

# Winter's arrival making travel plans tough

Snow made its arrival in a big way in Central New York and other places over the weekend, and even though it was only a couple inches, it could still bring trouble. Temperatures dropped into the 20s and 30s.

New York wasn't the only state to experience low temperatures and snowfall. Surprisingly some of the West Coast states had ice and snow and this bad weather came at a most inopportune time as Thanksgiving ap-

proaches. People trying to fly out from the west will have to wait. At the Dallas International Airport, nearly 500 flights were cancelled due to these bad weather conditions.

Not only has snow been the issue, rain has come in to play as well. Parts of the Southeast have and will expect to have rain. There has also been sleet that has caused bad road conditions, once again making it hard to

travel.

For people who are going to travel, the weather will start to slowly clear up. Most of this unexpected nasty weather should end by Thanksgiving Day for most of the US. Some snowfall may occur in the Northeast on Thursday, but hopefully everyone will have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Check today's RND for Carson Metcalf's weather forecast.  
*By Jimmy Martin*



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## Thanksgiving facts, feasts and food favorites

By Logan Aubeuf

Thanksgiving is near, and it's almost that time to sit down to a hearty meal with family and friends - but don't forget the purpose of this traditional day of over-eating. Thanksgiving is about showing gratitude for the thousands of things we take for granted every day.

It all began in 1620 when a long and arduous trip from Plymouth, England reached what was to be named Plymouth Rock. Those now referred to as "pilgrims" anchored their ship, the Mayflower, and tried to brave the harsh winter that was soon to follow.

After the frostbite and winter winds subsided, surviving settlers moved ashore and were greeted by an English speaking Native American. He returned with another man named Squanto, who thought the pilgrims the techniques needed to survive like planting corn, extracting maple syrup and catching fish. This friendship transformed into an alliance between the two, unlike many other settlers and tribes.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims first corn harvest was a success, effectively adding strength to the bond this prompted Gov-

ernor William Bradford to organize a celebratory feast and invite a group of the pioneering colonists' Native American allies,

including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. These new Americans "first Thanksgiving," perhaps a term unknown to them at the time at some point began to catch on as a wild festival that lasted for three days.

Governor Bradford sent a group of men on a mission to get avian game for the feast, and the Native Americans were said to have shown up with five juicy deer, hence the first Thanksgiving dinner. G. Ray Bodley High School students were asked about their favorite parts of Thanksgiving dinner, and they

had some interesting things to say. Nick Miller, a senior said that if he wasn't starving himself for wrestling that he would eat



disturbing amounts of stuffing. He in fact used the phrase, "I want to stuff stuffing in my face." Chance Porter said that his favorite dish was pineapple stuffing, and that his family recipe is "pretty crazy"

Another senior, Troy Richardson expressed his love for a finely cooked ham, saying he loved to mix all "mashed potatoes and stuffing" with his ham for each bite. Mackenzie Grow and Dan Shatrau also noted stuffing as the best

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

**Sophomores** are reminded that the BOCES field trip forms must be given to Ms. Stubbman today.

**HOPE Club** meets every Monday in room 119.

**Future Business Leaders of America** meets every Monday in room 116.

**Fultonian Yearbook** meets every Tuesday in room 102.

**GRB Journalism Club** meets Wednesdays in room 102.

**French Club** holiday celebration is Tuesday, Dec. 3 after school in room 125. Sign up with Mademoiselle Coleman or Madame Honeywell.

**Senior poll and directory forms** are due by the end of the day on Friday, December 6 to Mr. Senecal in room 228.

**GRB LOTE Clubs (French Club, Spanish Club & German Club)** will be celebrating the winter holidays sweets followed by the annual caroling trip to Michaud Nursing Home on Friday, Nov. 6 @ 2:30 pm. Students will meet in Frau Ruggio's room and then proceed to Michaud. See a LOTE teacher to sign up and get a permission slip.

### What's for lunch?

**Today:** chicken patty on wholegrain bun, sweet potato fries, broccoli, peaches and fruit cup with alternative of PBJ sandwich.

# Actually, you don't *have* to go to college

By Tevin Simard



I should preface this column by saying that I am a strong proponent of post-secondary education and applaud people who choose to go to college. A college education or even further is a lifeline to those seeking social mobility and in today's economy to be mildly successful, people require a college degree.

However, if you have never liked school or if you love working with your hands instead, you should not feel obligated to go to college. It's not something that you have to do if you don't want to. Just as everyone should have the right to an education, you should have the right to not pursue a postsecondary education. College is a choice.

