

Honor Society to induct 46 members tonight

Tonight will be an important event for 46 G. Ray Bodley High School juniors and seniors. This evening, they will each be inducted into the Joseph Campolieta Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Every year, a new group of upperclassmen joins NHS, through which they can easily volunteer to help out at various events and tutor in the guided study halls of underclassmen. Joining is also quite an honor, and is not granted lightly. In order to be admitted, potential members must possess four qualities: scholarship, leadership, character and service. They must be intelligent and will-

ing to learn, leaders among their peers or in



other organizations, good-hearted people, and dedicated to their community. As the fac-

ulty advisor Mr. N. Fasulo, put it, this is “a good time to celebrate the accomplishments of our hardest-working students,” and they deserve it.

Tonight’s ceremony will include several speakers including David Tallents, Timothy McAfee, Victor Runeare, Gina Babcock and Ian Devendorf, the current NHS officers, will describe those accomplishments in more detail. Then the inductees will be officially welcomed in with their pledge ceremony, ready to continue the tradition of National Honor Society.

By Caleb Almeter



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Wrestlers fall just short of title bid

Fulton won the battle but lost the war on Saturday, and as a result the Raider wrestlers had to settle for runner-up status at the Section III Duals after dropping a hard-fought 35-32 decision against Adirondack. For the second straight year the Wildcats terminated Fulton’s championship aspirations in come from behind fashion as Adirondack scored a 40-39 decision in 2015 in the tournament semi-final. Claiming their first ever Section III Duals crown, Adirondack improved to 20-1 on the season and are 71-9 in the past three years while emerging as a powerhouse in the small school ranks.

The Raiders burst on top early by claiming four of the first five bouts with pins from Tim Holden and Aaron Yablonski at 160 and 195 around a Victor Runeare major decision at 170 and a Noah Gates decision in the 220 pound ring. The teams traded victories over the next four matches before the Wildcats took control with two major decisions, a pin and a decision in the 120-138 pound weight classes to build a 35-26 lead. Collin Flynn and Jacob Bailey led a spirited Fulton comeback bid that fell just short as they were both held to decisions in the final two bouts.

The day began with a titanic battle against local rival Phoenix as the Raiders rallied from early deficits of 12-0 and 18-9 to post a 39-28 triumph. Gates scored a key 3-0 de-

cision at 220 and Jared Crucitti levied a pin at 285 before Wyatt Willis put the match away with a pin in the 120 pound match-up. A pair of forfeit victories at 99 and 113 loomed large in the Raider rally to offset pinning efforts from Brad Dietz (138), Ross McFarland (145) and Alex Brutcher (126) for the Firebirds.

Four victories by forfeit helped pad

Fulton’s second round romp past South Jefferson as the Raiders downed their long-time Section III Duals rivals 57-15. Tim Holden and Wyatt Willis scored pins at 160 and 113 and Fulton ended the match with three straight major decisions from Cole French, Adam DeMauro and Dylan DeMauro to advance into the third round

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Members of the Class of 2016 moved one step closer to graduation last week when orders were placed for their caps and gowns. The senior class will be graduating exactly five months from today, in case anyone is counting. (Senecal photo)

Opinion

“Lax bros” are giving the sport a bad name

By Mitch Nelson

Ladies and gentlemen, lacrosse is not football, or basketball, or, and it hurts me to say this, baseball. Lacrosse has no daily update on ESPN of the NCAA, NLL, and MLL teams. The only press given to us is the press we make for ourselves.

Lacrosse’s “Bro Culture” is a major source of press for us, and it is holding us all back as a community. In states where lacrosse is still developing such as Florida and California football is important to communities, and it is taken very seriously by the athletes and community members. Florida and California are great examples of states where lacrosse is growing, yet not as popular in most areas as other sports.

The sport athletes disrespect in these areas more than any other? Lacrosse. Why? Well, most have never seen any games. People do not know the players specifically, or if they are considered good, but things stood out. “Bro check out my sweet spoon; let’s go rip some twine” is the gist of every conversation people hear from lacrosse players. People may have listened more if they were not so distracted by their flamboyant hair topped with flat-brim hats and stupid, obnoxious shorts.

These observations have other athletes doubting the sport takes any sort of skill or discipline because the kids who played acted like clowns. Having no prior knowledge, people do not realize how wrong they are. Some, however, are able to get into the sport, but for many, this image drives them away from being potential players, and on the flip side, it also brings in some who don’t want to take it seriously.

