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## When Reality Strikes, U.S. Strikes Back

by Clara Murray  
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Beheadings, rapes, mass murders, amputations, hangings, the list goes on and on of the crimes that a rapidly growing terrorist group has committed against civilians from all over the world. Recently, the term “ISIS” has become more and more present in daily conversations. However, most people are unaware of the full significance of the word. ‘ISIS’ stands for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. It is a Jihadist group made up of a variety of Sunni Arab terrorist organizations. Its goal is to place all Muslim-inhabited areas of the world under direct political control and declare religious authority over all Muslims everywhere. The organization expanded greatly with its participation in the Syrian Civil War and the help of its overwhelmingly powerful leader Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi. In 2014, the group became the most affluent terrorist group on the planet, according to the United Nations foreign policy.

According to Amanda Macias and Jeremy Bender, with *Business Insider*, it is estimated that ISIS brings in up to \$12 million a month in the Iraqi city of Mosul through extortion and other illegal

sales. Another \$1-3 million is said to be collected through the illegal sales of oil to neighboring territories on a daily basis. In 2013, ISIS held close connections with the widely known terrorist group, Al-Qaeda. However, after an extensive power struggle in February, Al-Qaeda cut all ties with ISIS reportedly because of their “brutality and notorious intractability.” ISIS is now said to be in control of an overwhelming 60% of Syrian oil fields. Many places such as Mosul for example, are under direct military control, and anyone who disobeys the dictation, is likely to be arrested killed on the spot.

On August 20th 2014, James Foley, a captive American journalist was murdered by an Islamic militant in a video that was later made public. Before the killing, ISIS had demanded \$123 million in exchange for the freedom of the journalist. The group also released a video of Foley speaking to the United States Government essentially warning them to stop the air raids on Syria. A mere two weeks later another journalist, this time British, was also reportedly beheaded in a second video sent to the British Government, along with a video of the victim shaming Obama for not abiding to the warning previously delivered.

In response to this violent act, Obama is strengthening forces within the war-stricken territories and another 500 troops are said to be sent there in the near future. In Obama’s speech on U.S. response to the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria he stated, “Our objective is clear: we will degrade, and ultimately destroy, ISIL through a comprehensive and sustained counter-terrorism strategy. First, we will conduct a systematic campaign of air strikes against these terrorists. Working with the Iraqi government, we will expand our efforts beyond protecting our own people and humanitarian missions, so that we’re hitting ISIL targets as Iraqi forces go on offense. Moreover, I have made it clear that we will hunt down terrorists who threaten our country, wherever they are. That means I will not hesitate to take action against ISIL in Syria, as well as Iraq. This is a core principle of my presidency: if you threaten America, you will find no safe haven.”

ISIS will go to extreme lengths to demonstrate its power and dominance over not only its own people and civilians but people all over the world. It is clear that the Syrian and Iraqi conflicts are far from over. The U.S. and British Military have begun airstrikes on ISIS targets in Syria. Recently reported by *CNN*, French and Turkish governments are debating military involvement in the conflict. It will be a timely and difficult process to put an end to the atrocities being committed by ISIS. Hopefully, with the combined power of the different governments that are displaying unity over the situation, ISIS’s entire platform of development will be dismantled and finally put to a stop.

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## Infectious Disease Invades America

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The *Center of Disease Control* reported hundreds of deaths have occurred in West Africa due to a viral hemorrhagic fever called Ebola. The virus is spread person to person through contact with infected bodily fluids. Doctors believe it travels through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes, though there’s no proof that Ebola is airborne.

According to *CDC*, the term “viral hemorrhagic fever” describes a severe multisystem syndrome, meaning that multiple organs in the human body are affected. The body’s vascular system is damaged, and the body can no longer regulate itself; most symptoms are accompanied by internal and external bleeding.

In Richard Preston’s book *The Hot Zone*, he explains that once a human is infected, the Ebola Virus begins with a fever lasting anywhere from five to ten days after infection. Following a fever, symptoms including headache and body aches. There is often nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, chest pain, sore throat, and swollen lymph glands as well. Symptoms worsen to sensitivity to light and excessive bleeding from body orifices. The infected often die within the second week of infection, although some people do survive. Scientists have not yet found a proper vaccine to prevent or cure Ebola. However there have been multiple experimental drugs including cAd3-ZEBOV created by GlaxoSmithKline, and rVSV-ZEBOV created by the Public Health Agency of Canada.

The 2014 Ebola outbreak is the largest yet in history and is the first to happen in West Africa. The outbreak has affected five different countries including Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Senegal due to a man who traveled there from Guinea.

In order to prevent the widespread

of Ebola in West Africa, the five main countries where the infection is active are undergoing minor quarantine. According to Clarence Roy-Macaulay of *WBS-TV*, on Thursday, Sept. 25, Sierra Leone sealed off multiple districts containing nearly two million people. The *World Health Organization* said, “The World Food Program is using its well logistics to deliver food to the more than one million people locked down in quarantine zones.”

United States officials are urging Americans not to travel to West Africa in order to prevent the widespread of Ebola. However, two American health care physicians (Kent Brantly, and Nancy Writebol) who were sent to help out in West Africa have already contracted the disease. According to *CBS news*, many people feared that bringing the two health care physicians back would put Americans in danger. Since the controversy, Dr. Kent Brantly and Nancy Writebol are completely Ebola free and have been released. Their treatment included the use of ZMapp, an experimental drug created from the antibodies of people who have survived Ebola, along with many blood transfusions, and antibiotics.

The first American Ebola case was confirmed by the *CDC* on September 30, 2014. According to *Fox News*, it was brought to America by a man from Dallas, Texas who recently traveled from Liberia by plane. Thomas Duncan is the first person to have tested positive for Ebola outside of West Africa since the recent outbreak. He was quarantined at the *Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital* until he passed away early Wednesday, Oct. 8. Anyone who may have come into close contact with him has been forced to undergo testing and quarantine for at least 21 days prior to the day Duncan was diagnosed.





So far two nurses from the *Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital*, who originally helped care for Duncan have contracted Ebola, both are trained professionals who had worn protective gear. *CDC* is doing everything in its power to stop the widespread of Ebola in America.

The two nurses from Texas have since recovered, although there are still new cases emerging in the U.S. and abroad. In the United States, there is controversy regarding quarantine procedures with returning health workers from West Africa. Governor Chris Christie has recently come under fire for his test case with a nurse who had recently returned to the states. Follow the current news to stay informed about ongoing controversy surrounding quarantine, treatment of returning health workers, and U.S. involvement in providing relief to Ebola victims and containing the spread of this deadly virus.

*Save the Children*, a non-governmental organization, promotes children's rights and supports children in developing countries. They are working in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Mali to train staff, to provide equipment for hospitals, and to educate people to recognize the early symptoms of Ebola. Since Ebola is only transmitted through direct contact of bodily fluids, Save the Children believes raising early awareness can reduce the spread of the disease. To stay informed and help reduce the spread of Ebola, please visit [savethechildren.org](http://savethechildren.org). If the world unites and works together, the spread of Ebola can be stopped.

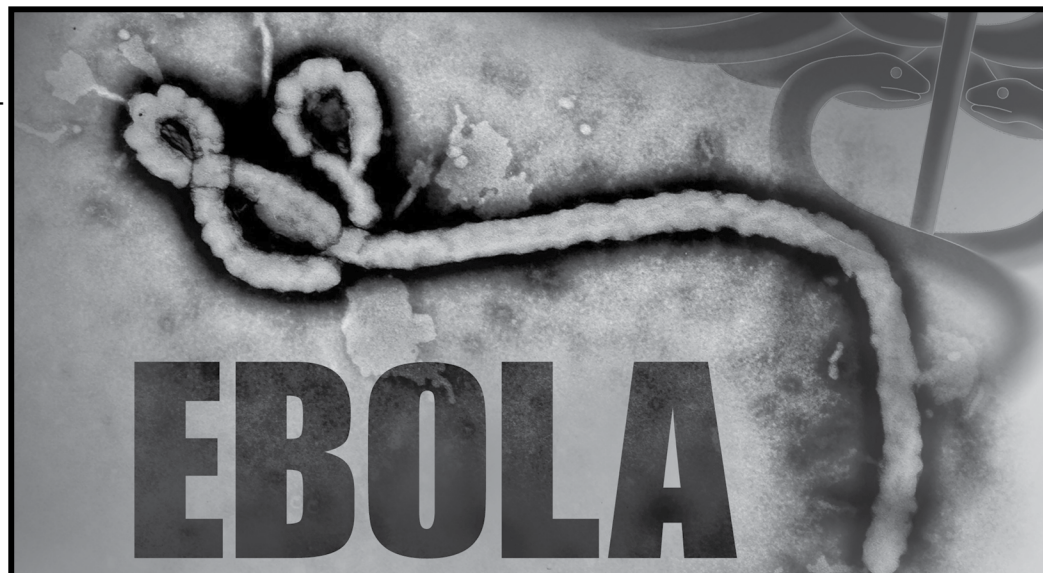


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## Did You Know

- Near the event horizon of a black hole “spaghettification” will occur, stretching matter into strips.
- Since octopi don’t have bones, they can squeeze through openings not much bigger than their eyeballs.
- “Pretty Boy” Floyd was one of the most notorious bank robbers. However, he was known for destroying mortgage papers and freeing hundreds of people from property debt.
- In 1991 Wayne Allwine, the voice of Mickey Mouse, married Russi Taylor, the voice of Minnie
- Maine is the only state to border only one state.
- The Hawaiian alphabet is made up of 11 letters: A, E, I, O, U, H, K, L, M, N, and W.

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# Editorials & Opinion—

## The Fight For Animal Rights Through Veganism

by Estelle Bruce

of the *Willard Wire*

If you were to tell the average American citizen you do not eat any form of animal product, they might laugh in your face, while simultaneously listing the many reasons as to why your decision is wrong, expensive, and ultimately unhealthy. “Humans are omnivores you know; don’t deprive your body of its natural diet. How do you get your protein? Isn’t eating vegan expensive? Isn’t vegan food gross?” Misconceptions like these are common, so here I am to debunk the myths and explain how unnecessary and horrific the animal industry is.

