



## Raiders begin Section III diamond journey today

Someday the Red Raider baseball team will be able to look back on the most successful regular season in many years with a lot of fond memories. Coach Kip Harvey and his batsmen are hoping that someday doesn't come any time too soon.

Instead the Raiders have their eyes firmly set on the future, and tonight they will sail into uncharted waters when they host Chittenango in the opening round of the Section III Tournament for what stands as Fulton's first playoff game since 2008. A #3 seed in the Class A bracket, the Raiders charge into tonight's contest on a full head of steam after amassing the longest win streak in anyone's memory with seven straight victories, as a 6-6 start was transformed into an impressive 13-6 record.

### Section III Baseball

#14 Chittenango (9-11)

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#3 Fulton (12-6)

4:30 pm today

Timely hitting and solid pitching have been the trademarks for success as Fulton has outscored the opposition 66 to 9 over that stretch including a pair of shutout wins and three other games where they yielded just a single run. "It's a baseball cliché," the veteran coach commented. "But pitching, defense, and timely hitting (have been the keys). This is exactly how we have won our last seven."

Coach Harvey will be looking for more of the same when the first pitch sails into the air at 4:30 pm and despite the fact that the Raiders beat Chittenango 4-2 and 12-1 during the regular season, he knows it won't be easy. "Playing a team three times is always hard. Chittenango is better than the team we beat 12-1," he noted. "I know that if we come out and give our best effort and play our best game of the season, we can beat anyone in the tournament. At this point in the season, you need to look at every opponent as the

best team you have played all year."

A balanced attack has helped key the Raider uprising with six players hitting over .300 and six players driving in at least 10 runs in a turnaround year that saw the 2016 team claim more wins in one season than the previous four years combined. Cody Green leads the way with a .383 batting average and has driven in a team best 16 runs while poling five doubles and a home run to go with 19 trips across home plate. Cole Cotton leads the team with 24 runs and 16 RBI while hitting .448 with Malcolm Wattering (.364), Cameron Clark (.353-10 rbi), Koda LaBeef (.348-13 rbi) and Michael Bolster (.340) all making a regular contribution from the plate. Nolan Bonnie has added 11 rbi and Adam Baldwin 10, including several big performances during the seven game winning streak.

On the mound Will Caster leads the team in strikeouts (46) and has posted a 2.50 earned run average while going 4-1 for the Raiders. Bryce Guernsey has been equally impressive with 40 strikeouts and a team leading 1.62 era while sophomore Nolan Bonnie has fanned 26 batters. "Bryce Guernsey will start," Harvey noted. "With all hands on deck as needed."

Despite falling 12-1 to the Raiders earlier this month, Coach Matt Bloom's Bears have been playing well down the stretch with five wins in their last seven starts and eight vic-

### Raiders open softball playoffs at ES-M

Revenge, and the opportunity to live to play another day will be on the minds of the Raider softball team this afternoon when they travel to East Syracuse-Minoa in the opening round of the Class A tournament. ES-M won handily in a 12-4 final when the two sides met on May 3, but since that time the Raiders have been on a roll with three wins in their final four games and four wins in six outings.

The #9 seeded Red Raiders bring an overall record of 8-9 into today's 4:30 pm showdown against the #8 Spartans, who carry an 8-11 mark and finished poorly with four losses in their final six games, including

tories in an 11 game span while finishing the regular season 9-11. Chittenango's Wyatt Myers has been a threat from both sides of the plate as he leads the Bears with 32 strikeouts on the hill while pounding the ball to the tune of a .483 average with 20 runs batted in. Included in the totals for the Division I Buffalo bound senior are five doubles, a triple and three home runs on a side that has collected 26 extra base hits. Seamus St.Leger has two home runs, a pair of doubles and 12 runs batted in while hitting .358 while Zane Garvey (.333) has 14 rbi, two doubles and two homers and Zane Cowburn has contributed 10 rbi and two doubles to an impressive .375 batting average.

Despite the fact that none of the current varsity players have taken part in the annual Section III Tournament, Harvey does not believe that a lack of experience will be an issue tonight. "All of these guys have played a lot of baseball," he said. "They have all played on teams such as the Fulton Force and Little League Big League teams which have been in big tournaments." Along with extending Fulton's best season in a long, long time, the 2016 Raiders still have a lot to accomplish heading into the post season. "I think we want to prove to people that this wasn't an accident," he concluded. "We know how to play good baseball. We aren't satisfied by just making sectionals."

three in a row before topping Oswego in a 15-10 slugfest on May 19.

The home side has had little trouble scoring this season with eight or more runs in seven of their eight wins and an overall team batting average of .320. Aubrey Williams has topped ES-M's hit parade with a .478 average and a team high 24 runs so far this season while Julia Jackson leads the team in runs batted in (19) while hitting at a .370 clip that includes nine doubles and a pair of home runs.

