

# From humble beginnings, Earth Day has grown

Today, April 22nd, is Earth Day, a day to recognize the problems facing the natural environment, raise awareness, and to appreciate the natural world. Since the holiday is almost 50 years old, now is a good time to talk about its history.

Earth Day, currently the world's largest secular holiday, got its start in 1970 with Wisconsin senator Gaylord Nelson, who wanted to draw the government's attention to environmental issues. In 1963, he pitched the idea of having a presidential tour to raise awareness (few people were familiar with environmental issues at the time).

In September of that year, President Kennedy went on a five-day tour to do just that, but it did not help the idea capture people's attention. Several years later, the



senator was inspired by the passion behind protestors of the Vietnam War to organize a nationwide "grass roots" event with the same

spirit. The idea caught on, and the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970 was a success.

The new holiday led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Endangered Species Acts. The ideas and the spirit behind the holiday have only gotten stronger since- and the problems it addresses have certainly not gone away. The EPA and a plethora of other organizations continue to plan events and fundraisers to increase awareness and help fund environmental protection programs.

This Earth Day, be a small part of the action, if you can. Any little thing will help, and it's your own home you will be helping.

*By Caleb Almeter*



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## LOCY looks to raise poverty awareness with 4K walk

The Leadership of Oswego County (LOCY) class of 2016 hopes to raise awareness of poverty in Oswego County with a 4K walk around the G. Ray Bodley High School athletic complex. The event will take place on Saturday, April 30 from 10 am to noon with the start and finish line at the athletic complex.

Registration and participation does not cost any money, but to be eligible to participate in the eventwalkers/runners need to bring at least one donation item per person. Accepted items are peanut butter, tuna fish, boxed macaroni and cheese and pasta, canned soup, hygiene products such as shaving cream, tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo and soap, canned vegetables, cereal, laundry detergent, dog or cat food and dog or cat toys.

All donations will be transferred to food pantries in Oswego County by LOCY. Participants are urged not to bring any items stored in glass.



**Bodley's Got Talent!** raised more than \$1200 for charity on Thursday night as a talented collection of Bodleyans showed their stuff on the GRB stage. And when the votes had been tallied the winners were announced. From left to right they were: front-Rose Velasquez Gonzalez-second place, Gillian Brown-audience favorite, Dillon Holloway and Mykenzie Finch-first place. Back-Kyle Lynch-third place, Collin Flynn and Daniel Aiken-second place and Christina Blake-mot unique. (Senecal photo)

## In the News

# Young journalist gaining attention, scorn for her work

By Julia Polly

who works as the editor and publisher of the Orange Street News located within Selinsburg, PA, beat out all her competitors with a story that sent an unexpected backlash her way.

With a headline of "EXCLUSIVE: MURDER ON NINTH STREET!" she reported on a crime that occurred within her own neighborhood, beating the local news outlets by reporting the facts first. She interviewed law enforcement officials and posted an official video of the crime scene with a pledge of doing her best at getting to the bottom of the case, along with knocking on many of her neighbors doors, just like her own father did when he was a reporter for the New York Daily News.

As for the case itself, she caught wind of the story from a tip from one of the contacts she has established over last two years of writing community news. She then went straight to the scene to confirm, and confirmed it was when she saw the large volume of police activity on Ninth Street.

Sadly, Monday came and she had to get back to school, but before that she went straight home afterwards and reported a full blown story with videos and photos to boot.

This did not charm many of her neighbors, who went as far as to comment on the child about her work and even attacked her parents on social media. Comments on Facebook were made Saturday night, a night in which the young reporter was too busy reporting to really address them at the time, with things such as "I think this is appalling that u would do a story like this when all the facts are not in yet," even when she supported her report with sources from law enforcement officials.

There was even a comment to her parents about how they were encouraging the dreams of a young girl who enjoys doing what she does, which was reporting the news. "Does no one realize that this

Earlier this month, Reporter Hilde Kate Lysiak, a nine year old

is a 9 year old reporting this type of graphic information!" one person noted. "I mean, what parents are encouraging this type of behavior!"

Someone even directly stated, "I am disgusted that this cute little girl thinks she is a real journalist. What happened to tea parties?" along with "Nine-year-old girls should be playing with dolls, not trying to be reporters."

One notable figure, Sean Christine, the former mayor of



**Nine-year-old journalist Hilde Kate Lysiak has been making a name for herself with her publication, the Orange Street News.**

Selinsburg, stated it was "Sensationalist Trash." Reminder, this is a 9 year old girl reporting factual news that she is supporting with information and respected figures of the law enforcement and even neighbors who were near the crime scene.