Since the 1960’s milk production has doubled, meat production has tripled, and egg production has quadrupled. Demand for animal products has been rising dramatically and as a result agriculture has turned into something unrecognizable. Traditionally, animals were free range and owned by local farmers. However, during the 60’s agriculture went from being small scale manual labor to being machine operated on a much larger scale, and small farmers simply could not keep up with big companies. People began turning to big companies for animal products. This shift is called the “Green Revolution” and it has had an unbelievable impact on our food, health, and morals. Big companies now produce animal products on a massive scale. This is highly efficient from an economic stand point, but it has destroyed biodiversity and made an absolute joke of animal rights.

In the egg industry, male chicks are considered useless due to their inability to produce eggs, and companies cannot afford to feed an animal that will not make money. Every male found in the group of chicks is thrown onto a conveyer belt and put into a grinder. Living conditions for egg laying hens can only be described as appalling and inhu-

mane. Animal welfare guidelines state that each full grown chicken must have an 8.5 by 11 inch space. Since the animals are so closely contained, disease spreads, like wild fire, and sickness is the norm for these creatures. In the 1920s, it took a chicken around 17 weeks to reach 2.2 pounds, but since the demand for chicken has increased they are now given hormones to make them grow 5 pounds in seven weeks. Chicken’s bodies grow too quickly and their legs cannot keep up, making it so they cannot walk. Chickens that grow too fast are prone to broken legs and heart attacks. *UPC (united poultry concerns)* and many others state that chickens have more brain capacity than a toddler, so it is blatantly incorrect to say they cannot feel suffering due to their lack of intelligence. Pain is pain no matter what.

Milk production is just as horrific. Cows, like any other mammal, must have a baby in order to produce milk. Companies use mostly bulls for meat production, so how are the females being impregnated? They use a method called “false insemination” on virgin heifers, where they collect semen and inject it into a female. Dairy cows are impregnated every year to keep up with demand for milk. These constant pregnancies are very demanding and physically exhausting. Once born, calves aren’t given their mother’s milk that was specially designed for them, instead they are taken from their mothers right after birth and kept in separate buildings. The calves are almost immediately sold in auctions. Females are sold to dairy companies, and males are either used for the beef industry, or for veal. Veal calves are kept in crates that measure around 2 feet. In order to make their meat tender, their movements are controlled, and they are restrained by chains around their necks. Around 80% of dairy cows are raised in facto-

ry farms. They are kept chained by their necks and remain indoors for most of the day. Dairy industries give cows hormones that cause their udders to grow enormous, resulting in painful infections. Cows given hormones produce around 100 pounds of milk each day, which is ten times more than the natural amount. Due to mistreatment, most cows in the meat and dairy industry cannot walk or even stand.

Even on many organic farms, the treatment of meat/egg/dairy animals closely resembles that of factory farms. Organic farms still operate on a level that is strictly economical, and their animals are treated inhumanely just like in factory farms. Animals slaughtered on organic farms are still hung upside down, have their throats cut, and are left to bleed to death while fully conscious.

Vegan diets are appropriate for people in all stages of the life cycle. Milk is loaded with good healthy stuff, but it was specifically designed for calves (who don’t even get the milk), and does not benefit humans. There are many plant based sources of calcium and protein, and animal-abuse free ways to get your nutrients. Even cutting down half of the animal products you consume will make a difference. Next time you’re out grocery shopping, look at the ingredients on what you buy, and maybe you’ll understand how much we rely on animal products and how much of our food contributes to disgusting, horrific practices against animals.



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## The Prominence of Sexism and Rape Culture

by Estelle Bruce  
of the *Willard Wire*

Rush Limbaugh, a talk radio host has recently been heard bashing Ohio State University’s new policy for sexual consent. The universities new guideline states, “*Sexual exploitation, defined as taking non-consensual, unjust or abusive sexual advantage of another. Examples include, but are not limited to, prostituting another student, non-consensual video or audio-taping of sexual activity, going beyond the boundaries of consent (such as knowingly allowing another to surreptitiously watch otherwise consensual sexual activity), engaging in non-consensual voyeurism, and knowingly transmitting or exposing another person to a sexually transmitted infection (STI) without the knowledge of the person.*”

The policy basically states every single sexual act must have consent. According to conservative Limbaugh however, having the full consent of both partners is not how intimacy should work. “Seduction used to be an art,” states the insightful Limbaugh. “Now, of course, it’s *brutish* and it’s *predatory*.” Limbaugh then continues reading Ohio State University’s consent policy with deep concern and disgust in his voice. “Consent must be freely given, can be withdrawn at any time, and the absence of no does not mean yes.” You can almost see his eyebrows furrow together in confusion. Finally, a brilliant thought occurs to him, and he states, “No means yes, if you know how to look for it.”

Sadly, Limbaugh’s outlook on women seems to be shared by many people, woman or man, democrat or republican. Women are looked at as bodies, sex organs, and baby incubators rather than actual people. Limbaugh’s outlook is dangerous, toxic, and one many all over the world share.

This objectification contributes to something known as *rape culture*, which is prominent in even relatively small towns such as Missoula. Men, women, and children are all victims of sexual assault, and acts committed against these people are normalized and justified every single day. For women and men, this justification is something we have to deal with, whether we are aware of it or not.

Women’s bodies, especially those of young girls are overly sexualized and objectified by society. Society wants us to be physically appealing, with unrealistic skinny bodies, and voluptuous curves. We feel the need to fit the mold of what other people want. Then, when we give it to them, when we show off our bodies, and look the part of the *perfect* woman, we become the perfect victims of sexual abuse. We are viewed as the submissive, promiscuous gender, and are trained to feel guilty for having a body. Women who are victims of assault are often

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CAUSE RAPE  
RAPISTS DO**

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DON'T CAUSE RAPE  
RAPISTS DO**

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DOESN'T CAUSE RAPE  
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DOESN'T CAUSE RAPE  
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blamed for being raped. It should be common sense that the rapist is the only one at fault, yet I am constantly hearing “*she’s a slut anyways, how can it be rape?*” or “*her clothing was too revealing, she was asking for it.*” Women are conditioned by society to be submissive, and scared, while men are trained to be aggressive, and not accept “no” for an answer.

According to *Rape Abuse Incest National Network (RAINN)* one in six women and one in 33 men in American have been targeted for sexual abuse. Of course men and women are both victims of sexual assault, however, many different studies have indicated that women are overwhelmingly more targeted for sexual objectification than men. Statistics show that the majority of rape victims are women, and the majority of rapists are men.

Women are constantly being told it is our fault if men treat us like objects rather than people. Women face the double standard if we dress the way we want, we are sluts, and if we dress conservatively we are prudes. It is one big sexual fly trap women are thrown into the day they are born.

Men can fall into this trap as well. Masculinity culture is a very



poisonous to all people, regardless of gender. As a result of this idea of masculinity, it makes it so we think that men cannot be victims of sexual abuse, and that men have the right to assault a “*provocative*” woman. It is a common misconception that sexual assault does not happen to men because “*all men can defend themselves,*” or “*it only happens to men in prison.*”

When I walk down the street alone or with another woman, I am usually harassed or blatantly stared at by older males. People have asked me how old I am, and when I reply “16”, they throw a fit and ask, “Why are all the women in this town under 18?” To me this is very disturbing, and makes me feel very frightened. My own mother has experienced sexual abuse multiple times, so I am left wondering, “when is it my turn?”

Beauty standards for women and masculinity standards for men are extremely toxic. Women are supposed to be submissive little sex toys, while men are supposed to be dominant animals with no self-control. This disgusting view of the world is something we can change,

and I encourage each and every person to stand up against rape culture and fight against these horrible gender stereotypes that persist in our culture. Abolish sexual objectification of women’s bodies, and destroy the idea that if we say “yes” we are sluts, and if we say “no” we are prudes. A woman’s body is something to be celebrated, not something we should feel guilty of. Unravel the hyper-masculinity we expect from men. Encourage boys to express their emotions, and teach them that a woman is more than just a pair of tits for them to drool over.

Aggression and violence in boys are justified with, “*well, boys will be boys.*” No, we are civilized humans with self-control, not some primitive creatures who just can’t help ourselves. Raise your boys and your girls the same. Be an ally, and push to fight against the justification and victim blaming of sexual violence within our culture. Stop attacking women for their right to their own bodies, and if a man is staring at a woman like a piece of meat remember that it is NEVER the woman’s fault. Protect our women, and smash our perception of what masculinity means.

## What Would You Do?

by Dominique Daricek  
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A daughter was violated, a man killed for trying to be a hero, and a young woman was stabbed several times but nobody came to her aid. Situations you think would catch people’s attention, but didn’t.

The one thing that all these cases have in common is someone was there. Someone saw or heard something and did nothing. After the murder of Catherine Genovese there seemed to be an uproar about how many people heard the young woman’s screams but did nothing. Universities and professors started doing experiments and tests and eventually came up with the term “bystander effect” when referring to this phenomenon. The bystander effect is a social psychological occurrence that refers to cases on which individuals do not offer any means of help to a victim when other people are present.

In 2009, a 15-year-old girl in Northern California was robbed, beaten, and raped for over two hours outside of a high school homecoming dance. According to *cnm.com*, more than 20 people were involved or were bystanders and watched the rape while it was happening, some even took pictures. More than ten people were involved in the attack, while another ten watched without alerting an adult or calling 911. The girl was found intoxicated, unconscious lying under a bench. The young girl was flown by helicopter to a hospital to be treated for her injuries; she was later reported in stable condition. Fox News updated the story saying there were six defendants; five had already



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been convicted while one had yet to be tried.

