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Little Wound School honors David "Bulldawg" Michaud

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Jan. 6 MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) fighter David "Bulldawg" Michaud came to speak at our Monday morning circle up last week. Mr. Michaud started wrestling at a very young age learning his father. He sprung an interest for MMA and started fighting as an amateur at the age of 14. Mr. Michaud went to high school for the Pine Ridge Thorpe's where he perfected his craft in wrestling and also football. During Mr. Michaud's senior year in high school he won the State A Wrestling Championship. He then went on to wrestle and played football at South Dakota State University. After going to college, Mr. Michaud went on to pursue his real passion and that was MMA. He started off with small amateur fights gaining little to no money but he loved what he was doing. Then he got the call to fight in the ultimate fighter a tournament for young MMA fighters to get a chance at the UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship).

Pictured: Mr. David "Bulldawg" Michaud

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Mr Michaud fought a tough fight but he lost and he was back in a deep whole back to square one. Mr Michaud stressed resiliency "No matter the odds or how low you get you always got to keep going and keep pushing" He got the call up to a UFC fight in Phoenix AZ, and he won that fight. So he got some momentum going trying to figure out the next fight and the UFC cut him. He said "it was really tough to overcome this because I had been working for it for so long." Mr Michaud carried onto fighting in small fights every 1-2 months making some money.

Mr Michaud says that "I just kept working kept moving forward and pushing" and he did, The PFL (Professional Fighters League) signed him to a contract to fight. This was his big break an opportunity he was working for. The PFL is set up like a basketball or a football season. They have the regular season and playoffs, Mr Michaud had a successful regular season and got a devastating liver shot seconds into the fight. Ending his first season in the PFL.

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Ask Angie, Australia Bush Fires, and World War III!



Ask Angie: How do you play lacrosse? **Angelina Rojas**



Lacrosse is an indigenous tradition and used to be played as a ceremony. It originated along the east coast in the St. Lawrence Valley area with the Algonquian tribe and then had spread to other tribes across North America. Originally the stick game was played for several days over a huge open field between villages, sometimes the goals could be yards or miles apart. These games would consist of 100 or 100,000 players at one time.

During this time the rules were very simple, the ball could not be touched by player's hands and also there were no boundaries. At the start of the game the ball would be tossed up into the air and players would race to be the first to catch it. To most indigenous people the stick game was a gift from the creator, we played it with honor. When I was taught by Cody Hall, the head of the 7 Flames Lacrosse organization and Jeremiah Moreno, Coach of Seven Flames, it was never just a game to us, it was always a way of life to our people. In an interview with KOTA-TV, Hall stated "My grandpa who's 90, he talked about playing the sport when he was a boy, but he

was told to keep it hush-hush because if government agents would snap kids up and just take them, because the government saw it as ceremonial." As indigenous people our game was taken from us and now has been altered to a "professional level." There are two different types of and girls. Although each field positions are the same, and one goalie. The midfielders job is to play both offense and defense, this means they can go anywhere on the field, good midfielders must have speed and endurance. Attackers can only stay on the offensive side, where they work with the midfielders into scoring goals. Attackers can only stay on the offensive side, where they work with the midfielders into scoring goals. As an attacker you must have more

skills with shooting, passing, and protecting the ball from defenders. Playing defense is a very important knew that they were playing they job as well, self exploratory you have to keep the opposing team from scoring goals. Defenders use longer lacrosse stick that allows them to easily block or deflect passes and shots. Working together and communication with other defenders and the goalie is key into forming a lacrosse being played today, boys good defense. As a goalie you have an area around the goal, called the crease, where only you and your midfielders, attackers, defenders, fellow teammates can go. Goalies must have very quick reflexes as well as good hand-eye coordination, but also must be very tough so they can take a hit by the ball at high speeds during a game. Some difference between girls and boys lacrosse is that in a girls game there are twelve players on the field that's two more than what boys play with. There are also differences between types of sticks used such as the pockets, and the amount of contact, plus equipment used.