After finishing the article Monday afternoon, she finally had the time to reply to the "Critics" of her Local Newsletter where she commented on how, "It kind of gets [her] angry because, just because [she is] nine doesn't mean [she] can't do a great story. It doesn't mean [she] can't be a reporter."

In the official video released on the website, Orangestreetnews.com, which was handled quite formally by a nine year old, she made sure to address the issue the best way she could, and recorded her reply on behalf of OSN (Orange Street News), saying, "I know this makes some of you uncomfortable, and I know some of you just want me to sit down and be quiet because I'm nine. But if you want me to stop covering news, then you

get off your computer and do something about the news. There, is that cute enough for you?"

She has earned compliments from throughout the world of journalism for her work, including the esteemed *Columbia Journalism Review*, which stated that, "Hilde isn't just another precocious kid with a hobby. She attends town meetings. She covers crime without the police department's cooperation. She shows up at the scenes of breaking news events."

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Opinion

# Sanders rally was an unforgettable experience

By Liliana Rivera

Now that the presidential election is only a few months away, I have been trying to inform myself about the upcoming election, and the candidates that it has drawn.

As a registered voter, I feel that it is my responsibility to inform myself about where the candidates stand, in the most unbiased

manner possible. With that said, I have been gathering information from NBC, NPR, FOX, CNN and the candidates themselves.

After much thought, I came to the conclusion that Bernie Sanders was the most fit candidate to lead the United States in a positive direction. Since then, I have gone to Bernie Sanders' fundraising events, volunteer meetings and his recent rally in Syracuse, NY.

Attending Bernie Sanders' rally in Syracuse, NY last week was an experience that I will never forget. Hours before Sanders spoke, thousands of supporters were fired up and chanting his name. This was the first political rally I had ever attended. Not only did I go because I am a Bernie supporter with a "Feel the Bern" bumper sticker on my car, but I also went for the political science aspect, which is what I plan as a major in college. Besides the undeniable energy that filled the Oncenter, what resonated with me the most was when Sanders stated "Every person here is enormously powerful, if we choose to exercise our power."

While for some, this statement may not have been the highlight of his speech, I believe that it truly demonstrates Sanders' intentions. Bernie Sanders not only wants to become president, the most powerful man of the free world, but he also wants people to realize that when united, that they too have just as much of a voice. All along, Sanders' aim has been to wake up Americans from the corruption within the government and media that we are fed on a day-to-day basis.



Overall Bernie Sander's rally was truly an unforgettable experience to say the least. I am glad that I was able to hear such an influential politician speak on the "unpopular" issues that our nation will soon be facing. While Bernie Sander's rally was worth the wait, I definitely "Felt the Bern" in my knees the next day, after standing on a concrete floor for six hours.

## Things To Do During Spring Break

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Catch up on tv shows                             | 9. Read                              |
| 2. Make theme nights watching Netflix               | 10. Movie marathon                   |
| 3. Visit a state park and go on an adventure        | 11. Go to a concert                  |
| 4. Try a new hobby                                  | 12. Try a youtube how-to video       |
| 5. Volunteer in the community                       | 13. Throw a party                    |
| 6. Explore your city (walking, driving, or cycling) | 14. Catch up on some sleep           |
| 7. Arts and crafts                                  | 15. Hang out with friends and family |
| 8. Road trip  | 16. Go to a beach                    |
|   | 17. Have a BBQ                       |
|   | 18. Visit some old friends           |

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

Senior Dinner Dance tickets are now available for \$45 apiece. See Mr. McCarten in room 222 for details and to purchase tickets. Don't wait too long, the big day is rapidly approaching.

#### What's for lunch?

Today: Turkey hotdog on a bun with side salad, baked beans and applesauce

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## Red Hawks foil Fulton bid for fourth straight win

By Eric Belair  
Special to RaiderNet Daily

The Raiders three-game win streak came to a screeching halt on Thursday night when the Central Square Red Hawks marched into town and defeated Fulton 14-11.

Fulton opened up the contest scoring four goals in the opening quarter and tallied five goals in the final quarter, when the team was attempting to mount a comeback that fell short. It was the total of two scores combined between the second and third quarter that proved to be the difference in the game.

Junior attackman Austin Vashaw opened and closed the first quarter scoring for Fulton. After his first goal, it was only seconds later that senior midfielder Vinny Bennett found the back of the net for the

Raiders. With a 4-2 advantage heading into the second quarter, Fulton was looking as though its win streak could continue.

The Red Hawks had plans of their own, however, as Central Square pumped in five goals in the second quarter, giving the visiting team a 7-5 halftime lead.

The third quarter was much like the second for the hometown team. Fulton's lone goal was scored by Vashaw, giving him a hat-trick on the evening. Luckily for the Raiders, the defensive veterans of Robbie Pollock and Tyler Shaw stood tall in front of senior netminder Brandon Batstone and only gave up two goals.