On April 18th 2010 at 5:40 a.m. in Queens, New York, Hugo Alfredo Tale-Yax a 31-year-old homeless man was stabbed several times after trying to save a woman. Only moments after collapsing to the ground did people started to pass by, some only giving Tale-Yax a glimpse. One man shook Tale-Yax frantically and, after lifting his head to reveal a pool of blood, the man left without notifying any author-

ities. According to the New York Post, firefighters were responding to a 911 call of a non-life-threatening injury when they found the body. Cops reported they only received four 911 calls around the time of the attack, reporting a screaming woman, after looking into the reports, they found nothing. There were no other 911 calls, neither the attacker nor the woman were ever located.

On March 13, 1964 Catherine Genovese was on her way home from work at 3:15 a.m. she parked her car in the parking lot only 20 or





so feet from her apartment. As she locked her doors and started toward her apartment, she noticed a black figure approaching her. Genovese tried to run, but her attacker was too fast. A man with a knife jumped on her back and stabbed Genovese several times. Genovese screamed in pain begging someone to help her, many residents in the building turned on their lights to see what the commotion was. One man yelled for the attacker to leave Genovese alone, the man fled. Suffering from several stab wounds Genovese made it to the side of her building; she tried to get through a door that ended up being locked. Within five minutes the attacker was back and stabbing her once more. Genovese screamed once again, begging for someone, anyone to help. Genovese managed to get into the building, but with so much blood loss she fell to the ground. The attacker came back for the last time. Following the blood trail into the apartment he soon found Catherine Genovese lying on the tile floor semiconscious and incoherent. He cut off her bra and underwear and sexually assaulted her. He then took money from her wallet and left her lifeless body lying there. The whole incident lasted a little over 30

minutes. According to many different reports, multiple people heard the struggle and the screams that came from Genovese that night. Some said they didn't want to get involved, and others just thought someone else would do the right thing.

Some might have seen the new show on *ABC News*, the show "What Would You Do?" with host John Quinones. The show takes actors and hidden cameras, and has them act out a scene where normal citizens are put in a dilemma and you see what the bystanders will do. There are so many different episodes where normal people are put in a situation where they can either do the right thing or just turn a blind eye to what is happening. After looking into case studies about the bystander effect, I find myself repulsed by some people's actions. How can someone just look away to something that is happening? All of these victims have families, friends, someone who loves them and cares for them.

How can we be so suffocated in our own lives that we can tune out someone's cries, or walk past a lifeless body? If it was my daughter, or my father, or brother, I would pray someone would help. The point is nobody

should stand on the side lines while someone is harming another person. Nor should someone walk past a human who is lying on the sidewalk dying. Someone could have maybe prevented the rape. Someone might have been able to save Hugo Alfredo Tale-Yax who just tried to do the right thing, and maybe if someone had gone to see if Catherine Genovese was okay, she might be alive.

The "bystander effect" is something that will never go away. It has become a part of our society, but something can be done. Making that choice for yourself to stand up when someone is being hurt or someone needs your help can make all the difference to that one person. If you have a bad feeling, or notice something is wrong do something. It might just save a life.

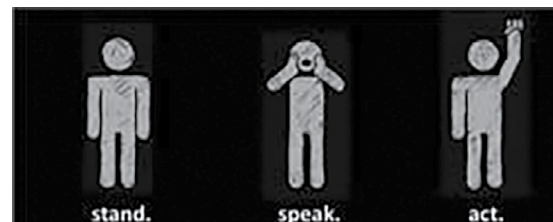


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## What Would Help?

by Charolette Welty  
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"Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life, but define yourself," says Tim Fields, founder of Tim Fields Foundation. Self-harm has become a silent epidemic in the young population in the United States. Self-harm includes but is not limited to: skin cutting, burning, hair pulling, ingesting toxic chemicals, and interfering with a wound that is healing.

Young adults sometimes turn to self-harm instead of getting help with the situation. Bullying can be a trigger when it comes to self-harm, whether it's through the Internet or in person. Many teens have faced some type of cyber bullying.

Many students say if there was a punishment for people who cyber bully others maybe there would be less self-harm and suicides. Self-harm and suicides have increased with the rise of social media use, said Google statistic. Next time you see someone get bullied or harassed, even on social media, do not be afraid to be an ally and support the victim.

Here in Missoula, there are no known outlets for people who struggle with self-harm. If an individual is seeing a therapist or school counselor, they may be advised to use new, more positive ways to cope with pain and emotional distress. "I started self-harming after I lost a loved one. I'm not proud of self-harming myself, but it was a way I could express myself," said a young lady who would like to remain anonymous. This was just one of many students interviewed who shared about self-harm in their life. There were several others. When it comes to gender, no sex has more pain than the other. Different people express pain differently, pain is still pain.

It's always a good idea to confide in someone you trust when tackling depression. You can take a variety of paths to reach the road of recovery and to help with depression, everyone handles pain differently.

Discovering new coping skills, and talking to a professional who knows more about the condition also helps tremendously. There



are plenty of resources in school like counselors and teachers; they will help you find some alternative activities that take your mind off what is going on. A lot of people use music, art, writing, running, dancing, or talking to a friend as a way to cope. The list is endless. Find what works for you when coping with difficult life issues.

When it comes to self-harm and suicide, take a step back and

breathe. You may feel hopeless, but by discovering new coping skills in your life you, will find yourself more prepared to face these challenges. The pain felt that is associated with depression is often temporary. We are all in this together. Seek support and take good care of yourself.

Secondly, it is no secret that students used the corner as a "safe" place to smoke cigarettes. Yes underage smoking is illegal, and I guarantee everyone understands that, but not everyone is underage. There are 18 year olds who feel that they cannot smoke anywhere in fear of not getting MIPs, but behavior contracts for where they choose to stand! For those underage smokers, what they do during that time is their decision and well honestly if they choose to smoke and get themselves in trouble, that isn't the schools responsibility to deal with anyway.

My question here is, why haven't the students been granted another "safe" place to hang out? Why are students required to "keep moving" when for years while having the corner things went well, but after one problem at the

corner (haven't those students been removed from the school anyway?) students who don't even know what happened, and others who had nothing to do with it, are still being punished a year later? I feel like taking away the corner has caused more problems than it has solved in and around the school and community.

Now of course I wouldn't do all of this complaining without a few ideas of my own on how we could fix the problem. Willard is a small school, but has a large field that is rarely ever in use, besides for gym classes and that's DURING school time, why not give the students an area in the far corner or something of the sort to congregate without being bothered? Or maybe let the students go to bat for themselves with the Plumber's Union asking to have the corner back. Willard is a huge force for good, a huge force for change, and we are all united. United we can change the way things are, and we can convince them that this is a different student body than before, to give them a chance to try again.

Sincerely, Think About It

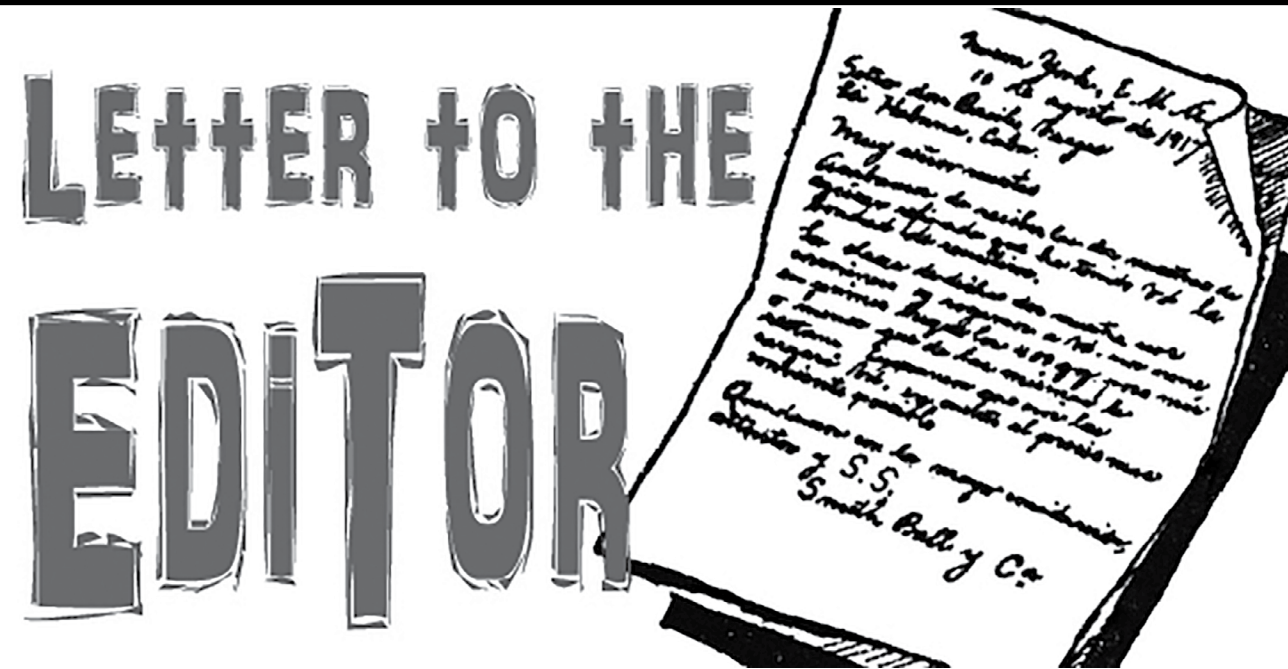


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Dear Editor,

As an older Willard student I used to have access to the "corner" during lunch as well as before and after school. To my understanding students are no longer allowed to congregate at the corner, and actually aren't allowed to congregate anywhere. I have recently seen large groups of students standing/sitting on sidewalks next to the road, wandering down streets and alleyways, and generally having nowhere to go.

Though, again as an older Willard student I understand and acknowledge the reasoning behind the loss of the corner at the Plumber's Union, I feel that not having an area at all (besides inside the school) for students to hang out during lunch, while waiting for the bus, and while waiting for school to start, is impractical and adds risk factors that are less prevalent when there is a place for everyone to be.