Courtney Burgon has also brought home 19 Spartans and is hitting .333 this season

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## Opinion

## New approach falls short of the "targets"

By Caleb Almeter



Lately, I have been seeing some teachers utilize learning targets, displaying them on the board and briefly discussing them. I have no problems with teachers doing this, understanding that it's all been passed down from "The State," but something about it doesn't sit right with me all the same. The learning targets themselves seem very out of place.

The purpose of using learning targets is to help aid student understanding of the day's goal or topic, by making sure that the students know exactly what they are focusing on. On the face of it, that seems fine. However, when presented with it in the classroom, I'm annoyed by it. It took me a while to lay a finger on the reason, but I think I've got it.

In high school, students have a very good understanding of how classroom learning works. When they're introduced to a topic, they know what they're being taught. High school subject materials aren't vague or confusing to the point that students don't know what the topic is. Any issues in learning the material don't result from not knowing what the material is.

Displaying learning targets also appears to imply that students cannot identify the things that they are learning, or that their teachers cannot express what the lesson is while teaching it. There may be more complex aspects or skills defined by the targets, but teachers can and do express those too. Besides, in high school, students and teachers can speak freely enough with each other to clarify any glaring misunderstandings of that sort.

The learning targets themselves are fine, I think. In fact, it is an excellent idea to have goals laid out. However, teachers and students conversing about the topic already cover those things. These added statements of learning targets are redundant, and as a student, I can say that if there is one thing high school students don't appreciate, it's being told things they already know.

*Note-Caleb Almeter is the Valedictorian of the GRB Class of 2016.*

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

Any **sophomores** who are interested in serving as a Junior Class Officer next year please see Mr. Fasulo in Room 217 sometime this week. The focus next year will be the Junior Prom.

Looking for a **summer job**? Oswego County Workforce is now accepting applications for their Summer Youth Employment Program. Stop by the counseling office for an application.

Registration packets for **summer driver education** are now available in the counseling office. Students who reach their 16th birthday by July 5 can register for the summer session, however current seniors are not eligible.

**Bodley Bash 2016** is coming! Mark Monday, June 13 for this year's bash. Kickball teams are currently registering. There is a 10 player maximum. See Coach Stalker to sign up. Other events include bounce houses, food, music, yard games and more.

Sign-ups are currently underway for the 2016 **Battle of the Athletes** on Wednesday, June 8, and is open to any JV or varsity athlete. The cost is still just \$1, which includes a t-shirt. Sign up with any physical education teacher or with Mr. Rothrock in room 209.

**Volunteers are needed** for the Fairgrieve Elementary School Accelerated Reader Celebration on Wednesday, June 15. Earn community service hours and have some fun in the process. The two sessions are from 10:30-11:30 am and from 1:45 to 2:45 pm.

Interested students should contact Mrs. Senecal at Fairgrieve via school e-mail at: [bsenecal@fulton.cnyric.org](mailto:bsenecal@fulton.cnyric.org) or leave your name with Mr. Senecal in room 118.

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in playing **football this fall** on Wednesday, May 25 after school in Coach Rothrock's room 209. Camps, summer schedules and other important dates will be discussed, so all football players should plan on attending.

**Hey seniors!** Senior dinner dance, senior trip and senior class shirts are now available from Mr. McCarten in room 222. Tickets are on sale until Thursday, May 26, so

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## Opinion

# Chinese tradition sheds light on animal abuse

By Liliana Rivera

Each year, Yulin, China has been the site of a horrific festival that makes many animal lovers cringe: The Yulin Lychees and Dog Meat Festival. This festival dates back over 400 years in China. At the time, many believed that consuming dog meat would divert the summer heat and provide health benefits.



The Summer Solstice on June 21 will mark the beginning of the festival that will last for 10 days. The festival draws thousands of visitors to Yulin each year where between 10,000 - 15,000 dogs are slaughtered annually for the event. It is believed that the majority of the dogs supplied for the festival were once family pets. According to Wayne Pacelle, President of the Humane Society in the US, his blog "Humane Nation" suggests that "Some [dogs] were obviously stolen, still with their collars on, and many had sunken eyes and other signs of illness."

Throughout the years, many have questioned the humanity and sanitary measures taken at the festival. Prior to the festival, the thousands of dogs that are to be consumed are shipped from miles away in overcrowded crates. Once these dogs have reached the Yulin, many are kept together in kennels or crates. The dogs that are kept in kennels are forced to watch their fellow friends be clubbed to death in the kennel where they are kept. Other methods include burning and boiling them alive. This inhumane slaughter is due to the belief that adrenaline soaked meat will enhance the flavor.

While I am sure that the majority of the readers reading this are feeling sick just at the thought of this cruelty, some have just the opposite. Fan Xianto is an owner of popular chain dog-meat stores and restaurants in China. In an interview with NPR, Fan Xianto discussed the "humane" measures used in his methods of dog

slaughter. "The way we butcher dog is not very cruel....Normally we club them," stated Fan Xianto. Contradicting Xianto's beliefs, I am sure that being clubbed to death does not provide these dogs with a quick or less painful death.

