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‘Tis the Season of Commitment

By Gracie Jones

State Football officially marked the end of the 2017 fall sports season. For most Senior athletes, they have played in their final game, competed in their final match or ran in their final race. For others, the end of their high school career is nothing but the beginning of their college career. This is the time of the year when the best of the best commit to colleges to further their education alongside their athletics.

Pierre, the “Title Town” of South Dakota,

already has a plethora of students who have committed. Peyton Zabel committed to Augustana University in Sioux Falls for football and baseball, Lincoln Turman committed to University of Mary in Bismarck for wrestling, Addison Eisenbeisz committed to South Dakota State University in Brookings for track, and Joana Zanin committed to University of South Dakota in Vermillion for soccer. Once an athlete has committed to a certain school, they must attend that school – it’s a big

commitment (hence the term “committing”). In addition, being a part of a sports team in college is no small feat. Balancing the vigorous coursework of college and endless hours of practice can seem like a daunting task. Joana Zanin, however, said, “I’m a little nervous, but not really. I’ve been in many school activities and kept my grades up, so I think that has prepared me for college.”

T.F. Riggs has a lot of faith in these athletes. Jumping coach Dan Snyder says, “Not a lot of kids are able to make

it to that next level, so it’s so exciting when we have a great kid like Addy make it there.” Coach Snyder also expresses how proud he is of Addy’s accomplishments. “She is going to do awesome,” he says.

Many other athletes who have not yet committed will be given the opportunity to play for colleges as well. NCAA states that approximately 6.2% of men move onto college sports after high school, while approximately 8.1% of women will move up to play in college. These

numbers don’t even account for the number of students who receive offers from colleges to play on their teams. Some Pierre athletes may even get the opportunity to play for out-of-state schools, and some may even be given the chance to play at the semi-professional or professional level after college.

Overall, being offered a spot on any college sports team gives athletes many new experiences, and T.F. Riggs is beyond excited to have some of their athletes make it to this next level.

Black Friday: The Busiest Day of the Year

By Julia Snoeijen

Black Friday – the unofficial start of the holiday shopping season. An American staple, Black Friday is the single day of the year when prices drop and sales skyrocket. The question is, why do we call it ‘Black Friday’? The New York Times first used the term Black Friday in an article in 1870 to refer to the day the gold market collapsed the year before. Black Friday’s association with shopping the day after Thanksgiving began in Philadelphia in the 1960s.

On November 24th,

when stores open their doors, people start going crazy because of the huge sales. Sometimes, people even wait or sleep in front of the entrance! Not only has it been the busiest shopping day of the year since 2005, it’s also living up to its reputation as the most dangerous shopping day of the year. Everybody has that picture in their head of fighting people, and they hope to prevent it. These pictures and videos of fighting people are spreading around the world, leading more and more countries to introduce the “American” Black Friday. Some of

the more popular countries to introduce this “holiday” are Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom and Romania, and the day is beginning to gain popularity in more than 30 other countries.

Two out of every three Americans reportedly plan to shop over the five-day weekend, including on Cyber Monday. But, for the first time, more of those shoppers say they plan to shop online rather than in big box stores like Walmart or Target. The big jump in spending Thursday and Friday came from online shopping, according to Adobe Analytics. On-

line sales hit \$2.9 billion on Thanksgiving Day of 2017, and \$640 million on Black Friday as of 10 a.m. ET. Both figures are up 18% compared to a year ago. How high will it be next year, who knows?



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People crowd into a Target on Black Friday

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The Key to Motivation

Days left until Christmas break: 22. Motivation: 0.

After the four-day Thanksgiving weekend and before the Christmas vacation, the motivation to keep up on schoolwork and put in effort in school starts to dwindle. Often people get so excited about finally getting a

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substantial break from school that they forget they must power through the last few weeks. As you start to feel like the days are dragging on and you're still not getting anything done, remember these few tips for staying on top of things this holiday season.

