



# Dub-Town Gazette

## Most memorable events from 2014 school year

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In the past year there has been good times and not so good times. Times when we really joined together as a school and created fun memories and others when we wished we were not at school. This year we have done homecoming week, slave auction, prom, and spring spirit week.

There are many memorable things from this year Carlee Davis thinks that “the most memorable thing from this year would have to be Mr. Stenson not knowing what the whole class was laughing about.” Amber Hockenberry feels the thing that

made this year easier to endure was “having her friends around to support me.”

During homecoming many events happened. The teachers danced for royalty; there was a wagon and stage coach in the parade, the seniors painted the “W”, girls played powder puff football and boys played macho man volleyball. After the big football game was a dance. That was when everyone had the chance to show their good dance moves and others not so good.

Spring spirit week was lacking in spirit! There was barely anyone who dressed up.

Spring is a hard time to do dress up weeks because kids are working on finals and end of the year projects. Most people don’t want to focus on all their school work and finding costumes.

There was also a slave auction to raise money for the senior class, and thanks to support we made about \$1000. It was worth the work! Some seniors also did concessions, raffle tickets, and chocolate sales all to earn money for the senior party. The senior party is a chemical free party, which means no drugs or alcohol are allowed.

Prom was an in-

teresting one this year, with a sweet light show. will surely have more to  
when the theme of *Star Wars* took over. There was The high school students come  
everything from puffy danced the night away in a  
dresses to R2-D2 look a grinding like fashion.  
like. There was a live DJ This year has been a very  
eventful one; next year

Another spirit week has come and gone so I our spirit is gone.

By Steven Holkan

The Whitehall high school year is coming to an end and to mark the occasion the school overlords decided to employ.....pause for dramatic affect.....a spirit week, you were hoping for tear gas weren't you, well sorry to disappoint. The spirit week consisted of, as the name implies seven days with the intention of increasing school spirit, each day was given a specific theme and the students were expected to dress for the occasion, with a few exceptions such as horror and Disney days "horror day was the best out of all the days because I had a chance to try out a new type of makeup." "I liked the Disney day mostly because it was the only day I participated" the idea failed miserably with practically nobody in the high school actually dressing up. Both quotes provided by helpful juniors who volunteered their time to help support my case. On the other hand the final day was a resounding success, the final day was set to a one o'clock release schedule and the second half of the day was devoted to entertaining activities including movies,

board games, wii games, and of course basket ball.

During the spirit week other activities were transpiring that didn't require forced attendance and was actually widely accepted as entreating, and I shudder at the thought but that activity was track, yes your reading this correctly, track was more exciting then spirit week "Get some friends to do it with you instead of just yourself" said a long term member who wished to share his wisdom on making the event even more enjoyable. Another member Miss Annie Sacry said the most enjoyable thing about track "Hanging out with my pole vault family" and of course not wishing to be left out from the words of wisdom she had this to say about making track more enjoyable for new members of track "Be happy no matter the weather or the workout" in closing the wonderful readers of the world we have this to say it can always get worse so try not to complain.



## College Preparation for High school students

By: Nolan Romerio

With the school year coming to an end some of the seniors at Whitehall High School are getting ready to go to college. If you want to get a 4 year education then college is right for you. But there are certain precautionary steps that need to be taken before going off to college. If you are still looking for the right college to attend you should decide pretty quick because there isn't much time left before application deadlines. There are definitely pros and cons to each college; you could go to a small community college or a state college for a quick 2 year program or a 4 year diploma. You have to choose the right school for you and decide if you're going for an undergraduate degree, graduate degree, or a certificate program. For Whitehall High senior Connell Coffing attending Montana Tech was a good choice because of its low cost

for tuition and it's not too far from home. Senior Bryce Murphy will be attending MSU for their good programs and he already has housing in Bozeman. Getting a good education is essential for a good career and helps a lot later down the road. Taking one of the standardized tests like the ACT or SAT is usually required to get into college so make sure you have sent in your scores.

Some say that deciding on a major is hard for some and you might change it a couple of times throughout college depending on your future career plans. If you don't really feel like spending all that money on tuition then it might be a good idea to finish up those good scholarships and turn your remaining scholarships before the upcoming deadlines. The last thing you want is a bunch of student debt. After you get accepted into college you can go

on a college visit day and cruise around and maybe sign up for classes during the summer. You can set up an appointment with the college's counselor to talk about signing up for the right classes you should be taking. You also have to buy books for class which aren't too cheap.

After you graduate high school you have to send in a copy of your high school transcript for their records. You need to either sign up for the dorms or get a place to stay in the city of your college. You will have to apply for a dorm room or rent an apartment if you don't have a place to stay. Once you secure all the necessities for your college it would be a good idea to get a summer job to support all your expenditures for food, rent, and recreational spending. The basis of comfortable living can come from some extra money.

## As the School Year Winds Down

By: Brooke Griffis

June 1st...This is the day that we've been waiting for all year. What's so special about this? Graduation!! The seniors in Whitehall high school have been working hard, day in and day out for four years now, and it's finally almost over.

Graduation is on June 1st at 2:00 pm in the varsity gymnasium. Bring all of your

family and friends to come celebrate your high school achievements! Afterwards, at 7:00 pm, the seniors will get on a bus together for their senior trip! This trip is supposed to be a surprise for them, so they have no idea where they are going.