Do we really want the guys who see these kids at school and think “Hey I think I’ll play this sport because it looks like they care about nothing and I can say ‘bro’ and dress like a colorblind Neanderthal.” That’s not a teammate anyone wants. I am by no means saying that most of the guys who play lacrosse subscribe to the Bro



Culture; in fact it isn’t even that many. The issue here is that though they are the overwhelming minority, the “lax bros” are the ones people use to characterize all lacrosse players.

If you are buying a carton of eggs, and one of them is rotten, do you buy that dozen? When even one item is rotten, it spoils the batch. That is the situation lacrosse faces today in areas of lacrosse growth. All that said, this is not meant to be a slam on the flair of lacrosse. We are the most unique sport in that regard. The Maryland Pride and Black/White Ops uniforms are incredible. The same for Hofstra’s St. Patty’s Day and camouflage uniforms. I could go on endlessly about all of the helmets, gear, and uniforms that produce ample Oooos and Ahhhhs.

The difference is that lacrosse is using a concept others obviously aren’t: moderation.

These are perfect examples of what great lacrosse uniforms should be. They have just enough flair to turn heads, while looking professional and, frankly, intimidating. I don’t believe this is a problem we can’t fix. The burden falls on all of us players. If you want people to take you seriously, don’t wear those shorts. Look respectable. Take the time you would have been quaffing your flow and lift some weights, hit the wall, run, whatever makes you a better player. Make people notice you as elite athletes, not lax bros.

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

HOPE Club meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled.

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

Physicals for sports and working papers will be available on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Sign up in the nurse’s office to make an appointment.

National Honor Society will hold an important meeting today after school in the auditorium.

What’s for lunch?

Today: BBQ beef ribbie on a bun with green beans, carrots and fruit cup

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Entertainment

Behind the disappearance of Frank Oz

By Zachary Almeter

Frank Oz is a very skilled and accomplished puppeteer. On *Sesame Street*, he is known as the performer of Bert, Grover, and Cookie Monster. On *The Muppet Show*, he brought Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear, and Animal to life. *Star Wars* fans know him as the performer of Yoda. You can tell it's Frank because Yoda has the same voice as Grover, especially in the movies in which he appears as a puppet. As a CG character, he sounds less like Grover, but you can still tell it's Frank.

Last September, the Muppets returned to the small screen in the form of an uproarious new sitcom known simply as *The Muppets*. While watching the opening credits for each episode, I noticed the familiar names of Steve Whitmire (performer of Kermit the Frog and Rizzo the Rat) and Dave Goelz (performer of the Great Gonzo and

Dr. Bunsen Honeydew), but Frank Oz's name was nowhere to be found.

I also couldn't help but notice that Fozzie sounds less like Grover than he used to. I started to worry that Frank had gone to Heaven to be with his good friend and co-worker, Jim Henson. In fact, earlier this month, an Internet hoax claimed that Frank Oz was dead, which must have seemed convincing enough considering his absence from the new sitcom. But as it turns out, even if he was dead, that is not the reason why he is no longer associated with the Muppets.

Frank Oz officially quit the Muppets team in 2011 with the release of the movie *The Muppets* starring Jason Segel (not to be confused with the same-named sitcom mentioned above). He did not sign on to do this movie because he thought that it was unfaithful to Jim Henson's original vision. Frank had been distracting himself from per-

forming the Muppets ever since Jim's death. Perhaps this quote from him best explains the reason why: "I had done this for 30 years, and I had never wanted to be a puppeteer in the first place. I wanted to be a journalist, and what I really wanted to do was direct theater and movies. As an actor and a performer, you feel limited because you're not the source for the creation, and I wanted to be the source."

Many of us never would have guessed that Frank never wanted to do this, given his skill at it and the fact that he stuck with it for so long. This is what makes him a remarkable role model.

Warm Up Oswego set for February 6

Presented by Warm Up Oswego, the annual Fire and Ice Festival in Oswego is set for Saturday, February 6. The festival begins at noon with many vendors and performances that usually take place. The event will be held at King Arthur's Suites, 7 West Bridge Street in Oswego.

The event features food, music, games and a sled race and closes with fireworks over the Oswego River behind the YMCA. It is a great event with many things to do for the whole family. The price varies by event.

-Kim Rombough

Library Association notes award winners

The Youth Media Award Winners of the year 2016 are out and it is time to recognize some authors and books! On January 11, the American Library Association (ALA) announced the top books for children and young adults alike. From the Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, Newbery and Printz awards the following books have contributed greatly to children's and young adult literature.

