



Young Raiders open tennis season today

Youth will be served, literally, for the Red Raider boys tennis team this season as a young Fulton side will attempt to improve on last year's 6-8 performance. Weather permitting the Raiders will open their season this afternoon at Phoenix as Coach Goodnough's men look to get off to a strong start in the always competitive OHSL.

Jamesville-Dewitt is the team to beat, but after that it is a toss-up as the Raiders look to make their mark against Cortland, Homer and Mexico. There is plenty of reason for optimism as Goodnough begins his 22nd season at the helm as he returns a group of talented performers from last year's squad.

Senior Ben McKay, a second team all-league selection in 2015, will once again take on the toughest position on the court at the #1 singles spot. The Raiders are also looking for a big effort from freshman Eric Shear, who will perform at second singles but also teamed up with sophomore Anthony Salerno last season at first doubles at the Class A sectionals.

They are joined by sophomore C.J. Hyland at third singles, a fourth place finisher in Class A in his first season with the team, along with French exchange student Adrien

Arnalsteen, who adds skills at the mid-level line-up positions and can play both singles and doubles. Hunter Dudley brings a solid work ethic and physical presence to the court according to the coach, who believes that "confidence and sustained focus," will be

the keys to success for his team.

"Confidence will come with focused practice sessions and experience in difficult match play," Goodnough stated. "We will need to see that we can come from behind if necessary."



One can only imagine the reaction of Math teacher and Syracuse Basketball superfan Mrs. Ryan this morning when she walked into her classroom to see this poster on her wall. With this being the first of April, it was all in good fun. The culprits remain at large.

This week in Red Raider Sports

Today: Tennis @ Phoenix (4:30)

Sat. April 2: Girls V Lax @ General Brown (11 am); Boys Lax vs. Whitesboro (JV-10 am/V-11:30 am)

Mon. April 4: Tennis @ Chittenango (4:30); Girls lax vs. Cortland (JV-5/V-7 pm); Softball vs. Homer (4:30)

Tues. April 5: Boys V lax vs. Bishop Ludden (6:30); Boys JV lax vs. Fowler (4:30); Baseball @ Phoenix (4:30)

Wed. April 6: Girls lax vs. Chittenango (JV-5/V-7 pm); Softball vs. West Genesee (4:30); Track @ Phoenix (4:30)

Thurs. April 7: Boys lax vs. J-D (JV-5/V-7 pm); Softball vs. Phoenix (4:30); Baseball @ Watertown (4:30)

Fri. April 8: Tennis vs. Phoenix (4 pm)

Sat. April 9: Girls lax @ C.Square (JV-noon/V-2 pm); Baseball @ Chittenango (11 am); Boys V lax vs. J-E (11 am)

(schedules subject to change due to weather)



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Forget the critics: Batman v. Superman is a winner!

By David Houck

On Friday, March 25th, 2016's most highly anticipated film finally hit the theaters: *Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice*.

Despite the fact that fans have waited decades for these two legends to square-off on the big screen, the film production got off to a rocky start. News that Ben Affleck would portray Batman just three years after Christopher Nolan's epic Dark Knight trilogy starring Christian Bale was met with mixed reviews at best. Fans criticized director Zack Snyder's casting choice, referring to Affleck as "Batfleck."

Now that the film has been released, critics have given Batman V Superman a collective yawn, while some reviews are just downright nasty. Rotten Tomatoes gave the movie a 29%.

Interesting new releases coming this weekend

New releases this weekend at the box office include *Amityville: The Awakening* and *Midnight Special*.

Amityville: The Awakening is a classic textbook horror film. A single mother and her three children move into a new house, and the eldest son, who had previously been in a coma, snaps out of it shortly afterwards. As it turns out, however, this is merely a harbinger to all of the terrifying supernatural events associated with the house that soon befall, leaving the family fighting for their lives.

Midnight Special is a riveting, engrossing adventure starring a

dedicated father and his young son who happens to have mysterious, not-yet-fully-explained powers. As they flee from religious groups, local law enforcement, and even the federal government, the father will stop at nothing to keep his son safe and learn the truth behind his powers. It is directed by Jeff Nichols.



