



Raider boys blitz Mexico, icemen end skid

It wasn't even close on Tuesday night when the Fulton boys basketball team ran to its second lopsided win in five days and third straight victory overall with a 73-35 romp at Mexico. Holding the Tigers to single digit totals in three of the four quarters, the Raiders cruised to 4-3 on the season at the expense of their 3-3 hosts.

Fulton led 22-11 after the first quarter and 34-20 at the half before really turning on the jets with a 39-15 second half barrage. Nine different Raiders found their way onto the score sheet including four players in double figures. Cody Green connected five times from beyond the arc to top the scoring ledger with 18 points while Tyler Lee had 13 to go with big performances of 12 and 10 by Tyler Shaw and Josh Hudson. Justin Hood also had nine for Fulton while Dakota Deasy and Kyle Pettit shared honors for Mexico with seven points apiece.

The Raiders will be back in action next week when they take part in the Syracuse Tech Tournament. See page four of today's RaiderNet Daily for a preview of their first

round tournament match-up.

Icemen break drought

The Raider hockey team broke through in a big way on Tuesday night as both their scoring drought and winless streak came to an end in a 5-2 win at Ontario Bay. Austin Vashaw notched a pair of goals while Caleb Clarke and Ryan Ross had two assists apiece for Fulton. Nolan Bonnie, Rocco Cannata and Ben Perl all added solo markers to help the Raiders to their best offensive showing since a 5-1 opening night win at CBA.

Fulton broke the game open with two second period goals after the teams had traded goals in the opening 15 minutes. Spencer Evans registered 23 saves for the Raiders, who return to action on Tuesday, December 29 with a 1:30 pm match-up at Cicero-North Syracuse.

Girls roll to victory

Fulton claimed the top three positions on the day led by Zoe June's three game series

of 581 as the Red Raider girls bowling team blanked Chittenango 3-0 on Tuesday. June and teammate Megan Guernsey shared high game honors at 213, with Guernsey knocking down 555 pins over her three game series. Emily Gerth followed up with a 465 series as Fulton improved to 6-1 on the series. The Raider boys also improved to 6-1 with a win over Chittenango paced by Bayley Raponi's 683 series. Lucas Clark followed with a 614 series and Kyle Denson had the high game of 267 en route to a 469 series.

In other sports action on Tuesday the Raider wrestlers claimed the battle of unbeaten by overpowering CBA/J-D 51-28. Fulton improved to 4-0 on the season while handing their hosts their first loss in nine starts. The wrestlers are back on the mats on December 28 and 29 at SUNY Oswego, looking to defend their title at the Kenneth Haines Memorial Tournament.

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Tuesday, January 5
Happy Holidays!
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The freshman class officers ham it up in front of the camera on Tuesday during the annual yearbook club, class officer and senior poll picture day. Today is the final day to save \$10 off the price of the 2016 *Fultonian*. For more information, see the ad on page 2. (Senecal photo)

Opinion

Oil prices: so just how low can they go?

By Mitch Nelson



Oil prices have fallen dramatically to the mid-\$30s range on the New York Mercantile Exchange from more than \$105 per barrel in 2014. These super low prices are affecting stock markets around the world, big oil exporters, and consumers all over the earth.

This drastic drop in price stems from the fact that energy agencies are lowering global oil demand predictions. When traders believe that oil prices will rise, they buy futures in hopes of selling them later for a profit. Their actions increase the price of oil and gradually the price of gasoline and heating oil as well. Currently this trend is not being shown.

What usually happens in these situations is that Saudi Arabia cuts production to boost prices. Meanwhile, United States shale oil producers have not cut back as much as expected. In fact, they are overflowing with oil and are building caverns in which to store hundreds of millions of barrels for when demand returns.

Traders see the oversupply as a bearish sign for prices. The U.S. Federal Reserve is likely to raise interest rates many times in the coming years, which should raise the already strong U.S. dollar. Since oil is traded in U.S. dollars, its strength translates into even lower oil prices. Finally, although the Middle East is a political mess, its oil supplies are secure for all practical purposes. Even the Islamic State is not a significant military threat to major oil fields.

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Can oil prices bounce back? All this pressure on oil prices is just fine for the American and global economy, if not for oil producers. But there is a downside to this story, the negotiators who struck the recent climate change agreement in Paris want to send a message to the consumers; they want to convey the idea that burning fossil fuels is an increasingly costly habit. Over time, long investment horizons tend to generate boom and bust cycles in oil production and prices. A bust too severe poses a threat to cause a full on switch to another source of energy.

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

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

Cookie dough and magazine orders from the **Sophomore Class fundraiser** are now here. Please pick them up in Mr. Fasulo's room.