First things first, stay organized. If you're spending your time jumping back and forth

between math homework, your research paper, and Instagram, you're going to have a hard time getting everything done. We suggest getting yourself a planner, or something to help you organize your thoughts and keep you on task. Also, it might

to set aside a specific time of day for each subject of homework. For example, designate your study hall for math homework, after school for English, and after dinner for any other important work you may have to do.

The next thing that is important is to stay focused. It's extremely easy to get distracted while you're trying to study or do homework,

whether it be your dog pawing at your feet or the new Netflix series that you "just have to see!" Remember that this last month of the semester is often the most crucial time, as you are finishing projects and preparing for semester tests. Nobody wants to hear you blame your D in Algebra on *Stranger Things* season 2. So, once you have organized your tasks, stay focused on them, and things will get done quicker than you can imagine.

The third and most important thing to remember is to stay positive. Yes, your classes are hard, and you may feel like this final workload is just something you can't handle, but you have an entire network of teachers and friends who can help

you through anything you need. Take advantage of this by inviting your friends over when you need help, or contacting your teachers if things become overwhelming or overly difficult. On top of all this, make sure you take breaks to avoid overworking yourself and always remember that you CAN do this.

This last month may be rough, but just remember these three tips: stay organized, stay focused, and stay positive. Following these three simple pieces of advice will ensure that you will get through the rest of this semester and make it to Christmas break. Good luck and happy studying :)

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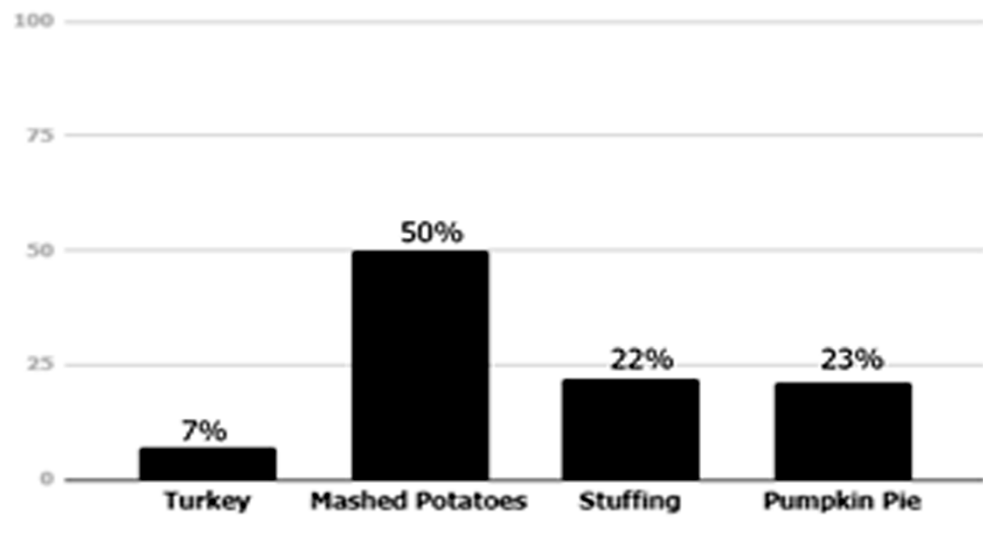
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Correction: Student manager Rilee Rowse was recognized at volleyball senior night on October 21st.

Favorite Thanksgiving Food



Australia Voices its Opinion on LGBTQ+

On November 15th, Australians voiced their favor of same-sex marriage in a nationwide survey that ended in a vote of 61.6% yes and 38.4% no. The survey had a 79.5% voter turnout, equaling out to 12.7 million people. The survey, called the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey, was

Claire Mohr
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spelled trouble for Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce, who has citizenship in New Zealand. One may wonder why a person would want citizenship in two countries, but the majority are wondering why the name Barnaby still exists. No matter what you're thinking, however, this unstable Parliament has been the top priority

for quite some time and could potentially lead to some position shifting. These issues have unfortunately pushed LGBTQ+ issues to the back burner, which is the reason they are only surfacing now. Needless to say, it is up to the Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and the Australian Parliament to legalize this measure. Until this time, same-sex couples could be granted domestic partnership, which is two people living together and sharing domestic responsibilities, but they cannot get married. Australia inherited its anti-homosexuality laws from Britain, but has been repealing them since 1975. Their political agenda, especially including these issues, has only gotten more progressive as time goes on. The results of this measure in the Senate will come rather quickly, and there is hope for another big rainbow block party to follow.

