

Annual canned food drive begins on Monday

Did you know that many people in the Fulton community struggle from hunger each day? Next week from Monday, November 16 until Friday, November 20, the Helping Other People Everywhere Club will be having its yearly Canned Food Drive at GRB. All of the donations will go directly to the Fulton Salvation Army Food Pantry.

The H.O.P.E. Club members will be distributing collection bags to guided study

halls on Monday, November 16. Students are asked bring in non-perishable food items or

Canned food drive November 16-20 during GSH

toiletries to donate.

The bags will be collected and counted on

Friday, November 20. The H.O.P.E. Club will be providing prizes for the two guided study halls with the most donations. The first prize will be a free breakfast for the guided study hall with the most donations. The second prize will be doughnuts .

For more information on the Canned Food Drive, please see Mrs. Cronk in room 119.

By Liliana Rivera



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Raider swimmers optimistic heading into season

By Caleb & Zachary Almeter

The Fulton Varsity Swimming and Diving team has officially begun a new season, and is striving for one of its best seasons ever.

The team has been growing, and for the past few years has gained more swimmers than it has lost each year. This season, the team has gained many strong younger swimmers, several of whom are siblings of the team's large group of seniors. All together, the team has many fast swimmers and good depth. The seniors want to go out strong, and the rest want to become as strong as possible to keep up the strength of the team after more than a dozen members graduate.

This will also be the team's second year with Coach Lacey, who teaches math at the high school. Last season, the Raiders improved greatly and tried a few new strategies. This year, the improvements will likely continue.

The divers also have a new coach this year. G. Ray Bodley health teacher Mr. Popper is on board as diving coach and assistant coach as of this season. He will help out with much of the "dry land" for the swimmers (any exercise not in the pool- sometimes rare on a swim team). Hopefully, the divers will also continue to improve over the course of the season. However, more divers are needed. There are posters advertising the diving team around the high school, and anyone giving it a try would be hugely helpful to the team.

For years, the Fulton Varsity Swim team

has failed to become the Section III Class B champions, losing to teams like Mexico and New Hartford. The team plans to change that this year.

As Coach Lacey said before the first practice on Monday, "If we had a pool at the high school instead of Granby, you bet we would have morning swim practices." Many of Fulton's swimming rivals have their pools in the high school building, as opposed to another school in the district. This gives them the ability to practice in the early morning before school starts.

Starting next week, Coach Lacey and Coach Popper will institute what they be-

lieve is the next best thing.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, the Varsity Swim team will meet in the G Ray Bodley gymnasium at around 6: 15 a.m. for fifteen minutes of stretching followed by about twenty-five minutes of working out in the weight room, with time to shower afterwards. In this way, Coach Lacey will fulfill his promise of getting the team to do more dryland this year. This will also increase the team's total time to exercise.

Will this increase in workout time finally put the Fulton Varsity Swim team on the same level as Mexico and New Hartford? Stay tuned to find out!

Strong start for Lights on the Lake

Wegmans Lights on the Lake once again proved its popularity as hundreds of families flooded Onondaga Lake Park in Liverpool for the opening of the annual holiday attraction.

Each year, visitors are amazed and entertained by larger than life Christmas and holiday displays set in bright, colorful lights. Families crowd the park to see the new displays as well as the familiar favorites, such as the Wizard of Oz scenes.

Despite the traffic and difficulties of finding a parking space, Monday night's crowd was larger than previous years. The unusually warmer weather could have also played a vital role in bringing in such a large crowd.

Retaining the title of Central New York's number one holiday attraction, Lights on the



Lake celebrates its 26th year. The Lights on the Lake drive thru show will be open every night until January 3rd. For details about admission and special events, visit www.lightsonthelake.com.

By David Houck

Opinion

Vehicle traffic accidents a major teen killer

By Kassidy Bowering

A family in Michigan has lost both of their sons to motor vehicle traffic accidents. Their oldest son, Daryl Tsatsos, died on July 26th, from a crash caused by trying to pull over while speeding. After the Tsatsos lost Daryl, it was hard to go on, but knowing they had Ryan, their other son, helped them through it.



