

Play now, pay later: school in session next Friday

Seven, that is the number of days the Fulton City School District has closed school this year. Every year the FCSD is allotted five days before they have to start taking away vacation days.

While it may seem nice to have a day off now, you may not like it when the weather is nice and you can be outside. When the

sixth snow day came, Superintendent Lynch used a Superintendent's day from back in September. But now, thanks to Wednesday's snowstorm induced cancellation, the planned day off for next Friday, March 21 is gone.

What originally was supposed to be a day off, is now a day back in school. So while everyone was enjoying their snow days they

probably will not be quite as happy having to come back on days that were originally scheduled as days off. Should the district be forced to close again, the Monday following spring break would be the next to go, with spring break then on the chopping block if this seemingly endless winter should continue.
By Jimmy Martin

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A lonely car sits in the student parking lot on Thursday afternoon following Wednesday's big snowstorm that covered all of Central New York. Just 48 hours earlier the boys lacrosse team was holding one of the first practices of the year on this same lot, forcing coaches to scramble for a place to continue their training. With warmer weather in the forecast for the next two days, spring sports teams and coaches have their fingers crossed that better days are coming. (Senecal photo)

***Send us your pictures of
the Red Raiders in action***

Wrestling, swimming, hockey, boys basketball, NHS inductions, bowling are all needed now to make the final deadline!

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

HOPE Club meets every Monday in room 119.

There will be a freshman class officer meeting on Monday after school in Mrs. Crisafulli's room. It is very important that all officers attend to finalize fundraising opportunities.

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

Fultonian Yearbook meets on Tuesdays in room 102.

Yearbooks are still available for preorder for \$60. See Mr. Senecal in room 228 during GSH.

Voter registration will take place outside the cafeteria today from 10 am to 1 pm.

What's for lunch?

Today: Fish on a bun with baked beans, spinach and whole fruit sorbet with alternative of tuna fish on a hoagie roll.

Monday: Hotdog on a bun with sweet potato bites, carrots and fresh apple with alternative of ham or turkey and cheese sandwich.

**Class of 2014 take note!
Pictures on Monday,
March 17**

**in the auditorium
during GSH based on
your elementary school**

Opinion

Morning havoc: there must be a better way

By Steve Gilliland

Every school day morning at 7:21 the bell rings and students hurry on their way to their first bell class or BOCES homeroom. This is also the approximate time when havoc breaks loose in front of and on the side of G. Ray Bodley High School. Busses are lined up, parents drop their kids off, and students are walking everywhere.

This brings up the question, is it actually safe in the morning? As I approach school I drive past the War Memorial heading down William Gillard Drive, where a long row of busses are parked. There is no room to maneuver around them, and if there is another car heading toward you,



and you must stay put and wait until the road is clear.

With all this confusion afoot there are students everywhere. Whether it is coming from the tracks or walking from their cars, the area seems most unsafe. Along with being congested, students who leave their houses with enough time to make it to school are now stuck in a traffic jam, causing them to be late.

Personally I park in the junior parking lot because of the easy walk from my vehicle to the door, but the situation is equally congested in the senior lot near the tennis courts as cars are often backed up on Cedar Street once it hits 7:05 am.

Perhaps a possible solution would be to create some kind of traffic circle at the end of the junior lot so that parents could drop their children off and then have an easy way back onto William Gillard Drive that is away from the busses.

Combating the rising cost of gasoline isn't easy

By Brandon Ladd

Much to everyone's disdain, the price of the precious, sort of "liquid transportation," keeps rising to some unreasonable prices. I am, of course, talking about gasoline. Everywhere the price of crude oil is rising. Over the past few weeks crude oil has gone up in price again, which means higher prices at the gas pumps, as any teenage driver has likely noticed.



The increase in gas prices has caused many people to take fewer unnecessary trips. It is now not uncommon to see people combine or completely avoid long trips. Asking for a ride from a friend may even require a fee because of the outrageous cost of gas. It has also caused more people to car pool. Taking a trip together with some friends where everybody splits the cost of gas is much more cost effective and is better for the environment than several individuals making the same trip.

Over the past few years car companies have attempted to make cars, trucks, and SUVs more fuel efficient. Ford has come up with its eco boost models that get better gas mileage than before. The better gas mileage really appeals to people who need a bigger ve-

hicle with more power that will not murder their wallet in cold change.