Now that their high school career is almost over,

many of the seniors are getting a bittersweet feeling. Some are realizing all of the things they'll miss, how fast the time flew by, and the many things they may have taken for granted all these years. However, most are dying with excitement. "I'm sick of High school!" said Morgan Jones.

“Yeah, college should be fun”, added Bryce Murphy.

“Abso(fricken)lutely!” agreed Trystin Larsen.

As one can tell, these three seniors have had their fair share of high school, and can't wait to get out. Although they're so excited, they also added some of the things they'll miss. “I'll miss some people here”, said Jones, referring to her friends. Of course, being an athlete, Murphy will miss “...the competitiveness of high school sports”, as well as “friends”. Last but not least, Larsen says she'll miss “the food in the teachers lounge”.

Although there are many things and people to be left behind, these three students

are ready to start the next chapter in their lives. College may not be for everyone, but they have big plans for their futures. Morgan Jones will be attending the University of Montana to study journalism, Bryce Murphy will attend Montana State University, and Trystin Larsen is going to attend Montana Tech to pursue a degree in environmental engineering.

But of course, those are all plans for this fall... as of right now, its time to think about summer! There's lots of things to do during the summer, for example, fishing, camping, sports, video games, and of course working a sum-

mer job. Murphy will be “playing lots of baseball and working as a Biological Weed Control Technician”, while Larsen will be “working for the Forest Service on the fire crew”. On the other hand, Jones will be “having fun with friends and family”. What a great way to spend the next three months! Have a great summer everyone!

## Shop students at Whitehall High School recognize shop teacher By: Mason Higgins

Whitehall High School shop teacher, Mr. Richards, receives positive recognition from his students. They express their opinions of how he has been helpful throughout the year.

Whitehall senior, Bryce Murphy explains how Mr. Richards has helped him accomplish his projects. "I've been able to build all my projects because of all the tricks and hints he has given me. He has helped me put them together when I have needed help. The biggest thing I have learned is measure twice and cut once."

Junior, Cyris Robertson states, "He helped me get a go cart running. Introduced me of

new ways of doing things and different tools."

Another senior, Ryan Tuthill learned about, "Welding and forging, all of my metal knowledge. He's given me advice and then space to learn and apply that advice to my work. He knows anything form woods, metals and engines and everything in between."

Mr. Richards is constantly working and active throughout the day. When he's not helping someone he's usually working on a wood project.

Robertson also explains, "He has the knowledge of a 100 year old man, but he's as fit as a 20 year old."

Richards attended West-

ern Montana College and received a B.S. Industrial Arts major, a Social Science Major and a Trades and Industry Endorsement. Later he got a Master of Science in Education Administration at Grand Canyon University.

Richards first started teaching in Sidney, Montana for one year where he taught shop classes and coached Football and Basketball. Then he moved to Helena to teach Shop and American History for three years as well as coach Basketball and Track. After that he received a job at Sargent High School in Monte Vista, Colorado for 8 years. There he taught Shop and His-

tory as well as Assistant Boy's and Girl's Basketball Coach and Assistant Football Coach.

In 1995 he obtained another teaching job at Harrison High School in Harrison, Montana where he taught for 10 years. There he also taught Shop and History class as well as 6 years of coaching Boys Varsity Basketball. Finally he came to Whitehall working in the Principal position until 2012 where he also taught shop for a year and then the

year after he went to teaching Shop until the present.

Murphy explains more, "He knows just about anything in the wood shop

from saws to sanders and everything in between. No project is too hard or too big for him. If you asked him for help he will find a way to figure it out."



## Art show by Whitehall students will leave its mark

By Mikaila Piippo

Art has been around since the beginning of human record keeping. Paintings on cave walls decorate the otherwise bland rock and give us insight into the lives of those long gone. Art has changed as humans have become more civilized. After the original cave men had long died, art started to expand and grow from the simple stick figure drawings, to full blown landscapes and people so real that the look as if they will walk through the frame and touch you, sculptures so detailed they leave you wondering when they will move, people using themselves as art, capturing a real life moment in a picture, and full circle again to paintings on a wall known as graffiti. Through all of these changes in the art world, students have been learning and creating art.

Today, we have such a

wide range of styles to choose from, that no one can truly say that their style is completely their own. This is one of the best times to be an artist. No one knows that better than the students of Mr. Gunderson's art classes. The wide variety of classes and styles Gunderson teaches brings out the best in his students. He also gives them an opportunity to show their projects to the public and see how professional artists can sell their work. Once such way he does this is with his semi-annual art shows in the Observatory located his art room in the Whitehall Middle School/Elementary building. This most recent show, entitled Elite Collection, will take place on May 28<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7p.m. for one night only. If you want to catch a glimpse of what could be up there, find the various installation

art pieces that Gunderson's Drawing/ Painting class has set up around both buildings.

The last show, which was around the same time as the music concert, was very successful and brought lots of opportunities for correction and growth in artists participating. Here lots of people can come and see the amazing works that the students create while in art. They can even purchase some of the pieces up there (and possibly snack on treats). The prices start at around five dollars and rarely go above \$30. Once you purchase them, a red dot will be placed by the pieces description and will no longer be for sale, but merely on display. After the show, you can come in anytime to pick up the painting, sculpture or whatever else it is that you purchased.