Due to social media, Chinese culture has been stained with the cruelty at the Yulin festival. However with a growing middle class, many Chinese are becoming pet owners and do not condone their fellow countrymen. Yang Xiaoyun, a retired teacher in China, has played her part in trying to save dogs from the Yulin festival. In 2015, Xiaoyun reportedly spent over \$1000 of her own money to save 100 dogs that were to be slaughtered in Yulin. The Yulin Festival has also seen backlash from numerous celebrities. Chinese actor and singer Chen Kun, has reportedly supported efforts against the cruel festival by campaigning on a micro blogging site.

The festival has also drawn negative attention from the English



as well. British entertainers Alesha Dixon, Will Young and Ricky Gervais have joined the Humane Society International's campaign "#StopYulin," with hopes to spread awareness of cruelty. Last summer, Ricky Gervais reached out to his 11.2 million Twitter follow-

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## Opinion

## Raiders seek reversal in opening round contest

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with Taylor Cassella (.329), Sam Short (.320) and Isabella Calcagino (.312) rounding out a powerful ES-M attack. Fulton will counter with leading hitter Madison Gilmore, the eighth grader powering the ball for a .471 average that includes five doubles, three triples,

two home runs, 18 runs batted in and 18 runs scored. Her success on the basepaths will be crucial for the Raiders, who will also be counting on junior Brynn Waloven, the team leader with 21 rbi and 17 runs scored and a team high six two-baggers.

## "Festival" promotes cruelty

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ers by tweeting "It's misleading to call Yulin a Dog Meat Festival. It should be called a Dog Torture Festival. Because that's what it is #StopYuLin2015."

Without a doubt, the Yulin Dog Meat Festival has drawn negative attention from around the globe. Many activists, dog lovers and everyone in between have desperately tried to find a solution to stop the inhumane dog slaughter. While current efforts such as purchasing to-be slaughtered dogs and spreading hashtags have brought much need attention to the injustice, it is not nearly enough.

In order to end the cruel dog slaughter in Yulin and other areas of China, the Westernized Hemisphere can not simply call out this inhumane slaughter as unjust when it occurs daily everywhere else in the world. Though I am not about to rant about veganism or vegetarianism, I would like you to consider this. When reading this article, I am sure the majority of readers were sick to their stomach or thought as if the world was upside down for allowing this cruelty to happen to man's best friend. Then you may have felt anger towards those who participate or chose not to act against the cruelty. However, if you try to imagine the cruelty behind the closed doors of the world's meat industries that are supported daily, how can we call others out? Yes, the slaughter in Yulin is inhumane but, is it really any different than that of a beef slaughter house? The answer is no.

For some, finding out about this type of cruelty can be appalling and depressing. With that said, many may find it so hard to think about that they would rather forgot that it even exists but, that is not the answer. Ignoring the issue may temporarily relieve the pain from our minds but will not relieve the cruelty that many dogs and other animals face everyday. We must face this injustice to animals head on and educate ourselves and others about the issue. But, if we choose to ignore the pain, and the suffering of those who cannot speak for themselves, are we as a society any better than the wild animals that roam the Earth? As Gandhi once said "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Brittney Alton has been a terror on the basepaths while scoring 25 times and hitting .385 while also compiling a 5-5 record on the Red Raider hill. The Raiders can also look to Camille Stevenson, the team leader in strikeouts with 41 and a 3-4 record on the mound. Sabrina Verdoliva has also hit the ball well with a .375 average and 10 runs on a team that struggled to score early in the season before scoring 61 times in a five game run that saw them claim four big wins and a berth in the Section III playoffs.

The Raiders will be looking to avoid a quick ES-M start, something that dogged them earlier in the month when the Spartans scored three times in the first inning and built a 5-0 lead before putting the game away with a big six run surge in the fifth frame. Calciginio proved to be a major thorn in Fulton's side with a single and a home run to drive in five runs to lead a 15 hit attack for the winners. But if past history can be repeated, Fulton has more than a fighting chance this afternoon. Last year the Spartans battered the Raiders 18-1 early in the season only to have the girls in red rebound for an 8-2 win at ES-M in the rematch.

### Section III Lacrosse Today

#### Girls lacrosse

#7 Whitesboro (10-5)

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#2 Fulton (15-1)

6:30 pm

#### Boys lacrosse

#9 Fulton (8-9)

@

#1 Jamesville-Dewitt ( 14-2)

7 pm

## The Yearbooks Are Coming!

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# What is your favorite genre of music?



"Country."

Michael Ross



"I have a few."

Ethan Dexter



"Rock."

Tim Holden



"Smooth Jazz."

Taylor Thomas

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By Carson Metcalf



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Average: 72°  
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Carson Metcalf is a former GRB student and recent SUNY Oswego Meteorology graduate. Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.