From what I have heard and been told, students are required to "keep moving" during lunch, causing them to be continuously crossing streets that are busy due to it being lunch time for many nearby businesses as well as for nearby schools.





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Diane Nilan visits  
Willard and shares  
a clip from  
*My Own Four Walls*

**Nowhere To Go...**  
**Millions of homeless children & youth...**

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Dear Editor,

The Willard Attendance Policy has been through quite a bit of change lately, with the current policy being the strictest so far. Hardworking Willard students are being punished for things that are often out of their control, such as a mental or physical illness. It is actually better to skip a class period than it is to be five or more minutes late. Doctor's notes are needed in order to excuse a sick day, which is excessive and unrealistic. Visiting a doctor is expensive, and often times unnecessary when you have something as common and minor as the flu. A possible solution our students have proposed is changing the tardy/absence policy from five minutes late being equal to one class period missed to three five minute tardies being equal to one period missed, and possibly ten minute tardies being equivalent to one period missed for first period. We could incorporate this, as well as changing the sick policy to two excused sick days without a doctor's note, and a doctor's note be provided if the student needs more than two days. In addition to this we could offer academic assistance to students who are absent for more than five school days. We should be able to take one day off if we are having a particularly bad day, plus our two sick days and the ability to bank two extra days. Days missed should not count against the students who are in good standing, and they should be given the two days without needing to bank time. The current policy makes it so we have to bank time anyways, so we might as well just get a contract. In my personal experience, I was almost kicked out of school for being hospitalized for five days due to depression. Most of the students here struggle with reliable forms of transportation, money, and mental illness. It is in the student body and the staff's opinion that our new attendance policy is unnecessarily hard on students, and heavily flawed. To support this proposal come find Noah Norton or Estelle Bruce.



# Features

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## Come Learn About Science at SpectrUM

by **Miriya Parrish**  
of the *Willard Wire*

Have you ever been interested in the brain? Even if you don't know much about the brain, it's still fun to learn about, right? The brain is the most complex part of the body; it is the control panel of your body. Your brain has over 100 billion tiny microscopic neurons which transmit information to other cells. When we talk to each other, we don't touch because we have mouths to speak, but how do neurons talk to each other if they don't have mouths? Neurons send out neurotransmitters to other neurons to send information. Have you ever gotten a reward or felt proud of yourself? That's a neurotransmitter in your brain called dopamine being released. Dopamine is the "feel good" neurotransmitter. The brain is very interesting and so fun to learn about. Take it from someone who just listed all of these interesting facts about neurons off the top of her head. You'd be surprised how much you would use the things you learn.

One place to learn about the brain and other interesting things is SpectrUM Discovery Area. They have a location on campus and a location in the heart of downtown Missoula. It is a neuroscience exhibit funded by the University of Mon-

tana. SpectrUM is a wonderful learning experience, especially for little kids, but anyone can learn new things there. I spent my summer at SpectrUM for an internship as a high school explainer; I loved coming to work and learning new things. I worked in the Brain Lab where we dissected cow eyeballs and sheep brains; it was the most interesting activity I have ever done. I know what you're probably thinking "ewww!" We actually don't use that word in science we use the word "wow!"

SpectrUM is a wonderful place to learn new things. Not only about the brain, but they also have some stations on human anatomy and my favorite station – the fruit fly station. SpectrUM also has some amazing activities. The cool thing is the activities change daily, so every time you go there it, is always a new experience. One of my favorite things about SpectrUM is that it is for all ages, even the parents who take their kids leave knowing something new and cool.

The staff at SpectrUM has high energy and their own passion for science. "I started SpectrUM in

2008; I had just graduated with my teaching degree. I wanted to use my degree in a different way," says Jessi Herbert education manager at SpectrUM. Jessi likes the variety at SpectrUM and wants to inspire kids in science to keep learning. She believes SpectrUM is a fun place for all ages. In her opinion, it is okay to play and explore. "Adults love it just as much as kids do," Jessi commented.

In my experience with SpectrUM, I truly believe that anyone can benefit from going there and exploring the different exhibits. Science is a really fun and interesting subject to learn and at SpectrUM they make it easy to learn by relating the scientific activities to our everyday life. SpectrUM's downtown location is 218 East Front Street; go check it out!

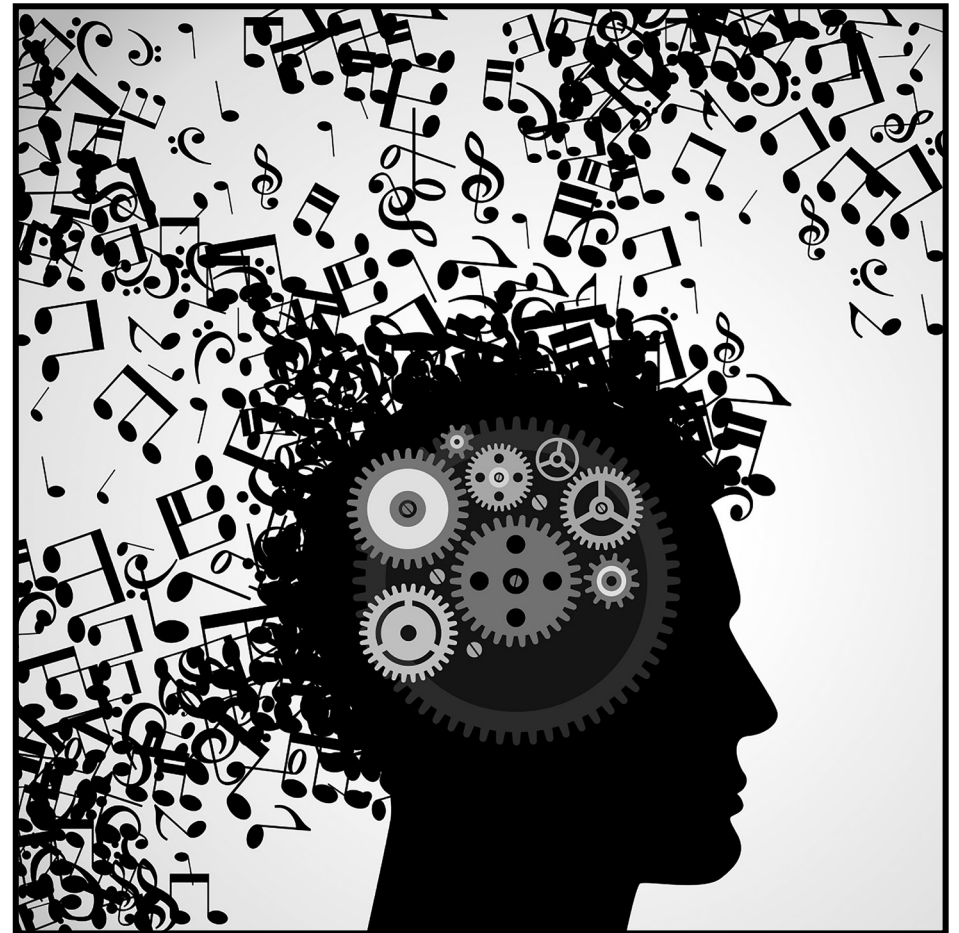


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## Along came Holley

by Dominique Daricek  
of the *Willard Wire*

Holley Goldman is a new student here at Willard that you may have seen, with her bright red hair and driving her 87 Toyota extended cab. After sitting down with Holley and finding out a little about her life, I found she is a pretty talented and interesting person.

Holley was originally born in North Carolina, moved to Montana when she was four, then to Missoula when she was fifteen. When Holley was young, she loved to climb on things, help her dad work on trucks, and play

outside. As she grew she began to develop skills in drawing, painting, and singing. When Holley was 8 years old she started singing the national anthem at monster truck shows. Once getting to high school she didn't waste any time in joining a choir. From her freshman year, to just before leaving to join Willard. She was in an advanced mixed choir, show choir, and women's choir.

During this last summer Holley got the chance to go to Cleveland and audition for *The Voice*. When arriving there



Photo courtesy of Holley Goldman

Holley explained the multiple auditions required, some alone and some with groups of people. After making it past the first of multiple auditions the numbers were cut from 5,000 to 500 people. Then there was another audition which she did not make. After talking about what it was like auditioning for *The Voice* Holley mentions how it didn't even matter that she didn't make it, it was actually going to Cleveland and seeing the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and getting the chance to actually audition was amazing enough on its own.

Holley first heard about Willard from her counselor from Sentinel. After learning about the smaller class end having the ability to make up

credit faster, Holley sat down with her parent and they decided Willard might just be the right place. Now that Holley has started she says she like it a lot more here. Getting more help with work and having smaller classes makes it easier to ask questions. When asked if she had anything to say about Willard or anything to new students getting accepted to Willard. "Willard is a cool free flowing school, but you got to keep your act together and not be a jerk."

We constantly have new students coming in, and old students graduating. Don't forget to get to know a few of them, you might find out there are some cool things that we just don't know about people.



## There, and Back Again

by Clara Murray  
of the *Willard Wire*

You know those random moments that happen just by chance? The ones you think are so insignificant, and then suddenly, they are a variable in how your life is going to play out for the next year or so? That's how being reunited with Bobbie after six years was, the excitement was hard to contain.

It all started in a gas station outside of Butte, Mt. I had to pee significantly bad, but as I'm running to the bathroom, a little red sign catches my eye; 'occupied'. So I gave it a knock or two and I hear a strangely familiar voice reply "just a second!" I'm sitting there scanning my memory to try to place the voice, when the door opens; Bobbie Rea (that's what her dad would call her when we were younger.) We picked up exactly where we left off; stoked, loud, and slightly out of control.