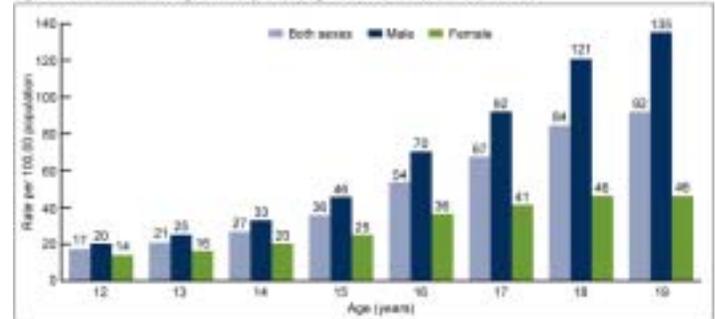
Three months later disaster struck again when on November 1 Ryan Tsatsos was killed in a hit and run accident. Ryan was reported to have been walking back to his campus with some friends when the SUV came around, and is said to have pushed a young girl out of the way of the vehicle.

The Tsatsos aren't the only family who has suffered through the loss of a young loved one. Out of all teen deaths, 35% of them are due to motor vehicle traffic accidents, according to The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services in 2010, leaving these accidents as the highest cause of teen mortality besides the overall cat-

egory of unintentional injury, which includes vehicular accidents. Unintentional injury is the cause of 48% of all teen deaths. Between the ages 12 and 19, a male's likelihood of death increases by 32% each year, while for females it is only about 20%, as shown in the graph.

With the snow and nasty weather headed this way, it's time to make sure the snow tires are being purchased and everyone has their eyes open wide. Don't let your inability to see or control your vehicle result in another tragic teen death. Stay safe on the roads!

Figure 1. Death rate for teenagers 12-19 years, by age and sex: United States, 1999-2006



SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, Mortality

What constitutes a "good" student

What makes a "good student"? Is it overall grades? Class averages? Test scores? The answer is none of the previous choices listed.

In my opinion what makes a good student is the ability to be an active participant in the learning process. Social skills are at the utmost importance when it comes to truly learning material. Without the ability to interact with others is a person truly learning, or are they just going to school because they are forced to?

To be a productive student a person must be willing to ask questions and engage in conversation with peers. If one cannot comfortably do this they are not "learning," they are merely reciting facts that are required for the test that is looming around the corner. If a student is willing to put the effort in and make an attempt to understand the material, and still does not, they should still be considered a good student.

A major issue with our current education system is that we base many things off scores obtained from standardized testing. This is controversial because many students excel in different subjects, yet may struggle in a high stakes test. While I agree that it is the most

suitable method to get an idea of where students stand, a change should be made in order to make our education system fairer to students at all levels.

By Mitch Nelson

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In the News

New movies offer plenty of variety

This weekend visit the theaters and hit it off with couple new movies as this weekend will feature the release of *The 33*, *Love the Coopers*, *My All American*, *Condemned*, and *Heist*.



The 33 features Antonio Banderas, Rodrigo Santoro and Juliette Binoche. It takes place in Chile, where 33 miners are buried alive by in a 100 year old gold and copper mine. A two month attempt is taken to rescue the mining crew, while family and loved ones and millions of people wait anxiously for any sign of hope.

Love the Coopers features Alan Arkin, John Goodman, and

Ed Helms. The Cooper clan's tradition bring four generations together for a Christmas Eve celebration. Unexpected visitors and surprising events unravel throughout the night making it a one of a kind Christmas, rekindling family bonds bringing them closer as a family and bringing out the spirit of holidays.

My All American features Aaron Eckhart, Finn Wittrock, and Robin Tunney. In this movie Freddie Steinmark, pushed by his father to excel in his football career, gets recognition from the legendary Darrell Royal, the university of Texas football coach and is awarded a scholarship and an opportunity to play for the Longhorns. Freddie's skills become vital to the Longhorns and flips their losing record.

