

Warmer summer=snowier winter? Not always

By Carson Metcalf
Special to RND

Over the years at about this time, people typically come up to me and ask what to expect for the upcoming winter. Almost always, the said person brings up the conditions we

experienced over the summer and tries to connect them somehow to the amount of snow that we should expect to receive. After years of going along with the conventional wisdom that warmer summers lead to snowier winters, this reporter decided to research the topic.

In order to get the most accurate results from conducting climatological research in this area, I decided to use Syracuse as my target city for this study. Although it is common knowledge among meteorologists that warm summers are likely to be more condu-
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Raider golfer earns All-CNY recognition

A record-setting season for the Raider golf team added another chapter last week when Coach Ascenzi was informed that Fulton senior Connor Goss, pictured right, has been named to the Syracuse Post-Standard Newspaper's All-CNY team.

A first-team All-League selection, Goss qualified for the New York State High Schol championships at Seven Oaks Country Club next May by carding an 81 at sectionals in early October. Goss helped lead Fulton to a 12-5 overall record, their best in recent memory, as well as a 6-4 league mark that was good enough for a share of the regular season title.



Holiday concert
7:30 pm in the
high school auditorium

Tuesday, Dec. 17
GRB Orchestra
Concerts is
free to the public

What's for lunch?

Today: Chicken patty on a bun, sweet potato fries, tomato soup, fresh apple with alternative of PBJ or meatball sub.

Wednesday: Max cheese pizza with spinach, baby carrots, mixed fruit cup with alternative of diced chicken and cheese wrap.

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

Club, Class officers, and senior poll winners will be having their pictures taken on Wednesday, December 18 in the auditorium for this year's Fultonian Yearbook. Check with your advisor for a pass, Schedules are posted throughout the school. **See schedule on page 4.**

Sophomores need to turn in their Savearound orders ASAP to Mr. Lacey in room 227. Anyone who has not returned the booklet they signed out needs to turn in the booklet, or \$20 to Mr. Lacey.

HOPE Club meets every Monday in room 119.

Future Business Leaders of America meets every Monday in room 116.

Fultonian Yearbook meets every Tuesday in room 102.

GRB Journalism Club meets Wednesdays in room 102.

The **GRB Music Department** is presenting free holiday concerts in the auditorium. The GRB band performs on Monday, Dec. 16, and the orchestra concert is on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Both concerts begin at 7:30 pm.

Kids Helping Kids is a collection to help support children admitted to the Golisano Children's Hospital for the holidays. Check out the donation bag in GSH for needed items. Your donations will help make their hospital stays through the holiday a little more cheerful. See Mrs. Hyde in the guidance office for more details.

The French Club will hold a King's Day celebration on Monday, Dec. 6 after school in room 125. Interested students are asked to sign up with Mademoiselle Coleman or Madame Honeywell no later than Friday, Dec. 20.

The Environmental Club will meet after school on Wednesday, Dec. 20 after school in Mr. Mainville's room.

Spanish Club will be holding a holiday party after school on Tuesday, Dec. 17 in Senora Piraino's room.

Opinion

Want to get things done? Turn off the distractions

By Alexis Lastra

Everyone reading this can relate, ready?

You're sitting at your desk, table, computer or wherever else you work, and you're in the middle of a big assignment that is due the next day. You're in the zone, and extremely focused, when your friends decide to remind you that they exist. Suddenly a barrage of Facebook, Gmail, Snapchat and text messages appear, and no matter what you say or threaten, they show no signs of stopping. You wallow in self-pity for realizing that you are now completely off-track and will possibly have to wake up at 3 a.m. to finish the work that you started, because now you need to engage in the "important" conversation all of your friends need to have.

There is only one way to avoid this situation, which no one ever does because there's too much risk. The first is to all out shut down your phone and all forms of social media. This includes the phone being powered down entirely, not even glancing at Facebook for a second, and even avoiding Gmail because Google had the genius idea of making that social. The risk that exists in this situation is the fact that if, on the off-chance, something actually important happens, you will forever be blamed for not helping.

Or if it's a situation about to turn bad your say could be the difference between this being a bigger situation later instead of killing it now. There is also the factor that if your family is trying to figure out a plan, having all sources of communication off is not useful. Welcome to my own little torture that I can do little against. To me, friends aren't only one source of distraction that I have to be worried about. The Internet in its entirety is constantly trying to show me something that I know I'll love and find hilarious, but unfortunately will distract me. Sometimes I think I can hear vine calling my name to aimlessly browse its pages for hours, looking for funny videos to distract my friends with.

