



Holiday cards for Heroes has good turnout

On Thursday November 12, the H.O.P.E. Club hosted its third annual Holiday Mail for Heroes party. GRB students and staff were welcomed to attend. The party was an afternoon of card making for U.S. Military members.

From the party, 87 holiday cards were created and sent to the American Red Cross's Holiday Mail for Heroes Campaign.

The Holiday Mail for heroes campaign sends thousands of holiday cards each year to active U.S. Military members during the holiday season.

The H.O.P.E. Club would like to thank the teachers and students who participated. For more information about the Holiday Mail for Heroes campaign visit www.redcross.org.

By Liliana Rivera



The G. Ray Bodley High School Robotics team started the season in great fashion on Saturday by taking first place honors in a field of 25 teams at Liverpool. Pictured are: front-Garet Roik. Kneeling (left to right) Tim McAfee, Trey LaRock, Nate Shatrau and Maddie Lang. Standing-Caitlin McAfee, Student teacher Ms. Robbins, Austin Wells, Josh Compson, Phil Summerville, Nate Summerville and Advisor Mr. Thurlow. The team will be back in action this Saturday when Fulton hosts the next competition with action from 9 am to 4:30 in the GRB gym. Admission is free and spectators are encouraged. (submitted photo)

A number of students and staff members came together last week for the third annual Holiday Cards for Heroes event, where they produced greeting cards (bottom photo) to be sent to American troops. Pictured above (left to right) are Liliana Rivera, Gillian Brown, Julia Cieszkeski, Victoria Izyk, Quynn Sweeney, Nick Riciputo and Tattiana Pierce. (photos courtesy of Mrs. Cronk)



**HOPE Club
Canned food drive
November 16-20
during GSH**

Opinion

Experience is a positive outcome from failure

By Zachary Almeter

About one thing I am absolutely certain: it wouldn't have happened if I had known that I was supposed to drink plenty of fluids in advance.

Just this past Halloween, I decided to give blood in the annual Halloween Blood Drive. I had heard that donating blood would earn me two hours of community service, which are a New York State requirement for graduation, so I figured that it was a bargain and would be more productive than just handing out pizza and other refreshments to donors during my free bells.

This was my first time ever participating in a blood drive, so I was freaking out. My friends tried to calm me down by gently pinching my arm to give me an idea of what it would feel like. The closer I got to lying down on the bed, the more relaxed I became.

When I got on the bed, a problem arose. My veins were invisible. The nice lady who was going to draw my blood put a blood pressure cuff on my arm to try and make them appear, but it didn't work. Eventually, she assured me she could see them, but she may have just been seeing what she wanted to see. Finally, she stuck the needle in.

It did not feel like someone gently pinching my arm.



The great thing about failure is that you always gain experience from it.

It was more painful than any vaccine I'd ever had. The stinging lingered for longer than I was told it would. The tube through which my blood was to be drawn was completely empty, meaning the needle hadn't gone into my vein, which also explained why I was in so much pain. The needle was withdrawn immediately. The lady didn't want to hurt me, so she refused to try to find my vein again. I had failed to give blood.

I was very hard-hit by this failure. Had everything gone according to plan, I would have five and a half hours of community service under my belt instead of just three and a half, not to mention that I would have saved two lives. It does not feel good when you know you are incapable of performing such a heroic act even if

this inability is only temporary.

I did gain several positive things from the experience, though. I now know exactly how these blood drives work, so none of it will be a surprise to me if I ever want to do this again. In fact, my mom has offered to make it up to me by having her, my brother Caleb and me work at a blood drive on December 6th. The lady told me that I was supposed to drink lots of water and fruit juice a few days in advance, as it would inflate my veins and make them easier to locate. If I ever decide to give blood again, I will make sure to do that.

The great thing about failure is that you always gain experience from it. You learn what to do or what not to do to prevent yourself from making the same mistakes again. After all, as they say, you never fail until you stop trying.

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

The next meeting of the **Fultonian Yearbook** is Tuesday after school in room 102. New members welcome.

The **Class of 2019** is selling pizza slices and bottled water after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$1.50.

