

# October brought "Indian Summer" conditions

By Carson Metcalf

October was definitely an interesting month of weather here in Central New York. After starting out at seasonal levels with rainy conditions, we worked our way into a bout of memorable warm weather, even setting one record high along the way.

There were a total of thirteen days with above-average high temperatures in the month of October. Keep in mind that average highs range from 66 degrees at the be-

ginning of the month to 55 degrees by the end. The warmest days were October 8 and 9, when temperatures of 81 degrees were recorded for both days. This was enough to beat out the old record high of 80 degrees for October 8 which was previously set back in 1993. Combined, we were 2.5 degrees above normal for the month as a whole.

In the precipitation department, we were just about on average rainfall levels for the month. Just over three inches of rain were reported, 3.2 to be exact, which is about a

quarter of an inch lower than the norm. A majority of this rain, you may recall, deluged us during the last full week of the month on October 26 and 27.

As we head into the month of November, it is implied that temperatures will cool and snow will begin to fall at some point in the near future. Be sure to stay tuned for the latest updates on just when this will happen.

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### Enforcement of LMC rule is clarified

"A truly good book teaches me better than to read it. I must soon lay it down, and commence living on its hint. What I began by reading, I must finish by acting."

Henry David Thoreau

The library has always been a favored spot by students. Over the years, students have

### Winter parking rules now in effect

The end of the first marking period is near and the weather has become much colder; these are both sure signs that winter is near. And as the locals already know, Central New York winters are among the worst in the country. In order to combat the feet upon feet of snow that Fulton accumulates, the city sends their plow trucks onto the streets for the citizens of Fulton, and the only way they can do so is if the streets are clear of cars to avoid damage.

As of Tuesday, November 1, any car parked in the street between the hours of 1:30 and 5:30 am will be ticketed. This rule is effective until April 1. The fine for violating the parking ban is \$15, which doubles every 10 days it goes unpaid. Also violators run the risk of having their vehicle towed by the city, a much more expensive fine by any means. So help keep our streets clear and clean and look for a safe place to park!

By Anthony Torrese

gone in there during their free time, to study and to read, maybe even to do some research. So why is the library so dim and unpopular with some students this year?

It stems from a new rule which states that a student may only stay in the library one bell a day. This rule has always been there, lingering, but was never really enforced until this school year. G. Ray Bodley High School Library-Media Specialist Mrs. Scalfaro says, "The rule was put in place to lower congestion in the library and to help

keep order. So far it has worked with less write-ups and less issues." She went on to note that the rules were not put into place to offend or to anger the students.

As for the argument that there are some students who do get to use the library for more than one bell a day, she explained that if a student can prove that they have work and need the library to help get the project done, they can obtain a pre-signed pass from the teacher who gave the assignment.

By Natasha Luis



Members of the varsity boys soccer team enjoyed a chilly view of the action during last Friday's win over Whitesboro. It should be a little warmer, and the game certainly starts earlier this Friday when Fulton meets East Syracuse-Minoa for the Class A title at 4:30 pm in Chittenango. Look for a preview of the big game in tomorrow's RaiderNet Daily. (Senecal photo)

## Opinion

# Inconsistent internet policy affects learning

By Madeline Clark

The censorship in this school is getting ridiculous; inconsistent to say the least; nay, utterly and irrevocably incomprehensible. How is it possible that disturbing images of medical cadavers (courtesy of the Mutter Museum website) can be accessed on school computers, but local news sites are strictly off limits?

Has anyone pondered this question yet; even a little bit?

How on earth did the school district implement these odd and varying restrictions? Who decides that Google images of fruit are too risqué for school, but sites dedicated to good old family trips to the local torture museums are totally okay? I am dumbfounded.

What is really wrong with this system of censorship is that it lacks consistency. The district will set limitations on rational items like violent and inappropriate material, but then fails to live up to those expectations by censoring all the wrong things. How can I not view the CNY Food bank page, but can search the Communist Manifesto on Amazon.com (attempts to purchase are not recommended)?

Does anyone have an answer, because I'd love to hear it. But until then, I will continue to be baffled. The other piece of this puzzling puzzle is the fact that when innocent and purely educational images



are searched, like say French Architecture, I get a lude picture of a topic which would make your grandma turn red.

Censorship here in the Fulton City School District is interfering with our learning because of its inconsistency. Limiting the base of accessible information, based on the fact that it is a, "blog/personal website" prevents students from gaining knowledge, perhaps from different perspectives. Even sites that have "passed" school district inspection have been closed off from pupils. The worst part is not that little Jimmy can't find information on Rasputin for his history project, it is that no legitimate reason as to why he can't has ever been provided to the students.

Perhaps these blockades have been put in for a variety of reasons, like legality, but the truth is that any student could access these websites at home, so the school district is not sparing any eyeballs. My stance on the issue is this; it is fine to censor items that provide a potential legal quagmire, but please, for the sake of what sanity I have left, make it consistent. Have an Internet censor or don't, but please make sure you cover all your bases, because I don't think I can go another day seeing pictures that are most definitely not "cute baby chicks."

