

# The Pirate Journal

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## An insight on Native American Culture

By Kassidy Dyer

November has been Native American Heritage Month since 1990. Throughout history, oppression has been a divider between certain groups of people. This month is a great time to appreciate and take the time to better educate ourselves on different cultures' histories, traditions, and the people themselves.

"I feel appreciated. It's an honor to be colorful. We have a positive environment in this school and I get many thanks from the Caucasian people for getting Monday off for Native American Day," said Treymaine Eagle Thunder-Alger. Native American Day is the 8th of October. The only states to call it Native American Day are California, Nevada, and South Dakota.

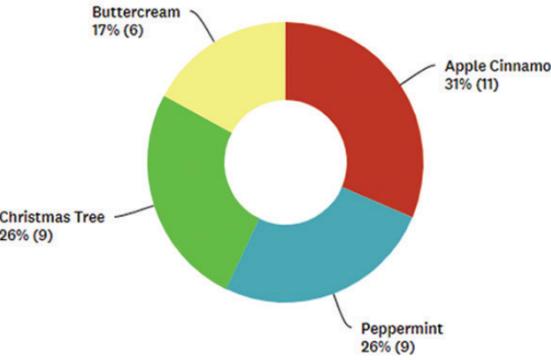
Aidan Big Eagle said, "So far I've been to one powwow. Sometimes I'm the drum boy where I walk around and put the microphone above the drums so everyone can hear it over the speakers. Powwow's usually last 18 hours. Usually, the big tribal members show up at 6 in the morning and the rest of us show at 8 or 9. A lot of dancing and fun takes place. There's a lot of stands that sell jewelry, food, and a bunch of miscellaneous items."

Native Americans have a culture very diverse from others in the ways they practice. There are 5.2 million Native Americans in the United States. Your chances of meeting one are very high. Powwows, foods, languages, beliefs and more are parts of Native American culture. It's our job to learn about different cultures so we can better relate and have a better understanding of others.

## Smells like Winter

By Drew Kroepelin

Out of all the seasonal fragrances, winter scents are some of the most favored. Mark claimed "My mom uses it as a fragrance around the house during the Christmas season" about Apple Cinnamon, the most favored scent. Another source says "I prefer buttercream because it reminds me of my childhood and more simple times." People often experience nostalgia during the holidays. Fragrances bring about different memories and remembrances of times with family and friends. Winter scents are one of the most favorable memories that creep upon us every year.



## Hunting kicks off with a boom

By Remington Paynter

Hunting is a big sport in the state of South Dakota. People look forward to the hunting season. The majority usually enjoy rifle deer season. While most hunters are having a good time. It boosts our economy and brings a lot of money into our community. In the world there are many people would like to enforce gun laws which could affect hunting.

Regan Bollweg Said, "Hunting in our community is a sport and how people make a living." He said, "It could hurt their business and could cost them a lot of money if they stopped having pheasant hunting at their lodge." So if people stopped pheasant hunting his family would lose their occupation. He said, "That he does not hunt much during pheasant hunting, but he goes around the world hunting big game animals." He said, "Him and his family would be disappointed if their family could not hunt animals anymore and could not help put more food on the table for their family."

Chase Cermak said, "That he does hunt but he is not a very big hunter." He said, "All he really does and likes to do is pheasant hunting." He says, "He really enjoys hunting but hates when people trespass and poach he says it is very inhumane."

There are different perspectives about hunting and that both agree that hunting is fun and very educational. They agree that it is a fun sport and that they both do not believe in poaching because it puts a bad name on the hunting community. Like again that they both agree that poaching is very inhumane and makes the hunting community look very bad.

Chris McGowan on Halloween stirring her "cauldron." McGowan is one of Highmore-Harrold's main cooks.



## Photo of the Month



Kassidy Dyer is seen providing candy to Joseph Semmler at the Highmore-Harrold FCCLA Halloween carnival.

Kassidy has been in FCCLA for six years now and involves herself in many FCCLA out of school activities.

## IM 25 South Dakota tax law

By Bane Mitchell

Initiated Measure 25 is a tax law that would increase smoking tobacco price by one dollar to help financially with the five South Dakota tech schools. The tax on other tobacco products would increase from 35 percent to 55 percent. The reason that this Initiated Measure would've been good for the many students, is if they are from low income houses to be able to go to a technical institute. I will be worried that tech school will become too expensive" Colby stated.

Initiated Measure 25 would affected 23 percent of people in South Dakota. "I don't care because it will be taking my money anyway." Drew mentioned. Even the nontobacco users were very skeptical about this initiated measure. Almost every South Dakotan thought that the funds with the initiated measure would just go into the general fund.