While the assignment for the show has not been given yet, many of the students show

enthusiasm as to what they wish would be in the display: “[I would submit a piece of] me, riding a nar-whal into battle,” states Habii-bah Pate, a Junior at White-hall



High School. They even say some of their best pieces have been in these art shows. “[The best piece I did] was probably a sketch of my brother,” says Shanna Russell, Junior. This piece was in one of the art shows, along with many others from talented artists.

Many students at WHS

got into art on accident: “I took it (art class) freshman year and really liked it so I decided to take it again this year,” says Madison Johnson, Sophomore. Others, such as James Kidd a Senior at White-

hall, feel art is more than just a class: “I am doing art because it is my passion. I do it for inspiration. I love to draw what I feel, what I see, (for the) devotion to a project.” Once they got into it, they never forget it. Sadly, only 25% of those interviewed were returning to the class next year. Kidd is graduat-

ing, while Pate said she would not return, “because it doesn’t fit in my schedule. But I will still be pursuing art on my own time.”

Despite the fact that most could not come back next year, they had lots of advice to give the younger art students. “Don’t give up on your dreams,” says Kidd, “No matter how (bad) you fail, strive to improve. Make yourself better, (and) take your time.” Johnson has similar sentiments: “It’s about having fun, and doing something you like.” Art has a deep impact on many people. Whether it is in the form of a poem, a song, or a painting, art sticks with you. So come out and see the feelings and sights that the students of Whitehall high School experience. Maybe pick a piece that speaks to your heart. It’s a sight that is sure to leave a lasting impression.

## Our Tennis team and its entirety

By: Raven G Hrysenko

Tennis season was very successful this year for the girls from Whitehall High School (WHS). From the first day of practice, March 17, to the present, it has been a very positive experience. Our team constantly strives to improve our game, and at the same time has fun while playing. We act like a family on and off the court, encouraging each other to become the best tennis players we can possibly be. Our team is composed of Raven Hrysenko and Trystin Lar-

sen, the only Seniors; Tristyn Howard, Hunter Ament, and Alyssa Japhet Juniors; Sophomores Allie Nielsen and Michaela Simons; and, last but not least, Freshmen Bryn Welker and Imanica Sepulveda. We are led by our fearless coach, Kerry Sacry, who is assisted by Christy Turman.

Some of the WHS tennis team took a moment of their time to express their thoughts about the year.

Ament’s favorite moment was playing doubles with Howard. She thought this was amazing because she usually doesn’t play doubles; however, she prefers singles since she is the one in control and plays like a “boss.”

Howard enjoys playing singles because “I am in control of the ball and don’t have to watch or be in control of the other person’s mistakes.” When teaming with Ament, “we always

had a good time playing with each other.” Her favorite moment was in Townsend when the team got horribly sunburned.

Welker enjoys playing doubles with Sepulveda. Her favorite moment of the season was when “I finally started to get my serves in.”

Finally, Japhet enjoys

playing doubles with Simons. Her favorite moment was, “This year when me and Michaela were playing Townsend and we just laughed and messed around the whole time. It made the Townsend girls mad and that was funny.” She prefers doubles over singles “because I like having someone I can count on and having somebody else on the court with me makes me more ag-

gressive.”

All in all, this has been a great season. As we approach Divisionals this weekend in Whitehall, cheer on our girls: Singles: Larsen, Howard, Ament, and Hrysenko. The Doubles competitors: Japhet/Simons and Walker/Sepulveda. Please come out and support our girls!

## Spanish Club heads to Spain!

By. Rianne Collins

Could you Imagine going to Spain for two weeks in the summer!! Well here at Whitehall High School, 2 high school students, Rianne Collins, a senior, and Peter Antanolli, a junior, the Spanish teacher, Mr. Cabeza (Head), Shiloh Miller, a former WHS student, and her mom, Jeanie Miller are going to Spain. Mr. Head takes student abroad every two years. On this trip we will be flying out of Bozeman, MT and into Atlanta, GA, then from there we fly to Paris, and then down to Madrid, where we being our tour of Europe. So Excited!! Tristan Lar-

sen, a senior at WHS, “Enjoyed the cultural diversity from the U.S on the trip.” She loved “Barcelona, her favorite part about the trip” Tristan experienced a lot and more than she thought she would. She wishes she could have stayed longer in Europe. She said that after coming back from the trip she never wants to settle down, the trip sparked her craving for travel. Mr. Head has gone on 6 trips all together. Going to Spain is a once and lifetime chance, that most people don’t get to experi-

ence. Every time Mr. Head went on a trip he has a blast. “The kids have so much fun as do I” Head said. This chance to go to Spain and other places like France, Barcelona, and Rome! The best part is it doesn’t cost that much to go to those places. I think this will be a breathtaking experience and I will want to go back and do it again! I have always loved the style and way the Europe’s do things. They are kind of laid back and hey they are close to the ocean!