Gone Crazy in Alabama by Rita Williams-Garcia received the Coretta Scott King Author Book Award, for an African-American author of outstanding books for children and young adults. This book follows a story from a trilogy series that shows the life of three young girls. Starting in 2010 with *One Crazy Summer* the series continued to 2013 in *Be Eleven*. This novel shows sisters Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern Gaither being sent to Alabama to reunite with their relatives Big Ma, Ma Charles, and their Uncle Darnell. Many things happen and the sisters try to readjust to their new life, from things like a family feud to revelations about their family history. With imagination and a sense of loyalty among the siblings, this book is outstanding. This award shows that the final installment of the series is worth the read, as well as the first two to truly appreciate the story at hand.

Another book that received the Pura Belpre Author Award, was *Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings* by Margarita Engle. This book best portrayed and celebrated Latino cultural experience, and so, the award was given.

In the memoir it follows the story of growing up as a child of two cultures during the Cold War. The young girl, Margarita, has roots in Cuba which is her mother's tropical island country that she is so fond of. Sadly though, she lives most of her time in Los Angeles, a big noisy city that leaves her feeling alone. When the classmates in her school are not comforting, the words and images of the island compensate as she awaits the summer to visit once more. Suddenly war breaks out and the Bay of Pigs Invasion occurs, her two worlds collide in the worst way yet as two countries that she holds dear in her heart soon come to hate each other so much. She begins to worry, will she ever get to visit her beloved island again?

Many more books received awards, but surely, a follow up article will occur of a book review for some. Because even if the books are meant for children and Young Adults, it is understood from reading even some of the summaries provided that these books have much to teach and enjoy for even adults. Plus, these two books are great reading material for bedtime stories!

By Julia Polly

This week in Raider Sports

Today: JV boys bball @ Oswego (5 pm)

Tues. Jan. 26: Boys Bball vs. Mexico (JV-5:30/V-7); Hockey vs. Oswego (6 pm); Swim @ Pulaski (5 pm)

Wed. Jan. 27: Bowling vs. C. Square (3:30 @ Mattydale); Wrestling @ C. Square (JV-6/V-7:30); Girls Bball vs. Cortland (JV-5:30/V-7)

Thurs. Jan. 28: Boys Bball vs. Phoenix (JV-5:30/V-7)

Fri. Jan. 29: Hockey vs. Liverpool (7 pm @ Lysander); Girls Bball @ Marcellus (JV-5:30/V-7)

Sat. Jan. 30: Cheerleading competition @ GRB (7 am-3 pm); JV wrestling tournament @ C-NS (10 am)

Raider Sports

Big weekend for Raider teams

Two games in two nights proved to be no problem for the Fulton boys basketball team on Friday as the Raiders ran riot over Chittenango in a 73-37 blowout. Fulton set the tone early with a 14-4 first quarter edge and kept the foot on the gas through the next two periods while building a 39-13 halftime lead and a 62-25 advantage heading into the final quarter.

As was the case the previous night in their win at Camden, the Raiders were lights out from long range while connecting on a season high 18 shots from beyond the three point line. Cody Green knocked down eight from three point range en route to a season high 33 point performance and Josh Hudson was good five times from beyond the arc in a 21 point night that also saw him pull down 10 rebounds with four assists. Connor Broderick and Jake McDermott turned in strong performances at the guard position with six and five assists respectively as the Raiders improved to 8-7 overall and 4-4 in league play at the expense of the 10-6 Bearcats.

Matt Lamphear's 13 points led a Chittenango cause that ended in the team's most lopsided setback of the season as the Bearcats fell for the third time in four games. The Raiders will look to make it three in a row on Tuesday when they play host to Mexico.

The Raider girls also showed no sign of fatigue while charging past ITC-Fowler 79-29 on Saturday for their third win in the span of four days. The game was never in doubt as Fulton ran to a 21-2 first quarter advantage and never looked back, limiting their guests to just 15 points through the opening three quarters while building a 59-15 lead. All 11 players made their way onto the Red Raider scoresheet led by Nicole Hansen's 13 points and eight rebounds and an 11 point effort from Erin Nicholson. Brynn Waloven was the third Fulton player in double figures with 10 points and six rebounds as the girls improved to 9-5 with their third straight win. Joy McMullen paced ITC-Fowler with eight points.

Ice men fight to a draw

Fulton rifled 33 shots at Mohawk Valley goaltender Colton Brown but had to settle for a 1-1 overtime draw on Saturday as the Raiders extended their unbeaten streak to six games. Josh Dynka's unassisted marker in the third period was the lone blemish on Brown's impressive night as he thwarted the Fulton offensive while registering 32 saves. Spencer Evans had 11 stops for the Raiders, giving up a third period goal to Jake McHarris in the hard fought contest. With the tie the Raiders are now 4-4-1 in league play and 6-7-1 overall heading into Tuesday's senior night clash against Oswego at 6 pm. Mohawk Valley left the night at 4-5-1 in the league and 7-7-1 overall.

