



# LITTLE WOUND HIGH SCHOOL TIMES

“ONCE A MUSTANG, ALWAYS A MUSTANG!”

## Wrestling Makes Big Moves at LNI



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Recently, the wrestling team went to the Lakota Nation Invitational in Rapid City where DeShawneigh Iron Cloud won the LNI championship and another wrestler took 2nd, junior Tayvion Rooks. They have tournaments every Saturday until the 3rd weekend of February but we also start our AAU Wrestling 2nd week of January and those tournaments are on Sundays until high school season is over. Then, they move to Saturdays. Some of the high school wrestlers also continue on the season with freestyle wrestling and go to the 1st week in April so wish them the best of luck this year! ❖



**Women's Wrestling LNI Champ  
Deshawneigh Iron Cloud**  
  
Photo taken by Taylor Christensen

## Honoring the Past: The Dakota 38+2 Ride



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On December 26, 1862 in Mankato, Minnesota, President Abraham Lincoln ordered an execution. The military held 489 Dakota men for a punishment of the Dakota war in 1862, 38 men were then killed this execution was the largest mass execution in U.S. history, and 2 more men were captured and later killed. In 2005, Jim Miller had a dream. This dream was a ride that rode across the plains of South Dakota to the riverbank in Minnesota, and Jim didn't believe this dream had really come to him not until it kept him up most nights when he said “we can't blame the wasicus anymore. We're doing it to ourselves . We're selling drugs. We're killing our own people. That's what this ride is about, is healing”. Years later, this ride has still been going on. This ride is a sacrifice and a way of healing to remember what had happened. Our youth joined in this ride and rode all the way till the very end. Through snow storms and freezing weather, they knew what this meant to them and to their people. One of our very own LWHS Mustangs, senior Latrell Tenorio, reflected on what the ride represents for him: “I first got involved when my cousin wanted someone to ride with and at first I did not think anything of it.”

Although he had no prior experience when he started on the Big Foot ride, one of his first big rides, Tenorio was willing to learn. For Tenorio, the ride is somewhere to get away from “all worldly matters and pray for your people as well as take a moment to mourn the loss of our ancestors. The people come together in peace without any conflicts. It is a safe space. There is no worry about self image on the ride, and everyone looks after one another. Mitakuye Oyasin which means we are all related.” ❖



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### Advisor's Note

Going into the new semester, the *Little Wound High School Times* will shut its doors for the foreseeable future. This, however, is not the end of journalism in our school. If you would like to submit your own photos to end up in the school yearbook, please email them to [atellezcruz@littlewound.us](mailto:atellezcruz@littlewound.us) so that they can be included! Thank you for your readership!



# Mustang Basketball Continues to Dominate



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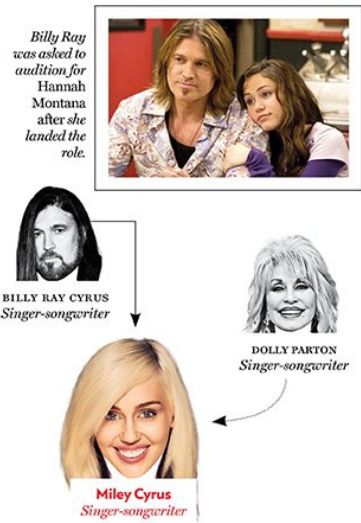
This year's boys basketball team is looking pretty good, so much so that their season so far is on a good track. After talking to a few players and the head coach Jay Jacobs, they had a few things to say about their team. Jay Jacobs said: “They are finally starting to get what I’m saying and turning hard work into fun.” Here was what a few players said: “We’re good,” said junior Triston Kills Small. “We are a hard working team”, said senior Tayvon Apple. “We are distinguished young fellas,” said senior Stormy Shot With Arrow. ❖

# Nepo Babies Take The World By A Storm



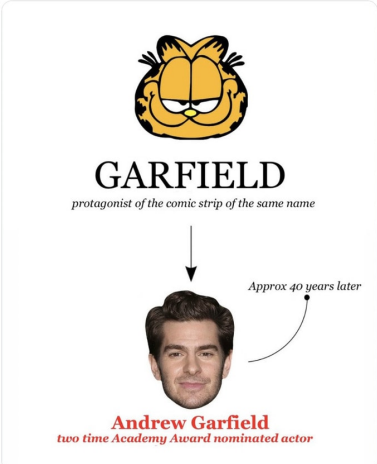
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Nepotism Babies or Nepo for short, have taken most of the media’s attention, many have learned that children are linked to older celebrities that worked



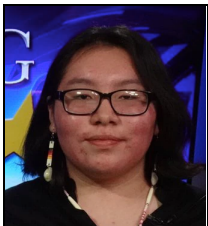
within Hollywood or other Industries. Lately the media has been discussing and obsessing over Nepo babies: Nepo babies are described to be someone who has a connection to another person in the entertainment industry. One Nepo baby that many people know is Miley Cyrus, the Daughter of Billy Ray Cyrus, a country singer

from the 80’s. Though this Nepo Baby business has sparked debates across the media, and arguments if the Celebrities should be treated differently from those who recently rose to fame, without connecting to anyone who has that status. Debates had only sparked after the magazine *Vulture* had published an article related to Nepo Babies, and who was connected to who. They even created a cover where there are pasted heads of celebrities on babies, and in pink text reads; “Aww, Look! She has her Mothers eyes and Agent”. ❖



#21 for the Mustangs, Kenyon LeBeaux, shooting a 3-pointer during LNI. Photo by Taylor Christensen.

