

# Oh no! Here comes snow with lake-effect in forecast

A familiar sight for Central New Yorkers, a lake effect snow watch has been posted through Friday afternoon for Jefferson, Lewis, and Oswego counties which includes the city of Fulton. This watch indicates the possibility for significant winter weather in localized areas, according to the National Weather Service.

While the brunt of this event, which could bring six or more inches in the first

measurable snow of the year for the area will be over the Tug Hill plateau, here in Fulton we should still expect some renegade snow showers through the end of the week.

Just know that this accumulation expectancy could be a bit over-the-top, seeing as the level of forecast confidence from the Weather Service is only “low to medium” at this time, but still worth noting.

The biggest question involving the lake

effect snow at this point, as always, seems to be if and when the band will oscillate, or shift with the wind to impact different areas. This ultimately will affect how much snow falls, and just exactly where.

Be sure to keep an eye on the radar and on RaiderNet Daily’s daily forecasts for the remainder of this week for the latest information.

*By Carson Metcalf*



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## GRB musicians headed to All-State

**By Nick Abelgore**

This weekend, select students from the music department will be attending the 2011 Area All-State Festival. Students who participated in the NYSSMA Solo Festival last May and received high scores were chosen by New York State officials to represent their schools in this honorable concert series.

The concerts, consisting of orchestra, chorus, and band, will be taking place on Saturday, November 19 starting at 2 pm. This will take place at Ilion High School in Ilion, New York. All of the Zone 4 schools will be represented here, which includes students within Oswego, Oneida, and Herkimer counties.

The performers will be getting out of school early on Friday to travel to Ilion for rehearsal the day before. Everyone will be staying at the Herkimer Motel overnight.

The orchestra players consist of Breanne Jackowski and Julia Spier, who will be playing oboe with the strings. Chorus members include Nathan Deavers, Nathan Hawthorne, Eva Jones, Alexis Pawlewicz, and Amanda Trombly.

The band representatives are Nick Abelgore, Emma Belcher, Kyle Loftus, Danielle Rupert, and Janelle Talents. Nick will also be performing in the All-State Conference later in December for receiving a 100 on his trombone solo last year.

All music teachers, Mr. Nami, Mr. Caviness, and Miss Santy, will be chaper-

oning, and therefore, the music rooms will be closed after 11 am Friday while they are

gone. Look for more on this event in next week’s RaiderNet Daily.



Senior Nick Abelgore, shown here practicing the trombone, is one of several GRB music students who will be participating in this weekend’s Area All-State Festival in Ilion. Nick will also be G. Ray Bodley’s lone representative at the All-State Conference, which will be held in December.

## Opinion

# Let's give Thanksgiving a chance to shine

By Laura Perwitz

Throughout the city of Fulton, Christmas trees and Christmas decorations are starting to pop out. To some, this is the right time to start getting things out.

Why do we have these out already? We haven't even had Thanksgiving yet! It is understood that Thanksgiving is in a week, but come on. Christmas isn't for another five week people.

Yes, we've had snowfall, but we haven't had any snow that has actually stayed yet. Can't we just get through one holiday before we start to decorate for another?

In all of the stores I have been in recently, I have seen Christmas trees, ornaments and other Christmas essentials. I'm all for being excited about the holiday season, but this is just a bit much. Would it not have been smarter to decorate for a holiday that happens before Christmas. I know Thanksgiving isn't as popular as the following holidays, but people do sell Turkey decorations, pilgrims, hats and even cornucopia decorations. Hang those around your store rather than wreaths, bows, religious figures and snowflakes when we haven't even started December.

I love looking at all of the Christmas decorations around the city when it is closer to Christmas and the snow is falling. It looks beautiful (sometimes) when you look at all the snow falling and the lights around Fulton are gleaming red and green. Snowfall in New York is not such a great thing, but when you see the beauty of it, you start to fall in love with the whole winter season. Apparently, some people can't keep that love in one month longer.

Thanksgiving is just as important as Christmas is. In fact, it may be a little more important. Sure, both holidays having something to do with seeing family and spending time together. But, you focus more on family during Thanksgiving. There aren't any new toys or gadgets to distract you or take you away from family time. It's just one table and all of your loved ones gathered around a delicious meal, prepared by the best cook in your family.

Thanksgiving is a time when people should actually say what they are thankful for, and it is a time to appreciate everything that people have done for you. Sadly at Christmas time, we don't focus on anything like that. Some people are more focused on getting that



one thing that they have been wanting the most for a long time. Family time is taken away at Christmas time because we have so many distractions, "Black Friday" certainly standing tall among them.

The bottom line is: Thanksgiving is just as important than Christmas and maybe moreso because it doesn't involve presents and greed. So, shouldn't we take the time to honor that holiday instead of ignoring it completely?

**"Can't we just get through one holiday before we start to decorate for another?"**

## Bizarre News of the Day:

### (Still) waiting for a miracle

A Colombian woman kept her dead husband's body hidden in her house for a month in the hope he would resurrect himself. The couple comes from the village of La Umbria in a rural area of Huila, in southwest Colombia. Alba Yacue kept the corpse of her spouse, Lucio Chacue, in her home because he had told her that he would "come back to life".