How to Survive Semester Tests

Dear Ava & Ally, I am a junior and I still have no idea how to prepare for semester tests. I am a student who wishes to succeed, but I have a huge procrastination problem. I realize that this year is an important one, but I can never seem to find the motivation to study. The past two years, I haven't cared much about semester tests, so while I passed with good grades, my semester test scores were mediocre at best. I can see that I am on the edge of where I want to be, and a bad semester test could affect my semester grade and ultimately my GPA. I really just need help with studying tips that I can do quickly with the least amount of effort on my part.

Many Thanks, Jinxed Junior
Dear Jinxed Junior, Staying motivated to study is hard. We recommend that you study for the last few chapter tests you have left this quarter in order to form a habit and get used to studying. If you don't know what type of studying fits your needs, try exploring new methods to see which one you like best. A good method should make you feel are prepared without wearing you out to the point where you can barely stay awake to take the test. Some enjoy using Quizlet to study for literally anything because the games are fun and

Ava and Ally
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helpful, and you are likely to find a study set already made. For semester tests specifically, you can look back at old tests, if you have them, or just the grades online to find out what area of the semester that you need the most work on. Also, teachers should tell you at least a few weeks in advance a b o u t what is going to be on the test, what is good to study, what to expect, or all three if you're lucky. With all of our years of experience with semester tests, we have realized that it is way easier to keep your grades during the quarter with small assignments and tests than to actually study for all

the semester tests. To be honest, semester tests really only affect you if you are on the edge of a letter grade. Be sure to use the semester test calculator that the administration sent out so you know what scores you need to get. If you are taking any AP or college courses, make sure to adjust the calculations in Excel to the college grading scale. Lastly, we recommend studying small portions at a time. You will be surprised by how much you retain with the least amount of stress. We know that if you take the initiative to at least study once, it will be easier to motivate yourself the next time, and you'll do great. With love, Ava and Ally

The Trends That Keep on Giving

Welcome to the November trends column! As we are approaching the holiday season, this marks the beginning of many new activities. With the colder weather rolling in, now is the time to catch up on all the newest trends.

To begin, we will discuss all the popular activities for November! Now is the perfect time to shower your friends with love and affection, by going to watch their sports games or spending quality time with them. Whether you are attending their swim meets, binging new (or old) Netflix releases, or

baking festive goods, this is the season for supporting others and spending time together. If you're feeling sentimental, you can also share your appreciation for others by writing them thankful and t h o u g h t - f u l letters or notes that they will cherish forever. To get your dose of nature, you can also go feed the geese (be aware, they like to bite), gaze upon the flaming fountain, or go on a hike at LaFramboise while it's still somewhat warm outside.

Jordan and Sabrina
TRENDS

After you stuff

your face with delectable food such as turkey, ham, stuffing, and pies of all variety, you may need to buy a larger pair of pants. Although Black Friday and Cyber Monday have come and gone, the deals are still rolling in, so make sure to go out and buy all your favorite during this holiday season. Splurge on fuzzy socks, hot chocolate, the hottest new music (Post Malone, anyone?), or maybe even the new iPhone X. 'Tis also the season of generosity, and trends are the perfect way to get in the holi-

day spirit. Need a gift for your grandmother? Kylie Lip Kits are all the rage with the elderly! Or perhaps your mother deserves a little something for being so awesome. Nothing says "you're the bomb, mom!" like a bath bomb from Lush! Please, however, stop her from posting 80 snap stories of its bubbles.

Whether you are spending quality time with friends, writing letters, or shopping for dem deals, always remember to be thankful and appreciative, because that is ALWAYS in season. Happy holidays!