I guess I should probably give a little bit of background first; in order to give this whole story a base. Bobbie and I grew up together, and when I say that, I'm not exaggerating. We practically lived together. Everything we did, we usually did together. My dad tells me that we were like a tornado; always causing chaos and making them worry. At the time, I lived in the Rattlesnake area of Missoula. You could most likely find us half way up Mt. Jumbo, or catching minnows at the creek. It was a pretty common occurrence for us to bring home

random animals or whatever else we could find that interested us. We usually tried to do whatever the 'grownups' told us not to do.

Bobbie and I's relationship began to slim in the sixth grade, when she had to move to Kalispell due to her mom's job. I remember it being really surreal when she left. We stayed in touch for a while, but as we both grew up, our friendship grew apart. Eventually, we lost touch completely. We both continued to grow and develop into our own persons, until our friendship was just a childhood memory.

Interestingly enough, as we both matured, we developed into very similar people. Over the years we acquired very similar likes and dislikes. We can jam to the same music or hike a mountain or be cruising around town on our long boards and thoroughly enjoy what we're doing. I feel pretty lucky to have a friend like that; we can literally talk about the most out there topics and never get bored. So that's why I think it's pretty crazy how both of our paths crossed again, after so long, in a Butte gas station of all places. Since then, Bobbie has moved back to Missoula, started at Willard, and taken back her rightful place as my partner in crime and now adventures can continue.

### Bobbie's Part:

Clara is truly is my partner in crime, she is like a sister to me and I don't know what I would do without her. For me, moving back to Missoula has been freaking great. Since I left Dillon, my life has significantly improved. It is a pretty tiny flat town full of drunken cowboys and girls. I love Missoula, I love the area and the people and the vibes it gives off, it's all wonderful. I'd like to leave Montana however, once I graduate high school. I'd like to attend an art institute in Oregon eventually, but only after taking a year or two to travel and gain experi-

ences. I've never been out of the United States, so ideally I'd love to do that. Beyond that I am completely clueless; I love the outdoors, long boarding, and art, so I'm pretty much just waiting to see where life takes me. I plan on Clara being my partner in crime for the rest of my life (she's the only worthy one.) Clara and I both have plans to travel after we graduate high school. We want to go everywhere, and see everything. After we are satisfied, and have gained the proper adventuring experience, were going to build spaceship and see sights from out of this world.



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# I’m Not a Serial Killer, I Just Shoot People!

by Cynthea Newman  
of the *Willard Wire*

Some people have a passion for food or even a passion for music. In this case, Brian Lawrence, a Missoula resident for the last 47 years, has a passion for photography. There is an enormous amount of professional photographers in Missoula, so it makes it tough for Brian to keep a steady income. Although some photographers in the area can keep the cash flowing with one source of income, Brian also works at Norco Medical to support his two children Blaine and Bryce.

Brian let his business license lapse a few years back,



Photo courtesy of Brian Lawrence

so he takes pictures on the side now. Many people don’t know about Brian, because there are major photographers in Missoula. It is very hard to become well-known when there are many people who have a passion for photography, and people won’t give your work a chance. Brian puts a lot of dedication and time into each and every photo he takes. Brian only ever had regular art classes; he never went to school for photography.

In 2003 and 2005, Brian had pictures published in the *Big Sky Journal*, a local magazine here in Montana. He used to photograph landscapes and sometimes he still does, but at the moment, he is focusing on people. He is a very great guy and has an outstanding personality. Brian has done many sessions in the last couple months for senior pictures. I had the opportunity to have him do my senior pictures; I am very satisfied with how they turned out!

Brian has been a photographer


for many years and gave me some great advice for beginner photographers. My favorite piece of advice was when he said, “It’s the person behind the camera, not the camera.” I really enjoyed this, because it really is the photographer. A person can take an amazing picture on their flip phone and make millions off one picture. If you really want to succeed in the photography business, you need to make sure, one hundred percent, that photography is what you really want to do! People are more likely to hire someone who enjoys what he/she is doing and not just enjoying the money. Brian enjoys what he does and is very good at his art.

There are other things a person can photograph, but it’s important to figure out what you enjoy photographing. If you don’t like to interact with people, then shoot landscapes or other inanimate objects. If you ever need help in the photography field, Brian is always up to

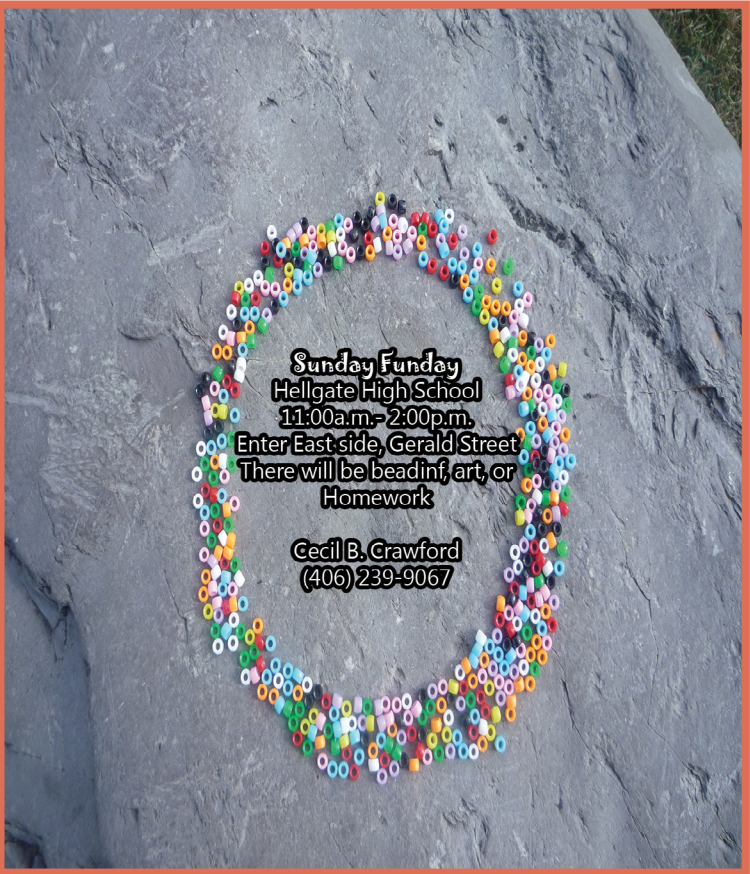
give some advice and to help beginners. I have learned many tips and tricks from him, and he has helped me get one step closer to achieving my dream. If you are passionate for photography, I suggest going into the field or at least exploring the art! There will always be someone or something that needs their/its picture taken. Whatever you enjoy doing, follow your passions and pursue a career.



Photo courtesy of Brian Lawrence

 Number of months it takes to build a Rolls Royce	Number of plastic bags used every five seconds in America <b>60,000</b>
<b>4,200,000</b>	Number of times the human eye blinks on average
10 Number of people killed each year by vending machines	49 Number of seconds it takes sunlight to reach the Earth
Number of cows needed to supply the NFL with enough leather for a years' worth of footballs. <b>3000</b>	.02 How fast ketchup moves out of the bottle in mph

Number Box created by Chad Crawford and Lisa Waller







## Meet Ryan!

by Dominique Daricek  
of the *Willard Wire*

Everyone has that one quote that their parent or parents use to say that seems to always stick with you, even from your younger years. Well when asked his favorite quote and why, Ryan responded with the quote

“You can wish in one hand and shit in the other see which one gets full first.” because of how his father used to say it to him when he was younger, and the meanings it developed through the years. Not only did

his father leave him with such a funny quote, but he also taught him a lot in life.

Growing up in Drummond, it didn't take long for Ryan and his family to up and move from Drummond to Mis-

soula. Ryan went to school here in Missoula making lots of friends, and gaining some new hobbies along the way. Ryan likes to downhill mountain bike, motocross, and when the snow starts to fall he likes to hit the slopes and snowboard. For 12 years Ryan has been in hockey, travelling teams, and at Sentinel. When asked about plans after school, Ryan talks a lot about working, traveling and cooking. If you didn't know, Ryan is a very good cook; working at Hu-Hot



Photo Courtesy of Jobia Means



## THE CROW TRADING POST

### FOR SALE:

Punching Bag. This Everlast 20 lb bag has been talking mad smack for too long. Needs a thorough beat down. Will bring to school. \$15 obo. Contact Jeff in room 39 for any further information.

Schwinn girl bike. Nice running 26 incher. Has been chained up too long. Needs love and some pedaling. Will bring to school. \$25 obo. Contact Jeff in room 39 for any further information.

Squire Electric Guitar. Like new, only used once. Stratocaster body. Comes with Peavey guitar bag. Asking \$75 obo. Contact Holley Goldman. 406-381-6771

### GIVE AWAY:

3 sets of thick curtains. “rusty” red set: 92”, golden set: 92”, chocolate brown set: 81” Contact Lisa Waller. Room 28.

Black and grey kittens, super cute and fluffy. 3 left. All males. Contact Cynthia Newman. 406-544-9774

doesn't hurt with learning some skills in the kitchen either. Some places he wants to travel to before he dies are some amazing life changing places. Asia, Europe, Ireland and so many more.

Ryan came to Willard from Sentinel at the very beginning of the year. Not liking the big classes and how you never had time to actually get the help you need-

ed, Ryan started looking into Willard. Now that he has joined Willard, he sees how it's alternative and completely different than normal schools. If you haven't gotten the chance, or have seen him around and never said hi, do it! Getting to know the new students is just as important on keeping the relationships you have with the old students.



# School

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## Do You Have What It Takes?

by Cynthea Newman  
of the *Willard Wire*

Willard kicked off the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year with an awards assembly to celebrate students who had earned recognition in the spring trimester. At this event, we awarded the students from the last six weeks of spring 2014. Unique to the Willard environment is the Student of the Six Weeks award. Every six weeks here at Willard, the staff chooses two students to recognize for their outstanding achievement and leadership. These awards are based on hard work, supporting the school as well as students, motivation and dedication. The last six weeks of spring 2014, two new students were chosen who had inspired teachers as well as students. Congratulations and thank you to Marley Hettick and Skyler Villwock.