While the Internet and friends are plenty distracting, they are nothing compared to the greatest distraction of all, video games. I find, particularly for me, video games are quite hard to resist. While talking to friends is fun, it's not quite like being able to explore great expanses of COD, or save the princess in "Mario." Video games are on another level because of the fact that if you have good friends, they'll let you know that you should do work and stop talking to



you. Video games, on the other hand, have no such conscience to even suggest focusing on work. The Wii's best try was the "You've been playing for a while, you should go outside" pop-up that no one reads. If you're not careful, and let video games claim you as a victim, hours will suddenly vanish before your eyes, leaving you with that paper due tomorrow and no research done.

There are plenty of downloadable programs to try to restrict websites, apps and other possible distractions on the computer, but they are extremely flawed. I have had experiences where I would accidentally lock myself out of everything "distracting" for 48 hours, leading into the weekend. After much practice, I have perfected the technique of not getting distracted. I like to call it the "just not responding unless it's urgent" technique. It is exactly what it describes: You hear everything going off, but never once participate unless it's news along the lines of "(blank) got (some horrible action done to them)." All of this aside, I think the issue is bigger than that. I have found that because of all the technology and constant connectivity, people, myself included, have found it near impossible to even stay focused on the conversation topic. I have been in the middle of a sentence, and had friends start talking about a completely differ

Meet the Reporters

Seth Miller, senior

Seth produces social satire in his writing, which invokes hilarious responses from teachers and students alike.

His outside interests include snowboarding and long-boarding and he is a member of the GRB Ski & Snowboard Club.

Something that people may not know about Seth is that he is an only child.



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Weather

Weather study went back to 1951-52 season

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cive for bigger snows for lakeside communities such as Oswego and Fulton, it may not be to the average forecast consumer. The bigger the temperature difference between the lake water and the air aloft, the more likely it is for lake-effect snow to form. Warmer summers lead to warmer lake water, which helps to fuel lake-effect snow come wintertime, because water takes longer to cool down after being warmed up and vice versa due to its high specific heat.

Therefore, it is obvious that a warm lake would lead to more snowfall, which is precisely why I decided to research a city in Central New York not affected as greatly by the lake-effect machine.

I analyzed data from Hancock International Airport in Syracuse. Specifically, snowfall from meteorological winters (De-

tistics that can essentially tell the whole story when comparing two different sets of data to try and find a direct relation, such as was done in this study, was rather low. A complete positive correlation proving this idea would yield a +1. The result for this test was 0.2451. In other words, there is a weak correlation at best, which means that assuming that a hot summer will lead to a treacherous winter is not a good thing to do. The conventional wisdom has been disproved once and for all.

Disregarding the summer weather we had across the region, the upcoming winter is looking to be fairly average at this point. According to NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, neither El Nino nor La Nina is showing itself to be extreme due to sea surface temperatures remaining at average levels. This can be a key

predicting precisely what will happen, especially in a place like Central New York. With Lake Ontario already showing us its true power in the last several days, there is no doubt that all we can do is be prepared for the full force of winter.

The statistical research in this article was conducted as part of a semester-long project for Dr. Alfred Stamm's Climatology class at SUNY Oswego.

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Girls Indoor track @ CNYITA Meet @ Colgate University (4:30).

Wed. Dec. 18: Girls V Bball vs. CBA (5 pm); Girls JV Bball @ CBA (5:30); Boys JV Bball @ CBA (7 pm); Boys V Bball vs. CBA (7 pm); Boys Indoor track @ CNYITA Meet @ OCC (4:30).

Thurs. Dec. 19: Wrestling vs. Cortland (6 pm); Bowling vs. ES-M @ Mattydale (3:30); Swim @ Pulaski (5 pm); Hockey @ Syracuse (Meachum Rink-7 pm).

Fri. Dec. 20: Boys Bball @ Bishop Ludden (JV-6/V-7:30).

Sat. Dec. 21: Wrestling @ Montgomery Co. Duals in Amsterdam (9:30 am).

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ember, January, and February) from the 1951-52 season through the most recent, 2011-12. I took this and applied a series of statistics tests to attempt to correlate the snowfall amounts with the temperatures from the previous meteorological summers (June, July, and August) from 1951 through 2011.

The results that I got almost completely disprove the conventional wisdom that snowier winters are a result of warmer summers.

