

# Easter traditions have interesting history

Easter Sunday is often a day filled with Easter egg hunts, chocolate and other candies, and talk of the “Easter Bunny.” While there is nothing wrong with these things, Easter is a religious holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion on the cross. Where did all of our modern traditions come from?

Easter eggs seem to originate from pagan customs, where they were seen as symbols of fertility and new life. The eggs may also represent either the stone rolled from Jesus’

tomb or the tomb itself, which opens to release life.

The Easter Bunny itself comes from, some claim, a story of a pagan goddess of spring and fertility, Eostre. The goddess supposedly turned a bird dying of cold into a rabbit, so it could have warm fur. It survived as a rabbit, but continued laying eggs. A version of the story even claims that the rabbit was so grateful, it painted its eggs and gifted them to the goddess.

Easter candy has more recent origins.

Chocolate eggs and perhaps even jelly beans (somewhat egg-shaped) are an expansion on the egg theme. Additionally, chocolate and other candies are common things to give up for Lent. They may also be used to involve young children for whom death and resurrection may be too mature in the holiday.

Despite their origins, things like eggs and bunnies have become an integral part of today’s Easter celebrations. After all, if we’re going to celebrate, we might as well take the chance to eat some candy! *By Caleb Almeter*

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## Quirk’s Players, FBLA are Broadway bound

Their classmates will have the day off, but it will be a full day this Thursday for members of Quirk’s Players and the FBLA as they will be having their annual trip to New York City. The students attending the trip will be visiting the 9/11 Museum in Lower Manhattan, and will then be doing some shopping and sightseeing in Time Square. Various places of interest include the M&M Store, Yankee Clubhouse, Forever 21, and Phantom of Broadway.

After dinner, students will see the new musical comedy, Disaster!

Disaster! parodies 1970s disaster films, such as Earthquake and The Swarm. Keeping with the 1970s theme, Disaster! is categorized as a Jukebox musical, using popular 70s songs as musical numbers.

The musical follows a group of New Yorkers attending the opening of a floating casino that quickly succumbs to a series of various disasters.

Disaster! opened on Broadway on March 8th at the Nederlander Theatre, and stars

Roger Bart, Kerry Butler, Kevin Chamberlin, Adam Pascal, Faith Prince, Rachel York, Seth Rudetsky, Max Crumm, and Jennifer Simard.

Quirk’s Players director Mr. Briggs promises that, “it should be a fun show.”

Quirk’s Players and The Future Business Leaders of America host this trip annually, and it is open to any FBLA students and members of Quirk’s Players. This trip is a

great experience for students and is one of the many benefits of being a member of Quirk’s Players. As many students wonder, one does not have to take part in the annual musical or fall show productions to be a member.

If this is of any interest to students, they should make sure to become a part of FBLA or Quirk’s Players next year.

*By David Houck*

## “Raider Readers” set for tonight’s battle

After many months of preparation, G. Ray Bodley High School’s Battle of the Books Team, “The Raider Readers,” will compete against other high school teams at the Oswego County Battle this evening. The competition starts at 6 pm at Paul V. Moore High School in Central Square.

GRB’s team members are seniors Christina Blake and Adrian Cayer, and sophomore Brooke Halstead. These students read between eight and ten books each in order to qualify for a position on the team. Come cheer them on as they battle for the County Championship.

### Music in Our Schools Month

Wed. March 23:

GRB Bands Concert

Tues. March 29:

GRB Chorus Concert

(7:30 pm starting time)

Coming tomorrow in

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**Batman**  
vs.  
**Superman**

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## Recent arrivals a reminder of all that we have

By Zachary Almeter

The Fulton City School District has some new arrivals. Recently, a family that hails from Yemen moved in. (Yemen is a Middle Eastern country just south of Saudi Arabia.)

The father has been in Fulton for several years already. He runs a mobile device-selling business and recently brought the rest of his family here to escape from the civil war and terrorism that is going on in Yemen.



The two oldest daughters are twins who attend Fulton Junior High School. Their three younger siblings attend Granby Elementary School. They are currently working on their English and go to school dressed in the robes that are the norm in their native country.

While their peers have been very curious about them, Fulton Junior High General Music teacher Mrs. Almeter describes it as “the right kind of curious.” That is to say, they have been very appreciative and considerate of the new arrivals.