It is tradition for teachers to share positive qualities about student award recipients. One comment made was, “[Marley]

has artistic vision and skill. He was awarded third place for the Modern Art Show last year at the Museum of Art and Culture with a complex, abstract drawing that inspired the judges,” said a staff member about Marley Hettick. Marley felt great about getting his award and said he “never expected it.” I personally know Marley and always enjoyed having him



**Marley Hettick**

Photo courtesy of Cynthea Newman

in Digital Film with Gwen. He is a very quiet kid, but he has a great sense of humor. I haven't had the chance to get to know Skyler Villwock, but I've only ever heard great things about him. Carolyn, a staff member here at Willard, has had the opportunity to get to know Skyler over the last school year. Carolyn expressed to me, “Skyler loves learning and his thoughtful questions and reflections have helped me become a better teacher.” He wishes Willard was a better place and says there needs to be more respect for students and staff. A staff member stated, “When disrespect issues were occurring in the cafeteria last year, Skyler apologized to Kenzie on behalf of all the students, letting her know how much she meant to all of us.”

Both Marley and Skyler earned ten dollar gift certificates – Marley to Rockin' Rudy's and Skyler to Hasting's. They are both amazing Willard students and are pushing themselves beyond their limits to graduate! Willard recognizes every student, but these students are the ones who we should be looking up to as role models. Will you be the next Student of the Six Weeks? It's anybody's award to be earned.



**Skyler Villwock**

Photo courtesy of Cynthea Newman





## This is How We Do It!

by Michaela Sherman  
of the *Willard Wire*

Welcome Willard students, new and old, to a new school year and a new beginning for many. This year 37 new students and 11 new staff members became a part of the Willard Alternative High School Family.

Often times when you enter a new school, it's hard to adapt to the changes, but Jamal Greely thinks otherwise. "The social environment at Willard is dramatically different compared to other schools. Since everyone is on first name basis, it makes it a lot easier to make connections between students and faculty," said Jamal.

Teachers aim for the fact that one's education is the most important thing of all. At Willard Alternative High School, every student is given the opportunity to be educated one on one due to smaller class sizes allowing you to become close knit to the ones around you. Every teacher cares about each individual in this school including their colleagues.

Our school offers many resources for those who may be struggling. If you ever find yourself having a rough day and simply need someone to talk to, you can always go talk to Ka-



Photos courtesy of Willard students

tie or Katelin down in room 15. Perhaps you're in need of a job. On Wednesdays during lunch time, Amy Ratzlaf comes from Human Resource Council. She posts new available jobs, as well as helps students make resumes, offers help

with filling out applications, and has many tips for maintaining a job. For any other resources such as financial, medical, information on emancipation, or even something

as simple as free clothing, visit the Crow Community Connections board located outside of room 29 (Carolyn's room).

Hopefully all new students make themselves right at home and have no troubles adapting to The Willard Way. Always remember we are a family! Here's to the start of another amazing year.



## Governor Steve Bullock Visits Willard

by Miriya Parrish  
of the *Willard Wire*

On August 25th a few of Willard's students had the pleasure of meeting our very own governor Steve Bullock. Cami Lesh, Chase Rasmussen, Charolette Welty, Chase Boehmler and I all told our stories to him. Our stories were basically what brought us to Willard and our journey so far. We went one by one telling Bullock how other schools were not working for us; we also told him how Willard has changed us for the better. We started off going around the room and saying our names and what we do at Willard. One of the questions we asked Governor Bullock was why do you see Willard as such an important educational tool in the Missoula District? "We need to find ways to make the education relevant to you, so you know that it is important, so you want to complete [your high school education], so you can overcome whatever obstacles that might be in your

path," replied Governor Bullock.

Steve Bullock was very professional when he greeted us; I have to admit I felt very strange standing up and shaking someone's hand, let's hope I never get to meet the president. Bullock seemed very laid back and chill; he listened and was alert to everything we had to say. I could tell he was really listening, so it made it easier for me to tell my story, because I really felt like he heard what I was saying, that he understood. Steve Bullock had only been to Willard one other time, when he did the prescription drug talk. He thought it was one of the more memorable talks, because when some Willard students are talking about something they believe in, they

speak their mind.

Talking to Governor Bullock was very interesting and nerve racking, because I am not used to speaking in front of large groups of people, let alone the Governor of Montana. When it came to the topic of funding for Willard, in my opinion, he sort of beat around the bush for that one. We would ask a question

## Bake Sale Madness

by Miriya Parrish  
of the *Willard Wire*

Most people love a good sweet treat, right? Two teams in the community class joined together to have a big bake sale. One team's money is for the truth-booth – a booth which displays facts about water. The other team's money is going to purchase water refill stations for Willard. The two teams made lots of posters, sent out emails, and made an announcement for a community bake sale. The entire community was invited, and I have heard nothing but great things from some of the neighbors, staff, and students.

I spoke with Harley Jones, a student on one of the teams who helped make the community bake sale such a success. "I like the way it all came together in the end. I like how much hard work everyone put towards making it happen," she commented.

Nice work Steve, Ashley and Steph's classes. The bake sale was a wild success in my opinion; you guys worked hard and made it happen. Congratulations!

about it, and he would give us short answers that did not really answer our question. I don't think he meant to, but for some reason it seemed to me like he wasn't really addressing the issue, but that is just my opinion. Other than that, I would say Governor Steve Bullock's second visit to Willard was a wild success. I commend the students who were there, stood up, and spoke out. It takes a lot of courage to tell your personal story about the challenges you faced before you came to Willard, especially to a crowd and the Governor of Montana, well done students.



Photo courtesy of Jane Bennett

Left to Right: Char Welty, Steve Bullock, Miriya Parrish, and Cami Lesh



## The Chili Burn: based on a true story

by Chad Crawford  
of the *Willard Wire*

The 5th annual chili burn (on the 11th of September 2014) went off without a hitch; this was one of Willard's biggest open house/ chili feeds to date with almost 200 name tags handed out at the front door. Nearly 25 chili pots were there to choose from, most of them being scraped clean by the end of the night.

The chili burn; a way to bring people together for a common purpose: food. (Other than oxygen and water) food is the most important thing in a person's life; that is why the chili burn was created. When asked about the origination of the chili burn, Bonnie replied, "well, we were thinking of a way to feed a lot of people... and everybody has a different chili recipe." and with that, the chili burn was born (created, fashioned, began, commenced etc.).

The chili burn isn't just a burn, it's a contest!!! That's right, not only do the people get chili, but they get to compete in the ultimate recipe showdown for chili stardom (i.e. the winner gets a ribbon, satisfaction, the sweet feeling of victory and the gratification of all their peers). Although everyone's a winner at Willard, only three can be chosen for the top three best chili recipes. They are as follows: 1st Ashley Wallace, 2nd Lisa Waller, 3rd Stephanie Wing, with honorable mention to Rose Dickson for her vegetarian chili.



Photo Courtesy of Chad Crawford

The panel of judges was randomly chosen by a focus group (random people) who specialize in randomness, rationality, odds and logic; therefore no cheating, tomfoolery or she-nanigans could be used in the judging of these recipes. Here is a little insight about the judges of the 5th annual chili burn.

Steve Munchler; family man and teacher, he enjoys his job and will go to any lengths to ensure every student can have the best learning experience, his strategy varies from entertaining lesson plans to black leather gloves. Jim Sorensen, a mild-mannered handyman by day and a chili recipe judge for one night, he specializes in the extraordinary as much as he does the ordinary; with his innate knowledge of all things custodial. Lastly, but definitely not least-ly, a new teacher to the Willard Family, Jeff Degyrse; known around the school as Jeffé (\*Spanish pronunciation), a master of the English language and previous teacher at Target Range. He has an optimistic attitude and a good sense of humor. So if he can't do it, someone else can.

People of all grades and social groups congregated at the chili burn for a night of whole-hearted, festive fun. Amongst those people was Ben Charlson, a chill dude and new Student at Willard Alternative High School. In an interview with him, he had strong opinions about the chili burn; proclaiming, "I would say it was very successful; this was my first chili burn, but it had a very large turn-out in my opinion." He went on to say "I would even come back next year for the chili burn."

Jim Sorensen; a man of many talents and jobs, he was one of three in the new addition to the chili burn, a panel of judges. When asked if he enjoyed the chili burn, he had this to say "AWWWWWW hell yeaaa!!! I had a great time at the chili burn," and when asked about one of the chili's he enjoyed a lot, he



Photo Courtesy of Chad Crawford

replied "Stephanie's chili, because it was all meat and the steak was really good. The sauce was good [too]" he ended with what he liked most about the chili burn "I enjoyed the overall atmosphere."

One of the many winners of the night was vegetarian and teacher candidate; Ashley Wallace, who was given the 5th annual chili burn ribbon for her immaculate concoction of a chili recipe. As I interviewed her, she had an up-beat tone and seemed rather happy to be at Willard stating, "I've never worked at a school that did anything like this before." Being a vegetarian, she didn't get around to trying all the chili, but she did like both the vegetarian chilis for different reasons; articulating, "I liked Rose's, because it had a lot of vegetables, but I liked the tai-curry chili [props to Estelle], because I've never had anything like that before and it was just the right spice" She went

on to talk about her recipe that has some "secret" spices, but she let me in on the gist, saying "the key -I think- is making it with turkey, because turkey does not have as much fat in it, and I put some salsa in it."

In conclusion, the chili burn is a festive hootenanny full of people, happiness, chili and recipes, with a fun and welcoming atmosphere. The next get-together will be on the 19th of March, where they will be serving tacos for all. We're all family here at Willard, and it really showed at the chili burn. This is Chad Crawford, signing off.

