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# The Tradition Times

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## Flooding in Nebraska: As Bad As Last Year?

Jaden Lee

Last year, there was a terrible flood in Nebraska that caused billions of dollars in damage. There was heavy rain and rapid snowmelt that put three-fourths of Nebraska's 93 counties in a declared emergency state. The flood destroyed or damaged 2,000 homes, 340 businesses and three people also died. Iowa treatment plants shut down leaving two cities without fresh water. The National Weather Service said that flooding is a threat across the Northwest and Northern Plains this year.

There is concern that it will happen again this year, as there are some worrying signs coming with the spring flood season. Rivers are still high and over the flood stage in some areas with high soil moisture. Some areas have high concern about flooding and a wet spring can ruin them. Flooding will most likely occur along the upper Mississippi River, Red River and James River.

The main problem is the soil is over-saturated as rain or snowmelt won't be able to soak into the ground. Instead, it will run off into creeks, streams, rivers, lakes and reservoirs, or simply flood fields or low-lying areas. That is also a problem, as there is little room in rivers as most of the rivers are running above average.

Using an analysis from NOAA's Office of Water Prediction, the estimated water content of the current snowpack is fairly similar to one year ago. The snowpacks have 1 to 5 inches of water packed in them. Snowstorms and warm spells that will melt the snow packs can worsen the spring flooding.

It's predicted that the southern Nebraska stretch of the Missouri will most likely hit flood stage at some point this spring or early summer. The flooding will not be as bad as last year and this year the ground should not be frozen. If there is 1 to 3 inches of rain, it doesn't seem like a lot, but when the ground is frozen it can't absorb the water and the rivers are full. Therefore, this spring should not see flooding as bad as last year, but it could still cause problems in parts of Nebraska.



The flooding in Nebraska courtesy of The New York Times

## Women's History Month

Hannah Reeve

In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month. It was established due to the American Learning Curriculum lacking information about important female figures in history. To combat this, a Women's History Week was established in 1978 in California with the rest of the nation following nine years later.

For many years, women played the same roles as men without the same recognition. According to [khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org) over 350,000 women left the home and served in the armed forces in WWII, most of which were fired after the war was over. Around a third of women over 14 were working during this time. By 1980, around 71 percent of women between the ages of 25 and 44 held a job.

## Featured Senior

Ana Manning

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Chelsea Danae Malson is a featured 2020 senior. She has attended Potter-Dix Schools since her freshman year. She has excelled at and enjoys art! Some of the aspects she will miss after graduation are the teachers and the people that helped her achieve new heights. She hopes to go to college after graduation and study whatever her heart desires. The main person who helped Chelsea become the amazing person she is today is her mom. With her bright future, we wish her the best of luck.



Chelsea, photo courtesy of Ali Headley

## A Sad Farewell After 11 Years

Ana Manning

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Joette Wells, a beloved teacher who has been with us for 11 years, who supports her students in everything they do, who always has a smile on her face, and who will always be there for you. Mrs. Wells is the junior high and high school science teacher at Potter who will sadly be retiring this year. She was in healthcare for 23 years. Then she decided to earn her teaching degree and has been a teacher ever since.

Her dream in life is to give back to the people what they gave to her. She plans to run for city council and help with Western Nebraska Creative Art Skills. When asked what she will miss most about teaching, she said, "I will miss the ah-ha moments when new students learn difficult material." She will dearly miss the people and fellow teachers

she has taught along with for so long. We will all miss Mrs. Wells and her sweet smile, but we wish her the best of luck in her next journey.



Mrs. Wells courtesy of the school website

## Women's Rights Opinion

Ana Manning

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Women. We stand together through the trials that we face, the heartache that we experience, and the tearful moments that we live. Women have a purpose in this world that started from the beginning of time. When the Lord created Adam, he saw that he needed a helper, therefore he created Eve.

We take on the task of raising children, caring for a home, and to love with all of our hearts. Anyone who has the chance to be amazing and make a difference should never wait, just like Anne Frank who said, "How wonderful it is that nobody needs wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Or if you have the chance to do the unexpected and create your own company, take the chance and do it! Like Mary Kay Ash who said, "If you think you can you can, and if you think you can't you're right." Be an amazing person like Harriet Tubman, who freed over 300 slaves and never lost one person, because she knew what she was doing was right by setting people free! Live your life knowing that you could be Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart, Marie Curie, or just like any other amazing woman who changed history.