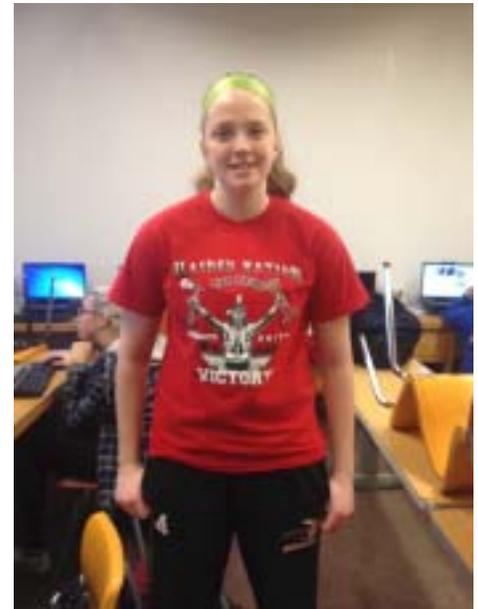
Strong showing at league meet

The Raider swimmers met at Mexico for their league meet on Friday evening, and had a good competition. Joining the Raiders were teams from Mexico, Weedsport, Oswego, New Hartford, J-D/CBA, and Pulaski-Sandy Creek. Every team in attendance scored the same here, since for a change, the meet was not scored. This came as a surprise to the team, which did not know until a few hours before the meet, but they still swam well.

For each event, the top six finishers were recognized, and the Raiders had top 6 finishers in most events. In the medley relay, Fulton's A and B relays finished 4th and 5th. Taking 4th was Justin Grower, Tim McAfee, Andrew Distin and David Tallents. The 5th place team was Josh Hotaling, Sage Hourihan, Ryan Morehouse and Dakota Stoutenger. In the 200 IM, McAfee took 3rd and Distin took 5th. Grower took 6th in the 50 free, Ryan Morehouse also took 4th in the 100 fly, and Caleb Almeter took 6th in the 100 free. In the 200 free relay, the team of David Tallents, Dakota Stoutenger, Sage Hourihan and Justin Grower took 6th, and Caleb Almeter, Josh Hotaling, Ean Stevenson and Tim McAfee took 8th. In the 100 backstroke, Justin Grower just missed out on the top 6, placing 7th. In the 100 breaststroke, Tim McAfee placed 5th and Sage Hourihan took 8th. The 400 free team of Alex Semchenko, Jenna Ruzekowicz, Zach Almeter and Caleb Almeter snuck into 6th place to finish off the meet. Overall, the Raiders did very well.

This is the point of the season where the swimmers tend to be worn down. Now, all that is left before sectionals is Tuesday's Pulaski-Sandy Creek meet. After this meet, the team will begin to prepare, mentally and physically, for the absolute end of the season.

By Caleb Almeter



Junior Nicole Hansen models one of the new Raider Nation t-shirts that are currently available for a limited time starting today at the Red Raider Den school store. The shirts are just \$7, \$8 for XX size. (Senecal photo)

Wrestling

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against Central Valley.

Central Valley led 9-4 early before the Raiders claimed five straight bouts and seven of the next nine matches to build a lead the Thunder challenged, but could never overcome. Dylan Gorman (182), Jared Crucitti (285) and Wyatt Willis (113) all scored pins as Fulton charged on top 35-18 before Central Valley claimed the final three matches to draw within four points.

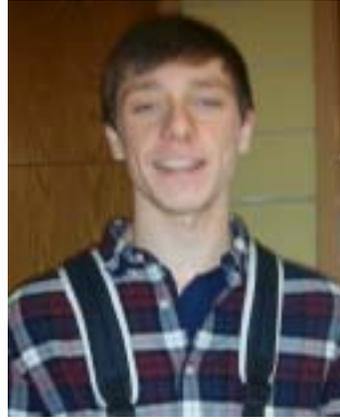
Currently 16-6 on the season, the Raiders visit Central Square on Wednesday before heading to Phoenix on February 2 for their highly anticipated rematch with the Firebirds.

Due to
this week's
Regents testing
RaiderNet
Daily
will not return until
Friday, January 29

What is your favorite winter activity?



"Making snow angels."
Koda La Beef



"I thoroughly enjoy sledding."
Mike Welch



"Snowmobiling."
Jaymes Garrison



"Basketball."
Brittney Alton

Meteorology and you

Today:



Mostly cloudy

36°

Average: 31°
Record: 70° (1967)

Tonight:



Mostly cloudy

28°

Average: 15°
Record: -15° (2004)

Tomorrow:



Chance rain

42°

Average: 31°
Record: 68° (1950)

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.