Many students at G. Ray Bodley do not consider Fulton a nice place to live, so it is a complement to us all that a family escaping the turmoil in Yemen would relocate to here, of all places. It is also a reminder that those who think they have it rough often do not.

## Empowerment Plan making a difference for homeless

Veronika Scott wasn't named a CNN Hero for just anything, she has started what is called The Empowerment Plan. The Empowerment Plan is a nonprofit organization, based in Detroit, dedicated to helping the homeless. Many think that the homeless are in their position because they are single alcoholics or drug addicts.

This is not the case, however, as roughly a third of the homeless population is made up of families, and typically this is because of a family crisis such as a sudden death or accident that prevents them from holding on to housing.

Scott was given a project to create useful articles of clothing in a product design class at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. This is how she came up with the coat that can be seen in 3 states and three Canadian provinces.

The EMPWR coat is water resistant and self heating, to help with the issue of hypothermia that many homeless people deal with. It also turns into



sleeping bag and can be folded up to be carried over the shoulder, much like a bag. These features are specifically made for the homeless by homeless parents from local shelters in Detroit.

The organization is dedicated to giving the homeless a second chance that they deserve. Donations can be made on the site, as well as requests for coats for those in need. The coats are also used by The Red Cross for disaster situations all over the world. The Empowerment Plan hopes to make over 4,000 coats just this year, so if you can, do your part, and spread awareness.

*By Cassidy Bowering*

## Fitzpatrick future remains unclear

As many people know Entergy announced in January that they intend to shut down the FitzPatrick Nuclear Plant. On March 15 the New York State Senate proposed a new state budget that includes \$100 million to try to save 618 jobs by keeping the plant open. However the state assembly has not included it in their budget, so it is not definite that the plant will stay open.

Last month, Entergy rebuffed a pledge by the Public Service Commission, an attempt to keep FitzPatrick open, to make tax credits available to Upstate nuclear plants as early as June. Entergy officials said the action was too uncertain and too late to save FitzPatrick. This month Governor Andrew Cuomo is negotiating a budget with Senate and Assembly leaders. The legislature is required to pass a budget by April 1, but it is still unclear whether or not the \$100 million will be included.

*-Kim Rombough*

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

The next meeting of the **Fultonian Yearbook** is Monday, March 28 after school in room 102.

The next **Student Senate Blood Drive** will be held on Wednesday, March 30th from 8 am-3 pm in the LGI. You must be 16 or older to donate blood. See Mrs. Ferlito in room 115 to sign up for your slot. Save a life, become a blood donor!

The **International Club** will have a meeting open to all GRB students and faculty on Monday, March 28 at 2:30 in room 219. International students from LeMoyne College will be presenting information about their countries and culture as well as answering questions. Anyone interested in attending is asked to sign the sheet posted outside room 219. Snacks will be provided for those who attend.

### What's for lunch?

**Today:** chicken patty on a bun, spinach, sweet potato fries, fresh orange

**Wednesday:** Cheese pizza, broccoli, butternut squash and mixed fruit

## Prom Dress Sale!

Tuesday-Wednesday  
March 22-23

GRB Commons area  
near the auditorium

Today: 1-5 pm  
Wednesday: 1-5 pm

## This week in Red Raider Sports



**Wed. March 23:** Boys V lax scrimmage vs. South Jefferson (6 pm)

**Thurs. March 24:** Girls V lax scrimmage vs. Watertown IHC (6 pm)

**Sat. March 26:** Boys lax scrimmage vs. LaFayette (10 am)

## Student Senate wants YOU!



Sign up for the March 30th blood drive  
See Mrs. Ferlito in room 115

The Red Raider Den is back!  
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Check out the new location outside the GRB gym

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## What is your favorite Easter candy?



"NOT PEEPS!"

Marissa Tanner



"PEEPS ARE THE BEST!"

Scott Littleton



"Cadbury Eggs!"

Trish Becker



"White Chocolate Bunny!"

Morgan Staring

# Meteorology and you

Today:



Sun and clouds  
Chance shower

44°

Average: 46°  
Record: 68° (1906)

Tonight:



Cloudy with rain

39°

Average: 27°  
Record: -19° (1984)

Tomorrow:



Rain showers

42°

Average: 46°  
Record: 68° (1906)

By Carson Metcalf



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.