## Foreign exchange student joins Highmore High this year

By Velvet Jessen

Highmore has received a new foreign exchange student, Anna Ravel, from France. Anna first heard about AFS Intercultural Program from her friend who went to China for a year. She then searched for a way to travel with a similar experience.

Ravel went through many trials to come to America. Ravel said, "I had to get 2 shots, which would usually be given a year apart, within four months." She also had to take a test to ensure she knew basic English. Ravel then had to travel to the United States embassy to meet with a man who checked with her records to ensure it was safe for her to go.

Overall Anna said "I've had a really positive experience, and everyone is so nice." She says a big cultural difference is that they don't have school on certain days of the week, whereas in the US we do, and that people are more comfortable expressing their feelings in the US. Although she says, "I don't mind that at all. I enjoy that people show affection more, like giving hugs."

Although France is a more than a little ways away, she says she still feels very supported. "My (host) family and my classmates and friends here are all very nice and helpful."

## Best Lunches at Highmore-Harrold

By Veronica Knippling

Every morning at school the memo is passed out. Announcements are mentioned, class meetings are noted, but there's only one thing many students really care about; the lunch for the day. Students grab and pass around the morning memo, only for some to be pleasantly surprised or sadly disappointed. Many students have their favorite and least desirable lunches. According to a recent survey done by the Highmore Harrold Journalism Class, these are the students' favorite lunches.

In first place, Crispitos. In second place, Chili and Cornbread. Tied for third was Idaho Nachos and Breakfast for Lunch. However, it's not just students who have preferred lunches. Mr. Ring said, "I really like chicken patty on a bun, but my least favorite is Mr. Rib."

Chesney Effling said, "Crispitos are my favorite lunch. Even though I don't like some lunches, I love our lunch ladies. They work so hard, and I know that they really try to make our lunches yummy for everyone, and make the lunchtime fun. They always decorate for holidays and have treats for special occasions." Emily Converse said, "I like the lunch ladies a lot. They're very nice, and I work with them sometimes too which I enjoy." Although people have their likes and dislikes, that's what makes us different, and diverse as a student body.



Treymaine Eagle-Thunder Alger being "lifted-up" by friends, Cade Wurts, Jhareth Bloomerader, Gage Rinehart, Devin Cook, and Darian Schmidt.

## To shave or not to shave?

By Colby Werdel

If someone were to walk into Highmore High School this month, they would see quite a few of the males with more facial hair than normal. The reason for this is "No Shave November." The goal of no shave November is to grow awareness of those who may not have hair due to cancer treatment by embracing our hair, and letting it grow wild and free. Within the school, 37% of male students said they were participating while 62% said they were not. Reasons for not participating ranged from wanting to look clean, to not being able to grow facial hair at all.

If participating in No Shave November, donate the money you typically spend on shaving and grooming to cancer research and prevention.

## Getting ahead in high school

By Kassie Hale

The United States Department of Education said that 60% of the students in college in 2008 graduated in 2014. The average attendance at private schools is now at 179% from 1995 to 2015.

Maddison Bollweg said, "Getting ahead in college credits can be very helpful and take stress off your shoulders. I personally took college classes in high school because I wanted to get a few credits under my belt and to get to know how college courses work. I'm not saying it was the easiest thing by any means because I definitely didn't get straight A's like in my high school courses. I did gain some valuable life lessons from them through such as time management and responsibility. Those qualities are going to take me further into life than anything I ever learned from the classes. College Credits in high school give you an outlook on college whether or not you excel in them. I will forever be thankful I chose to take them to help me better prepare for college coursework."

Student loans are big in today's society. The loans are like a windfall of a lifetime or opportunity. After you graduate many students and their families think you don't have to pay their student loans back but in the end, you basically have. The college credits will make your college less expensive. About 70% of the students graduate with loan debt in college. In 2016 the debt was about \$37,172 per student.

"A college degree is the key to realizing the American dream, well worth the financial sacrifice because it is supposed to open the door to a world of opportunity." -Dan Rather. Dan Rather is an American journalist, he's also known for being on the evening/ night time on CBS for 24 years as an anchor. In college, he attended Sam Huston State Teachers College which is when he started going to work at CBS in the 1960's and 70's.

A good way to experience a college life or a college student's work is to know that the school work is going to be more difficult. Whether or not you're good at academics these college classes could be at a bad or small level of difficulty. Also not having a teacher to help you every day could be difficult because you can't ask a question if you don't understand you can't really get help.

Head Cook, Dawn Hilmer and Assistant Cook, Chris McGowan get ready to serve the students breakfast.



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