## New school year could bring new sports to Whitehall

By: Jake Reinschmidt

So far, at Whitehall High school, the only sports that are available for guys are; Basketball, Football, wrestling and Track. Sports available for girls are; Volleyball, Football, Wrestling, Bas-

ketball, Track and Tennis. Is that really fair? Definitely not for guys! The 2014-2015 school year could bring with it a new era of sports for Whitehall.

Students at Whitehall have

wanted golf and a guy’s tennis team for a while now, but an interview with the Whitehall High school principal explains why it is unlikely for Whitehall to get those sports. “With

decreasing enrollment at Whitehall High School, adding new sports would decrease the number of players for track and tennis." Mclean said. In title 9, it states that there has to be an even number of sports for guys and girls. Even though girls can do guy's sports and guys can't do girls sports, the guy sports that girls can do don't count as a girls sport. So if Whitehall added co-ed tennis to the Whitehall list of sports, then they would also have to add another girls sport to even things out.

Adding a golf team to Whitehall high schools list of

sports could actually happen in the future because golf is a guy/girl sport so you wouldn't have to add another sport to even it out. Upcoming high school senior, Nathaniel Reed said "I would play golf for sure next year!" Him and many others said they would. The only bad thing about adding a golf team is, the number of players for track and tennis would decrease. People who don't play track or tennis, I think would play golf. This could make people more involved in the school.

With the decreasing Whitehall High School enrollment, adding golf to the list of

sports could help bring in more kids to Whitehall maybe. I think if people knew we had a golf team then more kids would want to come to school here. One question that everyone has is, where would the team practice? The golf team would have to either go to Three Forks or Butte to practice and I don't know if kids would want to do that. I definitely think getting a golf team would be a good addition to sports in Whitehall High school.

## Butte Brawl

By Jacob Davidson

The Butte brawl, where is it? The Butte civic center. It's in April and December for \$100 per person. It's the only place where you can pay to see someone fight until their black and blue. Unless you go to fight club.

Steven Elis, 1 win and 2 loss, skilled in judo, and in a weight class 135 to 145, has fought at the butte brawl. He may not be returning till college is over, but

his training will continue. If you decided to go, Elis says, "Expect a battle." It's going to be a fun time.

Fighting has been with us since the day we were born. The samurai fought which pretty much lead to martial arts. Which is what the butte brawl is. It's mixed martial arts. MMA. So, will you keep up the tradition and go to the fight? Or take up the gloves and

go a few rounds with your neighbor?

## 22 Ammunition Please Come Back Soon

Wyatt Anderson

All shooters have noticed the lack of the cheapest ammunition you can get the 22 long rifle. The most popular sporting goods stores such as Bobwards and Cabelas have a hard time keeping their shelves stocked with 22 ammunition. Customers such as Mr. Head "yes, at Walmart and Rocky mountain supply, you have to be a

little lucky though." There are lots of people looking for ammunition that can't seem to get lucky enough to actually find some. The main reason that people are looking for 22 shells is because they are cheap and they are lots of fun to shoot. You could shoot a ton of 22 shells without breaking the

bank which makes people happy. Most of the stores that have 22 ammo will sell them for a higher price because they know people will pay the money to get the shells. There are some places that have been selling 50 shells for around 20 dollars, which over a year ago you could get 550



shells for those 20 dollars at Walmart. “yes order through Bobwards.” sated Steven Ellis. There are plenty of people doing this which makes it harder for everyone else from getting some ammo.

The shortage of 22 ammunition started about a year ago. Connell thinks “People think that the government are gonna take way guns and ammo so people are stalking up!” This

is very true as well lots of people are stalking up on this ammo and buying it whenever they seem to find. There are plenty of people that buy the ammo even if they have a stock pile of it at their home, they are making it so people that need some can’t get it. That is one of the main reason that people can’t find ammo is that a lot of the people are hoarding it, also that the stores

aren’t putting the ammo on the shelves as much so they can charge whatever they want for it. The way this could be fixed is with time such as many things. The people that already have ammo will eventually get enough where they feel comfortable which will cause them to stop buying, therefore there will be more for all.

## Bear your Arms for Bear Hunting

By: Bridger Ament

What is the one animal that most people believe to be the most adrenaline filled experience when hunting? This animal is considered the king of the forest, the Big Papa in some eyes. This animal has earned its reputation; I’m talking about black bears! Black bears are one of the biggest carnivores in North America. They are said to weigh up to 500lbs and can be seven

feet tall and weigh around 400lbs.

Lucky for the residents of Whitehall the mountains surrounding us are all filled with black bears. You can more than guarantee that start April 15<sup>th</sup> and can go as long as to June 15<sup>th</sup>. This however is just the spring season; the fall season is from September 15<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. This year during spring

black one is 4 feet tall and my blonde one is 5 feet and 6 inches”. However his don’t compare to Connell Coffing’s bear which he says “Is way bigger than mine and Bryce can’t compete its 5 feet 9 Inches”. But then blow Mike Woods out of the water who says “unfortunately I have not killed a bear the last two years I have gone hunting.



photo courtesy of Steve Hillebrand, USFS

feet tall. Of course this is would be one of the biggest black bears. Most black bears are four to six

bear season 63 bears have been harvested. Certain spots in Montana have quotas that must be met during the season.

