



GRB chorus shines at Monday night concert

By Nate Hawthorne

Last night in the G. Ray Bodley high school auditorium was the Music in Our Schools Month Choral Concert. It featured a night full of talented hardworking students showcasing their vocal abilities through the fine tuned precision of Mr. Nami's guidance in his two choruses.

The evening started with Women's Choir performing a selection of five songs directed by Mr. Nami. The accompanist to Women's Choir was one of GRB's very own, senior Nick Ablegore.

Nick Ablegore then got a chance to showcase his musical prowess when he performed a piano solo, "Clair de Lune." The audience was riveted to see this level of musical craftsmanship coming out of GRB. When asked on the topic of how he felt about performing for his family and friends, Nick responded, "I always enjoy playing for my family and friends. Performing is something that just comes naturally to me, and seeing how people react to the music makes it more meaningful and beautiful."

Upon the completion of Nick's solo, the audience was graced by an energy filled per-

formance by the local all male a cappella group stationed in Oswego, The Oswego Valley Snowbelters. In their matching blue jackets and red ties, The Snowbelters performed with the character that has become a yearly tradition at the Music in Our Schools Month Choral Concert. For those interested in seeing The Snowbelters perform, they have an upcoming concert May 5 in the Hall

Newman Center at SUNY Oswego.

Following The Snowbelters was a performance by Mr. Nami's Concert Choir, which includes junior and senior girls, and men of all grades. Among their pieces performed was the first section of "The Magnificent" (the full piece will be performed at the last concert of the year), and the song, "Do You Hear the People Sing?" from the musical Les Miserables. This selection featured the soloists Nathan Hawthorne and Stephen Heywood. The evening's festivities ended with a high powered performance of "Brazil", featuring Mr. Jim Myers on drums, Nick Ablegore on guitar, and Anthony Semeraro on bass.

Audience member and GRB English teacher Mr. Lescarbeau said about the concert, "the performances of both choirs were a continued testament to the talents of Mr. Nami and the chorus program at G Ray Bodley. It is something to be very proud of and protect."

After the concert ended, Mr. Nami stated that, "it's a great experience for the students to perform a variety of music." Congratulations and good job to all those who performed yesterday.

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The G. Ray Bodley High School Choruses celebrated "Music in Our Schools Month" with a virtuoso performance on Monday evening in the GRB Auditorium. For more on the evening, including pictures, see page 4. (Nate Hawthorne photo)

Opinion

Do kids really need to have an i-phone?

By Laura Perwitz

Everywhere you look around G. Ray Bodley, you are bound to see a lot of kids with a phone that just came out. This phone is called the i-Phone.

This phone can serve as an i-Pod, a cell phone, a computer and so much more. As fun as i-Phones are, I really don't think that kids our age or younger really need one. Those phones are super expensive, and nobody really uses anything on them. Whatever happened to just having a phone where you can call and text?

In order to even have a phone in my house, I had to be 16 years of age, have a job and be more than willing to pay for it. I even have to pay my phone bill of \$15 a month. It is too bad these rules do't



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apply to everyone. You can't just rely on mommy and daddy any more to buy your phone and pay your phone bill because you want an expensive phone.

My phone from Verizon was free. My phone can go on the web, but since I'm paying for it myself, I don't bother because it costs so much money. My phone can also play music, but that costs even more money. This is why I have a computer and an i-Pod.

What is the point of purchasing this expensive phone at 16 years old, when you don't even use half of what is on it? Yes, they are pretty cool phones; but something like that should not be in the hands of someone so young. Adults can take care of their own phone and have the ability not to damage their phone. We as kids, how-

ever, have a tendency to be irresponsible with our phones, so they break or something worse.

Leave the i-Phones to the adults. You don't need that expensive of a phone to make you look cool or just to say you have one. All anybody really needs is a phone that can text and call people. You don't need your phone to surf the web or play music for you. What's the point when it costs so much more money?

If you really think you need an i-Phone, go find a job and pay for it yourself like I had to and other teens have to. Start paying your own bill and you may find that you feel more responsible. The i-Phones are honestly making teens even lazier than they were before. No kid should ever be allowed to have this highly priced device without being trusted first. Try a simpler phone that doesn't cost you a fortune and that only does a few things. In my opinion, i-Phones are for adults, not kids.

Bizarre news of the day: Man buried in hill of beans

A 56-year-old man was killed when he was buried under a 20-foot mound of pinto beans at a warehouse in Colorado, police said.

The man was pronounced dead at the Brush, Colorado, facility of the Kelley Bean Company after efforts to reach him alive were unsuccessful, Morgan County Undersheriff Dave Martin said. “We moved several tons of beans to get to him.”

Martin said emergency personnel were summoned to the site at 11:30 a.m. on reports of a worker trapped in a pile of loose pinto beans. Martin said dozens of rescue workers and even four inmates from the county jail spent an hour digging through a 20-foot high mound of the legumes to get to the trapped worker, but he was dead when crews reached him.

The man was a longtime resident of the area and had worked at the warehouse for between 12 and 15 years, Martin said.

The cause of the accident, how the victim became trapped, and the exact cause of death are under investigation, he added.

By Morgan Firenze



Reflections

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The Great Outdoors Snow goose jackpot for RND's resident hunter

By Daniel Summerville

One only has to take a look out their window to know that this year, spring has come early. Whether or not it is here to stay cannot be foreseen, but everyone might as well enjoy this unseasonably warm weather while it lasts.

