13
East Syr-Minoa 52 Fowler 30
East Syr-Minoa 59 Oswego 8
East Syr-Minoa 35 Fulton 18
East Syr-Minoa 51 Carthage 20
East Syr-Minoa 34 Watertown 20
PF: 310 PA: 161

Class A Playoffs:

Indian River vs. Whitesboro
(after Fulton vs. ES-M)

How old is too old to Trick or Treat?



"You will never be too old to go get free candy."

Mr. Ward



"You're never too old to trick or treat."

Ben Hughes



"It's what's in your heart that you choose."

Mrs. Wilmot



"Fourteen."

Ms. Robbins

Meteorology and you

Today:

Tonight:

Tomorrow:

By Carson Metcalf



Cloudy with showers

54°

Average: 55°
Record: 76° (1945)



Cloudy with showers

44°

Average: 38°
Record: 19° (1940)



Cloudy with showers

48°

Average: 55°
Record: 79° (1946)



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.