



THE TRADITION TIMES

Featured Senior

Ana Manning

Mikayla Danai Cook has attended Potter-Dix since her freshman year and has participated in One Acts, Speech, and Basketball. She plans to attend Chadron State and study to be a psychiatrist. When asked why she wanted to be a psychiatrist, she stated that she wants to help people. One main thing she will miss about Potter-Dix is the community and the support that we try to give to everyone. We all wish her the best of luck in her bright future.



Photo courtesy of Mikayla Cook

Archery shooting its way into Potter-Dix schools

Hannah Reeve



Photo courtesy of Mr. Baker

On October 28, 2019, the physical education classes welcomed Catherine Wiekhorst and Gilbert Aguirre for a chance to complete an archery unit and form the first ever archery team here at Potter-Dix. The two week program taught the students the history of the bow and arrow, the different types of bows, the different parts of an arrow, and the correct steps in shooting a bow and arrow. The team will consist of 7-12 grades. Students throughout Potter-Dix have been showing their excitement.

When asked what the best part of teaching the program was, Wiekhorst talked about Potter students and seeing their faces light up when hitting a bulls-eye or popping a balloon. She also said that archery teaches students many life skills that will help them later on in life. When asked what her hopes for the team were Wiekhorst said, "I hope the team learns positive life lessons and continue with the program."

No matter your skill level, there was fun to be had and encouraging words said by both Wiekhorst and Aguirre.



Cleaning up our community

Hannah Reeve

On November 4, the Potter-Dix High School picked up trash on the interstate and highway while the Junior High picked up around the school. Later, on November 19, the high school students who remained after One Acts left, picked up trash in Dix with the fifth and sixth graders. Afterwards, the high schoolers went to The Art Loft for a project and Duckpin Bowling. The Sundry provided drinks and ice cream.

Thank you to Ms. Jung, Mrs. Frerichs, and Mrs. Thomas for organizing this event and thank you to those involved in helping keep our community clean.



Photo courtesy of Mr. Baker

Op/Ed Thanksgiving

Ana Manning

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate and enjoy with family on every fourth Thursday of November. Some of the traditions that we still celebrate today can date back to our first Thanksgiving between the Native Americans and the Pilgrims. Often, when people think of Thanksgiving we think about turkey and the whole feast!

We all have our own memories and traditions that we celebrate every Thanksgiving. For some of you, possibly you think about the travel that you take to see your loved ones. According to National Geographic Kids, Thanksgiving is the most traveled holiday! Or you may think about the two famous turkeys that get the Thanksgiving pardon from our very own President. Maybe you're the one who's going to get the bigger part of the wishbone this year! We can't forget about the New York City Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!

Many traditions such as these make our Thanksgiving so precious and celebrated. This day is filled with thanks, family, memories, and of course, turkey.

Veterans are honored

Ana Manning

On Monday, Nov. 11, we celebrated Veterans Day. Starting the Veteran's day program we had the Advancements of Colors done by the American Legion Post No. 291, Color Guard, and Sons of the American Legion. Proceeding the advancements of colors, the high school Concert Choir performed the Star Spangled Banner and Thank You Soldiers.

Following, the high school Concert Band played Marches of the Armed Forces, with both band and chorus directed by Mrs. Ruth Vakoc. Following both chorus and band selections, the Invocation was given by Pastor Warren Cico.

The guest speaker was Jerry Steele, who served in the US Army. He recognized all of the veterans who attended the program by having them stand up. He then told the story of his son's time in the military as well as two other soldiers' stories. To bring the program to a close, Pastor Warren Cico gave the benediction and reminded everyone how important it is to remember the country's veterans.



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Thomas

One Acts team on a Roll

Ana Manning

The first One Acts performance was Monday, Nov. 11, in North Platte. They received positive and helpful feedback on their performance and after adding all the technical points, they came in third. We also enjoyed their second performance at the Sidney High School One Acts Festival on Saturday Nov. 16. In Chappell, on Tuesday Nov. 19, they won the MAC tournament, with Makayla Williamson receiving the Best Actress Award and Terrell Gray and Aryana George receiving an Honorable Mention. The public performance night was on Friday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 p.m. Thank you to all who came and supported. They hope to see you at their District Performance in Hyannis on Wednesday, Dec. 4.





Entertainment

Hannah Reeve



The Sidney Theater is now playing:

Frozen 2 7:00 & 9:00 Sat/Sun 4:00

Charlie's Angels 7:00 & 9:00 Sat/Sun 4:00

The truth about the first Thanksgiving

Hannah Reeve



It's that time of the year again; American students are sat down and taught about why we celebrate Thanksgiving: the friendly, local, Native Americans saved the Pilgrims of the Mayflower and so they had a feast to celebrate. According to Business Insider, this was most likely fabricated and the real story is much darker.

A war between the colonists and the Native Americans started due to the accusations that the Native Americans killed two of the colonists' men. The war was just one of many brutal, but unremembered colonial wars between Native Americans and colonists. There most likely was not any kind of dinner between Native Americans and colonists like we see in popular media.

The war ended when one of the Indians, Metacomet, or as the English called him, King Philip, was killed and had his head put on a pike. It supposedly stayed on display for 25 years.

Thanksgiving did not become a national holiday until 1863 when Abraham Lincoln declared it as such in an attempt to bring together the war torn country.

For whatever reason you celebrate, the Potter-Dix journalism team wishes you a happy Thanksgiving.



This weeks weather from accuweather.com

Mon 11/25		43° / 22°	Cooler with increasing clouds	Precip 25%
Tue 11/26		27° / 1°	Blizzard in the morning, 4-8"	Precip 83%
Wed 11/27		25° / 13°	Mostly cloudy and cold	Precip 7%
Thu 11/28		35° / 25°	Cloudy; breezy, not as cold	Precip 25%
Fri 11/29		36° / 13°	Cloudy with a little snow	Precip 70%
Sat 11/30		24° / 12°	Very windy; a little snow	Precip 54%
Sun 12/1		29° / 8°	Cloudy and cold	Precip 7%

Thanksgiving fun facts

Hannah Reeve

There is always some things we don't know about our favorite holidays. Here's some fun facts from goodhousekeeping.com. Enjoy!

- The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade didn't feature any balloons.
- In 1939, Thanksgiving was celebrated on the third Thursday in November – not the fourth.
- T.V. dinners were created due to excess turkey on Thanksgiving.
- About 46 million turkeys are cooked for Thanksgiving each year.
- You might consume up to 229 grams of fat during the big meal.
- Only male turkeys actually gobble.
- The Butterball Turkey Talk Line, a hotline for Thanksgiving cooking mishaps, answers almost 100,000 calls each season.
- An estimated 50 million pumpkin pies are eaten on Thanksgiving.
- Black Friday is the busiest day of the year for plumbers
- Over 32 million people begin Black Friday shopping on Thanksgiving.