Recent surveys from around Whitehall it just shows that some people have better luck then others. When Bryce Murphy a senior at Whitehall High School was asked how many bears had he killed and how big he responds “I have killed 2 bears in the last 7 years. My

Either way whether you have killed a bear or have not the real fun is just getting out and doing it. The real award is being outdoors with the one you love and sharing unforgettable experiences. One thing all these young men have in common is the fact that all love going hunting with family and friends. That is the true reason why we hunt no matter what it is.

## Extreme Sports Summer X Games Austin 2014

By Tucker South

Summer X games is like the super bowl for action sports athletes. All the best and famous action sport athletes will be there competing for the gold. It is in Austin Texas this year and should be one of the best to come. There is Bmx, Skate, Fmx, And racing Moto, trucks and rally car.

There will Moto X free-style which is a timed event where you are judged on style difficulty of trick. This is no walk in the park, these athletes must hit a variety of jumps at different distances and there is no room for mistakes. A mistake could result in a very bad injury and or even death. This even is a must watch, it will keep you on the edge of your seat. Another popular Moto Even is best whip. This is where the fmx riders his a 75 foot ramp gap and at 40 feet in the air there get there bike as most upside down and sidewise

as possible, defining the laws of gravity then having bring it back to land without a crash. They also have Moto X Endro racing and speed and style where they race around a difficult track for a chance to win gold.

Moto X is not the only sick event at X games. There is rally car racing where they actually race on the streets will dirt and pavement. These cars are not your normal race car; they have up 750 horsepower and are very fast. They race through the streets of Austin and can be known to hit up to 80 foot jumps. The other new to x games sport is truck racing similar to the rally car just in a truck form.

They have BMX at x games where there is big air and they jump 75 feet and try to outdo every ones trick on a bicycle. Then you have the

skateboarders' that can make their boards do what they want with their feet and land it perfectly. Koda Donat an action sport athlete watches X games. Donat says Moto X best Whip is his favorite event. Donats says "My Favorite athlete is Josh Hansson because he throws the sickest whips". Donat stated "the best memory was the Travis Pastrana double back flip on a dirt bike". X games also has live popular bands playing threw out the day. If you're an action sport enthusiast this is a must watch event. It will impress you and show you how hard and extreme these sports really are.

## Eager anglers ready to get out fishing this summer

By: Conor McNamara

As winter begins to release its grip on Montana and the snow melts away. The weather gets warmer mosquitoes begin to bite and so do the fish. Montana is full of many bodies of water including lakes, ponds, and Montana's many rolling rivers. Surrounding Whitehall are the Jefferson, Madison, Gallatin, and my personal favorite the Boulder

River. These rivers are teaming with fish eager to bite your lure or the old fashion worm. Whether you want to cast into the wide Jefferson or small fast rolling Boulder you are sure to get a bite.

Fishing can be a challenge and extremely boring at times but when you reel in that monster of a fish it's totally worth it. Swimming in

the many Montana Rivers are many species of fish. Including rainbow, brook, and cutthroat trout, suckers, and the carp. Each of these fish are rewarding to catch and can be mighty tasty if cooked just right. When going fishing there is a list of items that each angler needs to bring. The most important is getting a fishing license. After a fishing license read the regula-

tions so you know when rivers are open, what fish you can keep and what type of fishing is legal. You of course need a fishing pole, lures, a net, and an angling vest. Once you familiarize yourself with the sport of fishing you'll always be gone fishing.

Fishing is one of the best summer activities you can do because you can have fun and always cool off in the brisk water. Junior Nathaniel Reed loves fishing the Boulder. "It's small has slow moving water

with deep holes and huge trout." Many anglers these days use modern newer technology lures but not Reed "I usually use a hook and worms, but sometimes Panther Martins". Even though Reed loves fishing the Boulder Sophomore Jared Janacaro thought differently, "I like fishing the Jefferson because it's close and usually has good fishing". Both these young anglers love fishing and use similar techniques but choose to cast their lines in different rivers.

Montana is a great state because it has so much to offer especially in the fishing department. Even though fisherman may argue on what river is better or what techniques work. They can all agree that fishing is a great sport and an easy way to spend your days. If you are new to fishing or a seasoned angler fishing is in full swing in Montana and some huge fish are sure to be caught in the Montana rivers.

### *Forever Dark* is an Eternal Classic By Mikaila Piippo

Well here we are. The last book review of the year. No please, restrain your tears. I'll probably be back next year. In the mean time, I figured I'd save the best book for last. And return to some of themes I have previously highlighted. It's called *Forever Dark*, and it's the last book in a series by Melanie Nilles, called the *Starfire Angles Series*. This series has two branch offs: the *Starfire Angels: Revelations Series*, and "When Angels Cry" (a prequel novella). Nilles has also written the *Legend of The White Dragon* series. Her writing style is quick paced, and amazingly awesome. This book series is very similar to one of my previous review subjects, *The Ever-night Series*, but only in the romance aspect, and the fact that the two main lovers always seem to be separated (but that

only adds to the sweetness when they are reunited).