The correlation coefficient, a value in sta-

factor in whether or not to expect major snowfalls during winter.

At this point, expect temperatures and system-related snowfall not to be extraordinarily intense. However, with Lake Ontario sitting at thirty-eight degrees as of Sunday, there is still time for arctic air masses to move overhead and cause heavy lake-effect snow bands to set up. Winter is just getting started.

It is pretty obvious that with as far as weather forecasting knowledge and technology has come that there are still issues with

Quote of the day:

"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure."

Bill Cosby

Look your best for the holidays!

Reflections

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The Sweet Side of Life

Just in time for Christmas: Gingerbread truffles!

By Tevin Simard

Gingerbread Cookie Dough Truffles
Makes 24-30 truffles

Ingredients:

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, room temperature
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons unsulfured molasses
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 1/4 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 cup candied ginger, finely chopped
- 14 oz chocolate candy melts



Directions:

In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat sugars and butter on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add the molasses and milk and mix until blended. Turn the mixer to low and add in the flour, baking soda, salt, spices and candied ginger and stir until incorporated. Cover dough with plastic wrap and chill for 30 minutes.

Line a baking pan with wax paper and shape chilled dough into tablespoon sized

balls. Place balls on wax paper and freeze for 30 minutes.

In a microwave safe bowl, melt candy melts until smooth. Cover each truffle completely in chocolate and place back on the wax paper lined sheet to set.

You do not need to chill the truffles if you're

planning on eating them soon. The chocolate will set and you can enjoy them almost immediately. If you plan on serving them later, allow the chocolate to set at room temperature and then store the truffles covered in the fridge.

Recipe adapted from Blue-Eyed Bakers

Yearbook club, class officer and poll pictures

Wednesday, Dec. 18 in the auditorium

Bell 1) 7:35-Sr. Class officers; 7:40-LMC Club; 7:45-Technology Honor Society; 7:50-German Club; 7:55-Spanish Club

Bell 2) 8:15-Freshman class officers; 8:20-poll (best dressed); 8:25-poll (best eyes);

Bell 3) 8:55-Outdoor Adventure Club; 9:05-Youth 4 Youth; 9:10-poll (most musical); 9:15-poll (best hair) GSH) 9:40-poll (class clown); 9:50-poll (textaholic)

Bell 4) 10:10-FBLA; 10:20-Student Senate; 10:30-poll (best smile); 10:35-poll (most artistic)

Bell 5) 10:50-Chess Club; 10:55-Christian Club; 11:00-SADD; 11:05-Jr. Class officers; 11:15 -Ski Club

Bell 6) 11:30-HOPE Club; 11:40-poll (most athletic); 11:45-poll (teacher's pet); 11:50-poll (senioritis)

Bell 7) 12:20-French Club; 12:25-Senior poll (worst driver); 12:30-Yearbook; 12:35-The Raider; 12:40-sophomore class officers

Bell 8) 1:05-Math Club; 1:15-poll (travel the world); 1:25-poll (reality show)

Bell 9) 1:45-Dance Team; 2:00-Science Club

It is important that everyone is on time as we have a tight schedule to follow. Thanks for your help.

Questions or conflicts? Contact Mr. Senecal ASAP (room 228-GSH) room 102-bells 4 & 7 and after school

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in action**

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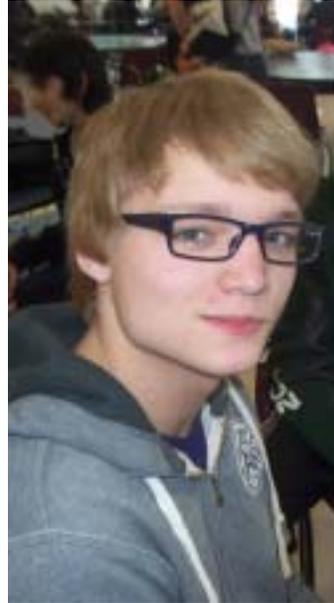
What is the best Christmas present you have ever received?



"My dirtbike."
Zach Demott



"Playstation 3."
Kirby LaBeef



"A hug."
Canyon Rally



"Gameboy advance."
Brianna Walter

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Snow showers.

31°

Average: 36°
Record: 62° (2000)

Tonight:



Chance snows.

15°

Average: 22°
Record: 5° (1991)

Tomorrow:



Lake-effect
snow redevelops.

28°

Average: 35°
Record: 50° (2006)

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