**Not everyone has the same values or goals as anyone else, therefore educational plans should be no different; they should be personalized. It is unrealistic to believe that everyone in this area will go to college.**

Even so, you still need a high school diploma to get any basic job in America, and without one, you'll have a very hard time staying employed. While some say that a G.E.D. is just as good or acceptable as a high school diploma, there is a reason why most jobs that do require a high school diploma and college degree, require candidates to have the former: a G.E.D. is not difficult to get. As a result, you should be motivated enough to at least get your high school diploma. After all, at G. Ray Bodley, it is more than easy to do so.

Not everyone has the same values or goals as anyone else, therefore educational plans should be no different; they should be personalized. It is unrealistic to believe that everyone in this area will go to college. Think about all the jobs that wouldn't be filled without a college degree if we all had them. If we discussed this option to these students instead of condemning them for not going to college, we could collectively, as a school, get to a better place. Maybe

our high school graduation rate would increase if this thinking were implemented.

It is not to say that you don't need to do anything after high school to survive in this life because you do. Your now pretty face or strong, muscled body will not last you forever, and while it can help, you need a backup plan. Perhaps you recognize that you will not go to college, okay. To make sure that you develop the type of life that you want, you should have a plan set in place as to how you are going to get to your destination.

One route that you can take is the BOCES route, if you have not already started on this path. BOCES offers many vocational training opportunities in cosmetology, computer systems, digital media technology, and the culinary arts, to name a few. Getting a certificate in one of these programs could enable you to finish your education by the end of high school and be ready to start a job right after graduation. Take advantage of the opportunities that are available to you now and you will thank yourself later.

Instead of college, the military in all of its branches is another viable option. Our nation is in constant need of strong, brave men and women willing to preserve America's freedom, day and night. Doing this can enable you to see the world, as there are many different American bases both here and abroad, receive medical coverage, and get a sense of direction in life. Certainly, these are honorable careers to consider.

There is no shame in being a plumber or working in sustainable careers without college degrees. Generally, the more numbers of

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## Quote of the day:

"You aren't your looks, or your gender, or your weight. You're not where you were born, or who your parents are. You aren't always what you want to be. You are what you do in your life, and who you help. You're the legacy you are making to leave behind one day. You are what you do in this life you were given. Don't let people judge you on the things you aren't, let them see who you are."

J.G

**Time is running out! Only 17 school days left to order!**

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**Pay \$50 instead of \$60 and save some \$\$**

**A minimum \$10 down payment reserves your book at the reduced rate!**

**See Mr. Senecal in room 228. Order forms available in the office.**

**Submit yearbook photos online at [www.hjeshare.com](http://www.hjeshare.com)  
our school code is: fultonian Fall sports photos needed!**

## Remember all that you have to be thankful for

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part of their Thanksgiving dinner.

For Mackenzie, "Turkey is as disgusting as pouring salt on a snail." Adam Caza has affection toward crescent rolls, and a special technique where he hollows them out and fills the rolls with none other than stuffing!

Desserts are also an important aspect of the traditional Thanksgiving dinner. During the first Thanksgiving meal a low sugar supply and lack of kitchen cookware barred the possibility of desserts, yet they have evolved into a main staple of the traditional dinner. These days some people make pies and others bake cakes, nonetheless, by the time the desserts are reached most people are too full to even partake in the treats!

Among the students Brittany Bivens also enjoys a nice chocolate pie after her meal while Bridget LaPage argues that a chocolate cake is even better than the classic

chocolate pie!

Thanksgiving should be regarded as an important day to all; whether it's the delicious oven roasted stuffed turkey, sweet des-

serts or rich historic value that pique your interest it's always humbling and wise to remember all of the things that we have been graced with in this world.

## Great movies about this week

Ladies and gentlemen, this is it. There is no better time to take the focus off of our insignificant lives by relaxing and watching a piece of cinematic art. Forget about Black Friday and the thought of remembering exactly why it's been so long since you last saw those long lost (or is it long abandoned?) angry uncles, obnoxious cousins or seemingly lunatic great great grandmothers. Obviously I'm not speaking from past experiences but you get the point.

