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| Via iStock | | | | | | | 198x has been filled with many great headlines. This issue, join us as we take a look back on the stories, people and events that influenced us this year.A Look Back on the Year… | | |
| **Polls** | | |  | | |  | | | |
| The results from last week’s polls were quite interesting. The first was a question regarding this year’s mayor candidates, but the second left our team pleasantly surprised. Back in October, we put out a poll relating to the news about a reservation kid’s story, leaving his reservation and attending Reardan. Many people disagreed with the administration’s decision to allow him into the school. The change in votes after nearly 15 months is incredible. | | |  | | |  | | | |
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| Investigation Unearths Reardan High School’s Racist Teachers Written by Mirjam Nilsson | | | | “*Yeah… now that you mention it, I have noticed that. For some reason, the teachers really don’t like Arnold—he’s the one who lives at the reservation down the road. It’s really Mr. Dodge, who’s pretty bad. He just assumes that Arnold is always wrong when he says something in class. It’s so weird, but I guess you can’t blame him. That’s how people around here are taught to think.”*  Another interesting fact the investigation team revealed was that many of the teachers, students, and even parents of the students, said some less-than-kind things to say about the neighboring population.  *“I heard two of the teachers talking about Arnold once,”* a student says, *“It wasn’t pretty.* | City  *They called him a bunch of slurs and said he didn’t belong at the school, and complained about how they couldn’t do anything because administration wouldn’t allow it”*  Our team is looking further into this issue in the coming months, and more information will be available soon. | | |
| On May 25th, an anonymous report from a student of Reardan High School detailing racist statements and acts from various teachers surfaced. Following this report, an investigation team from The Reardan Report was sent to inquire on the | | supposed racist statements. What we found will shock you.  We talked to several students about the issue, and we found some interesting information. One student, who’d talked to his school counsellor, Ms. Melanie Warren, said this, | |

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| Opinions: Would You Send Your Child to a School With an Indian Attending? Written by Mirjam Nilsson | | | | | | **Brad Jacobson writes:**  *“YES! Yes, yes, yes! I am a big advocate for equality, and I believe that all children should go to school regardless of the other children in attendance. A good education always comes first.”*  *My vote:* ***YES***  **Kate April writes:**  *“I would most certainly send my child to a school with an Indian attending. I love all people, and I understand how tough it is for them already, so why not?”*  *My vote:* ***YES***  **Randall Brown writes:**  *“I’m not racist, but I don’t want my kids anywhere near those types of people. What happens if they get married? It’s better to keep them separated.”*  *My vote:* ***NO***  **Poppy Johansen writes:**  *“Yes, of course, is there really any question? Equal opportunities for all children is where this country is heading, and that’s wonderful”*  *My vote:* ***YES*** | Photo Caption | | |
| **Earl Johnson writes:**  *“I wouldn’t if I had the choice, but unfortunately, I don’t. The only school in the area has an Indian attending, and I can’t just take my daughter out of school. She deserves a good education, and I don’t think* | | | **Whitney Barry writes:**  *“Of course! One child’s skin color shouldn’t have an effect on the other children. I do, and will continue to, send my child to a school with a reservation child. They are very close friends and I don’t want to* | | |
| **This week’s poll**: should Reardan High School change their logo and team name to be more respectful to Native Americans?  Vote on our website **www.reardanreport.com** | | | | | |
| *having a reservation child is a good influence on her.”*  *My vote:* ***NO*** | | | *take that away from him.”*  *My vote:* ***YES*** | | |