Other companies, such as Audi, have come out with diesel cars. Diesel fueled cars get much better gas mileage than cars that run on traditional gasoline. And typically a smaller vehicle gets better miles per gallon than a larger heftier one. Diesel is also a much cleaner burning fuel as it contains fewer impurities. A diesel engine can also last three times longer than a standard gasoline engine. In the long run a diesel fueled vehicle may be a better investment as the engines are built better, run cleaner, and get better miles per gallon. The price of a diesel vehicle is significantly more than its gasoline counterpart, but the investment can be well worth it in the long run, especially with the constantly increasing gas prices.

In a state like New York, with all the constantly fluctuating weather, it can be hard to take care of a vehicle without constant maintenance. The slush and salt on the road is a killer to vehicles with the rust it causes. These are some limiting factors that make it hard to buy an expensive vehicle that runs better. Another type of vehicle to consider is an electric model. They can cut out the dependence on expensive fossil fuels, but they require some frequent charging and can be quite pricey. Another down side to an electric car is the lack of power it can produce, making it an unviable option to many

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The Games We Play:

Reaper of Souls will extend Diablo game franchise

Later this month *Diablo III's* first video game expansion, *Reaper of Souls*, will be released. *Reaper of Souls* takes place after the defeat of Diablo at the end of *Diablo III*. Diablo was resurrected through the use of the black soul stone, a stone that held the soul of Diablo.

After Diablo's defeat the black soul stone had remnants of Diablo's immense power. Tyrael, the ex-Archangel of Justice, deeming the soul stone too dangerous to leave in the care of mortals or angels had six others known as Horadrim help him attempt to seal it away.

While attempting to seal it the small group was ambushed by Malthael, the former Archangel of Wisdom, who had disappeared at the end of *Diablo II: Lord of Destruction*. Malthael, now referring to himself as the "Angel of Death," kills all but Tyrael and one of the Horadrim. The Angel of Death explains to Tyrael that he will end the eternal conflict (the war between heaven and hell) with the power of the black soul stone



by destroying all humanity as Malthael views them as a race of demons. Tyrael then sends the last remaining Horadrim to find the Nephalem (the player) in order to have the Nephalem stop Malthael the Angel of Death.

This expansion also features a new class that the player can play as, the Crusader, who specializes in defensive play with large weapons and holy magic in their arsenal. In addition the expansion adds a whole new game mode called Adventure mode, where players are free to roam the entire world and take on random bounties and dungeons at their leisure.

A new artisan, the Mystic, can enhance the properties and appearance of a player's equipment, which is a must have at the new level cap of 70 (up from 60). This expansion, the first planned expansion of *Diablo III*, will show what Blizzard has in store for their players.

By Perrin Ogden

Into the Wild:

DEC reports safest hunting season on record

New York hunters have recorded the safest season on record with 19 hunting and shooting-related incidents, and just two fatalities. The DEC's annual hunter safety statistics, which track only shooting-related incidents and no other factors, such as tree-stand fall, showed that most (14) of the incidents involved self-inflicted injuries. Ten of the incidents, including one of the fatalities, occurred during the state's popular deer season. The other fatality occurred when an individual was attempting to shoot an opossum at his bird feeder.

The two fatalities occurred in Washington and Otsego counties. "The tragic fact that two of these incidents were fatal reminds us that the difference between a minor injury and a fatal gunshot wound can be a matter of inches," read the report, prepared by DEC Sportsman Education Coordinator Ken Baginski. The 19 incidents are well under the five year average of 27 and represents a continued

decline in hunting-related shooting incidents, which averaged 137 in the 1960s, 102 in the 1970s, 85 in the 1980s, 66 in the 1990s and 38 in the last decade.

Seven of the incidents this season involved a rifle, and seven others a shotgun. Handguns were involved in three incidents, with a muzzleloader and bow accounting for the other shooting incidents. DEC officials say that some of the incidents still remain under investigation.

By Connor Relf

Fuel prices on the rise (from page 3)

drivers out there.

Another solution to help combat the extreme gas prices is to download some low priced gas applications such as "GasBuddy" or "FuelFinder." These apps allow the user to find the cheapest gas station in the immediate or proposed proximity. With the rising fuel prices breaking our bank, these are some options to help make it easier and save some money in this tough economy that seems to be slowly diminishing.