Whether you read the novels, or just need a fantastic adventure in your life so easily obtainable that you need only scrounge up about eleven United States dollars, *Catching Fire* is a great choice. Adapted from Simon Beafey's second science fiction epic that found massive appeal and acclaim, *Catching Fire* has been created as a sequel to the original *Hunger Games* film. It picks up after Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark simultaneously win the Hunger Games for the first time in it's seventy-four years. This victory brings the totalitarian Capitol to target them, which sparks a revolt by the citizens of Panem. Starring Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Phillip Seymour Hoffman.

Looking for a ridiculous, comedic, Vince Vaughn packed movie? *Delivery Man* is sure to deliver. Director of *Starstruck* Ken Scott brings us the story of a bafoonish man child who's anonymous sperm donations have fathered 533 children about twenty years ago. It all starts when 142 of them file take legal action, forcing him to decide whether he wants to be in their lives. This movie features Vaughn, Simon Delaney, and Bobby Moynihan.

Check out *Thor: The Dark World* for a box office top ten choice. The superhuman hero Thor is up against a power so evil that Odin and Asgard can't even defend against. James Dunn and Alan Taylor bring this sword swinging, soul searching, journey. Featuring Chris Hemsworth and Natalie Portman action fantasy is not one to miss.



### This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** Red and Green wrestling scrimmage (5 pm).

**Wed. Nov. 27:** Girls bball scrimmage @ B'ville (10 am).

**Fri. Nov. 29:** Boys Bball @ Watertown Tourney vs. C. Square (JV-1:30/V-5 pm).

**Sat, Nov. 30:** Boys Bball @ Watertown Tourney vs. Camden (JV-1:30/V-3:30); Wrestling vs. Canandaigua (2 pm).



## Look your best for the holidays!

## Reflections

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# College is not the only available option

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education you possess, the greater amount of money you will make now and in your lifetime. But this is not always true. For example, a person can get a college degree and also a masters and become a teacher and begin making \$42,000 a year. In contrast, an individual with a plumber's license who owns his or her own business can hire five men and make \$100,000 a year. A plus for this job is that there is a 26% job growth rate within the next five years, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is a rare example of how not pursuing a college degree can be more valuable than doing so.

From an economic point of view, there will always be a stratified society in which people need to perform certain jobs. For example, there will always be a demand for maids as well as receptionists. If everyone had a college degree, that would make a college degree

worth much less and so to succeed financially, people would have to obtain a masters degree. As it is, some college students cannot find a job at all, so if more people were to enter this market, everyone would suffer. Add to it the staggering amount of debt that millions of 2013 college graduates are facing...an average of \$35, 200 says CNNMoney, and the desire of obtaining a college degree becomes more questionable. Why bother with a college degree, when you could enter a job field that is in high need of workers where you're guaranteed a job?

All in all, it is important to remember that although some people may choose to go to college, it does not have to be the life for you. Others may tell you otherwise, but it is still possible to be successful in the United States. Find your own way, don't follow the herd.

## Environmental Club Corner

*Nearly every Friday during the school year, members of the GRB Environmental Club take part in recycling. Here are the totals for Friday, November 22.*

### Recycling facts:

Recycled paper: 396 lbs..

Recycled plastics: 36.2 lbs.

Cardboard: 25.6 lbs.

Total: 485 lbs.

*(information provided by Mr. Mainville)*



## Happy Thanksgiving from the staff of **RaiderNet**

Daily

Look for our return on  
Monday, December 2

Going someplace cool? Take

## **RaiderNet**

Daily

with you and get your picture taken for next  
year's Fultonian Yearbook feature

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

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## YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Donate Christmas gifts to homes of girls in Columbia! Project Smiles is in its eleventh year bringing smiles to girls in Columbia for Christmas.



Donate: any toiletries (i.e. deodorant, hairbrushes), new or used SUMMER clothing, small candies, and school supplies in the main office or guided study halls

Contact Amelia Coakley, Mackenzie Grow, Derek Prosser, or Sophia Giovannetti with questions

## What are you most thankful for?



"I'm thankful that my family is accepting of my girlfriend."

Jessica Suphan



"Quantum physics comets bearing life, dirt and water."

Ryan Stanley



"I am thankful for my pets, I love my dog Bailey."

Dan Shatrau



"My wonderful grandchildren!"

Mrs. Proietto

# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with rain/  
snow showers.

**35°**

Average: 44°  
Record: 67° (1979)

Tonight:



Rain showers.

**35°**

Average: 30°  
Record: 13° (1978)

Tomorrow:



Rain changing  
to all snow.

**35°**

Average: 44°  
Record: 68° (1988)

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