



Math Club ends season with celebration of "Pi"

By James McKay

March fourteenth, or 3.14 is nationally recognized as "Pi day." In celebration, Fulton's Math Club met for the year's final team competition. Along with the normal problem-solving and friendly rivalries came "Pis" in the face, Pi eating, and Pi songs. With what was probably the best turnout of the year, the results were as unpredictable as ever.

At the end of the day, the defending champions "McAce's Inferno," Elyse Cianfarano and James McKay, came out on top, followed closely by "Crystal Math," which was made up of Tyler Crandell, Colin Shannon, Mark Bailey and Eric Naioti. Up until yesterday, "Defying Asymptotes" seemed to have third place in the bag, but when none of their team members made an appearance, the spot became a toss-up. Team "Rippin' and Tearin,'" (Josh Drake, Dan Wahl, Nick Tallents and Brian Garrett) eventually fought their way past

"Solve Our Logarithm" to clinch the final podium spot by a mere five points.

Throughout the day, various pairs of students were put in face-offs with the loser receiving a plate of whipped cream in their face. The good sports who were subjected to this treatment were Dan Wahl, Alex Bawarski, Josh Drake, Joe Sutton, and Mark Bailey. If they had known obscure math trivia answers they could have

been spared this fate, but no one seemed to know who invented pi (It was Archimedes).

If not for club advisor Mrs. Ryan and the other math teachers who attended, none of this year's math-related festivities would have been possible, and the members of the Math Club wished to thank all of them for their time commitment and dedication to mathematics at G. Ray Bodley High School.



Math Club members were hard at work solving problems in the final competition of the season.



The Math Club ended its season with a Pi Day celebration on Monday that featured several "pie in the face" questions. Here Dan Wahl, seated, took a whipped cream pie in the face from fellow junior Alex Bawarski. (Senecal photos)

Opinion

Why is there such an obsession with death?

By Jennifer Woodworth

It sickens me to think that there are young kids out there who wouldn't have a care in the world if their guardians suddenly dropped dead. The only reason I can think of for these kids to be wishing this upon their parents, is due to some sort of psychological desire to follow the crowd of people who seem to have an overwhelming fascination with death.



Whichever way you put it there is something wrong with people who walk about wishing that everyone would get hit by a bus or commit suicide. I think that those who believe that somehow this will happen have nothing better to do but hang around with a bunch of rejects who are constantly wishing their own life away. Before these people go on a rampage surrounded by a whole lot of mob mentality and no true ideals, someone should intervene and cease these horrific thoughts.

So, are these people a serious danger to everyone they come in contact with? At some level they may certainly be posing a threat, but no one really appears to care. I haven't witnessed an adult stepping in to deal with students who have outwardly expressed their dark thoughts, so how does anyone feel safe in any type of social setting? This bears the question of death obsessions; at what age do they start?

I suppose that it all starts just as kids start to become acclimated to the school environment. After all, schools are supposed to be a "home away from home," and as in every household, different types of "sibling rivalry" are sure to arise. Just think, with the first spark of jealousy toward another student, the thoughts of gruesome acts may begin to flow through a mere child's mind. They start to wonder what would

happen if the object of their horrible intrigue just happened to get seriously injured on the playground, or even die.

Yes, as the "innocent" play begins with the normal pows and bangs we hear from a young child who dreams of becoming one of the good guys, things suddenly change and the child becomes violent. It starts with some odd dialog, which soon turns into gruesome conversation between the prisoner of war and the soldier with a toy gun. Sooner or later that child's play toy may become an actual weapon, which entails serious use and logic. Learning what the warning signs are for a mentally disturbed child, as awful as it is to think about, is the most integral thing to focus your attention on.

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behavior always manifest into something of major concern? No, not every person is the same. By having the warning signs present themselves in the everyday life of the young child, there is more of a chance of intervention by a specialist who can have the kid improve his mentality toward other people.

There is still hope that there can be at least one less disturbed mind walking about in the office area as well if you're careful of a coworker's charm, ingratiation, manipulative displays of distress and vigilance for another's mistakes and shortcomings. So, before you start frolicking through the rest of your day, think about who may be keeping an overly interested eye on you.