Senior Fundraising candy is now available in Mr. McCarten's room, Seniors stop down and get a box, fundraising money will go toward the senior trip and senior dinner dance.

There will be no **Mentoring** at Granby Elementary today.

A few spots are still open for students or adults interested in taking a **15-day adventure to Europe** this summer with G. Ray Bodley High School Music teachers Mr. Caviness and Mrs. Edele. The excursion will visit England, France and Germany along the way.

Anyone interested in this trip should contact Mr. Caviness or Mrs. Edele in the band room to pick up information. There will also be an informational meeting on January 6 at 5:30 pm in the band room for anyone interested in this once in a lifetime experience.

What's for lunch?

Today: Dominos pizza with salad, corn and pears.

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Entertainment

Wonderful Life took unusual road to the top

By Zachary Almeter

Many consider *It's a Wonderful Life* to be the best Christmas movie/TV special of all time. But it almost didn't become the huge hit that it is today.

The author of the story that eventually became *It's a Wonderful Life* was Philip Van Doren Stern. He had a short story titled "The Greatest Gift" mailed to family and friends in a Christmas card. Imagine his excitement when the movie rights to this story were purchased by Frank Capra, founder of Liberty Pictures and director of the *Why We Fight* documentary series. Capra wanted Jimmy Stewart to play the lead, and he agreed despite the fact that he did not have a good understanding of the plot, even after

Capra explained it to him. Appearing alongside Stewart were Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and Thomas Mitchell.



When the movie was released in December 1946, the critics loved it, but it was a complete failure at the box office, perhaps because of the tone of the movie or competition from the bigger studios. This brought Liberty Pictures into serious financial trouble, which forced Capra and his friends to dissolve the studio. It just so happened that Liberty Pictures went under at a time when the TV networks were on the prowl for cheap holiday-oriented programming. Television was the medium through which *It's a Wonderful Life* achieved the massive popularity that remains today. The only problem with this was that the networks were free to cut scenes out of the movie as they saw fit. Fortunately, unedited copies of the movie do exist. Mr. Senecal's English 12 class recently watched one such copy.

I have only seen the first forty minutes or so of *It's a Wonderful Life*, but I hope to one day see the whole thing. It is a timeless tale and a powerful reminder of the difference one life can make.

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Yearbook feature
**"Where in the world
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Van's Warped Tour coming to Syracuse

Recently, Vans Warped Tour announced 40-plus locations and dates to which they will be travelling in the summer of 2016. For the first time Vans Warped Tour will be held in Syracuse on July 7, also stopping in Buffalo (Darien Center) as they do each year on July 14. In a YouTube video, Warped Tour Representatives shook out 41 dates to note when the music festival will be held, failing to include any venue information or other details, but announcing that tickets will be going on sale in March of 2016.

This travelling, outdoor rock music festival began in 1995 and makes regular, annual stops at the Darien Lake Performing Arts Center, but this year it will be more local with rumors going around about which venue it will take place at. Will it take place in Chevy Court at the NYS Fairgrounds, NBT Stadium, or possibly the new Lakeview Amphitheater which was built to attract events such as Warped Tour?

This will be a first for Syracuse and Warped Tour, and will save a whole lot of gas money for folks living in Fulton who have previously had to make the several hour road trip to Darien Lake!

By Kenzie Finch

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Sports

Raiders taking nothing for granted at ITT Tournament

Never judge the book by its cover. That was a lesson the Red Raiders learned last season at the Syracuse Institute of Technology Tournament, and next week they will have a chance to put that lesson into practice when they face the host Eagles on Tuesday, December 29 at 2:30 pm

Last season Syracuse ITT was a pedestrian 2-3 going into tournament play while the Raiders were off to their best start in years with a 6-0 mark. But none of that mattered when the hosts took the championship match-up by a 70-61 count and used their performance as a springboard to greatness. The Eagles won their next nine games and closed the season with a 14-3 run while Fulton went on to lose five of their next seven before righting the ship to qualify for the Section III Tournament.

For that reason Coach Matt Kimpland's boys cannot afford to take ITT's current 2-3 record for granted in the opening round, especially since sharpshooter James Walker is back to lead the Eagle offense. Last year Walker fired in 17 points to help upend the Raiders, and this year he has been even better while averaging 21 points and seven re-

bounds per outing. Tr' Von Balaam has been nearly as potent while averaging 20 points per game, and both players have made good on nine shots from beyond the three point arc.

"Syracuse Tech is very athletic and wants to get up and down the floor. We have similar styles," Coach Kimpland said of his first round opponent. "They have two guys that can really score it so we will have to find a way to slow them down and make other guys on the team beat us."

