

HOPE Club creates smiles in "Frienduary"

This past month the G. Ray Bodley High School H.O.P.E. Club set out to make the school a friendlier place. The club spent the month of February completing random acts of kindness to help alleviate the winter blues and to help people realize just how much they mean to everyone around them, whether they are aware of it or not.

The club's first act was to give a little thanks to several school employees who have a relatively thankless job; the hall monitors, secretaries, lunch monitors, and attendance secretaries. These people are always there for the students and do their jobs while receiving very little thanks from the students who walk the halls every day. To show them

how much they are valued the club gave them each a carnation as a token of appreciation to let them know that their hard work does not go unnoticed. To sweeten the deal the club was able to keep money spent on the flowers within the school by purchasing the flowers from the carnation sale.

Next the club set their sights on Bodley's hard-working teachers. The club, with the help of Mrs. Patrick, made up little bookmarks with inspirational sayings on them to give to each of the teachers. All of the students at GRB are extremely lucky to have some of the best people at their disposal to help them grow.

And lastly the club took to the halls to

brighten the spirits of the student body. The club worked extra hard to ensure that the students each received a post-it note on their lockers last Tuesday. Some may have ended up on the floor, but the few who really appreciated the group's efforts made it worthwhile.

The club would like to thank all the people who helped complete these random acts of kindness, especially their financial supporters, GRB's Team Positive. They would also like to remind everyone that simple acts of kindness can make someone's day. As former President Ronald Reagan said, "we can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

By Vanessa Langdon

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Quirk's Players present *Hello, Dolly*

By Vanessa Langdon

Starting on Thursday there are four opportunities to see Quirk's Players latest masterpiece, *Hello, Dolly!*

The show is a well-known musical that first opened on Broadway in 1964 and has since won the Tony award for Best Musical and nine other Tonys. The show, set in 1890's

New York City, centers around a widowed matchmaker, Dolly Gallagher Levi. Dolly is currently seeking a wife for grumpy Horace Vandergelder, the well-known half-a-millionaire whom she works for, but it becomes clear that Dolly intends to marry Horace herself. Ambrose Kemper, a young artist, wants to marry Horace's weepy niece Ermengarde, but Horace opposes this because Ambrose's

job does not guarantee a steady living. Ambrose enlists Dolly's help to ensure his love.

Dolly continues to "meddle" in order to do her matchmaking and win the heart of Vandergelder. Meanwhile Vandergelder continues to attempt to keep his niece Ermengarde away from Ambrose. Irene, yet

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Quirk's Players will be back onstage tonight and tomorrow with the annual spring musical production of *Hello, Dolly*.

Opinion

Gun enthusiasts voice their opinion on new laws

By Dan Henkle & Adam Briggs

Newtown, Connecticut was once a peaceful small town before December 14, 2012. At about 9:35 a.m. an intruder came into the Sandy Hook Elementary School fully armed, with his mother's semiautomatic pistols and an AR-15 semiautomatic assault.

The rest is history, as he stormed into the school ready to kill. Before turning the weapons on himself the intruder was able to kill 26 people, including 20 small children. According to news reports, this intruder had a personality disorder and was somewhat autistic, which are both believed to have been factors leading up to this horrific event.

Due to public outcry over this and many other similar situations, stricter gun laws are being considered, and in some cases pushed through with all due haste. As a result, gun enthusiasts from throughout the state recently gathered in Albany to question both the haste and the severity of these proposed new laws.

Among the estimated 10,000 people in attendance was G. Ray Bodley High School art teacher Mrs. Williams who attended due to her belief that, "we need to stand up for our Second Amendment right now before it gets too far. As soon as you give up one freedom they are going to keep taking them, and they've already stated that's what they're going to do."

"Registering your firearms is the first step to something greater," she stated, adding that, "I think the new gun laws are created by uneducated people that are basing their opinion on Hollywood instead of fact. When speaking to assemblymen they believe that it's up to the constituents to educate them instead of them finding out what the truth



Gun enthusiasts from throughout the state descended upon Albany last week to voice their displeasure with the proposed gun legislation currently being touted by Gov. Cuomo. (Mrs. Williams photo)

is."