# Barefoot, Naked, and Pregnant: The Patricia Saga



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On January 4th, 2023 Patricia gave birth to 12 puppies. Dan Snethan started taking care of Patricia in November. I asked him, “ What made you want to take her in?” He responded: “She was barefoot, naked, and pregnant. I just knew she needed help.” He went on to tell me that she was a good roommate those past 2 months of her pregnancy, unfortunately one puppy was a runt and did not make it. I was told that the puppy had been given a proper burial.” Patrica and her mini hers are now living with Marla Herman, who will soon be looking for good, loving homes for these adorable pups. ❖





# Best Films of 2022

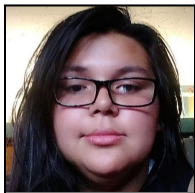


Entertainment Reporter  
Teton Janis

2022 was a great year for movies. Whether you're wanting to cure some boredom, or wanting to connect with characters out of this world, here are the best films of the past year in no particular order:

1. *Top Gun: Maverick* - The movie had a really touching story to it and quickly jumped to a top movie of 2022.
2. *Avatar: Way Of The Water* - Compared to the first movie, it did not disappoint. The amount of detail and effort put into this movie is on another level. In such a short amount of time this movie quickly filled up the box offices.
3. *Doctor Strange In The Multiverse Of Madness* - This movie gave us a better look into how the marvel universe is evolving. The movie itself had good plot twists.
4. *Minions: The Rise Of Gru* - This movie had a really interesting perspective to it, with lots of funny scenes and good laughs.
5. *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* - I wasn't really expecting for the movie to turn out in a good way. It had a really interesting story too.
6. *The Batman* - There isn't much to say here that all the other batman movies already have. The movie itself was decent, yet predictable
7. *Thor: Love And Thunder* - This was a decent marvel movie, with a good script. I liked how they incorporated past characters.
8. *Jurassic World: Dominion* - this is a good continuation of the past movies showing how their mistakes caught up to them, and now they aren't sure if they are the apex predators anymore.
9. *Spider Man: No Way Home* - This movie was hands down the best Marvel movie that came out this year. It was well put together and was full of good plot twists.
10. *Smile* - By far the best horror movie of 2022. The movie had a mind bending feeling to it, and had good jump scares. ❖

# Clipped Wings



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The feeling of falling, the feeling of being free without limitations. The limitations that you set for me to “be safe”. You clipped my wings so I can never leave you. You said I was safe. I was never safe from my mind. I was never freed from the demons whose wings you didn’t see so you thought I was safe. I WAS NEVER SAFE. It was only when I felt the wind rushing past me finally feeling weightless. Finally feeling at ease. Around you, I was dancing on the railing of a 100 story building. All it takes is 1 mistake and I will never be seen again. 1 mis-step and it all leads to my own personal hell. My own hell that you decided needed to be more painful. In your own words you said to me with venom that felt like home “pretty girls should not know what their own hell is made out of,” the same venom soaked voice that once felt like silk gentle wrapping around my body now feels too much like home. Too much like the place that I once ran to you to get away from. A place where home never felt like home, but if I call it anything else people would be confused and worried. I can’t make them worry. *They* said I can’t make people worry or my hell will just get worse and worse until I can’t take it anymore.

