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Virtual Senior Year

Graduation Mystery

ALLISON CLIFFORD
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The 2021 graduation is still a mystery. Everything is depending on whether or not the COVID-19 virus can be controlled. The current set date for graduation is May 21 but that could change. The school is aiming for a traditional graduation ceremony currently and is looking for ways that can happen and keep everyone safe. If any students have an idea of how to safely have a graduation message a counselor with your idea. The school is still working on when seniors can start ordering their caps and gowns. Seniors, keep in contact with our school counselor Jay Jacobs for when you can order yours. Jay's email is jayjacobs@littlewound.us.



TOP ROW: Kobe Gay, Jake Janis, Dale Pourier, Richie Patton
BOTTOM ROW: Coach Shonna Hunter, Stephanie Janis, Elizabeth Iron Horn, Lara Herman, Shawnee White

A good run for the Cross Country team.

SHAWNEE WHITE
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Shonna Hunter, Head Coach for the Cross Country team, says it was surprising hearing that they would be having a season this fall. Ms. Hunter said this pandemic put them about a month behind in practices compared to other schools who had a season. Their first practice was only three days before the first meet, causing many of the runners to not be in the best of shape in time for the meet. Ms. Hunter says it was heartbreaking that none of her cross country runners made it to state because she usually has 1-2 qualifiers. She believes that if her team started practicing a lot earlier then her runners would have run better throughout the season. The team consisted mostly of seniors and Ms. Hunter was proud of them for stepping up

and joining their last year. Kobe Gay, Senior, says he was excited when he found out he was able to run his senior year. Gay pushed himself throughout the season to get himself ready for regionals. Gay came up short by six people to make it to state. He was disappointed because he gave it his all and even pushed it through the heavy snow at regionals. Elizabeth Iron Horn, Senior, says she was also super excited hearing that she would be able to have a season and run for Shonna one last time. Iron Horn has been running cross country since 7th grade and being able to have the ability to run her last year was a gift. Each practice she pushed herself, working hard to beat her times. It was not for everyone's satisfaction but for her own. After regionals she felt very emotional knowing it was her last meet and that it was her final run against her favorite runners one last time.

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Oral Interpretation Virtual Season

Speaking volumes through a pandemic.

MARY KATE MARTINEZ
NOVEMBER 22, 2020

This season for oral interp was extremely challenging for both coaches, Daniel Snethen, head coach and Jennifer Janis, Assistant Coach. Snethen says that although all of the meets were virtual, some teams were able to meet face to face with their coaches. Little Wound School is completely virtual and he could not be in person with his performers. His practice was 8 to 9 pm every evening via Google Meet and sometimes on weekends if they were requested. Snethen says that he is very proud of his four students who stuck it out to the very end. Seniors Antonio Rojas, Enola Running Hawk, and Mary Kate Martinez. With our new newcomer Addison Young, Freshman. Young had zero experience but she made it to the end with the programme, she placed second in non-original oratory in her first meet, and she will be competing this weekend at the event Little Wound is hosting. Rojas is a returning performer who competed in several categories: humorous, story telling, and serious interp. Rojas has placed in five meets, receiving 2nd and 3rd place and winning the humorous division in his latest meet. I myself am a returning performer. Snethan noted that I had a strong showing all season long in the category of poetry. At a home meet, I was able to take 2nd place medal. Running Hawk has been working hard on her serious prose presentation of A Pitchfork Disney. Unfortunately technological issues and getting sick have kept her from entering previous meets. Janis is in her second year of coaching and has done an excellent job this year with helping students and performers and hosting practice when Snethen could not make it. Cruz is a new volunteer for the team, he judges in meets and also holds practice if needed. The manager is Allison Clifford, Senior. She demonstrated a lot of dedication and showed off her organization skills. Big shout out to Clifford for all that she has done.. Regions will be virtual this year. Little Wound is entered in the five individual categories.

- Representing the Mustangs are:
- Humorous (Antonio Rojas...Talking With or Frenchfries)
 - Storytelling (Antonio Rojas...Jack & the Beanstalk)
 - Non-original Oratory (Addison Young...A Whisper of AIDS)
 - Poetry (MaryKate Martinez...Healing & Lady Lazarus)
 - Serious (Enola Running Hawk...The Pitchfork Disney)

Snethen expects a very strong showing. Little Wound has a real chance of advancing to the State Festival in each of those five categories. Wish the competitors luck! Snethen says, without a doubt this season has been the most difficult over the past twenty years. Snethen says, "I want to thank my students and my coaching staff for your hard effort this season. We still have a ways to go as we plan on advancing to the State Festival. Keep working hard even when everything around you is telling you to give-up. Remember to always strive for excellence. I love you all and am honored to have known you and to have had the opportunity to work with and grow with each of you. You are all amazing!"