After losing a pair of heartbreakers to start

his team's effort in the offensive zone, he noted that, "an area we are looking to work on is our defense. We have had a few good games defensively but we must get better!"

"We are beginning to form our identity on the defensive side of the ball," he went on to say, "but as a team and individually we must get better if we want to be able to be in contention at the end of the year."

The other opening round match-up features a familiar foe in Watertown as well as an unknown commodity in Canadian-based Georgetown. Last year Fulton topped the

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Raider boys Basketball Coach Matt Kimpland

the season, the Raiders have been on a roll with a team that has shown great scoring diversity through a 4-3 start. "One thing that has impressed me is our ability to score the basketball. We have had several different guys score," Kimpland said of a team that features legitimate scoring threats in Tyler Lee, Cody Green and Justin Hood, who is coming off a career high 21 point effort in Friday's big win at Homer. "This eliminates teams from just focusing on shutting down one guy and now they have to worry about several. So far we have taken care of the basketball and have limited our turnovers, in comparison from years past."

But while the coach has been happy with

Cyclones in the opening round, and this season Coach Jeff Britton's Watertown side is 4-2 on the season with a one point loss at Watertown IHC and a two point setback at Indian River. Their four victories have come at an average of 18 points per game and the team has scored at least 50 points in all six games while topping both the 60 and 70 point plateaus in wins over South Jefferson and General Brown.

Watertown features a balanced attack paced by RaSahun Hunter's 13 points per game as well as 12 per outing from Hassan Isiah and 11 points with 11 three pointers off the hand of Kelvin Ortiz-Servano.

Swimmers come up just short at Oswego

The Raider swimmers fell just short of topping Oswego at their meet on Tuesday as the Buccaneers prevailed 99-87 to even Fulton's record at 2-2. The Raiders were close the whole way, but were just barely outdone.

Oswego took first in every event, however Fulton took as much advantage of its depth as possible, winning several events overall anyway in terms of points. There were many good second place finishes, including Andrew Distin with his season best in the 200 IM, Caleb Almeter in the 200 free, Ryan Morehouse in the 100 fly, Distin in the 100 free, Mark Tallents in the 500 free and Tim McAfee in the 100 breast. The divers also performed well, with Matt Barrow and Calinda Ceterski earning season best scores of 132.20 and 154.05 while Jenna Ruzekowicz qualified for sectionals in the 100 freestyle.

The relays, in which taking first cannot be outweighed the same way easily, were each close but solid wins for Oswego. While 99-87 may not look horribly close, but here, if any one event (especially a relay) had been slightly better for Fulton, the final meet result could easily have been reversed.

Overall, the meet, while competitive between Fulton and its rival, was fun and the atmosphere was friendly. For all the swimmers, it was a solid meet to end off on before Christmas break.

By Caleb Almeter

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Girls Bball @ Phoenix (JV-5/V-6:30)

Mon. Dec. 28: V wrestling @ Haines Tourney (noon @ SUNY Oswego)

Tues. Dec. 29: V wrestling @ Haines Tourney (9 am @ SUNY Oswego); Boys Bball @ ITC Tourney (JV-10 am/V-2:30)

Wed. Jan 30: Indoor track @ CNYITA Meet (2:30 pm @ OCC); Girls Bball @ Chittenango Tourney (JV-2 pm/V-5:30); Boys Bball @ ITC Tourney (TBA)

Thurs. Jan. 31: Girls Bball @ Chittenango Tourney (TBA)

Sat. Jan. 2: JV wrestling @ Larry Brown Tourney (10 am @ B'ville); V wrestling @ Akley Dual Tourney (9 am @ Oswego HS)



Sports

Busy holiday break ahead for Lady Raiders

By Nicole Hansen

Christmas break will be anything but a break for the girls basketball team this year as the girls will be participating in a holiday tournament on Wednesday and Thursday, December 30-31. The tournament will be played at Chittenango High school and the Raiders will play Homer in the first round game. The Trojans are currently 6-1 on their season and 2-1 in league play. Homer is also the leading school in the OHSL Freedom National league, above Mexico, Phoenix, Chittenango and Cortland.

Homer is a mostly guard based team with not a lot of size. Caley Cornwell leads the Trojans averaging 14 points a game and has 52 rebounds so far this season. Helping Cornwall is Macy Boice who averages 8 points a game and has 12 steals. The Raiders are going to have to look to close out quick on shooters and hit the boards hard. Homer has always been a good program and a good game for Fulton. Also participating in the holiday tournament are Chittenango and Cortland. Depending on how things shake out, the Raiders could play either team.