The fourth quarter seemed more like a track meet than a lacrosse game with each team pushing the tempo as goals were being scored in runs. Central Square was lead-

ing 9-6 to start the final quarter and the Raiders were fighting to keep their win streak alive.

Senior attackman Austin Wilde tallied three goals in the fourth quarter alone. He scored back-to-back goals, which were part of a 3-0 run for Fulton to cut down their deficit. In the end, each team found the back of the net five times in the final quarter, causing the Raiders to drop their record to 4-3 (2-3) on the season.

Leading the way for Fulton was Wilde with four goals, Vashaw with three scores and Austin Beckwith with a pair. Rounding out the scoring with Bennett was senior Spencer Vono. Batstone recorded 15 saves in the game.

Fulton's next game is home on Saturday, April 23 at 1 p.m. against rival Oswego. The Raiders will try to sweep the season series with the Buccaneers and keep "The Pathfinder Cross" in Fulton.

### Rivalry Cup at stake in Saturday competitions

Fulton sports teams will be hoping that home is where the victories are on Saturday when the Raiders look to end Oswego's two year hold on the Rivalry Cup. Now in its fourth season of competition, the Buccaneers are the two-time defending cupholders after Fulton won the inaugural competition in 2013.

The boys and girls lacrosse, baseball, softball and tennis teams will all be in action with both JV and varsity competitions counting toward the overall total. Last year marked the first time the host side won, as the first two years went to the visitors. Fulton will be looking to make that two in a row when all is said and done on Saturday. Check This Week in Red Raider Sports for starting times.

### Laxmen hope for quick rebound vs. Bucs

The Raiders look to bounce back from an upset tomorrow as they take on county rival Oswego for the second time this season and do their part in capturing the cup for Fulton athletics.

Oswego is a formidable opponent and although the Raiders have successfully defeated the Bucs once this year, the team isn't going into this game overconfident as Oswego has the ability to compete.

The Raiders will look to keep it in the hands of their offensive trio of Austin Wilde, Austin Beckwith and Austin Vashaw in order to control the pace of the game due to Oswego's ability to score in transition with midfielders such as Trey Clark sweeping the field. Clark has been a potent force for Oswego this season while collecting 19 goals.

Goaltending was a major factor in the last meeting between these two teams, as Oswego's goalie Corey Stevens only saved 44% of shots allowing nine goals past while Fulton's keeper saved over 60% of shots,

only allowing 7.

Much of this game will be played between the boxes, and because of this ground balls off the faceoff will likely be the difference in this game. With the contest being played on turf the Raiders have the upper hand in that category. If Fulton puts an end to the easy close quarter dunk shots they allowed in the last meeting this game should fall in their laps. The Raiders are now 4-3, the Bucs 1-6.

By Mitch Nelson

Due to  
spring break  
**RaiderNet**  
Daily  
will not return until  
Tuesday, May 3

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#### This week in Red Raider sports

**Today:** Tennis vs. C.Square (4:30); Baseball @ Phoenix (4:30)

**Sat. April 23:** Boys lax vs. Oswego (1 pm); Girls lax vs. Oswego (JV-1/V-3 pm); Softball vs. Oswego (11 am); Baseball vs. Oswego (11 am); Tennis vs. Oswego (11 am); Track @ Hannibal Invitational (10 am)

**Mon. April 25:** Baseball vs. Homer (11 am & 1:30 PM); Softball @ Homer (11 am)

**Tues. April 26:** JV boys lax @ Cazenovia (4:30); V Softball @ Oswego Tourney (2 & 4 pm)

**Wed. April 27:** Baseball @ Auburn (11 am @ Falcon Park); Softball @ Oswego Tourney (noon)

**Thurs. April 28:** Girls lax @ ES-M (JV-4/V-6 pm); Boys lax @ Homer (JV-11 am/V-1 pm); Tennis @ Oswego (11 am)

**Fri. April 29:** Track @ Chittenango (2 pm); Tennis vs. Chittenango (11 am); V baseball @ Hannibal (11 am)

**Sat. April 30:** V Girls lax vs. Cortland (noon); Boys lax @ Whitsboro (JV-10 am/V-11:30 am)

## Entertainment

## Spring break offers lots of new movies choices

Spring break is about to begin, and that means more time to check out some new movies, including *Criminal*, *Barbershop: The Next Cut*, *The Huntsman: Winter's War*, *Elvis and Nixon*, *A Hologram for the King*, and *Ratchet and Clank*.