Oral Interp Virtual Practice
TOP ROW: Alejandro Tellez-Cruz, Mary Kate Martinez
BOTTOM ROW: Enola Running Hawk, Dan Snethen.

NEWS

LWHS Coronation

ELIZABETH IRON HORN
NOVEMBER 21, 2020

Due to COVID-19 it has been a huge setback for the schools to continue with their usual school activities and social events. Homecoming is where most students look forward to seeing who will be crowned King and Queen. Student council has been planning on having a coronation. Social Studies Teacher/Sponsor for the Student Council, James McDonald sent out emails to all the students so that they can all vote for the next King and Queen as well as Prince and Princess. Juniors voted for the final eight candidates of the senior class for both male and female. Then the Seniors would do the same but instead they vote for the junior class. Later another email is sent out to all students to vote and choose from the final candidates. When asked why the coronation is important McDonald says, "I'm probably not the best person to ask why it's important because I see it as a pure popularity contest with no tangible benefits." He suggests that Mindy or Vienna have a better explanation for why it's important. Neither was available for comments, so Nellie Two Elk, Social Studies Teacher, provided some insight. Ms. Two Elk says that having the coronation tradition is more important than ever. In a pandemic with virtual schooling, we need to do everything we can to create a positive school culture and bring a sense normalcy, Ms. Two Elk continues. I would like to wish all the candidates good luck and encourage participation in the voting process.



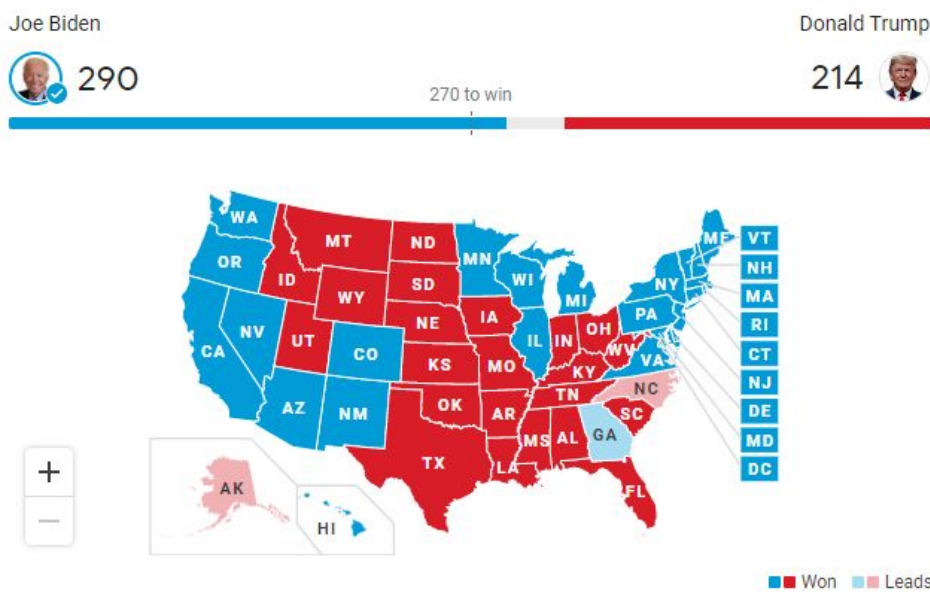
SPORTS

Welcoming the new Athletic Director, Keith Ferguson

SHAWNEE WHITE
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Keith Ferguson says the reason he became an athletic director was to follow in his fathers footsteps. Becoming an athletic director was his dream job since he was in high school. He says, "If you are anyone's son or daughter who looks up to their parents, to follow in their footsteps is probably one of the coolest things you'll ever get a chance to do." Mr. Ferguson also says that he chose Little Wound because it is a chance to come home and to be able to work where his dad did before. I asked him how he felt about this pandemic and how he thinks it's affecting the students in the education and sports field. Mr. Ferguson's response was if he had one wish it would be to get rid of this whole pandemic and for us to be full spring with athletics and activities.

He also thinks that all the students are doing good with having to be online because it's different from being in the classroom. Mr. Ferguson plans to have this job be his last, so hopefully being the athletic director for the next 30 plus years like his dad. His first big plans are on trying to develop continuity in the coaching staff for all sports. Ferguson's second big goal is he wants to be able to develop an off season program for next year's student-athletes to help build a better mental and physical well being to help bring students closer together as a team. Ferguson's last big goal is to have a coaching development program. Mr. Ferguson says, "When you look at the most successful high school programs, not just here but in other states, they have a nice flow from what middle school is doing all the way up to the high school." Mr. Ferguson says he always thought Little Wound had amazing potential and amazing athletes.