Humans are not the only ones enjoying the warm weather, though. There are some animals that are taking advantage of it as well.

A few weeks ago, I wrote an article about the arrival of the snow geese flocks. In the article, I mentioned the fact that they only normally stay for a week or so, and then move on. I also stated that the warm weather might keep them in the area longer and give hunters more chances to bag them. I can now say that these predictions were true.

The snow geese have been in the area for almost a month now, far longer than they normally stay. Over the weekend, a small flock of the white geese landed in one of the cornfields on my farm. I had just finished milking the cows, and I decided to go out and see if I



good for snow goose hunting, many other animals would rather just stay hidden in the shade during the hot daytime hours. Hunters can only hope that this fall is not a repeat of this late winter and early spring, otherwise deer hunting will not be an easy task.

While the unusually warm weather will not have too much of a lasting effect on the animals, it has changed their behavior. The snow geese are just one of the species that is acting strange during this warm spell, species that should still be hibernating are already up and starting to become active. Whatever this weather means for the year to come, no one can deny that right now it makes hunting much easier, and snow goose season much more productive.

Meet the Reporters

Dallaslyn Lamb,
Senior

Dallaslyn joined the staff of RaiderNet to work as a reporter and article writer. Her outside interests included watching films, lacrosse, tennis and playing the cello.

Something that people might not know about her is that she has been a vegetarian for almost six years.



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could get one of the geese for supper. To my surprise, my first shot felled three geese, and a fourth fell out of the sky not far away. I definitely got my fair share of snow geese this year, as I normally only get a chance to get one of them. The warm weather has been very conducive for goose hunters, and hopefully it will continue to cooperate.

After having 80 degree days in the middle of March, it is unclear how hot it might get this summer, but with a bit of luck it will cool down by the fall hunting seasons. While warm weather might be

Quote of the day:

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Don't ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you.”

Thomas Jefferson



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Music in Our Schools Month

Chorus concert wows the audience at GRB

By Vanessa Langdon

On Monday, March 19th the Fulton Community was treated to an evening of choral delight. As March is Music In Our Schools Month this chorus concert was an extra special one featuring in addition to both the Women's Choir and Concert choir a special piano solo performed by Nick Abalgore and the Snowbelters a local barber shop choir.

The concert began with the Women's Choir conducted by Mr. Nami. There was a change for this concert as longtime GRB Chorus teacher Mrs. Walrath, who retired last year, was not available to accompany the choir. Instead they were accompanied by senior Nick Abalgore.

The choir performed a five song set beginning with *Baby, I'm in Love* followed by *Unchained Melody*, *Take Five*, and then a fan favorite, *Coming Home* a ballad about ending a journey, possibly life itself. They then ended their set with an up tempo jazz number, *It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That A Swing!*

Then, in what was possibly the highlight of the entire evening, senior and musical mastermind Nick Abalgore preformed a piano solo, *Clair de Lune*. After finishing the marvelous solo he received a standing ovation from the crowd that could not get enough of his talents, which were boasted by Mr. Nami as he listed off the numerous instruments mastered by Nick, including piano, guitar, and trombone, which he performed at area all-state this year.

After Nick Abalgore's performance came the annual appearance of The Snowbelters, who kindly appear yearly at the GRB Music In Our Schools Month concert. The group is a local barbershop choir from Oswego who have a Facebook page which everyone should check out.

Tickets are currently available for their next show on May 5 at Oswego High School

to celebrate the 50th year of the choir. Along with The Snowbelters this show features Vocal spectrum 2006 International Quartet Champion, the Oswego High School Chamber singers, and various local barbershop choruses.

After the Snowbelters performed it was time for the GRB Concert Choir. They performed their own five song set starting with a movement from *The Magnificat*, a piece which they performed part of in December at the Holiday concert. At the final concert of the year the group will perform it in its entirety, along with the orchestra.

The next song performed by the choir was

For the Beauty of the Earth and then *Sing Me to Heaven*, a gorgeous ballad. From the famous Broadway musical *Les Miserables*, they sang *Do You Hear the People Sing?* featuring soloists senior Nathan Hawthorne and sophomore Stephen Heywood. The final song of the Concert Choir's set and the entire evening itself with the up tempo number *Brazil* about getting away to a tropical paradise.

The concert went wonderfully and was met with great applause from the audience. The next choral concert, which will no doubt build upon this one as both groups continue to learn and master their art is scheduled for May 30 at 7:30 pm.



G. Ray Bodley High School Chorus Director Mr. Nami, center, leads the Mixed Choir into action at Monday night's concert. The evening proved to be a real crowd-pleaser as Music in Our Schools Month continues at Bodley. The next concert will be this Thursday at 7:30 pm, featuring the GRB Bands as well as a pair of guest performers. Be sure to check out tomorrow's edition of RaiderNet Daily for the full story. (Nate Hawthorne photo)

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School of Thought compiled by Joe Medico and Nick Abelgore

What will you be doing in the nice weather this week?



"I'll be playing lacrosse for sure!"

Torrie Whelsky



"Swimming."

Scott LaVoie



"Beaching it with the babes!"

Michelle Clark



"I'll be outside playing with my dog."

Cameron Filippi

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Partly cloudy.

70°

Average: 45°
Record: 75° (1976)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy.

53°

Average: 26°
Record: 6° (1967)

Tomorrow:



Sun and clouds.
Chance storm.

75°

Average: 45°
Record: 66° (1976)

GRB senior Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.