Governor Football Wins Championship

By Phil Adam

The Governor football team ended their season with a “bang”, coming out on top with both an ESD and a state championship. The team started off their season with a 4-0 record, but lost three out of their last five games of the regular season, ending the year with a 9-3 overall record. The Governors when into the 11AA playoffs as the number one seed, opening the playoffs with a 35-14 win against Brookings. The Gobs then defeated Yankton 35-14 in the semifinal game, getting the opportunity to play Harrisburg in the state final at the DakotaDome on the USD campus in Vermillion, SD. The Governors were looking to redeem themselves from a 20-25 loss to Harrisburg during the regular season. The team started the game down with a score of 0-14 early in the first half. They later answered the Tiger touchdowns with a pair of their own, trailing 21-14 at halftime. Early in the fourth quarter, the Gobs answered again with a 24-yard touch-



The Governors preparing to execute a play at the DakotaDome Photo by Jesse Jares

down pass from senior quarterback Peyton Zabel to senior wide receiver Michael Lusk to tie the game at 21-21. The Governor defense proved tough, completely shutting out the Tigers in the second half. Senior kicker Casey Williams gave Pierre their first lead of the game late in the fourth quarter with a 31-yard field goal to bump the score up to 24-21. Harrisburg answered with an impressive 11-play drive that included a 4th-and-21 play that miraculously kept the drive alive. The Governor defense pulled through once again with a sack on Harrisburg's quarterback Hunter Headlee that resulted in a fumble recovered by Pierre to

win the game. On top of this win, senior Michael Lusk was named MVP after the game, and senior Peyton Zabel won Player of the Year from Midco Sports. The forced fumble, multiple turnovers and some great teamwork allowed the Pierre Governor football team to win their second football championship in school history, and the second in the last five years.



Quarterback Peyton Zabel preparing to throw the football Photo by Jesse Jares

Girls' Hockey

Last game: 2-7 loss against Rapid City
Next game: December 2nd at Mitchell
Record: 2-3 (preseason)

Volleyball

Last match: 0-3 loss against Watertown
Next match: End of Season
Record: 7-15

“A Hometown Christmas”

By Gracie Jones

The weekend of Thanksgiving is widely regarded as the official start to the Christmas season. People no longer throw dirty glares to the sound of “Jingle Bell Rock” blasting from the radio or shake their head at the festive lights. The entire English-speaking world unites to get undeniably excited about Christmas. Kicking off the festivities in Pierre, the Forney-Cronin Dance Studio put on a Christmas variety show called A Hometown Christmas. Including songs like “Run, Run Rudolph” and “Marshmallow World”, it was the perfect way to launch into the holiday season. “The music just put me in a festive mood!” patron Sabrina Kintz said. The show was not just for fun, however, as the proceeds from the tickets go towards a scholarship for fine arts students. It really was for a worthy cause! The dancers work tirelessly from Sep-



Ballet 1 poses for a photo Photo by Gracie Jones

tember through November to prepare for the performance. Senior dancer Tayler Larsen said, “We had to put in a lot of extra time, but it was still fun being with everyone!” Thank you to everyone who came and supported, everyone at Forney-Cronin truly appreciates it and hopes to see you at the recital in the Spring!



Senior Gracie Jones, Junior Marlee Dravland, and Mrs. Cronin Photo by Gracie Jones

Swimming

Last Meet: November 4th and 5th in Pierre
Next Meet: December 1st-3rd in Pierre

Girls' Basketball?

Last Game: Beginning of Season
Next Game: December 8th at Aberdeen Central



Boys' Basketball

Last game: Beginning of Season
Next game: December 8th against
 Aberdeen Central

Wrestling

Last meet: Beginning of Season
Next meet: December 2nd at Watertown

Football

Last Game: 24-21 Win against Harrisburg
 in the State Championship
Next Game: End of Season
Record: 9-3

Boys' Hockey

Last Game: 6-3 win against Manitoba,
 Canada Wildcats in Rapid City Tournament
Next game: December 1st at Aberdeen
Record: 8-0 (preseason)



GO GOVS!

Compiled by Phil Adam

Governor Wrestling Shoots for 4-peat

By Bailey Wagner

Head coach Shawn Lewis and new assistant coach, Travis Heasley, are already prepping their boys for the 2017 Governors wrestling season. With the Governor's first meet being December 2nd in Watertown, these boys have been practicing hard, first hitting the mats on November 13th.