Honoring Bulldawg Continued

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Mr. Michaud said "I didn't let it define me I kept going and pushing and I was ready to show everyone what I really had." After having another successful season in the PFL, he goes into the playoffs ready to make a run at one million dollars. The first fight night of the playoffs he had two fights, two battles, that both ended with his hand raised. Mr. Michaud is in the championship proving all the doubters wrong and showing the world what he can do, with all of native country behind him. Going into the fight he said he was confident and prepared, "I am ready to fight." Going into the first round, he fought a good round the opponent taking him to the ground but he held his own from the bottom. Second round he stood up and went toe to toe landing a hard right hand that rocks his opponent, land 3 devastating knees that very well could've dropped him to the canvass. Bulldawg falls back into the cage gathering his emotions and get caught with a powerful body shot that sadly ends the fight. Shawnee White, junior, says, "He's sticking out because there isn't much natives in professional sports right now. I think it inspires younger athletes to get into MMA, it makes them think he's native I'm native and I have a chance at making it big. It opens there mindset to overcome boundaries." Even though Mr. Michaud had lost the fight native country has never felt more pride to be Native American.

Trouble in the U.S. "World War III"

"For four decades the U.S. and Iran have been lockewd into what is essentailly an ongoing, low-grade war," says The Week Magazine. The Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and a council of top clergies has considered the U.S. the "Great Satan." The U.S. and Iran have been in the oil trading business for quite some time. This conflict may or may not cause money problems. The U.S. can cut off the oil trading with Iran because of this conflict. As a result, money would disappear on both ends.

Not only does money affect the relationship between Iran and the U.S., but also religion. The U.S. is an ally with Israel which gives Iran twice the enemy. Religion is a source of conflict because Iran/Iraq have different beliefs, especially towards the U.S. Trump did issued the missile attack because it was suspected that the Supreme Leader was planning an airstrike on the U.S.

Enola Running Hawk

Regardless, conflict has been brewing between the U.S. and Iran for nearly 40 years. Money, religions, and a drastic call by Trump could be the start of World War III.



Upcoming Events

Hailey Kills Back Jan. 28 Boys Basketball @ Pine Ridge 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 29 FAFSA Parent Night 5-7 p.m.

Jan. 30 Boys Basketball vs. Bennett Co. @ Home 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 31 Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye @ Pahin Sine Grand Entry @ 1 **High School Wrestling West** River Conference @ Red Cloud 5 p.m.

Australia Burning to the Max

Jaelyn McBride

Why are the bushfires in Australia so intense? Australia's deadly fires have been fueled by a combination of intense, heat, prolonged drought, and

powerful winds. So far two dozen people have died in the outbursts. The country is in the grasp of a heatwave. It has destroyed more than



2600 homes and 25.7 million acres of land. Bushfires are a regular characteristic in Australia's conditions annually. The fires are often set off by natural causes such as lightning strikes and cannot be blamed on climate change or rising greenhouse gas emissions alone. Experts say that the changing climate is key to understanding the brutality of this years burst into flames.

Australia has been relying on hundreds and thousands of firefighters who have been volunteering and working around the clock doing their best to bring the fires under control for months.

Critical thunderstorms are bombarding some regions

of Australia suffering from these wildfires. This powerful rain is bringing much needed relief to fire fighters and the land. Unfortunately, there are still 82 fires still burning including 30 that are yet to be contained.



Cheyenne's Corner

Cheyenne Whiting

My favorite pet is a cat. I am a cat lover. I have one at home and he loves everyone that he meets. At home,

he will lay down with you and even cries for me when I get home. He is more than a child than a pet. I've raised him as my own. He makes me laugh when he sleeps because he lays on his back.



He likes to play with our little one. I would do anything for him.

As a cat lover, I wanted to share some tips and tricks on how to take care of a beloved family member:

- 1. Bath them with warm water
- 2. Make sure they have a well balanced diet
- 3. Have somewhere comfortable for them to sleep
- 4. Make sure they have plenty of water to stay hydrated
- 5. Let them play through the day.