Quote of the day:

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."
- Milton Berle



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In the News

Tracing the roots of St. Patrick's Day

What started out as a religious feast for the patron Saint of Ireland is now a worldwide celebrated day. St. Patrick's Day, which comes every year on March 17, is celebrated by the Irish or by people who are Irish-at-heart. The international celebrations consist of parades, dancing, special foods, a whole lot of green and even a pint of beer.

On any given day 5.5 million pints of Guinness, the famous Irish stout brand, are consumed around the world. But on St. Patrick's day that number more than doubles to 13 millions pints. Many different traditions are seen, such as Irish Music, Irish dances and Irish foods, and the shamrock as a symbol of their pride in their heritage.

Today, traditional Irish bands like The Chieftains, the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Make are gaining worldwide popularity. The St. Patrick's holiday food is corn beef and cabbage, and many other delicious dishes are prepared as well like stews, soups and cakes. When March 17th hits it is the day to drop everything and go green as it is Saint Patrick's Day.

According to the legend, St. Patrick was only sixteen he was taken by a group of Irish pirates, who took Patrick to Ireland where he



was enslaved and held captive for six years. Patrick wrote in a Confession that at the time that he was placed in captivity, it played a major role in his spiritual development. Patrick explained that the Lord had mercy on his youth and ignorance, and, "afforded him the opportunity to be forgiven of his sins and converted to Christianity."

God came to him in a dream telling him to flee captivity from his master and to go to a ship that was now ready for him. Now in his early twenties, Patrick returned home to his family and continued to study Christianity, and eventually returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary.

Parades

This Saturday, March 15 will mark the 32nd annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Syracuse, with a salute to the 32 counties of Ireland. This year the parade will partner with food banks of Central New York and the Interreligious Food Consortium. The parade organizers have also announced that they have partnered with 20 new businesses that will collect non-perishable foods. The parade has been a longtime supporter of Project Children, a program that brings boys and girls from war-torn Ireland to Syracuse. *By Jeff Waldron*

Jayhawks without highly touted freshman

The top ranked team in the big 12 and 8th in the nation Kansas Jayhawks lost their best player, Joel Embiid, for two weeks due to an injured back.

According to Kansas Head Coach Bill Self, "We're all very disappointed for Joel, he's worked so hard and improved so much. He's been one of the most improved players in the country in such a short amount of time. The most important thing is for Joel to get healthy. We were hopeful, Joel was hopeful, the doctors were hopeful that his body would respond more rapidly to rehab and that has not been the case."

The 7-foot center has put up great numbers this season and he is projected to be the number 1 pick in the NBA draft if he decides to leave after his freshman year. Embiid won defensive player of the year, averaging 8.1 re-



bounds, 2.6 blocks, to go along with 11.2 points per game. He is ruled out for the big 12 tournament and is unlikely to play in the first weekend of the NCAA tournament. The Jayhawks however are not lost without Embiid, they still have the second projected pick for the 2014 NBA draft Andrew Wiggins, the Jayhawks are a young team, 3 out of 4 of their top scorers are freshman, and the other (Perry Ellis) is a sophomore.

Without Embiid they lose a huge defensive presence down low so look for teams to attack the paint against Kansas with him out of the game. Without Embiid against West Virginia the Jayhawks showed great vulnerability, allowing 92 points in the upset loss. Kansas has been favorites to win the NCAA tournament, but without their 7 footer their defense is weak. *By Dawson Samson*

Have YOU got something to say?

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How do you think Syracuse will do in the NCAA Tournament?



"They will win it all!"

Meriah Dishaw



"Sweet 16."

Dan Coant



"Syracuse will win the tournament."

Mitch Towsley



"They will knock em dead!"

Julia Veasquez and Kendra Tyniski

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy.

42°

Average: 42°
Record: 82° (1990)

Tonight:



Chance rain.

32°

Average: 24°
Record: 7° (2003)

Tomorrow:

Snow showers.

40°/18°

Average: 43°/25°
Rec. high/low: 78°
(1990)/1° (1993)

Sunday:

Snow showers.

24°/10°

Average: 43°/25°
Record high/low: 80°
(1990)/2° (1911)

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.