Among the items currently being discussed are laws that would affect law-abiding, state licensed hunters. "It limits them on the rounds, it limits them on long range gun usage," she commented. "If the policy goes through they would have to pay a \$2,000 a year policy for over 1 million dollars in coverage for every firearm they own. It also extinguishes certain clip sizes or shapes. If your clip size is bent instead of a straight clip it's also now considered illegal."

But that's not all according to Mrs. Williams, who also noted that, "If you have a barrel shroud on your long range rifle that's now considered illegal as well as a sight rail, which also would be considered an 'evil feature,'" even though it only cools down the

barrel of your gun." She also commented about an aspect concerning doctor-patient confidentiality, saying, "they actually found a flaw saying if you go to your primary doctor and tell them you feel suicidal it automatically goes under the mental illness clause so your chance of owning a firearm is gone completely. But there are certain things that we want that won't get amended."

Technology teacher Mr. Sievers also has opinions on the matter, and as a hunter he is less than pleased with New York State, saying, "I believe that the New York SAFE Act is a way to control law-abiding citizens rather than putting emphasis on gun control for criminals. People are committing crimes already, it doesn't matter what laws go into

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Signups scheduled for Bodley's Got Talent 2013

By Vanessa Langdon

It's that time of year again; Bodley's Got Talent is right around the corner! The H.O.P.E. Club is proud to announce that its annual talent show will take place on Thursday, April 18. While the club is just in its planning stages; beginning to break into committees to tackle their biggest event by far, they have nailed down some dates in order to let the student body get their acts together and to allow the entire community to prepare for a fun-filled evening with the proceeds benefitting charity!

There are two other very important dates



for prospective acts to keep in mind. As was the case in previous years, there will be act sign ups during lunch bells. This year H.O.P.E. Club members will be manning a table outside of lunch bells the week before spring break, Monday through Thursday, March 25-28. The club will have those four days to get all the talent possible before the start of spring break.

On top of the sign-ups it is mandatory for all prospective acts to attend their scheduled act preview time. The groups will each choose an act preview time upon signing up for the show. The previews will take place in club advisor Mrs. Cronk's classroom (Room 119) on Tuesday, April 9 and Wednesday April 10. The act previews will run from 2:30 to 4 pm. The act previews are not an audition, but just serve to make everyone aware of how the show will run, what each act needs for equipment, and to give the acts constructive criticism.

All acts are reminded that everything needs to be school appropriate, and that they need to be prepared to either perform their act that day or bring a recording or video of them performing with them to the preview as well as a copy of any lyrics.

And to inform everyone ahead of time this event is strictly for GRB students, there can be no outside people performing in the acts.

The club wants to show how much talent is lurking in the halls on a daily basis, and to put that talent to good use while raising funds for Habitat for Humanity, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the Lost Boys of the Sudan.

So mark your calendars; sign up to participate the week of March 25, go to your act preview either Tuesday April 9 or

Wednesday April 10, and of course everyone should attend Bodley's Got Talent on Thursday, April 18! Will it be a two year title for dancer extraordinaire senior Julia Fisch, or will they find a new first place winner? There is sure to be plenty of good competition all in the name of making our community, the USA, and the world a better place!

Quirk seniors to be honored Saturday

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another character thrown into the love mix, is courted by Horace but while she wants a husband she cannot make herself love him.

Senior Alexis Pawlewicz will be playing the role of Dolly, with Mitch Lalik as Horace. Other key actors are Amanda Trombly (Irene), Laura Perwitz (Ermengarde), Mikaela Houck and Katelyn Caza.

The show's love stories continue with hilarity intermixed as the couples land in jail. The ending of the story shows that money does not equal happiness and that we all need someone to share life with.