When he died of unknown causes, aged 61, she hid the corpse in their house and waited for him to wake up again, reports local media. Officials grew suspicious after neighbors wondered where Mr. Chacue had gone and alerted soldiers.

When investigators arrived at the home, they found the body of the late Chacue in the master bedroom. "What was left of his body a month after his death was wrapped in a sheet," reported a local newspaper.

"It was in a state of decomposition and gave off a nauseating odor that Alba Yacue endured in hopes of the possible resurrection of her companion, as he had promised her in life."

Mrs. Yacue reportedly asked the La Paz Funeral Home to fix up the body, but then return it to her so that she could bury it in her backyard. Funeral director Evangelista Ome said: "In over 40 years of funerals, I have never seen anything of this magnitude. It has left us perplexed."

*By Morgan Firenze*

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## Opinion

# How to get the most out of your studies

By Vanessa Langdon

As we begin the second quarter of the school year many students at G. Ray Bodley High School may be feeling like they work hard, yet still do not get the grades they feel they deserve. Others may now realize that it is time to get serious about school.

Besides doing homework and actively participating in class, studying is the key to being successful at school, but many students do not know proper study skills. This article will hopefully fix that.

The first step in studying is to schedule. You need to plan out your day to see what free time you have and then figure out how to make the most of it to get your studying in. Plan all your activities weekly and find out how much time you have every day of the week. Plan time in to relax as well, you do not want to make an unrealistic schedule that you will not follow. Once you make this schedule you have to stick to it, but do not feel like you cannot make adjustments.

After you have figured out how much time you have to dedicate to your studying you have to make studying habitual. Once you schedule it try to do it at the same time in the same place, a nice



quiet distraction free area. When choosing your study area try to avoid windows if you are a day dreamer and use music to your advantage. If it helps you zone everything out use it, but if you get distracted by the noise and end up singing along to it skip it and study in silence. If you always work in this one place your brain will begin to switch into “study mode” as soon as you sit down. In other words, you “activate” your ability to concentrate, which is a necessity to achieve your premier studying abilities.

Next after you have made yourself a schedule and found your study spot it’s time to get down to business by studying for 30-40 minutes but no longer than 45 minutes. After studying for your 30 to 40 minutes take a 15 minute break, shorter time periods allow you to fully focus on the task at hand and not get burned out. Try not to study 30 minutes before bed or in your bed as your brain connects your bed with sleep and you will not be able to fully focus. You can, however, do a quick review of material before bed, but try not to the core of your studying then or in bed.

If you follow these few steps on when, where, and for how long to study you should find that you are retaining information better and should see it reflected in your grades. To find out your particular way of learning you can refer to edutopia.org and take their learning style quiz.

And always remember, the way to get the grades you are craving is good old hard work!

# Love can be a many splendored thing

By Natasha Luis

“There is sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love”. -Washington Irving

Some say that it is better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all. People say that love is a magical experience that happens between two people. But in reality, are we too young to understand love?

Males and females both seem to have a different outlook when it comes to love. I know that all people are not the same, but it is a fact that females mature faster than males do. Women can look at a relationship on a “forever” aspect, while a man, on the other hand, might not be able to see something like that. I have loved, and lost, and whoever said that high school love is just puppy love, clearly never had a good relationship.



High School sweethearts usually don’t last. There are many reasons, such as maturity levels differing. As one grows up the other might not, and people tend to grow apart. You could date someone for years and one day wake up and see yourself differently, and want to try new things.

Being young doesn’t mean that you don’t know what love is, but your opinions and ideas on love will change. When this begins to happen you have to be able to “stand on the outside and look in” and see what you really need and want out of life. It doesn’t mean that you do not love the person anymore, but it could mean that you want to try something new, and that is okay. It’s normal.

College plays a major role in high school love as well. No one has the same exact dream, and choosing a college and career makes your future yours. You may not both get accepted into the same college and it can put a strain on the relationship. Even if you do attend the same college, the strains of this new life might also be too much for a relationship to bear.

No matter what happens in life, you have to remember that you are your number one priority, no matter how much you may love someone else. If you’re not happy then something is wrong. No matter what choices you make there will always be at least one person who is unhappy with your decisions, why should that person be you?

You came in alone, and you will go out alone, no one comes before you. Take a long walk alone in a nice quiet area, or go fishing. Take time to yourself and think about where you want to go, and who you want to be.

## Quote of the day:

“Let every man be respected as an individual and no man idolized.”

*Albert Einstein*

# School of Thought

Compiled by Tony Torrese and Nathan Dean and Nathan Dean

## What is your favorite Thanksgiving pie?



"Pecan pie!"  
*Jeremy Wilcox*



"Pumpkin!.."  
*Damien Noel*



"Apple."  
*Maggie Ryan*



"Pumpkin is the way to go!"  
*Howard Seabrook*

# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



**Today:**



Cloudy with snow late

**45°**

Average: 48°  
Record: 69° (1987)

**Tonight:**



Cloudy with snow showers.

**24°**

Average: 32°  
Record: 17° (1959)

**Tomorrow:**



Sun and clouds.

**44°**

Average: 48°  
Record: 72° (1958)

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