Despite this, the film has been a box office success, scoring the fourth-biggest global debut in history, and earning the title as having the biggest superhero opening ever. The critics have a lot of firepower, but at the end of the day, fans and moviegoers have the final say.

Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice was artfully and carefully done, with director Zack Snyder possessing an extraordinary eye for detail. That being said, Warner Bros' new release should be accepted for what it is; a drama. The film is much darker and much more serious than other superhero movies we have seen.

A good half of the film is purely dialogue, with action-packed scenes scattered throughout. It should be noted, however, that the action scenes are worth the wait, edge of the seat, bone-crushing violence. These scenes will be nothing compared to the R-Rated "Director's Cut" that will be released on Blu-ray later this year, containing an additional 30 minutes of footage.

Ben Affleck's portrayal of Batman is like no other we have seen. Seasoned and grizzly, this Dark Knight is older and much more brutal than previous versions. That being said, Batman totally steals the film. Ben Affleck offers the best balance between Batman and his billionaire alter-ego Bruce Wayne that we have seen to date.

Delivering another astonishing performance is Gal Gadot, taking up the role of Wonder Woman. This film has no shortage of strong female characters, with Amy Adams portraying Lois Lane and Diane Lane playing Martha Kent, but Gal Gadot takes the cake. The only possible complaint about her role is that she doesn't have enough screen time.

As previously stated, *Batman V Superman* is a dark, emotional, serious film. Comparing it to a Marvel superhero film such as *The Avengers* or to the upcoming *Captain America: Civil War* does a disservice to both. While Marvel's movies have begun to take a darker spin, they are still quite light-hearted compared to any DC films. *Batman V Superman* is packed to the brim with symbolism, ideological differences, and heart-pounding action.

Marvel offers family-friendly action followed by snarky comments delivered by eccentric characters.

Instead of choosing one universe over the other, let's acknowledge that both are different and enjoy the movies. Both universes offer entertaining films that bring beloved comic book figures to life. That's all that should matter, isn't it?



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In the News

World Wildlife Fund notes effects of coral bleaching

Australia’s most attractive tourist hotspot is the Australian Great Barrier Reef. The reef ecosystem is very fragile and even a slight temperature difference can result in major changes and harm. The World Wildlife Fund has just recently unveiled a video showing the current issue of the Great Barrier Reef, coral bleaching.

Coral bleaching occurs when ocean temperatures are 1-2 degrees Celsius above average. This is a bigger deal than it appears, the coral is not just turning white, it is dying, and only 4 out of 520 surveyed reefs were shown to be unaffected.

The Great Barrier Reef is home to many inhabitants and helps as a barrier to the coastlines from waves and storms. So this affects the people as well, and this has been the third bleaching event since 1998, that’s only 18 years. This isn’t just some issue tha’s been going on throughout the entire Earth’s existence, there is no evidence of any coral bleaching before the late 20th century.

The coral can recover though, if the temperatures drop and zooxanthellae are able to recolonise them. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has increased its level of response for the area and will be monitoring the health of the reef as time goes on. Coral

bleaching has been seen in Hawaii and Fiji as well, making this a worldwide issue. People can ignore the issues of climate change all they want, but that is not going to stop it, or help the ecosystems from falling apart.

By Cassidy Bowering



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

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

There will be an important meeting for **Quirk’s Players** on Tuesday, April 5 after school in room 104. All members are urged to attend.

What’s for lunch?

Today: Beef chili with soft pretzel, corn, peas, peaches



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What is the best April fools prank you have ever had pulled on you?



"Dad ran into my room and said the house was on fire."

Nate Shaw



"Someone ate the last cookie " cookie."

Cookie Monster



"Parents told me we were moving."

Scott Littleton



"Someone told me my shoe was untied."

Bubba Johnson

Meteorology and you

Today:



Cloudy with rain

59°

Average: 50°
Record: 84° (1986)

Tonight:



Cloudy with showers

36°

Average: 31°
Record: 7° (1923)

Tomorrow:

Rain/snow showers

45°/25°

Average: 51°/32°
Rec. high/low: 87°
(2010) 16° (1911)

Sunday:

Cloudy with snow
showers

30°/20°

Average: 51°/32°
Rec. high/low: 87°
(2010) 14° (1954)

By Carson Metcalf



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