



# THE TRADITION TIMES



## Christmas Concert Fills School With Holiday Cheer

Ana Manning

The 7-12 Christmas concert was Thursday Dec. 5, 2019 at 7 pm. It was directed by the K-12 music teacher Ruth Vakoc and was accompanied by Kristi Jung.

The concert began with the Junior and Senior High Concert band performing "Holiday Fanfare" and "Masters in this Hall".

They were followed by a solo performance by Ginny Herbolsheimer who played "Joy to the World" on her saxophone, and McKenzie Deboodt preformed a duet with Vakoc and played "The First Noel" on their clarinets.

The concert then transitioned to the choir section starting out with a solo by Ana Manning who sang "The Christmas Song" accompanied by Jung.

The concert came to a close with the High school concert choir, they sang four songs consisting of "I Hear Bells", "Agnus Dei", "Shout Hallelujah", and "A Swinging Christmas".



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Thomas



## One Acts Finishes Strong

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The 2019 One Acts team had a wonderful year performing the play "Monster". They had five performances and received amazing feedback from all the judges.

First they preformed in North Platte coming in third. They also performed in the Sidney High School One Acts Festival.

They had their third performance for their devoted fans at the Public Performance Night.

Then they went onto receiving first place at the MAC tournament in Creek Valley.

Finally they finished out the year as Runner-up in Districts, where most of the actors and actresses received awards on their performance at Hyannis. Thank you for a wonderful year.



Photo courtesy of Larry Baker

## Archery Takes Off

Hannah Reeve



Archery kicked off Monday, Dec 1, when the team, approximately 16 students, had their first meeting at the Elementary school in Dix. The team choose their name, colors, jerseys, and pullovers.

After much consideration, the team chose the name, The Golden Arrows, with gold, black and grey as their team colors. Everyone on the team is looking forward to future practices and competitions.

The team would like to thank their coach Catherine Wiekhorst as well as the staff here at Potter-Dix for all their support.

# Nebraska Freezes Over

Hannah Reeve

The US was swept by snow storms over the Thanksgiving holiday, including the Potter-Dix area. Potter was hit with snow around 3 p.m. on Monday Nov. 25. Snow rates were up to 2" an hour during the storm. The snow let up around 9 p.m. on Tuesday Nov. 26.

The students at Potter-Dix were delighted to learn that there would be no school that Tuesday, giving them a longer Thanksgiving break. Despite the harsh snow earlier in the week, there was no snow on Thanksgiving or Black Friday.

Saturday, Nov. 30, held another storm with wind speeds around 40-45 mph. The second storm knocked out power for many. For most power was restored a few hours later, but many are left without power for a week onward.

Monday, Dec 2 the students had a late start at 10 a.m. After skies were clear in Nebraska the storm moved east and has left many on the east coast without power and water. We hope for the people out East recover from the snow.



Photo courtesy of Mariah Preistle

# The Start of Something Great

Ana Manning

The first basketball games for the Potter-Dix Coyotes were played in Kimball on both Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7. The tournament consisted of the Kimball Longhorns, the Morrill Lions, Dundy County Tigers, and the Potter-Dix Coyotes.

The boys and girls played Morrill. With both ending in losses, girls lost 48 to 8 and boys lost 54 to 23. They played the loser of the second game, Dundi county and Kimball. On Saturday, Potter-Dix played Kimball while Morrill played Dundy County.

Potter-Dix came in last, girls losing 60 to 5 and boys lost 60 to 22. Kimball took third, Morrill finished in second, and Dundy county won the tournament.



# FFA's Bright Future

Ana Manning

On Wednesday, Nov. 20 the new Potter-Dix Future Farmers of America Association chapter went to the District Leadership Development Events Contest in Chadron Neb. They had two people going for the contest to qualify for State.

Kailey Nicklas did the FFA Creed and Ana Manning went for Employment Skills. Ana Manning made it into Finals which decided if you went to State. She came in second and will be going to State in April at Lincoln. They both did well and we wish them the best of luck in their next contests.

The FFA organization is a program that teaches young adults how to be leaders. It allows kids to be hands on and learn how to problem solve.

They are even hoping to get the Junior High students in FFA more involved as they can not currently compete in contests.

Alyssa Lewark shared that she would love new kids coming into FFA and truly make the Potter-Dix chapter grow.



Photo courtesy of Alyssa Lewark



# Holiday OP/ED

Ana Manning

Having chestnuts roasting on an open fire and dreams for a white christmas, make up the traditions that we celebrate every December 25th. Once the snow starts to fall, and the music begins to play, Christmas is just around the corner.

Things simply begin to brighten up, and the bundle of clothes seems to increase. The smell of nutmeg, hazelnut spice, and wonderful eggnog fill our hearts with lovely goodness! Christmas break is only a hop, skip, and a jump away.

We all look forward to the Christmas season, but maybe not so much the cold. Although, what would Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, or Yule be like without the snow and jack frost nipping at your nose?

Many of the traditions we celebrate on Christmas come from these other holidays. But no matter what you do, you can not deny this precious time of year. "Although it's been said many times, many ways, Merry Christmas to you."



# Entertainment

Hannah Reeve



## Now playing in the Sidney Theater

Jumanji: The Next Level 7:00pm-9:00pm

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood 7:00pm-9:00pm



## The Sidney Theater Donation Holiday Screening

**The Sidney Theater is providing screenings of movies this holiday season for only \$1 or 1 canned good**

You can see The Secret Life Of Pets 2 on December 21 or 22.



## Fun facts courtesy of [thefactfile.org](http://thefactfile.org) and [townandcountrymag.com](http://townandcountrymag.com)

1. "Jingle Bells" was written for Thanksgiving, not Christmas.
2. Two weeks before Christmas is one of the two most popular times for couples to break up.
3. 17.5 million donuts are eaten in Israel during Hanukkah
4. In Armenia, the traditional Christmas Eve meal consists of fried fish, lettuce, and spinach.
5. Japanese people traditionally eat at KFC for Christmas dinner.
6. The first artificial Christmas Tree wasn't a tree at all. It was created out of goose feathers that were dyed green.
7. Grand Army Plaza in New York reportedly has the largest Menorah in the world.
8. Male reindeer shed their antlers in winter, so the reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh are more than likely female or castrated.
9. America's first batch of eggnog was made in the Jamestown settlement in 1607.
10. The Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square is donated to the people of London every year by the people of Oslo, Norway in thanks for their assistance during World War II.
11. Harry Truman was the first president to celebrate Hanukkah at the White House.
12. If you gave all the gifts listed in the Twelve Days of Christmas, it would equal 364 gifts.

## This weeks weather courtesy of Accuweather.com

Mon 12/16	32° / 16°	Clouds and sunshine	Precip 0%
Tue 12/17	39° / 20°	Sunny and breezy	Precip 1%
Wed 12/18	51° / 24°	Sunny and not as cool	Precip 0%
Thu 12/19	44° / 28°	Winds subsiding and cooler	Precip 1%
Fri 12/20	50° / 33°	Partly sunny and not as cool	Precip 2%
Sat 12/21	55° / 29°	Partly sunny and mild	Precip 0%
Sun 12/22	54° / 25°	Sun through high clouds	Precip 0%

## Our Top 10 Holiday Movies

1. Home Alone
2. How The Grinch Stole Christmas - all
3. White Christmas
4. It's A Wonderful Life
5. Elf
6. A Christmas Story
7. The Santa Clause
8. The Nightmare Before Christmas
9. Scrooged
10. The Muppet Christmas Carol