The counseling office of G. Ray Bodley High School will host its annual **Financial Aid Night** on Tuesday, December 8 at 7 pm in the auditorium. All college bound students and their parents or guardians are encouraged to attend.

Presale orders for the 2016 **Fultonian Yearbook** are now being taken. Reserve your copy by Dec. 23, 2015 and receive \$10 off the normal price (\$50 instead of \$60). Orders are being taken in room 118 during guided study hall. A \$10 deposit reserves your copy at the lower price.

Sophomore Class cookie dough fundraiser information including completed forms and checks should be turned in to Mr. Fasulo by the end of the week.

What's for lunch?

Today: Chicken nuggets with biscuit with sweet potato bites, spinach and peaches

Wednesday: Cheese pizza with salad, corn and fresh apple

Look your best!

Book now for the
prom & dinner dance

Welcome aboard to the
Class of 2019

Reflections

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Opinion

Real issues fall secondary to foolishness

By David Houck

Prior to the attacks on Paris, America's eyes were focused in on one news story: Cup Gate. But while the media foolishly raged about whether or not Starbucks new cup design is offensive, some bigger news stories were overlooked by many.

The US Supreme Court agreed to consider a challenge to Texas' 2013 abortion law. This law requires that abortion clinics have hospital-like facilities. Proponents of the law argue that it is necessary to protect women's health.

Opponents of the law argue that it is merely a cover up for efforts aimed at shutting down abortion clinics. They also claim that if this



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law continues, the number of clinics in Texas will continuously decrease.

A video from 2014 went viral earlier last week, showing ISIS militants murder 200 Syrian soldiers. Originally interpreted as ISIS killing children, government officials confirmed that it was an ISIS propaganda film from last year, filmed by an Islamic State fighter. Either way, this is a horrific ISIS attack.

Last Thursday, 43 citizens of Beirut, Lebanon were killed in a double-suicide attack by ISIS militants. This attack went largely unnoticed by the world. This was the deadliest bombing in the city since 1990.

So while people debate the color of a coffee cup, real issues are happening both at home and abroad. Let's hope the press, and the public wake up and forget the smell, or the look, of the coffee.

Dinner theatre to close FCT's 25th anniversary season

Are you looking for something to do this coming weekend? On Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22, the Fulton Community Theatre will be having a dinner theatre at Tavern on the Lock in Fulton NY.

They will be presenting *An Evening on Broadway*. The show will be the Fulton Community Theatre's last show of their 25th anniversary season. Dinner theatre tickets include dinner and the show for \$25 for adults and \$23 for students and seniors. Show-only tickets are also available for \$12 for adults and \$10 for senior and students.

There will also be a second weekend of the performance on Saturday, November 28 and Sunday, November 29. Saturday performances will be at 6 pm for dinner and 7:30 pm for the show. Sunday performances will be at 12:30 pm for dinner and 2 pm for the show. For reservations call (315) 592-266.

Girls bowling team wants you!

The varsity girls bowling team is still looking for new members. Practices are held at Lakeview Lanes from 3-5 pm after school Monday through Thursday. Any girls who are interested but need a ride can obtain a bus pass from the main office for bus 426, which drops the girls off at the lanes.

When in doubt grab a friend and join the Raider for some fun on the lanes!

**Order your 2016 yearbook
by Wednesday, Dec. 23 and save \$10
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 118. Order forms are available
in the main office or from Mr. Senecal.**

**Submit yearbook
photos online at
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our school code is:
fultonian
Spirit Week & Fall
sports photos
needed!**

School of Thought

Do you think stores should be open on Thanksgiving Day?



"They shouldn't be."

Dakota Mack



"No, well except grocery stores."

Roy French



"Nope."

Sam Heywood



"No, I don't think so."

Kate Myers

Meteorology and you

Today:

Tonight:

Tomorrow:

By Carson Metcalf



Sunny skies

55°

Average: 48°
Record: 71° (1931)



Mostly clear

35°

Average: 33°
Record: 12° (1924)



Mostly cloudy

58°

Average: 48°
Record: 72° (1958)



Former GRB student and current SUNY Oswego senior Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist. Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.