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Graduation Interview by: Sarah W.

The school year is coming to an end, and as always we are losing many classmates and friends. As an 8th grader myself, I'm saying goodbye. I asked four 8th graders their opinions about four questions.

Q. Are you more excited to graduate middle school, the summer, or going to high school?

A. Leona K. - summer and high school

Megan P. -high school

Ryker B.-graduation

Carlis M. -summer

Q. What are you going to miss most about Big Hollow?

A. Leona K. - the teachers Megan P. - the teachers and under-classmen friends

Ryker B.-choir, music, and Student Advisory Council

Carlis M. -teachers

Q. What are most looking forward to in high school?

A. Leona K. -electives and National Honors Society

Megan P. -electives, clubs, and art classes

Ryker B. -French

Carlis M. -new classes

Q. If you had to say one meaningful thing to your class (a goodbye message) what would you say?

A. Leona K. -"It was fun to have you guys as my classmates through all these years. You guys all have bright futures."

Megan P. -"I couldn't have asked for better people to help prepare me for struggles of high school and beyond."

Ryker B. -"When I came here from private school, I was an outsider. Nobody paid attention to me because they didn't know who I was. It took a while, but eventually, I found a home here with the amazing students Big Hollow has to offer. It's been an honor being the president of the Student Advisory Council, and a choir member, and I will miss all the people I can't see next year."

Carlis M. -"Thank you for a great year."

Probability of Alien Life: Yes

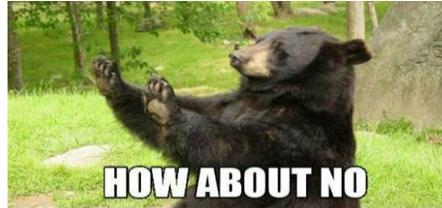
By: William E.

I think alien life is possible. In my opinion, with billions of other galaxies, there is a possibility intelligent life exists in the universe. The following is not proven, but let me inform you about some other beliefs I believe are true. In my last article, (see page three) I explained about planets that are fit for life, with resources like water and correct temperatures, so that means with all those habitable planets, there is probably intelligent life in the universe. Even still, scientists discovered bacteria from Mars, and there are hundreds of reports of alien abductions, U.F.O. sightings, strange lights in the sky, and weird noises. Area 51, a “military base”, supposedly doesn’t exist, but also is rumored to have actual U.F.O.s at the area. If you explored for a while, you might find Area 51. This article has more than enough information to know that aliens most likely exist. This is an opinionated article.

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Probability of Alien Life: No By: Sullivan K.

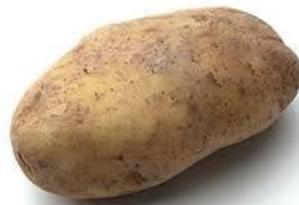
Today, I’ll be talking about, oh, surprising, the existence of alien life. So, really quick, I’m just going to say that I think aliens don’t exist, and will be fighting for that point. If you look up “Do Aliens Exist?” on Google, there’s only yes, yes, and a couple yes’s. Now, for my first point: we have never seen aliens. Why don’t I believe in aliens? Because the people who believe they exist can only support their conclusions with speculation, guesses, and assumptions. Now, I support my conclusion with that fact. There is no solid evidence that proves the existence of aliens.



Now, for a moment, let’s pretend they *did* exist. Why hasn’t any good photo or video been taken of them? Now, what about all the photos you see online? Why is it always that those photos have horrible quality? An iPhone takes better photos than that! About 100% of those are photoshopped anyway. We have great technology here on Earth, so why can’t we get ONE photo!?

One more thing to wrap this up: Mars is the only other habitable planet in this solar system, and we have never found life on it, and scientists have been searching for more than 500 years, or at least no heavily developed, intelligent life

Okay, that’s all. Sorry for the long post, so here’s a potato (if you get that reference, we’re BFF’s).

**Uranium By Sean E.**

When someone thinks of Uranium, the most likely thought is either nuclear weapons, or Uranium in the state of ($\text{Na}_2\text{U}_2\text{O}_7 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$) or, sodium diuranate. Okay, so maybe not the last one, but that is the form it’s most likely sold in. Then again, you aren’t going to find Uranium at your local Walmart, Anyway, Uranium is used in a lot in nuclear weapons, but we’re not going to elaborate. (Ya know, it’s school.) But, there are a lot of other uses. Some people can use it as heat for melting materials and other things. Nuclear power stations are nuclear, so we’ll let the experts handle that. The chemical symbol on the periodic table for Uranium is U, and it is #92, (Yes, people still use that as a number symbol, not just hash browns.) [Say hellooo to uranium](#)

**Ancient Architecture: The Parthenon By Ian W.**

The Parthenon, a majestic temple built by the Athenians from 442 B.C. to 437 B.C., was built for the patron Goddess of Athens, Athena. It cost about 469 silver talents, which may not seem like a lot, but then again, the best warship of the time cost one silver talent to build, so... yeah. “So how did they get that much money?” You might ask. Well, most of the money came from the Delian League funds. The Delian League was an alliance between many of the Greek city-states in which they paid money to Athens to defend them from the Persians and other “barbarians.”