## Bizarre News of the Day:

### Talk about sleeping one off

A Russian man who fell asleep between train tracks failed to wake up when a 140-ton cargo train passed over him.

Vladimir Rasimov passed out and fell asleep between the tracks as he took a short cut home after going out with some friends in a bar. The train driver saw somebody on the line and braked sharply. When rescuers tried to pull the drunken sleeper from underneath the carriages the man was still sleeping. Unfortunately the rescuers failed and the train had to carry on to free him.

Train driver Vladimir Slabiy said: "I saw a man lying between the tracks and tried to stop, but it was too late. The train went right over him and I thought he must have been killed. But when I got out and checked he was still lying there fast asleep. If he had woken up from the noise of the train he would have lifted his head and been hit by the undercarriage and that would have been the end of him. It was lucky he was so drunk."

*By Morgan Firenze*



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Opinion

# As one season ends, another about to start

By Anthony Torrese

With the end of most of the fall sports seasons, student athletes may be asking themselves whether or not they are going to participate in a winter sport. Winter sports officially begin during the first two weeks of November. With the winter sports rapidly approaching it is crucial that athletes are properly preparing for whatever sport you may participate in.

Winter sports are a great way for students who don't know what to do with their time during the winter to get out and have some fun! From wrestling to basketball to bowling, there is sure to be something for everyone. Winter sports also feature swimming, hockey, cheerleading and indoor track.

For athletes who are fall and spring sport members, winter sports are great ways to stay in shape during the transition of seasons. For the winter sport fanatics, this is it; it's your time to shine! So get out and start training to be the best that you can be!

Lastly, for those of who are undecided, winter sports are a lot of fun; they provide entertainment during the cold central New York hours.

To participate in a winter sport, or any sport at all, it is vital that you maintain a good grade point average. Colleges, as well as your coaches, will be checking. Many students feel that during sports they can slack off in school and get away with it. This is not the case, however. If you are failing a class you will be phased, and if you decide to not care about your education you, will be kicked off the team. So make sure you get those grades up!

To ensure you have a successful and ultimately fun season, it is a necessity to eat healthy and work out at least a few times a week, on top of practicing. By doing so you will prevent injuries that can take away from your season, and this will also ensure that you are competing at the top of your game. So get out and get your grades up Raiders as the teams look toward a successful season.

# Spend the quarter break with some good games

By Nick Abalgore

It may be hard to believe but the first marking period of the 2011-12 school year is coming to an end fast. There is barely a week left to wrap up any last minute grade issues or to turn in any assignments. The first quarter ends next Wednesday, November 9, since there are only three days of school that week. Students have Thursday off for a Staff Development Day as well as Friday for Veteran's Day. It is recommended that you work hard throughout the next few days to finish up all work in order to be able to fully enjoy the four-day weekend.

While the weather continues to get colder, there are still plenty of things to do on the short break, including hanging with friends, training for upcoming winter sports, or just sitting back and relaxing. For those who plan on doing the latter and like to play video

games, this is the perfect time to get some quality playing time in.

*Battlefield 3* just came out last Tuesday, October 25. If you have not already gone out and bought it, this is definitely a first-person shooter that I would recommend looking into, even though I do not have it yet myself. Also being released next week in time for the weekend is another first-person shooter, *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3*, a direct sequel to *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2* (2009) and the eighth *Call of Duty* installment. Those into RPG style gaming and who are already familiar with the *Elder Scrolls* franchise should be anticipating 11/11/11 when *Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim* hits the shelves for PS3, Xbox 360, and PC. I, personally, am the most excited for this one and plan to purchase it at midnight when it comes out.

So in short, be prepared for when the first marking period ends. Get all your work in and do not act surprised or upset if your grades are not what they should be due to a lack of effort on your part to fix them. I would rather worry about having enough money to buy these new games than having to face an angry parent at home when the report card comes in the mail.

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**Quote of the day:**

"If a fellow isn't thankful for what he's got, he isn't likely to be thankful for what he's going to get."  
*Frank A. Clark*

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**Senior recognition ads are due by Friday, Nov. 4**

**Forms are in the main office if you do not have one already**

## ***How do you think you did on the first report card of the year?***



"Doesn't matter, I got a soccer game to worry about."

***Eric Naioti***



"Not so good..."  
***Ryan Gardenier***



"Great."  
***Alissa Robinson***



"Really good."  
***Kristen Budd***

# **Meteorology and you**

*By Carson Metcalf*



**Today:**



Sun and clouds.

**55°**

Average: 54°  
Record: 74° (1982)

**Tonight:**



A few clouds.

**35°**

Average: 36°  
Record: 24° (1951)

**Tomorrow:**



Mostly cloudy.

**47°**

Average: 53°  
Record: 75° (1994)

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