But just as they are coming across the success of the season Freddie faces the biggest challenge he will have to face.

Condemned features Dylan Penn, Ronen Rubinstein, and Genevieve Hudson-Price. Frustrated with life and her parents, Maya a spoiled girl from a wealthy family moved in with her boyfriend who is living in a condemned building in Manhattan's lower east side. With the population surrounding them consisting of Meth heads and junkies, this place is more of a hell hole than it possibly seems to be. A virus born from all the waste and garbage infects the building tenants, turning them one by one into blood thirsty savages and killers turning the complex into a slaughterhouse.

Heist features Jeffrey Morgan, Robert De Niro, and Kate Bosworth. After an attempt to rob a casino that is owned by the notorious gangster Pope goes bad, Vaughn and Cox are forced to run on foot and hijack a city bus taking passengers hostage. Vaughn has to defeat the police and deal with Dog, Pope's right hand man to make it through the day alive. See what Vaughn has up his sleeve for this heist.

BLAST from the PAST!

It's Friday the 13th, 2015 style, part three

One of the most unlucky days of the year is upon us. This year, 2015, is an especially unlucky year, as the 13th will land on a Friday three times this year compared to one Friday the 13th in 2014. It is not known for sure why Friday the 13th is such a superstitious day, but historians believe that it may have something to do with the fact that both Friday and the number 13 are considered just plain unlucky because of their connection with the crucifixion of Christ.

Although superstitions are heightened on Friday the 13th, they last all year around. Even G. Ray Bodley students feel unlucky in certain situations.

Freshman Chris Tetro feels uncomfortable whenever he spills salt. When it happens, he says, "I put a little bit of the salt in my hand and throw it over my left shoulder."

Senior Maggie Williams, like many others, knocks on wood after certain things are said. An example that Maggie gave is when you say something like "I didn't get a nose bleed today, knock on wood." Adding the phrase "knock on wood" is meant to not jinx a situation. Maggie also adds, "I do believe in Friday the 13th, I have to say. That day stinks."

Technology teacher Mr. Wilcox admits that he would not walk underneath a ladder. He also said that he has broken a mirror before, an action that is said to cause seven years of bad luck. When asked if he experienced those unlucky years, he replied "I don't know."

"I've had bad luck since I came out of the womb," said senior Hope Williams.

Not all of us are superstitious, but if you are, look out for black cats, full moons and the number three.

By Lexi Ablegore from the Feb. 13, 2015 edition of RaiderNet Daily

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

Math Club t-shirt money must be turned in to Mrs. Ryan as soon as possible. In order to have t-shirts for competition one on Nov. 24, the t-shirts must be ordered by today.

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.

The counseling office of G. Ray Bodley High School will host its annual **Financial Aid Night** on Tuesday, December 8 at 7 pm in the auditorium. All college bound students and their parents or guardians are encouraged to attend.

Presale orders for the 2016 **Fultonian Yearbook** are now being taken. Reserve your copy by Dec. 23, 2015 and receive \$10 off the normal price (\$50 instead of \$60). Orders are being taken in room 118 during guided study hall. A \$10 deposit reserves your copy at the lower price.

What's for lunch?

Today: Baked ravioli with sauce and baked beans, broccoli and orange smiles

Monday: Chili with pretzel with green beans, baby carrots and applesauce.

Do you believe Friday the thirteenth causes bad luck?



"No."

Chenynn O'Brien



"Maybe it does."

Jaelyn Smith



"I guess so."

Taylor Milks



"Not really."

Mykenzie Finch

Meteorology and you

Today:



Windy with rain showers

50°

Average: 50°
Record: 65° (1945)

Tonight:



Showers with wind

34°

Average: 36°
Record: 22° (1981)

Tomorrow:

Morning rain/snow shower

44°/36°

Sunday:

Mostly sunny

58°/39°

By Carson Metcalf



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