# Sports

## Basketball Comes to a Close

Tobias Thompson

The Potter-Dix High School basketball team had a great season this year. The Coyotes did better than they ever have in the past couple of years. Sub Districts were in Ogallala on February 24. That is where the Coyotes played Crawford for the quarter finals. Coyotes came to a victory that night and planned to play Hyannis the next day. Unfortunately the Coyotes lost to Hyannis by 7 points and that was the end of their 2019-2020 season. We are proud of how you all have played and grew



The basketball boys playing courtesy of Mrs. Thomson

## Golden Arrows Attend First Competition

Tobias Thompson

Archery has been a new extra curricular activity that the students could try out this year. The team just had District Archery this last Saturday in North Platte. No one on the team finished with a medal but Mckenzie Deboodt placed 20th out of all of the girls at the competition. Overall, the whole team did well for being a first year team in a competition.



Photo courtesy of Hannah Rabin

## MAC Speech

Tobias Thompson

The speech team won their MAC Speech meet on February 26. This was their first Speech meet of the year. The team took first place with 128 points, Leyton had 68 points in second place, and Garden County had 67 points in third place. Every member of the team took home at least one medal for one of their performances.

In OID, first place went to Ginny, Zach, Gunnar, Noah, and Luke, and second place went to Interviews with Loneliness: Ana, Mary, and Jayden. In Duet Acting, first place went to Gunnar and Luke, and fourth place went to See No Evil: Mary and Karter. In Entertainment, first place went to Gunnar and third place went to Josh. In Poetry first place was Noah and third place went to Ana. In Humorous, First place went to Zach and third place went to Noah. In Serious, third place went to Jayden and eighth place went to Ana. In Persuasive, first place went to Ginny and fourth place went to Jayden. In Informative, second place went to Kyla and fourth place went to Jayden. In Extemporaneous, first place went to Ginny and sixth place went to Kyla.

District Speech is on March 16 at Gering, which will determine who will go on to State Speech on March 27. District speech rounds will begin at 9 a.m. Public Speech night for state qualifiers is the 23 of March at 7 p.m. We hope to see you at the next Speech meet.



The Humours OID group performing "The Lonely Girls Club" Left to Right: Luke Kasten, Virginia Herboldsheimer, Gunnar Oleson, Noah Rabin, and Zach Rotert. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Thomas

# Entertainment

## This Month In Music History

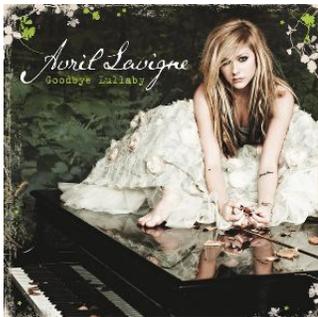
Hannah Reeve

Goodbye Lullaby was the fourth studio album from Canadian singer, Avril Lavigne. It was released on March 2, 2011. Goodbye Lullaby received mixed reviews upon its release. Some said it was her most personal album yet, others had issues with the lyrical content. The album made the top 5 list in over 15 countries, and certified gold in her home country.

The album deals with themes of heartbreak and missing those in your life who have moved on without you. Many of the songs are more acoustic compared to previous albums. It contains a very home-like feel, where Lavigne touches back on her roots after taking many different directions with her music.

In her single, Smile, she sings about getting back on her feet after her divorce from Sum-41 member, Deryck Whibley.

Overall, Goodbye Lullaby encapsulates the feelings after the end of a relationship as well as the feelings of moving on and creating a new path for yourself.



The album cover for goodbye lullaby

## Horror Movie History

Hannah Reeve

Hush was filmed, directed, and edited by Mike Flanagan, released on March 12, 2016. With a budget of \$1 million, the film was purchased by Netflix for anywhere from \$40 to \$80 million dollars according to forbes.com. The film has been remade twice in India under the names Kolaiyuthir Kaalam and Khamoshi.

Flanagan had revealed that he wanted to make the movie completely silent. He felt the movie would have trouble building tension, so he decided to compromise by making the film partially silent by creating a deaf main character.

Hush follows our main character, Madison "Maddie" Young, a deaf, mute writer who lives in a secluded home with only her cat. Her night turns into the worst of her life, when a stranger breaks into her home. Once he learns of her disability, she realizes there's only one way to survive: kill the man.



The official movie poster courtesy of Imdb

## The Sidney Theater Is Now Playing:

Onward - 7pm & 9pm

The Call of the Wild - 7pm & 9pm