*Criminal* stars Tommy Lee Jones, Kevin Costner, Ryan Reynolds, Gary Oldman, and Michael Pitt. After a Dutchman hacks in to the U.S. "Vigilant Shield" missile system, the memory of a dead CIA agent is transferred into an unfeeling, psychopathic prisoner so he can bring the hacker to justice. The premise might sound crazy, but the movie actually has a few good things going

## Softball notches first win of the season

The Raider girls softball team will head into spring break on a high note after claiming its first win of the season on Thursday. Ending a six game slide that dated back to last May, the girls powered their way past Mexico by a 4-1 count.

Fulton left it late by scoring twice in the fourth inning and then adding two more in the fifth while improving to 1-3 on the season. Winning pitcher Brittney Alton struck out four and limited the Tigers to a single walk while also aiding her own cause with an RBI. Big hits proved to be the difference for the Raiders as Sabrina Verdoliva delivered an RBI triple and Brynn Waloven powered an RBI double. Kyleigh Ashline also notched an RBI single for the Raiders, who kept Mexico off the scoreboard until the top of the sixth inning.

Brianne Clark and Kendra Harter paced the Tigers with two hits apiece as Mexico dropped to 1-5 with the loss. Fulton will be back in action on Saturday when the Raiders host Oswego at 11 am as part of Rivalry Day.

for it.

*Barbershop: The Next Cut* stars Calvin (Ice Cube) and Eddie (Cedric the Entertainer) as the co-owners of Calvin's Barbershop. Several changes have gone on since the original Barbershop movie more than ten years ago. The shop is now co-ed, but the neighborhood does not appear to have gotten any nicer.

*The Huntsman: Winter's War* is a prequel to *Snow White and the Huntsman* and recounts the civil war between the evil queen Ravenna and her sister Freya, the Snow Queen. This movie also features Eric and Sara, two huntsmen who were banished from Freya's army for falling in love with each other.

*Elvis and Nixon* recounts the unforgettable moment in December 1970 when "the King" Elvis Presley met President Richard Nixon in the White House, starring Michael Shannon as Elvis and Kevin Spacey as Nixon. It is rated R for some language.

*A Hologram for the King* is the movie adaptation of Dave Eggers' novel, directed by Tom Twyker and starring Tom Hanks as a

businessman in Saudi Arabia who just wants to leave his mark on the world.

*Ratchet and Clank* is based on the iconic PlayStation game. Ratchet is a "lombax" who grew up without a family, and Clank is a small but intelligent robot. The movie chronicles their adventures with the Galactic Rangers as they try to save the Solana galaxy from the evil Chairman Drek and learn the importance of discovering one's identity.

## Spring break has finally arrived

The day before spring break, everything is abuzz with so many things happening. Only about a month's worth of days remain until school ends, AP tests will be happening soon after the return from break, and seniors are getting ready to leave the school year and move onto a new chapter in their lives!

To go over the day, Friday in particular, there is Merry-go-Round Theater with their performance in the morning and then the pep rally for winter and spring sports in the afternoon! Friday is also Earth Day, a day in which we celebrate the beauty of the planet and inspire people to take action to protect our environment and improve the way we live to be in harmony with the other species of the Earth. Many science classes celebrated Thursday by wearing shirts due to the confliction of some students being a part of Friday's pep rally.

Another event happening outside of school is the neighboring school district's Ice cream shop, Mexicone, which is opening Friday at 3:00 p.m.! The shop is run by one of our very own faculty members, Math teacher Mrs. Tripoli. Be sure to stop by and have some ice cream with plenty of toppings and a smile!

During break, some teachers are not going to be relaxed, however, particularly because there will be AP tests the week after we return. Some exam dates include May 4 with AP English Literature and Composition, May 5 with AP Calculus, May 6 with AP US History, May 9 with AP Biology, and finally May 12 with AP World History. Good luck to everybody in these upcoming tests as this break is surely going to be used as a time of preparation!

By Julia Polly

Going someplace cool?

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**"Where in the world is The Raider?"**

## What time should school begin each day?



"School should start at eight."

Hannah Muckey



"We should start school at eight. Teenagers need more sleep."

Mr. Galek



"We should start at nine."

Tim McAfee



"We should start at 8:15."

Cole Rothrock

# Meteorology and you

Today:



Chance shower

**64°**

Average: 60°  
Record: 85° (1954)

Tonight:



Cloudy with a shower

**43°**

Average: 39°  
Record: 25° (1984)

Tomorrow:

Sunny skies

**52°/30°**

Average: 61°/39°  
Rec. high/low: 88°  
(2001) 20° (1930)

Sunday:

Mostly cloudy

**56°/42°**

Average: 61°/40°  
Rec. high/low: 81°  
(1960) 23° (1919)

By Carson Metcalf



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