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ONCE A MUSTANG ALWAYS A MUSTANG!



Sunbeams

Hakuna Matata

MARY KATE MARTINEZ
NOVEMBER 7, 2020

“Believe you can and you’re halfway there.” - Theodore Roosevelt

“ Don't worry, be happy.” Bob Marley

“If you hear a voice within you say 'you cannot paint,' then by all means paint and that voice will be silenced.”
-Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh.

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." - Thomas Edison

“You are the only person that you’ll have for the rest of your life. Cherish yourself. Treat yourself with kindness. Love yourself. Be your own caretaker”.- Anonymous



TOP: Buffalo Kill Ceremony setup, photo taken by Mark Hetzel.

Our culture lives through COVID-19.

ZOE LONG SOLDIER
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Our culture is the biggest value we could ever have as Native Americans. As we know the government has tried many times to bury it and never see or hear of it again. Our natural addiction to our culture is much stronger than assimilation. Our ancestors who endured oppression and survived are the ones to pass on very sacred knowledge to all of our people. It is a blessing that we are still known as “Spiritual People”.

Little Wound School (LWS) has taught and shown us that our culture is valued. There is no other way we should live but as proud Lakotas! LWS represents our sacred animals, who are our medicine, through the Buffalo Kill every year. This year, the Buffalo Kill was recorded and we will watch it as a community together sometime next week. Stay tuned for updates!

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Attendance inaccuracy in virtual school.
The problem with attendance.

ALLISON CLIFFORD
NOVEMBER 7, 2020

The first quarter of online school this year has been problematic for some students’ attendance. Yes, sometimes students just do not show up to class and consequently get marked absent. But there are a lot of times where students’ parents try to call in to get them excused but no one answers. Resulting in, those students being unexcused for the whole day.

Some students who have free periods have been getting counted absent in those periods even though they technically do not have a class. It is adding up on those students’ attendance sheets.

Another incident is with the OdysseyWare classes. The students do not go to a video call at all and still get marked as absent from that class even though they have no way to show that they are present.

These small things can add up over time. Especially if a student does not realize until after the quarter is almost over that they were marked absent without it being their fault. Some parents even had to talk to the school themselves and correct it.

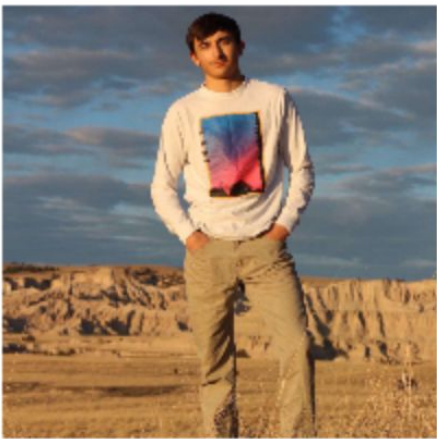
So you can see how students with “bad attendance” are being wronged. The virtual attendance is not accurate and a lot of absences are not students’ fault.



LEFT: Accurate attendance matters.



RIGHT: Mustang Council Members



TOP ROW: Lance Christensen Jr., Shawnee White
BOTTOM ROW: Elizabeth Iron Horn, Jake Janis

POLITICS

Welcoming the new
Student Council
members.

TALAIH BEAR KILLER
NOVEMBER 7, 2020

The student council election results ended with Lance Christensen Jr. being the president and Shawnee White being the vice-president. White has said that she has ideas for the school year but would like to keep them anonymous.

Christensen Jr. says he has been attending student council meetings since he was first on the student council. “It comes with the territory of being president.”

He says that not being able to see everyone in person is hard but he is trying to find ways to make the school year better starting with the Buffalo Kill. He tells me he has some ideas for school events like prom, open gyms, and even graduation but they cannot be finalized with the pandemic but he is trying his best to stay positive.

The elections results are:

Overall

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| President: | Lance Christensen Jr. |
| Vice President: | Shawnee White |
| Secretary: | Elizabeth Iron Horn |
| Treasurer: | Jake Janis |

Senior

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| President: | Zoe Long Soldier |
| Vice-President: | Enola Running Hawk |
| Secretary: | Angelina Rojas |
| Treasurer: | Savannah Montileaux |
| Representative: | Stephanie Janis |
| Representative: | Lara Herman |

Junior

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| President: | TBD |
| Vice-President: | Wyatt Hunter |
| Secretary: | TBD |
| Treasurer: | TBD |
| Representative: | TBD |
| Representative: | Jada Good Crow |

Sophomore

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| President: | Breana Brave Heart |
| Vice-President: | Jacinta Mesteth |
| Secretary: | Sheenah White |
| Treasurer: | Jersey Horn Back |
| Representative: | TBD |
| Representative: | DeShawneigh Iron Cloud |

Freshman

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| President: | Isaiah Red Cloud |
| Vice President: | Mia Velazquez |
| Secretary: | Demitria Young |
| Treasurer: | Addison Young |
| Representative: | Brayden McBride |
| Representative: | TBD |

FEATURE

The impact of a pandemic on teachers and students.

