



Roller-coaster weather continued in February

By Carson Metcalf

Thanks to a sudden change in the weather that produced a snowy Sunday, this winter season has been the fifth snowiest of all-time for Syracuse. In fact, the Salt City ranks first in the nation for snowfall among cities. Here in Fulton, we have picked up over 200 inches according to WSYR-TV. You can blame the overwhelming total amounts somewhat on the month of February.

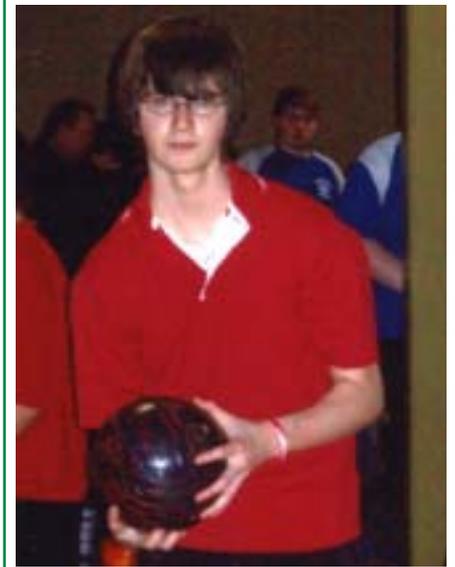
February started off quite cold and snowy, with temperatures well below the average. We didn't find ourselves moderating too much in this department until the dead middle of the month. We advanced into the forties by February 14, with readings in the fifties by the seventeenth and eighteenth. All in all, twelve above-average highs were recorded for the month, with no records broken. However, due to the extreme cold experienced on other days, we still ended up about a degree-and-a-half

below the average for the month as a whole in terms of the temperature.

Switching gears to the precipitation side of things, February was quite an active month for both snowfall and rainfall. The area picked up roughly three-and-a-half inches of liquid precipitation overall. Much of this fell on days where the temperature hovered right around the thirty-two degree mark, so we experienced more of a wintry mix than a regular rainfall. As far as snow goes, Mother Nature delivered just less than fifty inches in February, which helped to push our seasonal total mentioned up even further.

Looking ahead into the month of March, the month came in like a lamb, but it looks as if it won't stay that way. With more rain and snow ahead in the near future combined with temperature swings, it is sure to be another complex month meteorologically.

Information obtained from WSYR-TV and CoCoRaHS.



Second in NYS!

After finishing the season as the top bowler in Section 3, Fulton's Dan Wahl followed up by finishing as one of the top bowlers in New York State. Wahl, a junior, placed second on Sunday in Mattydale at the New York State High School championship with a six game total of 1,239.



As the weeks roll by the countdown toward graduation continues for the Class of 2011 at G. Ray Bodley High School. Last week members of the senior class got together for a group picture, taken by WMF Photography.

Opinion

The Great Outdoors:

Wiley coyotes are a tough customer to hunt

By Dan Summerville

During this winter season, Central New York has seen quite a bit of snow. People have complained about the amounts of snow we have seen over the past months, but humans are not the only ones suffering from the harsh winter. White tailed deer are one of the few animals in Central New York that breed in the fall. During the rut, the bucks lose a lot of weight and are very weak going into the winter. With the deep snow, many die of starvation as they struggle to find food. Still, many others are killed by coyotes.



Winter is the only time of year that a coyote stands a chance at taking down a fully grown deer. These small predators can outrun the larger deer as they struggle through the snow. Coyotes can seriously damage the deer population during the winter, especially when there are so many coyotes around.

Deer and Turkey are the two most popular game animals in New York. Both of these species suffer from the high coyote population. In March, there are few open seasons for hunters to enjoy. Coyote hunting can fill this gap. From October until March 27, coyotes can be taken day or night in any number. Coyotes are notoriously wily and intelligent creatures, and as a result they take a lot of skill to hunt successfully. If a hunter is able to bag a coyote, the fur can be sold for quite a bit of money. Not only is coyote hunting a way to earn a little extra cash, it will also help the deer and turkey. Fewer coyotes mean more game animals.

Recently, coyotes have been beginning to cause trouble in populated areas. There have been more and more coyote encounters as their

population increases. In Canada, a woman was attacked and killed by a pair of these common canids. Pets have been killed by hunting coyotes, and the numbers of attacks are increasing. Hunters and non-hunters benefit from coyote hunting, with fewer coyotes there will be fewer violent encounters with humans.

In most areas, it is common to hear a few coyotes calling as the sun sets. Their eerie howls can travel for miles. It is clear that there are

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more coyotes than there needs to be, and coyote season is just another way to keep the population in check.

Quote of the day:

“I think a photography class should be a requirement in all educational programs because it makes you see the world rather than just look at it.

~Author Unknown

Mr. Nami

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the leads and ensemble, and small groups of the cast. And I work with student and community musicians in the pit orchestra. I also work on lighting and sound systems and get them prepared for the show, and I pick up costumes.”

With all of the work he puts into teaching everyone music, and helping with the lighting and sounds systems, as well as his teaching job, the hours he spends at the school are overwhelming. “I am here until six or nine, and the week of the musical I am here until midnight, he stated. And when it comes to the amount of time he spends teaching music to the cast and orchestra, he says, “Oh God, I don’t know. Six to eight hours a week over the course of the musical.”