Quote of the day:

"In order to know whether a human being is young or old, offer it food of different kinds at short intervals. If young, it will eat anything at any hour of the day or night."
~Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Arrival of spring means time to mend fences

By Daniel Summerville

Winter may finally be nearing its end, but as the snow melts, it leaves behind a lot of damage. Now that the snow is receding, it is clear that there are many farm fences that have not survived the winter. It will take many hours of hard work for Central New York farmers to patch up the barriers.

Fence fixing is an annual task. Every year the thin wire fences that border pastures and fields fall from their posts. Snow levels often rise above the wires themselves, bringing them down as the snow settles. Old fences sometimes rust and break, while others that use trees as support may snap as the timber shifts in the cold and wind. Regardless of how it breaks, the fence must always be repaired in the spring before the cows can get out of the barn.

Some winters are harder than others. This winter especially has torn

Bizarre News of the Day

Besse Cooper, a great-great-grandmother from Georgia, has been officially recognized as the world's oldest living person at 114 years and six months. Since her birth in 1896 Mrs. Cooper has seen 21 different presidents from Grover Cleveland to Barack Obama, and lived through two world wars and the great depression.

Cooper was officially recognized by Guinness World Records as the oldest person on earth at a ceremony at her nursing home last Thursday. Mrs. Cooper was bestowed with the title after the death of Eunice G. Sanborn of Jacksonville, Texas last month.

As one of eight siblings she led an active childhood, climbing trees and splashing through rivers in Sullivan County, Tennessee with her older brothers and it was that, along with good genes, which her son Sid believes to be the secret of her longevity. After moving to Georgia to teach in a school during the First World War, Mrs. Cooper was married in the 1920s and remained with her husband for 40 years, until he died almost half a century ago.

The couple had four children, a dozen grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren, one of whom has their own child. Mrs. Cooper lived alone until she was 105 and was unwilling to leave her house, but her son said her health had declined significantly in the past year and she can no longer see or hear well.

At her 113th birthday celebration in 2009, she told the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*: "I mind my business and I don't eat junk food."

By Morgan Firenze

down countless miles of fences in Oswego County. Farmers have no choice but to endure. A few weeks of fence fixing can be tiring, but it is worth it, cows can be notoriously hard to get back into a pasture once they escape. The only way to keep the cattle in is to have a good fence, and until someone invents snow proof fences, spring fence fixing will be just another part of life.

Student artists honored at show

Fulton took home several awards at the recent High School Invitational Art Show. Junior Brandon Atkinson received a first place award for his metal sculpture "The Perfect Catch," while Mikaela Houck won a second place award for her text type collage "Owen."

Anna McKay took home second place in clay for "Buddha," and Sadie Adamy won two Honorable Mention Awards, one for "My Life, My Love, and My Lady is the Sea;" and a second for her self-portrait in colored pencil and also "Astro at play," a dog made of clay.

Emily Kush received honorable mention for "Lobanja," and Aubrey Sanderson's marker design "Summer Dream" also won honorable mention.

G. Ray Bodley art teacher Mrs. Koblenz, was pleased with her students efforts, noting that, "There was a lot of great work but I wish more people had come to see the show."

By Nick Mattice

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Upcoming events:

Today: German Day; Spring sports pictures after school (cafeteria-check with coaches for times).

Wednesday: Spanish Day; Fultonian Yearbook (room 102); Photo Club (room 120); Junior Class (room 114); LMC Magic the Gathering group (LMC).

Thursday: French Day; St.Patrick's Day flower sale (cafeteria).

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What do you think about Pi Day?



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"It is an awesome day."

"Pi is very important."

"I LOVE PI!!!!!"

Katie Jones

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Elyse Cianfrano

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mainly sunny. High in the upper-40s. Record high: 78 (1990). Avg. high: 43.

Tonight:



Cloudy with a rain shower. Low in the mid-30s. Record low: 1 (1993). Avg. low: 24.

Tomorrow:



Rain showers. High in the upper-40s. Record high: 80 (1990). Avg. high: 43.

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