Chittenango is 2-5 so far this year and is 0-2 on the league. The Bears are led by junior Megan Pierce who has been on varsity since her eighth grade year and averages 11 points a game. Pierce has 12 three point shots this season already. Chittenango has beaten Solvay and Jordan-Elbridge, but fell by a large margin to Central Square, a team the Raiders beat by six points earlier this season. The Bears have some height but look to get Pierce the ball and shoot from the outside. They have always been a scrappy team and always fight until the last minute of the game.

Fulton has not beaten Cortland since the first game of the 2012 season. The Purple Tigers are currently 2-2 overall and 0-1 in league, making them second in the OHSL Freedom National league behind Homer. Shea Swarthout is the go to player for the Tigers, leading their stats in steals and three point shots while averaging 20 points a game. Jackie Phillips and Logan Chase are two other players the Raiders will be sure to watch because they hit the boards hard, each having over 20 rebounds apiece. Cortland has a good guard to big ratio and has a good

bench. Cortland's coach Nolan Sinclair is very good at making adjustments at the right time. If the Raiders play Cortland it will be a dogfight to the finish.

A new accomplishment this year for the Lady Raiders is being considered in the Top Ten for large schools by syracuse.com. As of now the Raiders are ranked tenth, but are also competing with AA schools to be on the list. The top spot holders are no surprise

with Cicero-North Syracuse and Jamesville-Dewitt taking the top two. Also on the list are West Genesee, Christian Brothers Academy, Whitesboro, Rome Free Academy and Baldwinsville. The Raiders are working harder than ever to keep their spot and move up on the list, and a good showing at Chittenango could well make sure that they are still in the rankings when the first list comes out in 2016.

New Star Wars smashes box office records

The Force was strong this past weekend as fans around the world poured into their local theaters to see *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. JJ Abram's reboot smashed box office records, grossing over \$250 million in North America and surpassing \$610 million globally. Receiving a 95% approval on Rotten Tomatoes, most fans were pleased, if not ecstatic, with the film.

Packed full of dogfights between the Millennium Falcon and pursuing Tie Fighters, Stormtrooper battles, intense lightsaber duels, a lost droid, and a conflicted villain in black, this film recalls many elements from the original *Star Wars* film, *A New Hope*. Some have accused the film of being too derivative, however *The Force Awakens* ushers a sense of nostalgia that is welcomed by most fans. JJ Abrams reintroduced the world of Star Wars, a world that was nearly ruined by the prequels. The purpose of this film was to welcome fans back to the original Star Wars franchise, while introducing the series, the next line of heroes.

This seventh installment in the Star Wars series features a mixture of old faces and new; with Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, and Mark Hamill reprising their roles as Han Solo, Princess Leia, and Luke Skywalker, respectively. New additions to the franchise include the tough and adventurous heroine Rey (Daisy Ridley), the purpose-seeking underdog Finn (John Boyega), daring Resistance pilot Poe Dameron (Oscar Isaac), and the newest threat to the galaxy, Kylo Ren (Adam Driver). Fan favorites R2-D2, C-3PO, and Chewbacca also return in this film.

The film is definitely entertaining and exciting, but don't expect anything new and revolutionary to the world of Star Wars. Perhaps with the next few films, Abrams will give us some more creativity, but for this film he is definitely playing it safe. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, considering *The Phantom Menace* and its sequels nearly killed the franchise. The Force Awakens is a safe and captivating return to the Star Wars we all know and love.

By David Houck

Community service date fast approaching

Attention all seniors taking Participation in Government this semester! The end of the twenty-week marking period is closer than you think, and the deadline to get your community service hours in is even closer. The class Participation in Government requires all students to get in ten hours of community service two weeks before the end of the one-semester class. You must volunteer to work for a non-profit organization.

Court-ordered community service or just working at any job you may have does not count. Various school districts throughout the state require different numbers of hours, but it is a New York State requirement for graduation.

As part of the requirement, you will also have to write an essay on your experiences with statistics on the non-profit organizations you worked for cited in MLA format. You should have time to work on this essay in class.

If you still don't have all of your hours in, what are you waiting for? Get out there and finish your community service hours so you can graduate this June!

By Zachary Almeter

School of Thought compiled by Scott Littleton & Keegan Russell
What do you want for Christmas?



"A hover board."

Haley Hunsinger



"Snow for skiing and my spa fixed."

Mrs. Downing



"People to stop killing people."

Mr. Ward



"A sweater for my dog."

Taylor Thomas

Meteorology and you

Today:

Tonight:

Tomorrow:

By Carson Metcalf



Cloudy with rain

58°

Average: 34°
Record: 61° (1957)



Cloudy with showers

53°

Average: 20°
Record: -7° (1943)



Mostly cloudy.
Chance showers

65°

Average: 34°
Record: 58° (1965)



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.