For those of you not familiar with the Quirk’s Players’ rehearsal schedule, the musical spans approximately three months, so eight hours times twelve weeks is equal to about 96 hours spent on music alone.

When asked if he enjoyed being a part of the musical, he smiled and replied, “I do. It’s exhausting, but I do.”

Bizarre News of the Day

A California woman is suing a budget store after she fell over a banana peel at the shop last April. Ida Valentine is suing the 99 Cents Only store in Fontana. She says she suffered a herniated disk and tissue damage and spent \$9,000 on medical bills. She is seeking an unspecified amount in damages.

Courtney Mikolaj of the Quirk Law Firm in Ventura, California, which is representing her, said the 99 Cents Only store refused a proposed settlement of \$44,000. Executives from the company were not immediately available for comment.

By Morgan Firenze

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Mr. Nami: the man, the myth, the music director

By Patty Morrison

He rocks the piano, he owns the beard, and he sings soprano better than anyone at our school. But who is Mr. Nami? You've seen him around the school and at the musicals; and at chorus concerts he is either playing the piano or conducting his classes, and making them sound lovely.

Among students who take classes taught by Mr. Nami, he is known for always having a smile, and a good bit of advice when needed. Also, he is known for the ever-famous and rather hilarious "Nami Jokes." A "Nami Joke" is indescribable, because he takes corny jokes, and tells them.

"I come up with my jokes from the Himalayas," Mr. Nami states, "I'm kidding. I just make them up. I'm a regular comedian, as opposed to an un-leaded one."

"Once I was told I had 'Nami Jokes,' and I have never had a prouder moment in my life," commented junior, Christine Proud, a student of Mr. Nami and a member of Quirk's Players.

When a student steps into Mr. Nami's classroom, there is an immediate sense of warmth in the room, and it is because Mr. Nami genuinely cares about his students, like a majority of teachers do. But Mr. Nami is different, because he seems to listen better than most teachers. If a student has a problem, they can go to him, and he will listen to their opinions, and give his advice or feedback on the situation without showing a bias.

"Mr. Nami is always there for a good conversation," stated an anonymous senior. "Whether it's about *Glee*, or theater, or just small talk, he always has something interesting or funny to say. And he knows a lot of things about music and such. He is always there to lend an ear, and I would know. I have had serious conversations with him before."

"Mr. Nami is one of the most caring, helpful people I've ever met," commented senior Clare Bawarski, when asked her opinion of him. "He's one of my favorite teachers ever, and he devotes so much of himself to everything that he does. It is a privilege to know him."

"Mr. Nami is one of the most amazing people I have ever met," stated senior Bella Degelorm, and another senior, Kylee Greenleaf added. "Mr. Nami is incredible! He always puts a smile on my face, and his beard is legendary."

Among his students, the beard is a common topic of conversation, and the most popular comment about the beard is that, "Mr. Nami is the only one who could pull off a beard like that, which makes it amazing. Plus, it's Mr. Nami. That man could do whatever he wanted, and it



Chorus teacher Mr. Nami puts in long hours as the musical director for Quirk's Players, who will be presenting *Beauty and the Beast* March 10-12 at the high school. (Patty Morrison photo) would be okay, because it's Mr. Nami."

He is also an amazing teacher, and always has a smile on his face no matter how exhausted or what mood he is in. Junior Joe Medico stated that, "He is definitely my favorite teacher in the district. I look forward to his classes every day, and his sense of humor makes everything more fun. He is a big part of the reason that I want to study music after high school."

"He is the best teacher in the school, and the best part of music class is having him as a teacher," added junior Alex Bawarski.

"I love that man," stated senior Kaitlyn Lauber. "There is nothing more than that. He is so happy all of the time, and he does so much for everybody."

So, Mr. Nami is a familiar face in the Music Department, and among Quirk's Players. But none of us really understands all of the time and the hard work he puts in to everything that he does.

"I teach everyone in the cast music," Mr. Nami revealed. "Including

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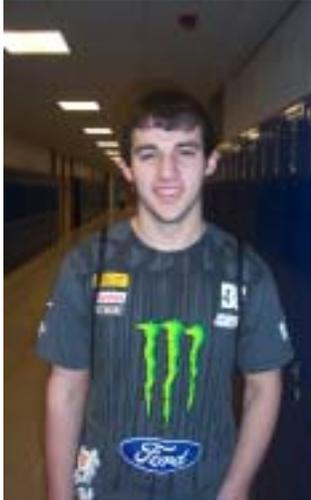


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School of Thought compiled by Hunter Gorton

How do you think SU will do in the Big East tournament?



"They won't win, but finals are for sure."

Kyle Parker



"Depends on if they get a bye, the worse they do in the Big East the better they do in the NCAA tournament."

Mr. Burdick



"They'll go to the finals and lose."

Mr. Galek



"They'll come in third, losing in semi-finals."

Dan Kenyon

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Snow continues to move out, clouds and some sun toward the end of the day.
Record high: 64 (1973).
Avg. high: 40.

Tonight:



Mainly clear. Low around 10.
Record low: -1 (1989).
Avg. low: 21.

Tomorrow:



Mainly sunny. High in the mid-30s.
Record high: 71 (2000).
Avg. high: 40.

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