## Willard's Float Soars High

by Chad Crawford and Jamal Greely  
of the *Willard Wire*



Photo Courtesy of Ashley Wallace

On Saturday September 27th 2014, the sounds of cheering, marching, and fanfare erupted from Higgins Street in downtown Missoula Montana for the Homecoming Parade had begun. This year something was a little different though, Missoula's Willard Alternative High School entered their first

float ever. The float was manufactured by Willard's own art class (led by Gwen Hoppe) crafted and painted a paper mache Grizzly Bear along with a crow (Willard's symbol) and a mural of The Clark Fork River as Willard's first float in the Homecoming Parade.

One of the many parade-goers was Ken-

nie Weiler, a fun loving person and lunch lady for Willard Alternative High School; she gets her comeuppance by helping others and being a genuinely nice person. When asked about the parade, the craftsmanship, and integrity of the structure, she had this to say: "Loved it. Thought it was perfect [and] was more than I expected," she went on to say, "I was really impressed by the bear... It looks like a lot of work had gone into it...A lot of the other floats didn't look too good."

Missoula's Homecoming Parade has always been a big event for the city. It's a time to celebrate and rejoice as our boys in maroon



Photo courtesy of Chad Crawford

get ready to play, but to be a part of the parade means a lot, and to have what the U.M. Alumni considered to be the best K-12 float means a whole lot more. The first place parade float was crafted by multiple groups consisting of Gwen's fourth period class and some of fifth period, with assistances from second

period. Gwen was delighted with the effort of her classes. "I was very proud of our students... they made something so impressive," The float soared high as a gleam of spirit rose up from the students of Willard; finally, they were given the admiration of the other schools they have so readily deserved.



Photo Courtesy of Ashley Wallace





# Green Talk With Scott

by Jamal Greely  
of the *Willard Wire*

Approximately one billion trees worth of paper are thrown away in the U.S. every year. That’s why it’s been Willard’s goal to give back to our world and community by recycling plastic, paper, cardboard, and aluminum. Due to unclear circumstances, our previous sponsors declined to sponsor our recycling this year. That’s why I sat down with Scott Mainwaring also known as Scoogle, for knowing a little bit of everything in every subject, and found out how important it is to him and for Willard to recycle. Here’s what he had to say.

Q: How much does Willard recycle on a monthly basis?  
A: It’s a surprising amount. I cannot tell you in terms of number of plastic bottles or pounds of aluminum cans, because I don’t keep stats on that, but it is a lot. Especially the paper, we have several classes that have newspapers delivered. It just ends up being a surprising amount. So it’s a good thing we do recycle.

Q: How long have you been recycling and what does that job entail?  
A: Ever since I got here, and it was kind of funny. When I first got here, I think they might’ve recycled paper, but there was no recycling for aluminum cans or plastic bottles, and I was told in a staff meeting that they’ve tried it before but the students wouldn’t do it. I refused to take that as an answer, and so started to recycle in Bill’s room, and then just slowly we were doing more and more of the recycling for aluminum and plastic.

Q: Who was Willard’s previous sponsor for the recycling?  
A: We had for several years been lucky enough to have St. Patrick Hospital sponsor our recycling which was great  
Q: Why did they choose not to sponsor us this year or what caused them not to?

A: That I don’t know. I just called Allied Waste, because they were the ones responsible for picking them up, and I kind of dropped the ball on this. I didn’t call for the first two weeks of school. After noticing our bins were gone, and they always take them away for the summer, so I just thought they hadn’t dropped them off yet. That’s when I was told they were no longer doing sponsorships. So what I don’t know is if they’re just not sponsoring us to save money or Allied Waste just didn’t want to bother with having to round up the sponsors for the various schools. I don’t even know if the other schools have recycling or not.

Q: Who are you looking towards to sponsor our recycling?  
A: Thanks to Jim, handy man extraordinaire, the Missoula Credit Union agreed to be our new sponsor.  
Q: Do you think the student body of Willard puts enough effort into recycling reusable materials?

A: Yes, obviously some students don’t think about it or forget. Every year we used to do a recycling presentation, end of an assembly or something. I’d get up say a little blurb about recycling. We’ve even had the people from Garden City Recycling come to Willard who used to do our recycling. They’ve come in and given a speech, little demonstration about the things that



Photo courtesy of Jamal Greely

are recyclable, and the importance of recycling. It’s a very good thing to have in schools.

Q: What can the faculty and students help with recycling at Willard?  
A: I don’t want to see any waste. I get kind of annoyed when I see pop cans and plastic bottles in the trash. So we just need everyone to be ware, and so we’re hoping we can get more clearly labeled recycling bins in all of the classrooms. The more organized it is the neater it is, and the more likely everyone will participate. So we’re being less wasteful and getting more things into recyclables instead of trash.

Q: Other than the bins, what would be an optimal way for Willard to increase the amount we recycle?

A: I think it’d have to go back to everyone being aware of what is recyclable, so maybe that’s something we can have in an assembly, and just not throwing away something that could be recycled. It takes more energy, it’s more wasteful, and there’s just no need. You should recycle everything that can be recycled.

Recycling is a huge part of Willard. You can’t walk into a classroom without seeing a bin for recycling, plus the money we receive from recycling goes into school funds. The more we recycle the more our school can take trips and have other fun activities. One last thanks to Scott for taking the time to answer my questions, and keep on recycling Willard. Let’s make a difference.  
*“The Power is yours!”*

-Captain Planet



# Denise Jeneau Drops In

by Dominique Daricek  
of the *Willard Wire*

Denise Juneau stopped by Willard Alternative High School on September 5, 2014. If you don’t know who Ms. Juneau, Montana’s State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and heads the Montana Office of Public Instruction. She is also one of the leaders for Graduation Matters Montana, which spearheads the effort to make Graduation a priority and possibility for all Montana students. For those who don’t know what Graduation Matters Montana it’s a statewide effort raise graduation rates, and prepare students for college and careers beyond high school. Superintendent Juneau came to Willard to not only see how this alternative school works, but also to understand how students learn through this model. She was also interested in learning why we like

it so much here at Willard instead of the high schools we transferred from.

Cynthea Newman and I took the time to show Superintendent Juneau around Willard and explain not only what we do in some of our everyday classes and discussed the attitudes of students and teachers. Superintendent Juneau was very interested in how Willard works and how students really feel about attending an alternative high school. After a tour around the school, Superintendent Juneau came back to the journalism room where she took some time to get to know the students and talk to them about Willard and what it has done for them.

Before parting with our class we got the chance to ask her a few questions. Denise



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told us that the most important paper she has is her high school diploma from Browning, and she wouldn’t be where she is today without it.

# European Style Bread

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# Pastry

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# Entertainment



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## Across

3. created a seven book saga that started with a restaurant napkin and a pencil
4. founded the fighting style (or concept) known as 'Jeet Kune Do'; he is also known as the only person to ever beat Chuck Norris in a fight
7. one of the most influential bands of all time, said to have been 'bigger than Jesus'
10. the only black president
11. created the first 'clean rap' and became ruler of the province of bell-air
13. looks 'right' on the U.S. mint whilst others face left, most likely as a sign of defiance
16. coin'd the term ' $E=MC^2$ ' and gave us a 'spooky action at a distance'
20. the only person who could outlast survivor man (by drinking his own pee)
21. "excuse me while I kiss this guy" (or was it sky)

## Down

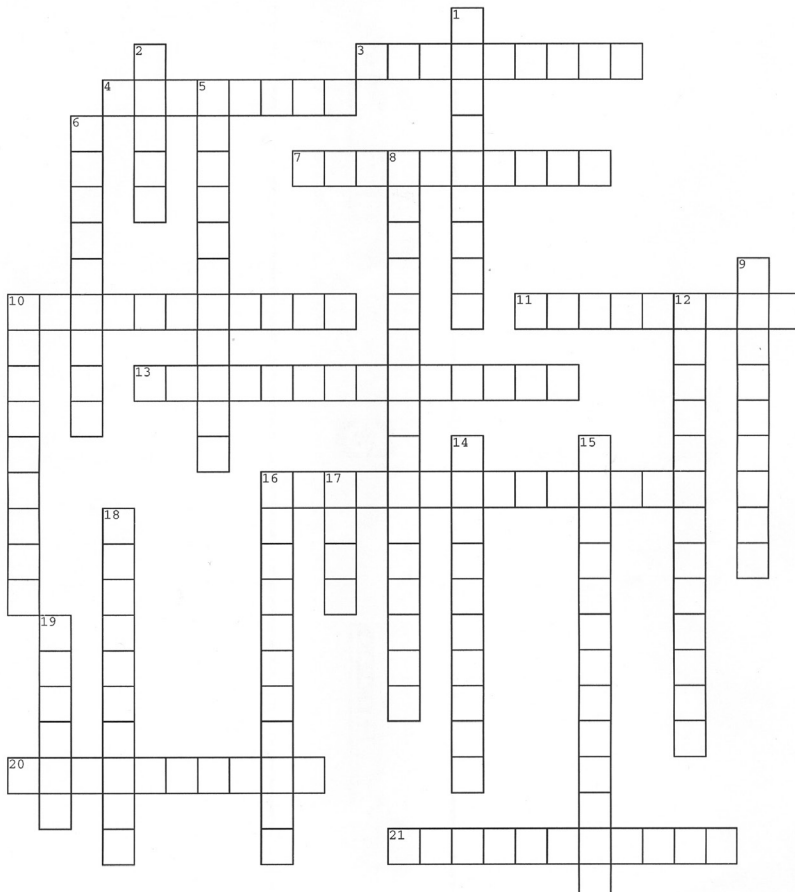
1. the only person who can score '1-love' in tennis
2. what's brown and rhymes with snoop? (p.s. it's not poop)
5. He can fold water and his tears cure cancer... too bad he's never cried
6. the only YES MAN to teach us to never be a LIAR LIAR
8. figured out electricity comes from the sky and one of the only people on U.S. currency who wasn't president of the united states
9. head of the Macintosh project and friend of bill gates; he was the technological visionary who gave us the ipad 2 shortly before his passing (R.I.P.)
10. the 'father' of Microsoft and the richest man in the world
12. narrated 'the march of the penguins' and his voice turns microphones into bars of gold (which he uses to fund his quest to create a real Santa Claus)
14. world famous presidential quote: 'There's an old saying in Tennessee — I know it's in Texas, probably in Tennessee — that says, fool me once, shame on — shame on you. Fool me — you can't get fooled again.'
15. the greatest mind of our generation (the Einstein of the technological era) and the only person who uses a spell-and-speak in order to talk
16. 'commander of the third reich - little known fact- also dope on the mic'
17. born Paul Hewson, a rock musician who addresses the aids pandemic... but he needs help from U2!!!!
18. She came in like a WRECK-INGBALL!!!!
19. will the real 'B-rabbit' please stand up... please stand up