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|  | | | | | Advice *with* Shirley  Answered by Shirley Jones  Hello! Thank you for writing in.  Seems like you’ve got quite the sticky situation on your hands, huh? If I were in your position, the first thing I would do would be to confront your father. Tell him that he’s wrong about his dated beliefs, but not too angrily. If you seem hostile, he is less likely to listen to you. Let him know that you aren’t going to stop dating Arnold because he told you not to. It’s your life.  If he still won’t listen, there’s not much you can do. Continue doing what you want to do, and hopefully he will come around and grow to like your boyfriend.  - Love, Shirley  Hello Shirley,  I’m in high school, and I’ve started dating a boy at my school named Arnold. He’s great and all but he comes from Spokane (the reservation down the road). Not that there’s anything wrong with that, of course!! But the real problem is my father. He’s hates Indians, and he’s the first to admit it. He says they’re lazy and that the government just gives them money when we white people are working hard to make money (not true!). I want to stay with my boyfriend, because I love him (I think?) but my father might kick me out of the house or think I’m dating him to make him angry. What should I do?  - Anonymous | | |
| **Sports** & **Awards**  This year held a crazy rivalry between the two highest-ranking school basketball teams—Wellpinit and Reardan. Their first game against each other, fate was on Wellpinit’s side, and they blew the competition out of the water, holding a winning streak for almost an entire season, a never before seen feat from the underdog team.  Viewers at the game will remember the fierce competitive spirit displayed between two boys in particular, Rowdy Lee and Arnold Spirit. Word around the reservation is that the boys were childhood friends, but turned on each other after Arnold decided to leave him to attend school at Reardan.  During the first game of the season, Arnold suffered a concussion at the hands of Rowdy, an event that only fueled their passion. The second game, the Reardan team returned stronger than | | ever, and took down Wellpinit, earning their place as #1 school in the league for the fifteenth year in a row.  The highlight of the night, however, was an incredible show of improvement from Arnold Spirit. He managed to  Image result for reardan high school gym | say,  *“I feel like this is the most important night of my life. I feel like I have something to prove to the people in Reardan, the people in Wellpinit, and to myself […] I have to prove that I’m stronger than everybody else. I have to prove that I will never give up. I will never quit playing hard, and I don’t just mean basketball. I’m never going to quit living life hard, you know? I’m never going to surrender to anybody. Never, ever, ever. […] I never wanted anything more in my life”* | |
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| take down Rowdy for the first time, and leave the star player only able to score four points the entire game.  A reporter for Channel 10 News, our parent company, talked to Arnold before the game. Here’s what he had to | This powerful sentiment carried through to the end of the game, and we’re so glad it did. The boys’ determination helped them pull though this rough season and take home the championship. Well done! | |
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| Notification Icon | The population of the town of Reardan has gone up 54% since the start of the year! Citizens and town representatives alike are pleased, but unsure of what the future holds. | | | |
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| Reardan Citizen **Spotlight** | | | | *Continues from P2*  **Kelsey:** So what got you into the whole fundraising scene?  **Penelope:** Back when I was quite young, maybe six or seven, my best friend at the time, Christine, and I were talking about a panhandler we’d seen on main street, and she really wanted to help him out, so we pooled out allowance together and gave him | | | $40. I was sad about it at first because I *really* wanted a doll I’d been saving up for, but afterwards I realized that it felt really good to help that man out and I’ve been doing it ever since!  **K:** That’s such a sweet story! What have you done recently in terms of fundraising or protesting?  **P:** Well, just last October, I raised a bunch of money for the misuse of homeless people in America, in August, I joined a group of friends to protest Animal Cruelty in front of the pound. The most recent event I participated in was a marathon for Breast Cancer research, which was really fun, but I was super tired afterwards [laughs]. It’s a wonderful feeling to use what you have to help those in need, plus people notice what you’re doing and offer to help out!  **K:** What events or fundraisers do you plan on doing in the future?  **P:** I’m not too sure yet, but I know for a fact that before I graduate and start studying Archeology, I’m going to try to volunteer more for things like the food bank or a soup kitchen the next town over.  **K:** That’s wonderful! Can’t wait to see what you have in store for us down the road. Thank you for the interview!  **P:** Of course! Thank you for listening! |
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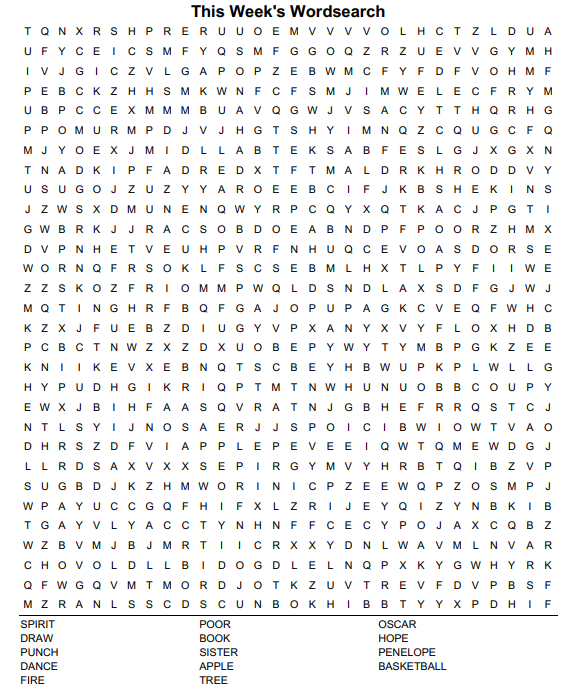
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**Submitted by** *Arnold Spirit*

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