ABOVE: Presidential Electoral Map 2020.

BELOW: Joe Biden Wins Presidential Election



POLITICS

Election Time

A decisive election in the U.S.

TALAIAH BEAR KILLER
NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Joe Biden and Donald Trump were in a fierce battle for the title for President of the United States. America was on its edge for five days. Heather Hinkle, English Teacher, says she did not turn off CNN for five days and she along with teachers were constantly having class discussions about the topic. It was a bumpy road and some states took their time with counting the votes but in the end Biden ended up winning with 78,917,518 votes to Trump's 73,241,075. Perhaps the biggest news of the election was when Trump thought that the election was rigged and called for the votes to stop being counted. Trump quickly turned to Twitter inciting violence. He ordered a recount, threatened to take this to the supreme court, and succeeded in filing numerous lawsuits. However, the results remained the same even after recounts. Many people wonder why we would use the electoral college instead of popular vote. According to some, it is easier to count the votes and takes less time to count so we can know who our new president is in a matter of days. Electoral college is a map of the US and it shows the percentage of votes per state. The past seven republican presidents have won the electoral college, but lost the popular vote. Some would argue that the electoral college is outdated and America rarely has a president that the people chose. Despite the uproar of the 2020 Presidential Election, I think the outcome is a win for the US.



FEATURE

Suicide rates are gradually increasing.

An interview with the community.

JULIA SWAN
NOVEMBER 22, 2020

In a interview, a student shared their remarks about youth suicide:
Question: How have you been affected by suicide?
 Losing someone so close to me was hard, it affected me in many ways, that person was a part of my everyday life I had to figure out how to live without that person, having to go without talking to them and sometimes simply that's all that ever gave you peace was just talking.

A parent was then asked a series of questions:
Question: How have you been affected by suicide?
Answer: It's awfully hard to come to terms with the fact that that had to happen and there is a part of me that wants to blame myself because I didn't know.

Question: Why do you think the suicide rate is so high on our reservation?
Answer: A lot of time students and very young teens feel like they don't have the right resources or right people to listen to what they have to

say, as a young teen I always thought nobody wanted to listen. I built up a wall so nobody could get in, pushed everyone away and made myself upset.

Question: Why do you think our youth turn to suicide?
Answer: It is said in some cases that they lack attention, a good environment, someone who is willing to sit down and talk about the ugly stuff going on.

Question: Do you think drugs and alcohol have a impact on why young teens turn to suicide?
Answer: Our youth is being surrounded by a lot of people that were raised around that, some of those who have no intentions on wanting to get help or wanting to get better. I grew up around that it was hard losing so many good and caring souls. It was a hard loss for me being as young as I was.

If you need help or just want to talk, don't be afraid to reach out to our counselors/Project AWARE. We are here for you.

ENTERTAINMENT

Movie Review: *The Miracle Season*

CHEYENNE WHITING
NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Caroline “ Line “ Found is the star volleyball player at Iowa City West High School. With Line as the captain, the Trojans have been undefeated and everyone has high hopes for West to win the championship again after the previous year, especially against their long-time rival, City High. During a party at her house, Line decides to visit her mother Ellyn at the hospital, where she is being treated for cancer. That night, Line is killed in a moped accident. Despite the shock over Line’s death, coach Kathy Bresnahan continues to hold volleyball practice. She directly approaches Line’s best friend, Kelley, encouraging her to return because Line would have wanted them to continue. Kelley refuses but Bresnahan persists until Kelley agrees. After it is revealed that the Trojans use their most recent match due to forfeit, Kelley encourages the entire school that they need to continue for Line’s sake. Bresnahan begins to run the team through grueling drills and names Kelley the new captain of the team.

As the weeks go by, the team begins to win and becomes motivated to win the state championship for Line. Bresnahan informs the team they need to win all of their remaining games to be eligible for the state championship. The Trojans win their next fourteen games giving them a chance to win the championship. Before the state tournament begins. Kelley finds a gift from Line’s father, Ernie, that encourages her not to play for Line or to win for her, but to live like Line. At the state tournament, the Trojans win the quarterfinals game with ease, but struggle to win their semifinal game. They move on to the championship, and have to go up against City High, who are heavily favored to win. City took the lead early in the match, but West managed to tie the score and forced the fifth and final game. The Trojans go on to win and capture the state championship again. As the crowd cheers, “ Sweet Caroline “ plays in honor of line and Kelley holds Line’s picture up high and proud.

Source: IMDB