The show has three more performances; tonight at 7:30, a Saturday matinee at 2 pm, and the final performance Saturday night at 7:30. Tickets are available at the door for \$8, \$7 for senior citizens and children under 12, and all are encouraged to attend. Saturday's evening performance will honor the graduating seniors, some of whom have been performing with the group since elementary school as this year's graduating class marks the end of the "orphans" from the Quirk's 2000 rendition of *Annie*.

Also highlighting Saturday's finale will be the announcement of this year's winners of Jackie Stewart award to the outstanding senior performers. Mrs. Stewart, a former principal at GRB, was a strong supporter of the Quirk's Players prior to her untimely passing.

Overall the group has been working tirelessly to perfect the show, putting in very long hours at the high school, as late as 11 pm, all in the name of good theater! Students were treated to a preview of the show on Thursday.

New guns laws questioned

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place or what SAFE Act is in place. People that are law-abiding citizens are affected negatively by the gun laws because it's limited our rights to bear arms based on the constitutional amendments."

He believes that he will be personally affected by the proposed new laws, saying, "being a hunter I've had to try to protect myself so that the public doesn't become aware than I own weapons, and it affects the fact that I am now limited on what I am allowed to purchase as a law-abiding citizen based on what politicians feel is a dangerous looking weapon compared to an actual user friendly tool for hunting animals."

Among the things that the SAFE Act is try-

ing to ban are the possession of any high capacity magazines, requiring ammunition dealers to do background checks similar to those of gun buyers. It also requires the creation of a registry of assault weapons, stolen guns are required to be reported within 24 hours, and it bans the internet sale of assault weapons, increases sentences for gun crimes, and requires background checks for all gun sales.

Clearly New York State has made an effort to try to keep people safe, but at the same time the people who have guns are upset because the overwhelming majority would never use the guns they own to hurt others and have them only for the use of competitive shooting and hunting.

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New trend "shakes" the world

By Casey Ware

Through the years people have always had their trends of dance songs, dance styles and fads, and something new appears to pop up each year. In late 2012 it was "Gangnam Style," and now the latest craze for the new year is "The Harlem Shake."

Taking a look back through the decades, in the early 2000's everyone was doing the "Macarena." In 2007 Soulja boy dropped his hit "Crank 'Dat," which started an internet dance sensation. In 2010 "Cat Daddy" came out by the Reject Boyz and people started that famous dance. In 2011 the popular song "Dougie" busted onto the dance scene with the song "Teach me how to Dougie."

As far as fads go, in 2012 "owling" came out of nowhere, perhaps in response to "planking," and people started posting pictures of themselves and their friends crouching on the ground like an owl.

Joining the list of fads is "The Harlem Shake," which seemingly burst out of nowhere and has become a YouTube sensation.

What is the Harlem Shake you may ask? The Harlem Shake is an individual who is dancing alone surrounded by a group of people who are unaware or not paying attention to that individual. After about 15 seconds a big flash occurs and the whole group in the room starts dancing for about 30 seconds. The song was created by Baauer and made its debut at number 1 on the Billboard Top 100 in early February.

Senior Robert Guernsey works at Hollister clothing store, and they experienced the dance sensation by making their own video of the dance. When asked what he thought about it Guernsey said, "it was a cool experience and a lot of fun." "The Harlem Shake" has even hit us here in Fulton, with our fifth ranked girls bowling team performing it, as have the Miami Heat basketball team, Manchester City soccer team, the English National Ballet, and even a group of soccer cheerleaders from Crystal Palace in England.

But even as this dance has gained worldwide notoriety, it has also generated controversy. Recently college students in Colorado performed the dance on an airplane, and they are now being charged with breaking aviation laws. This has caused some controversy throughout the nation and has even caused an outrage.

In the meantime, as the world continues to have "Harlem Shake" fever, one has to wonder what the next viral phenomenon will be. Because after all, today's "Harlem Shake" will soon become yesterday's "Macarena" because as quickly as these fads come, they usually disappear just as fast in favor of the next big thing.

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