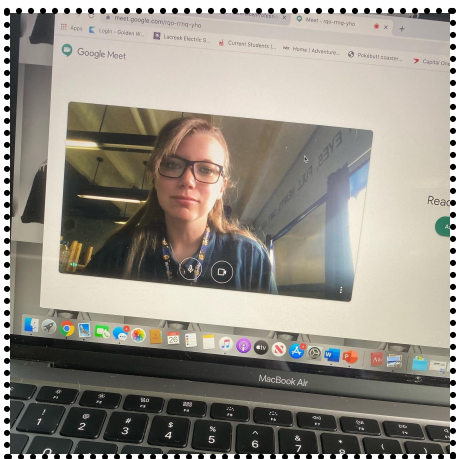




# Mustangs Bid Adieu and Good Luck to Passionate Educator



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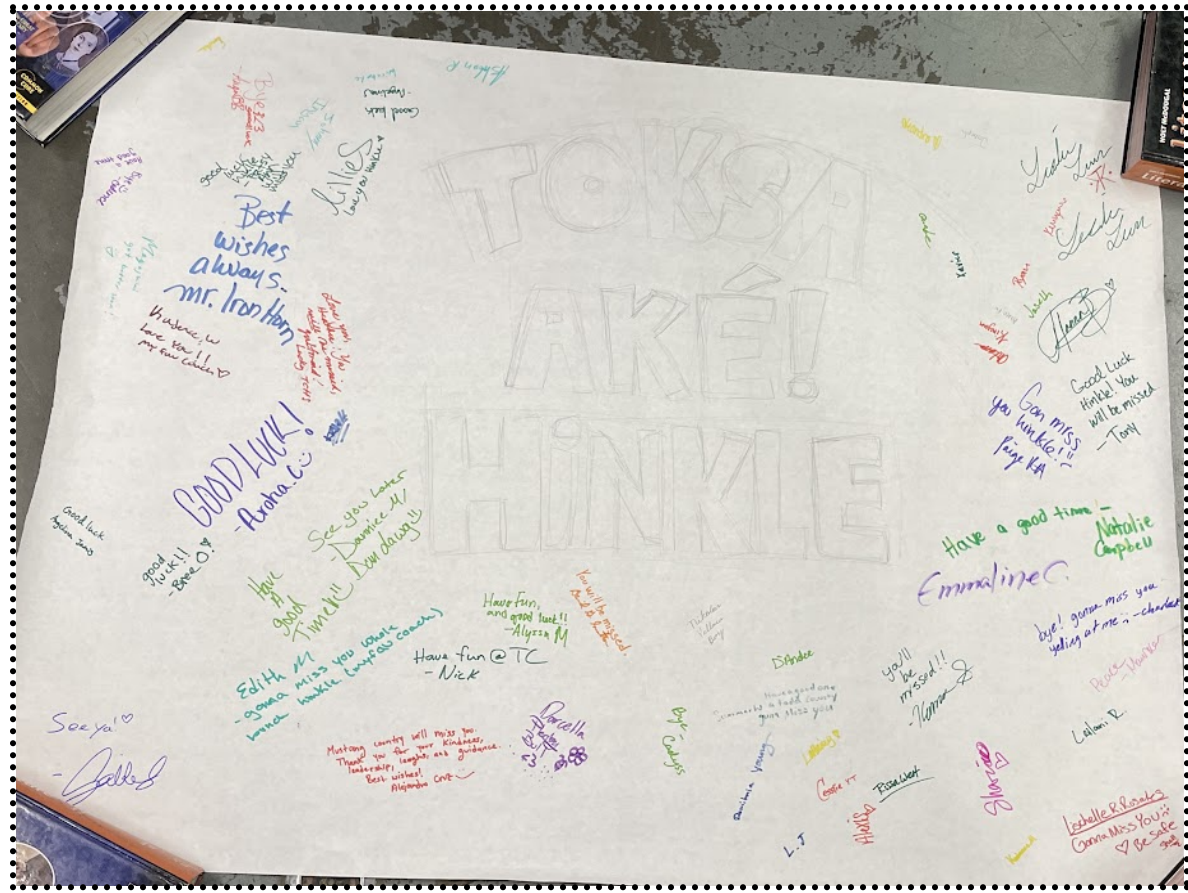


Following this week, we will be feeling an emptiness among the halls of the Little Wound Mustangs because of Heather Hinkle leaving Little Wound School. Hinkle has been a dedicated Mustang since 2018, when she started this part of her career as a high school math teacher. Though she was a math teacher at first, she spent most of her teaching years teaching Junior English, Journalism, and Yearbook. A versatile leader, Hinkle led the English department through the more difficult years of COVID-19, and her leadership style paved the way for how I would carry on that torch as department leader.



If you ask any student that has had the privilege and joy of being in any of Heather’s classes, they would go on and on about the joy, humor, and discipline she brings into her coursework. Her love of motorcycles, knitting, and Taylor Swift made her a palatable person that anyone could INSTANTLY vibe with. Most who have had her as an English teacher may feel intimidated by the amount of writing and the high expectations that Heather asked of them, yet they would leave her classroom with the sense that they were much improved thinkers and writers. Her teaching style has been one I’ve been wanting to emulate and aspire towards because, in my eyes, her students feel respected while at the same time feeling much more prepared for the rigors of college and life after Little Wound. Since August of 2022, Hinkle has been serving the Mustangs as a high school counselor, overseeing schedules, ACT coordinating, and academic advising for many of our students, often going above and beyond to make sure that students feel safe and secure with their academic lives. With Mr. James McDonald’s deployment to Iraq this year, the question of how the student council would run in his absence was a huge mystery for a while; thankfully, Heather agreed to co-sponsor the activity with me, making the transition into running the group feel less daunting. I think that what people will miss most is how Hinkle embodies the spirit of the Mustang, going out of her way to make sure anyone and everyone feels important and connected as a tiospaye. Her ability to make

quick connections with kids will be something that will be missed, most of all. I’m lucky to have started my teaching career with her as a guide. I will also cherish knowing that although she is my colleague, she is also a really wonderful and reliable friend.



Heather, from the bottom of our hearts, **THANK YOU** for your service to Little Wound School. We love you and we will never forget you! Best of luck on the next phase of your journey!