I better go with the plot of the first book, so as not to spoil things. The first book begins when Raea Dahlrich, wakes up one morning after a particularly painful a vivid dream to wings, full blown winds attached to her back. Naturally, she freaks, out finds out that her aunt, who she has been living with since her parents died in a tornado, knew about this oddity, as well as one of her fellow students at her school, named Elis Jashier, who is also like her (he has wings. Hot right?). At around the same time as all this, new boy arrives at McClarron High, Pallin, who has all the girls in McClarron wrapped around his finger. As Elis teaches her about her history and origins, she learns that she is not truly human, but actu-

ally an alien ( i prefer peaceful visitor, but hey) originating from a planet called Inar'A-hben where her species called Inari, live. All Inari have wings, but otherwise look like humans. She also learns that the crystal that has never left her neck is something that Inari who call themselves Shirukan are after. The adventures that follow after are a twist or romantic, sci-fi, action and pretty much just pure awesomeness. I won't give too much away, don't worry.

In my personal opinion, this series is one the best I've ever read. Yes it's definitely a Y.A. (young adult) novel that has nothing so deep as Shakespeare, Mary Shelley, or Mark Twain, but if you're into, say, *Star Trek* or *The Hunger Games*, (especially *Star-Crossed* but I don't expect any

of you to have watched that beautiful TV show), you will love this series. But of course, you will not just want to here this from me.

So once again, you can

see that I am not the only person out there who HIGHLY recommends this book and the series it is in. I hope you'll trust me once again and let me lead you to

another wonderful book. You can th

"We are jumping off a cliff without knowing how deep the water is below!" Eragon yelled.

*Ah, but what a glorius flight!*

## The Amazing Spider Man Strikes Again!

By: Rianne Collins

The Amazing Spider Man 2 came out May 2, 2014. It follows up on the conclusion of The Amazing Spider Man. Peter Parker who is played by Andrew Garfield, is just your average high school boy except that he is also Spider Man. He has a secret relationship with Gwen Stacy, who is played by Emma Stone. Peter faces new challenges as Spider Man and as a high school boy. Mr. Stenson, the history teacher at Whitehall High School said "that the Amazing Spider Man 2 was just as good

as the first one!" he took his Wife and 2 kids to the movie. The family enjoyed the movie immensely. He rated the Spider Man 2, 4 stars. The story line was his favorite part of the movie. Steven Holkan, a senior at WHS said that it was about the same as the first Amazing Spider Man; it was not better or worse. He went by himself, sadly. He though the movie was okay in terms. He rated the movie 3 out of 5 stars. He loved the ending of the movie the best. The Amazing Spider Man 2 was in my

opinion better than the first one. It had more action and the romance was there. That's the best type of movies. I rated the movie a 4 out 5 and I went by myself. My favorite part of the movie is the storyline. It pulls you in and then at the very end you're just what just happened. The movie itself was a play on by the comic books the Amazing Spider Man. most reviewers who saw the movie were very happy to find out that Gwen Stacy was Peter Parker's love interest in the Amazing Spider Man series.

## School is Out For the Summer

By Jace Skogen

This school year is almost over and every one is ready for summer. This summer will be full of fun things to do. Jackson South a sophomore at Whitehall high school said, "I am really exited for this summer."

Many kids are ready to do every day summer things like go swimming and camping. Suede Mead a sophomore at Whitehall high school said "I am really ready to go bridge

jumping."

Other kids are just ready to get out of school. Brandon Witzel, also a sophomore at Whitehall high school said "I am just really ready to be done with school and not have to worry about it."

Some other kids are just ready to make money this summer. Jared Janacaro a sophomore at Whitehall high school said "I just want to work and make money this summer, so I

can get a new truck." There are many cool events that will be happening around Whitehall this year. The Country Jam is going to be bigger than ever. There will be Evil Days in Butte. Then there will also be Frontier Days here in Whitehall.

This summer should be a pretty fun summer. Many kids can't wait for school to get over so they can have a good summer vacation.

## High School Hacks

By Brian Forbes

High School can be a blast, but it can also be a lot of work. Over four years, most of us accumulate tricks and tid-bits that make the entire experience not only easier, but more enjoyable. If you find yourself in need of killer advice, your best bet is to ask an upper classmen.

Throughout your high school career, you could easily be bombarded with around a dozen book assignments, if not more. Many students, think that the clever trick to get out of work is a handy little site called "Spark Notes". But, believe it or not, this is actually bad news. Most teachers expect more from you than a summary of the book, which is all the internet usually offers. The teachers want you to have processed the

book's events into a lesson in life, or a message from the author. What's the easiest way to do this? Read the book. 99% of the time teachers will only assign nightly reading for a few chapters at a time. If you procrastinate, you'll end up cramming in several hundred pages, the night before the big test. If you use internet summaries, you won't be able to answer any questions that require some sort of thought about the book. But if you read every night, you'll know what happened, and will also have had time to process the novel. Set aside some homework time, and just get it done.

Another great tip is to keep your locker free of valuables. Anything you absolutely

need can be kept in your back pack. Keeping your locker empty of anything worth taking, gives you the option to just leave the door open. Many students have lockers that are very touchy, and sometimes difficult to unlock. Leaving the door open will allow you to skip the hassle of unlocking it every class period, and spend time doing important things, like eating, talking, or just getting to class on time.

With these guidelines, and the many more you will inevitably find, High School can become a low-stress environment, where you can enjoy yourself.