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## Famous People

Complete the crossword below... or else



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## Oracle’s Outlook

by Cynthea Newman  
of the *Willard Wire*

**Dear Oracle,**  
How do I tell my friend that she has so much sex that I’m worried she’s going to contract HIV or STIs?  
- **Concerned Companion**

**Dear Concerned Companion,**  
I think you should sit down with your friend and explain you are worried about her health and safety. She definitely needs to go to the doctor and get checked for STI’s and maybe even a pregnancy test. Most people don’t want kids this early in life. There are many forms of birth control that she can discuss with her doctor if she needs. Remind her it is natural to get checked every three months or so when having multiple partners. Condoms need to be used if you are deciding to have intercourse as well as birth control, because just one form of protection doesn’t always protect you from pregnancy and STIs. I wish you and your friend the best.  
- **Oracle**

**Dear Oracle,**  
How do I help my mom through her depression?  
- **Worried One**

**Dear Worried One,**  
I would just try to be there for her as much as you can. As her child, there are many things you can do to help her cope with it and still be your own person. Don’t feel like it is your responsibility to take care of her, and don’t take it out on yourself and think it is your fault. Try to take her out as much as you can, just so she isn’t cooped up in the house all day. Diet is a big part of depression so suggest healthy eating habits for the both of you. Depression medication sometimes makes people more depressed, but remind her to take the medications prescribed by her doctor. She should keep in communication with her doctor about how the medications are reacting with her body. There are always hotlines she can call too or seeing a counselor can help. I hope she overcomes this hardship in her life. Best wishes.  
- **Oracle**



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**Dear Oracle,**  
Are there any things we can do at Willard with the students to make them more united and friendly with each other. Maybe a field trip somewhere?  
- **Caring Community Representative**

**Dear Caring Community Representative,**  
I think a fieldtrip is a great idea! One of the complications of going to a school where people graduate so frequently and are constantly getting new students is coping with students not knowing how things are run around here. It is the job of older students to help the newer ones with learning the ropes, but we run into issues when students are disrespectful. Getting all of the students and staff together and going into the community and working together would help bring us back to a family again. You should talk to Jane about some ideas you think would improve the Willard community. Jane has authority and can make announcements to students and staff. Express your ideas to students and staff as well. Writing a Letter to the Editor of the Willard Wire also can bring attention to school issues. Since you are thinking about this, I’m sure another person might have the same ideas; all it takes is to get the word out there. I really hope this helps.  
- **Oracle**

## Oracle’s Outlook

by Cynthea Newman  
of the *Willard Wire*

**Dear Oracle,**  
I’m having a really hard time with my mom. She never listens or talks to me. My dad really isn’t there for us. I’ve been so nice to her lately too. I feel so alone. What do I do?  
- **Caring Kid**

**Dear Caring Kid,**  
Honestly, I would sit down with her and tell her what’s bothering you. Sitting down for coffee or going on a walk where you both are calm and able to express yourselves freely is a great way to get your feelings across. Maybe she’s going through something you don’t know about also. Try to get her to tell you what has been going on in her life. Try opening up to her also. It might make her more comfortable talking to you if she knows you are willing to share your thoughts with her as well. Explain to your mom that when she ignores you it makes you feel alone, and you miss your relationship with her. This is a great way for you both to better your relationship with each other and with yourselves.  
- **Oracle**

**Dear Oracle,**  
My boyfriend is very condescending and passive-aggressive when he’s upset, and he often takes his anger and frustration out on me. I love him, but sometimes he’s just a real jerk and makes me feel really bad about myself. What should I do?  
- **Scared Partner**

**Dear Scared Partner,**  
You do not need to have someone treat you with anything less than respect. You need to get out of that relationship right now. I’m not even kidding. He could be very dangerous and could hurt you severely. Verbal abuse can be just as damaging as physical abuse. There are many resources here in Missoula that can help, such as the YWCA. Bonnie and Jane are also people you can talk to if you ever need someone to vent to. Also, Katelin and Katie are the support counselors here at Willard. When he is rude and just being an ass, he is just trying to hurt your feelings, because you are letting him think that he has control over you! You are strong and you are good enough for anything and anyone! Don’t let him bring you down or stop you from doing what you love!  
- **Oracle**







## Local Metal Bands Thrash Missoula's Dream Center

by Jamal Greely  
of the *Willard Wire*

**"The same sensations that you get in heavy metal are in horror movies. Heavy metal sounds evil and horror movies are evil."  
-Kirk Hammett, [Lead guitarist of Metallica]**

Saturday, August 30th, metal heads congregated outside of Missoula's Dream Center to watch performances by local Missoula acts: Arctodus, Shramana, and Earthbound. Tension grew outside when fans heard the roaring sound of Arctodus blasting away as they were sound checking, and finally at six o'clock fans were let in and treated to three hours of some local heavy metal. Though the concert was for fun there was a reason behind it.

The concert was put forth with one idea—to spread awareness of local metal bands. The metal scene of Montana has always had a struggle to reach out and bring in more variety of fans. That's why local metal musician and lead man of Earthbound and Willard student, Jamal Greely, set out to have one night of "heavy metal madness." It all started with the idea, "Hell, why not throw one last summer concert to begin the school year." From there, it escalated into a trio of metal bands entertaining a vicious, mosh-happy crowd.

For three hours, the bands rocked The Dream Center leaving new impressions upon members of the audience. One of the concert goers Emily Engstrom said, "[The music was] fun to jam to. I really enjoyed Earthbound's performance." While Dione D. gave the concert an "8 out of 10" and thought the concert was "awesome overall." You could see the excitement on the face of the moshers when they took to the stage to rock out with the members of Earthbound, nearly taking out most of the equipment as they made their way around. Chris Honold of Earthbound proclaimed, "This was probably the best show we've played—so damn intense."

When asked about how he thought the show went, Jamal Greely commented, "This was a lot of fun... I was a bit worried when [the audience] rushed the stage, but at least nothing got broken and everybody had a killer time. There were quite a few mess-ups due to our equipment getting unplugged, but all in all I had fun." Then when asked about playing metal he replied, "Entertaining people with the music I love to listen to and play has always been a dream of mine, and with this show, I feel that

the dream is obtainable." The night was as fun as it was an accomplishment, hopefully opening new doors for bigger better Missoula metal concerts.

The local metal bands of Missoula fight constantly to keep and build upon their fan base. "When you stop playing concerts for a while or even stop posting on Facebook, people tend to take you less seriously," says Jamal Greely. "There's a line we stand on where it's either people know who you are, or they don't, it's as simple as that." He goes on to say, "We really try to give [the metal fan base] what they want, but we also want to do what we want. It's a bit of struggle." If you like heavy metal, but weren't able to catch this show, you can find out more about concert dates and times on the Facebook pages of Arctodus, Shramana, or Earthbound. Make sure to keep your ears open for Earthbound's upcoming concert with Hemlock and Blessiddoom in October.



**Local metal band, Earthbound**  
Photo courtesy of Chad Crawford

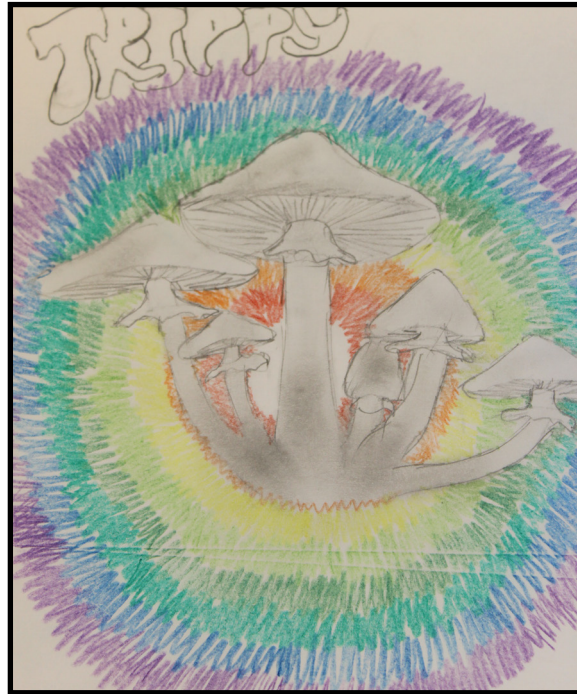




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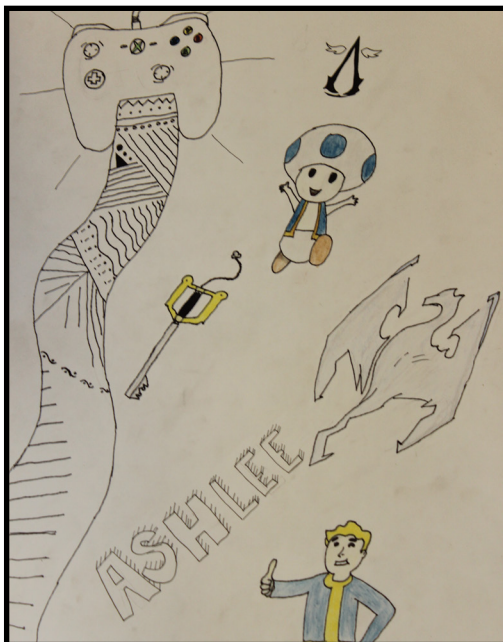
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