JULIA SWAN NOVEMBER 7, 2020	students are cooking, babysitting or raising their babies while attending class. Now, instead of fighting the temptations of a phone during class, some are gaming during the whole class.” Teachers are recognizing the hardships that come with teaching online as students are facing new challenges everyday. All the while, teachers have to make sure their kids are online and are	finding a shortage in babysitters. An anonymous student stated that they went from loving school to not wanting to get out of bed in the morning. “It was a very hard transformation but I am going to make the best of it,” anonymous says. Virtual learning is a challenge for both teacher and student. Together, we will get through this.
“The impact on students is noticeable,” Ximena Prudencio, English teacher at Little Wound High School says. Prudencio continues, “Sleep schedules are off,		



Halloween Costume Winners:

Cheyenne Whiting
November 7, 2020

Humorous- Jake Janis, Shawnee White, Maurice
Prettiest- Wanakiwin, Cinta Mesteth, Zoey Long Soldier
Most original- Zoey Long Soldier, Elizabeth Iron Horn , Cheyenne Whiting
Scariest- Mahpiya Thunder Hawk, Sheenah White, Kuhleah, Albert Whirlwind Horse

NEWS

What’s up with homecoming?
The latest on virtual events.

MARY KATE MARTINEZ
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What is up with homecoming this year? Given the pandemic circumstance, we know it will not be the same as every other year. Lance Christensen Jr, Student Council President, says the plans are to have a coronation for the “Fall Festival.” Christensen stated, “Me and my fellow constituents, who were elected, just got into office... We will try our best to make a virtual homecoming, but as of right now, we are hopeful to do something in the spring.” Christensen continues to say going back to school next semester would be amazing but we would need a really good plan or vaccine. If we do happen to go to school during that time, the student council would make it all up. “For all my fellow classmates. Stay strong! It has been a very tough year and I hate Covid as much as the next person. But the world does not stop. Keep up with grades, stay motivated as you can. Spread positivity, support one another, and educate each other. It is a tough time and everyone is struggling but COVID will not last forever,” Christensen Jr. says.

NEWS

LWHS is in need of new handgame members.

ELIZABETH IRON HORN NOVEMBER, 7 2020	a get away from drugs because it teaches our four values.” Little Sky has been having virtual practices with Red Cloud’s hand game team. Roger White Eyes, Red Cloud High School/Lakota Language Teacher, has been hosting Virtual practices and wanted his students to be able to have the opportunity to play and have practices in person but was denied when asking the tribe. The game is played the same during virtual but instead of having two sets of bones each student has to have their own. White Eyes is in charge of keeping score and being the judge. The game starts off with break out	rooms where the teams are picked randomly. Junior Little Wound hand game participant, Jada Good Crow, has been playing hand games for 5 years. Good Crow encourages more students to join because she feels as though it will help them to break out of their shells and become more social with one another. She says, “You’re going to get involved with culture and get to know more stories and songs from the culture.” If anyone is interested in joining the team please contact Chepa On his school email, which is provided for every student, or call him @ (605) 454-5060
Little Wound participates in a cultural event known as Hanpepacun (hand games). Last year the hand game team took second place overall for the Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye meaning they took 1st three times, took second place a couple times and placed third once. John “Chepa” Little Sky, Special education Student Assistant at Little Wound School, has been the hand game sponsor for 14 years. Little Sky encourages more kids to participate but it’s hard getting the word out, “basically word of mouth right now, Little Sky says, “it’s		

KEYWORD

Montileaux to be featured in SDPB Magazine.

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Esperanza Montileaux, Senior at Little Wound High School, painted a “beautiful rendition of Writer, Musician, and Activist, Zitkala-Sa,” says Linda Herman, Gifted and Talented Coordinator. Montileaux shared her painting in a zoom meeting with the South Dakota Broadcasting System (SDPBS) while going over her presentation called “Unladylike 2020” about Zitkala-Sa’s life. Herman says she was completely blown away by Montileaux’s work. “I had absolutely no idea she was an artist of this domain!” Herman continues. Herman forwarded Montileaux’s painting to Fritz Miller, Director of Marketing for SDPB who shared it with Executive Producer of SDPB, Sandy Rattley.

Rattley was genuinely moved by Montileaux’s talent. She said, “This made all the sleepless nights worthwhile and then some! Thanks so much for sharing this lovely, lovely tribute!” As a result, Montileaux’s painting will be featured in the SDPB Magazine. Montileaux says, “Painting is an outlet for me to express and reflect my thoughts into art.” “As a kid I used to be really into drawing and painting but as I grew up, I slowly began to get back into drawing and painting especially during quarantine,” Montileaux continues. LWHS is proud of this talented young lady. As Ms. Herman says, “Paint on lady!”