## Divorce doesn't have to be an Option

By: Mason Higgins

Too many couples make divorce an option when they come to a disagreement or to a hard time. Just because you come to something that you disagree on, you don't have to give up.

The biggest cause for disagreements in a marriage is money. People get into debt and they both have different ideas of how to handle it. It's best advised to stay out of debt completely. Sit down and make a budget. It will help control your

money instead of letting it control you. Build a big savings for emergencies and never use it unless it's truly an emergency.

When someone gets married this is usually said, "Do you promise to love and to cherish through joy and sorrow, sickness and health, through good times and bad, whatever challenges you face, for as long as you both shall live, until death do you part?" In hard times you can't just

give up or you are breaking that commitment.

People first have to realize what love actually is. Love is NOT a feeling it's a choice. You can't fall in love or else you could just fall out of love. Your feelings change too fast. One minute you could be mad at someone and the next you've already gotten over it. When you get married you are making a commitment to love someone for the rest of your lives.

Communication is extremely important in a relationship. Nobody is a mind reader. Let your partner know what you're thinking and feeling. If you're having a rough day, let him/her know that you're in a bad mood and that you need a little alone time.

A newlywed couple should sit down with each other and make the commitment to never make divorce an option when they're faced with struggles. They should plan to have ways of seeking counsel from an older experienced couple whom they both respect, before they come

to a hard time.

Marriage is team work. In every decision, especially financial decisions, both of you have to agree on it. Don't decide something without first



discussing it with your spouse. Also do not do anything that will start an argument. Constantly love your spouse both physically and verbally.

If you would make divorce an option, don't make the commitment in the first place.

## A final farewell to all underclassman

By: Conor McNamara

As my final year at Whitehall High School comes to an end and I decide what my future holds. I have had many exploits that have taught me a lot about how to go through high school. Starting out as a wide eyed freshman and maturing each year into the person I'm going to be has come with many learning experiences. Through my four years I have been through quite a few things and have become wiser because of them and have gotten almost everything I want out of high school here at Whitehall.

High school is a cruel and mean place. Things that

shouldn't matter at all do and it causes things to happen that shouldn't. So much importance is put into the image you create for yourself and no one seems to ask why? Kids do almost whatever they can to fit in with the popular kids and many of those things they do aren't good. My advice is be you, don't try and fit in with all the other kids. Popularity is a stupid thing and too many kids try and change who they are so they can fit in. You may think that being "cool" in high school is vital but in reality it's not. It is such a meaningless idea that changes people and

makes you do things you wouldn't normally do. When you graduate from high school the kids you wished you could be like no one cares about how popular they were in high school in the real world.

Experience high school, try and do everything that is offered if you can. High school is a great thing and should be a great time in your life. After you graduate you will not be able to do all things you could while in high school. I made a mistake by not playing school sanctioned sports my freshman and sophomore year and by not going to school events. I am so

glad that I decided to do track and football because if not I would never be able to do those things again. Try and get all you can out of high school because you will never be there again and will regret not doing all you could.

Have fun and don't be too serious. Too many kids stress over little things that are ridiculous. Whether it's if you look good, if someone likes you or if you're going to prom stop and enjoy high school. This is high school yes you want to get good grades, graduate and go to college. But you need to have fun; this is probably going to be the easiest part of your life

so why are you making it more difficult? Everything is going to get more difficult after high school so enjoy it and don't put your life on hold for certain reasons. Having relationships in high school can be a good thing and its going to happen but don't have your heart set out on someone when you haven't experienced the world. Remember we don't know very many people and have lived in a small town our whole lives, don't put your life on hold for someone you sat next to in history class. If it's meant to be it's meant to be.

My last piece of advice and in a way my last words to my high school are get all you

can out of it. You can never go back and many people say it was the best time of their life. Don't be who you're not have fun and don't make it stressful. Get good grades but have fun also. Just don't miss out on high school I've had so many great times and am so glad I actually experienced high school and all it has to offer. High school has been a great ride and I'm sad to see it go but I know I have to move on with my life and I am glad I got all I could and wanted out of my high school experience. I hope you all do the same.

## Beethoven Brings Big Brain Benefits, Bro

By Brain Forbes

Many of today's youth hold a stigma against classical music. They assume that because it's old, it's boring. They figure that symphonies lack the luster found in contemporary music. This is rather unfortunate, because not only can classical music be entertaining, it also carries a myriad of benefits to the human brain.

Over the past few decades, many scientists have tirelessly pursued an answer to a very simple question: Does classical music improve your brain? Time and time again, these researchers have seen evidence suggesting that answer to be a "yes".

In 2004, the University of San Diego found that classical music lowered the

blood pressure of their test subjects. In 2008, the Journal of Clinical Nursing claimed that classical music reduced stress, anxiety, and depression levels in pregnant women. These results mean that classical music is an effective way of relieving stress, and calming down.

Hungarian researchers found that a 45 minute dose of classical music, every night before bed, helped a large group of student insomniacs get to sleep.

There are plenty more amazing benefits to be had. A team in Great Britain found the classical music reduced pain levels in surgery patients, resulting in a lower amount of pain killers that needed to be prescribed. Journal for Ad-

vanced Nursing claimed that classical music could relieve chronic pains, like arthritis.