The building of the Parthenon took 5 years with the best architects of the time, Ictinus and Calibrates, working every day, each with teams of lesser architects. (Calibrates-Calibrate... um...coincidence? I think not.) The reason? A) The detail put into every square foot, for example: the columns, the sculptures, the roof, and B) The architectural ingenuity of it. For instance, the columns that support the roof become slightly larger as they move up for architectural solidity and so they look straight from a distance. That is not only because architects like their buildings to be solid, but the Greeks are a little bit crazy about straight lines. So, in conclusion, the Parthenon is an awesome, architecturally sound, amazing building that will always strike awe in the hearts of those who look upon it.



Bill Madlock, My Grandpa By Cynthia M.C.

Bill Madlock is a four time National League Batting Champion, an All-Star MVP, and World Series Champion. But most importantly he is my mom's daddy and my grandpa. I already know that he is kind, generous, and very funny. So, I recently interviewed him to learn about things I didn't know about his baseball career.

1. What age were you when you started playing baseball?

"I started playing baseball at age six."

2. What year did start playing in the MLB?

"It was 1973. I played for fifteen years."

3. How did it feel to play for Major League Baseball?

"It was something that you watch on TV. To watch baseball players, you think I want to do that. When you get to play with the players you watch on TV, you know that your dream came true."

4. What was your favorite team to play for?

"Pittsburgh Pirates because I got a chance to play with the greatest players of all. We won the World Series together."

5. How does it feel to be a World Series Champion?

"It was great because 25 guys accomplished one goal, that was to win the World Series."

6. Where is your favorite place to travel?

"Cartagena, Columbia because the scenery is great, it is right on the ocean, and there is alot of history."

7. Was it fun to play Major League Baseball?

"Yes, it was like a dream come true."

8th Grade Springfield Trip: By Sarah W.

On April 17, the 8th grade went to Springfield. We had to be at the school at 5-5:15 a.m., and you don't have to be a mathematician to know that's early, plus having to wake up at 4. At around 5:15, we boarded the bus, and began our three-and-a-half hour trip to Springfield. My group, first, went to the WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War memorial. It was absolutely beautiful. The only thing to complain about is that it was up to 70 degrees or more out. Then we visited Lincoln's tomb. It was extremely weird thinking, "Here's Lincoln, Mary Todd, and three of four kids." Next, was the Old State Capitol. It was extraordinary to think that we were in a building that Abraham Lincoln once walked (though the building was reconstructed). We, then, ate lunch, and after that we visited the Abraham Lincoln Museum, which was my favorite place. We only had an hour-and-a-half to explore, which might seem like a lot, but we were rushing to see everything. We later, visited the New State Capitol (which isn't that new). This place was so huge, half the time I thought I was going to fall off the edges. The adventure didn't stop there. The last place we visited was Lincoln's home. We didn't get to go inside, but you could still see the history. Once we were done, we drove ten minutes to Hibachi Grill, and then headed back to a three-and-a-half hour trip back to school. We arrived back to school at about 10:30, and when we got home I'm pretty sure 99% of us passed out.

The Old State Capitol in Springfield ->



"Safe Zone" Planets By William E.

It is proven in most galaxies there is a safe planet that contains liquid water and, therefore, possibly life. These planets are fit for an evolution like Earth that includes animals evolving into human-like creatures known as extra-terrestrials or "aliens". It would probably take a long time to evolve as it did Earth, because they have to adapt to the planets temperature. Then again, this does have warm temperatures like us because it is between two planets: the one closest to their sun and the third one in the planet line. This makes it safe and warm but not too hot and cold but not too cold. The planet will also have a proper atmosphere and gravitational pull. Although, it may not have a moon and it may, for there are many theories about how moons came to planets. Therefore, it may not have a tide and it may. Now, there can still be an ocean, so don't worry. Then again, water may cover less or more of the planet. It could cover 60 percent or 80 percent of their planet. That is all I know so bye and I will type to you next time.





Featured Country:

The Good ol' US By J.D.

All of us know about the USA. We live here! But did you know that the first waffle cone was invented during a carnival? Now, you're probably thinking, "Well, where

else would it have been made, a pizzeria?" What you do not know, however, is that the idea for the waffle cone was a plan B attempt by an ice cream man at the carnival. When he ran out of bowls to put the ice cream in, he bought some waffles from a nearby waffle vendor, wrapped them around the ice cream, and created the first waffle cone. Also, as you may have read in last issue's geo-quiz article, when Americans invented snowboarding, they originally called it "snurfing".

Geo-Quiz By J.D.