In 1993, researchers found that regular classical music listening lead to heightened IQ scores. Later studies suggested that this could also lead to lessened symptoms in epilepsy patients.

I can verify from personal experience that classical music also can be very interesting to listen to. Most composers spend countless hours preparing their pieces, and use the upmost care in making sure that everything fits. Even if you don't like classical music, your body and brain can benefit in an extraordinary amount of ways. You could think of it as taking medicine.

## Lessons learned wisdom earned the path has turned

By: Cassidi Shaw

Over the past four years I have been put in many different situations that have taught me many things. I hope the classes before me can take my advice and use it. Take it from a senior who knows. ;)

First of all high school can be fun with out alcohol and drugs. I believe that peer pressure is the main cause of students getting involved in drugs and alcohol. Many reasons that people shouldn't do drugs and alcohol is drugs can mess up your brain, and alcohol has a ton of calories and makes you fat and alcohol is bad for your brain.

Secondly don't worry about what others think of you. People are going to judge you no matter who you are, so why not be yourself? For some reason that concept is hard for people to grasp, it is due to insecurities. When I started high school I was super afraid. I was known to the school and didn't

know anyone. I was afraid my locker wouldn't open when I would need it to. The funny thing is it all worked out fine. It wasn't till the end of the year when my locker decided to be a pain and fall of its hinges, but I was secure enough with myself and friends I had made, that instead of being embarrassed I thought it was funny.

Thirdly don't ever disrespect Mr. Kinzer, or any teacher for that matter. My freshman Pre-chem. class was an interesting set of kids. Through the year Mr. Kinzer dealt with a lot of crap. Surprisingly he made it through... and so did we. If you ever get a chance to get a class from Mr. Kinzer, don't miss out! Although it is hard it is also rewarding. I have learned so much during that class, and am still learning. I had the opportunity to take Chemistry and Physics. I don't have a desire to go into and science field, but

those classes were so beneficial and interesting I just couldn't resist, and neither should you.

My final piece of advice would be to have fun. It goes by so fast, one day its here, the next days it's gone. Every day is a gift that is why it's called the present, don't waste it. Do your homework, stay away from drugs and alcohol, have respect, and have fun.

## The final good bye to Whitehall High school

Wyatt Anderson

I know a lot of people don't care but if I can help someone out with this writing, it makes it worth the effort. I have had good and bad times at Whitehall High School these past four years, they have had there up and downs but they were worth it. They have made me understand what I expected from myself and what people I

want to be around.

You must be very careful who you place you trust in. Please don't go around and tell someone you are not sure you can trust, all of your secrets. No one needs to know them they should be private to you and you alone. I am not saying to not talk to people. I am saying not to tell everything to the

wrong people that don't deserve your trust. Trusting the wrong people can have devastating effects throughout your high school years just be careful. It takes time to learn which people you can trust and can't. I ask you to give it time and learn.

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ADVANTAGE OF IT! Make school worth going to, don't be the kid that goes to school and makes trouble. Go to school learn what you can, ask questions and do your homework. I am sounding like your mother but I really don't care. It will help you when you are ready to go to College, where the teachers don't care whether you pass

or fail, it is all on you to pass. If you don't pass you have to retake the class which is money out of your pocket.

I have been saying mostly what not to do; now it is time to tell you to have fun! High school sucks way worse if you don't have fun, make friends, and make mistakes, because you will make mistakes. Get out and play sports

hang out with friends make as many memories as you can. The four years go by fast but they are some good times.

This last part is for me I would like to thank all the teachers, friends and family for all the help plus the support they have given me through these years.

## Most Of You Probably Won't Even Read This

By: Brooke Griffis

I realize that at the end of the year, it seems like almost every senior writes their advice to everyone in the last newspaper. I also realize that you've heard pretty much the same advice every year, so eventually you may not actually read these articles anymore because it gets boring, right? And you're all probably thinking, "I know... be yourself, work hard, laugh through the tough times, don't be afraid to try new things, do your homework..." blah blah blah. Now don't get me wrong, this is all good advice and you should probably listen to it, but there's more to life than learning from other people's mistakes. Most the time the best lessons in life come from our own mistakes. You have to choose to learn from them though, and be willing to change things.

Also, there is more to life than high school. So many

people get caught up in so much drama that they forget what's really important in life. If someone is being mean to you, just forget about them! If they don't treat you right, then you're better off without them. Not only does this mean friends, but also dating relationships too. No matter who you are, or where you come from, you deserve people to treat you right...so demand some respect. Obviously this means you have to be respectful and kind to others as well, like the Golden Rule -- treat others how you would like to be treated. However, being respectful and kind does not mean you have to let others push you around, you can set boundaries while being respectful and kind.

Don't take things for granted. Someday you will miss many things that you have now and you don't even realize it. Especially your parents.

Most parents pay for your food, give you a place to live, support you during sports or choir or band, and they love you. Even when you make mistakes, parents will still love you and forgive you, and help you through the hard times. So even though most of you feel like you're ready to get out and live your own life with no rules, just remember how much they do for you.

Last, but not least, don't get hung up on the little things. Honestly, almost everything that happens in high school probably won't matter in 2 years from now. In fact, the little things probably won't even be remembered in 2 years from now, so just relax. Everything happens for a reason.

*Good Luck  
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