1. What is another name for the Democratic Republic of the Congo?
 - A. Kenya
 - B. Nobodeenoos
 - C. Zaire
2. True or false: Albert Einstein was once invited to become the president of Israel.
 - A. True
 - B. False
3. Who invented the cheeseburger?
 - A. The USA
 - B. Japan
 - C. This dude I met in the woods

Remembering Ernie Banks By: Cynthia M.C.

Ernie Banks (January 31, 1931- January 23, 2015) was known as "Mr. Cub". He was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. He played Negro League Baseball in 1950 for the Kansas City Monarchs. Ernie also served in the U.S. military for two years. He began his Major League career in September 1953. He played in the MLB for the Chicago Cubs for 19 seasons; from 1953- 1971. He was the first African American person to ever play for the Cubs. He played shortstop and first base positions. Ernie was a National League All-Star for 11 seasons, playing in 14 All-Star Games. He hit 512 home runs and had 2,583 hits. He received 2 consecutive National League Most Valuable Player Awards in 1958 and 1959. Ernie also received the Golden Glove award for shortstop in 1960.

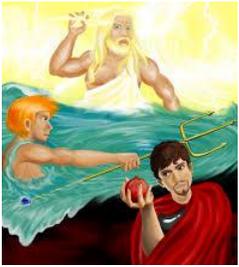
Ernie Banks was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1977. In 1999, he was named to the Major League Baseball All-Century Team. He was also active in the Chicago community. Ernie also founded a charitable organization. He was well known for his kindness on and off the baseball field. I have met him several times and knew him very well. He was a kind-hearted and spirit lifting man. He will be missed by all.

Ancient Greek Gods By: Nick D.

Zeus: The king of all gods. His brothers are Hades and Poseidon. He had many children including Hercules, Athena, and Apollo. Zeus means god of lightning and thunder.

Hades: At a young age he wanted power. Zeus defeated him and banished him to be keeper of the dead. Hades means god of the underworld.

Poseidon: He helped his brother Zeus defeat Hades. Zeus gave him control of the sea. Poseidon protects all sea creatures. Poseidon means god of the sea.



Geo-Quiz Answers

1:C

2:A

3:A

Interview Mrs. Ambler By James M.

Birthday: March 1

Food: Pizza

Drink: Fresca. (Have No idea what is this)

Store: Dollar Tree. (Of Course)

Place: Venice, Italy

Subject: Language Arts

Day of the week: Friday

Color: Orange

Grade as a Kid: 7th Grade

Country: United States

Month: March

First Day you and Ms. Howard started News Paper Club: September 2011

Favorite Year: 1987

Snack: Cheese and Crackers

If you could change the world, what would you change: All people treated equally

Website: Brain Pop

Restaurant: UNO'S Pizzeria in Chicago

Hot or Cold Temp: Hot

Interview with Ms. Howard By James M.

Birthday: June 30

Food: Sushi

Drink: Water

Store: Best Buy

Place: The Bahamas

Subject: Social Studies

Day of the Week: Friday

Color: Blue

Grade as a Kid: Senior

Country: United States

Month: August

Favorite Day in News Paper Club: Every

Favorite Year: 2003

Snack: Chocolate

If you could change the world, what would you change: No more wars

Website: Animal House Dog Rescue

Restaurant: Walker Brother's

Hot or Cold Weather: Cold

Japanese Influence in Video Games By: That one guy... Uh, I bet it started with an "S"

Oh! It was Sullivan! Oh yeah! Or, maybe it was...

Have you ever heard of Nintendo? Well, you live in the modern world. That should be a rhetorical question. Nintendo, if you've been living under a rock for a couple years, and this is the first thing you've decided to read to get caught up (which I'd be very honored if it was), is a video game giant who made many of the first and best gaming consoles, which includes everything they've made minus the Nintendo Boy (look it up, it was horrible), and the Wii U (you may think it was a good console, but it was a commercial flop. Can't deny that). You may know that Nintendo was established in Japan, and many of their games have been influenced by Japanese culture. Well, I'm here today to point those out, and to figuratively blow your mind. As you can see, I've spent a paragraph on introduction, so I'll only be talking to you about Pokemon. Yep, only Pokemon. Find this stuff interesting? Go look it up: Japanese influence in games. So, here's your influence...

You know that one Pokemon? Uh, Magikarp? Yeah, the miserable one that everyone hates on. You should feel sorry for him. One day, he turns into a dragon. Yep, dragon. Watch yourselves... Oh yeah, influence. So, there's a Japanese folk tale that goes like this: tons of fish swimmin' in a river. If they are strong enough, they'll be able to swim up the waterfall, and then, ahead of those fish, would be a giant red gate. If a fish is able to swim over that gate, then they'll turn into a giant dragon. Yeah. Pretty obvious inspiration. The fish turns into a dragon. Okay, that's all. I'm done. Have a nice day. Please take into consideration the new information you have been given. Good day.

γ(~ ~) Γ Oh wait, I still need a picture. Okay, fine. Here you go. Have a nice day.