The new assistant coach, Mr. Heasley, has moved up from the mid-

dle school to coach our Governors this year. Excited for the season, Coach Heasley says, "I'm looking forward to seeing the wrestlers improve everyday and grow together as a team and grow as individuals."

This year the team has 30 boys participating, with seven seniors. Three of the seniors, Lincoln Turman, Will Turman, and Michael Lusk, are returning state champions

chasing another title. Coach Lewis says " This year's seniors are a special group. They have worked very hard and found both individual and team success in multiple sports. They are ready to lead and help usher in a new crop of youthful Governor wrestlers."

In the past three years, the Governors have brought home 5 team titles and 13 have been crowned

state champions. Last year, the wrestling team went 16-4 during the regular season and 7-1 at ESD, putting them in a tie for the ESD title.

Make sure to come support our Pierre Governors at State Wrestling on February 23 and 24 in Sioux Falls, SD, and throughout their season. Good luck boys! Go Govs!

Capitals Start Season Undefeated

By Phil Adam

The Oahe Capitals hockey team is off to a fast start in pre-season play. The Capitals are coming off a 12-6-1 record and a fifth-place consolation championship at the state hockey tournament last March with an 8-0 pre-season record. Although the team graduated 10 seniors last year and only 3 starters are returning to the ice, the team isn't slowing down and hopes to improve their record this season.

Because eligibility rules have been changed to mirror USA Hockey, many ninth graders have started playing on both the junior varsity

and varsity teams. Although the varsity and junior varsity teams do not have permanent lineups yet, these young players have helped the team keep their undefeated status. The Capitals went 4-0 in their Rapid City Tournament, swept both Huron and Mitchell, and claimed victory over two Canadian teams from Manitoba, one Wyoming team, and a Montana team in Rapid City.

Make sure to attend the regular season home opener on December 2nd against the Brookings Rangers at our very own Expo Center in Fort Pierre. The varsity game begins at 5:15pm. Go Capitals!

Lady Capitals Excited for League Play

By Natalie Mohr

The Lady Capitals hockey season has officially started! These girls have been playing games since October 20th and have a current preseason record of two wins and three losses. They played their last preseason game in Rapid City, which ended in a 2-3 loss. The girls' other preseason games were played at their "Fight Like a Ninja" Tournament in Sioux Falls, where they gained two wins and two losses. Now that pre-season has ended, the girls are preparing to begin league play.

The Lady Capitals lost senior starters Maddie Brink and Caryn

Brakke, but these losses will not stop the team from keeping their momentum from last season. The team ended last year with a 12-8-1 record and a fourth-place finish at the state tournament. Senior Mariah Nelson is returning to play goalie for her final season, alongside senior forward Grace Nedved. Julia Snoeijen, a foreign exchange student from the Netherlands, is also joining the team this year to play hockey for the first time.

The League play begins on December 2nd in Mitchell, and the Lady Capitals first home game is December 3rd at noon against Brookings. Make sure you come support!

Bachelor of the Month



Photo By Tayler Larsen

Austin Hoss, 12
Personality:
Nonchalant and Savage

Eye Color:
Wild Blue Yonder

Hair Color:
Dirty Blonde

Pursue or Be Pursued?
Pursue.

Favorite pick-up line?
You look like trash, can I take you out?

What would your final words be?
Larsen, buddy!

Ideal first date?
You and me going fishing in the dark

Favorite Movie?
Dumb and Dumber

Favorite Song?
“American Teen”

Bachelorette of the Month



Photo By Tayler Larsen

Addison Eisenbiesz, 12
Personality:
Friendly, empathetic, and chill

Eye Color:
Cyan

Hair Color:
Dirty, dirty Blonde

Favorite pick-up line?
I heard you’re good at algebra, will you replace my x without asking y?

Favorite Movie?
How to be Single

Pursue or Be Pursued?
Be pursued.

Favorite Song?
“September Song”

What would your final words be?
Maybe next time

Ideal first date?
Sledding and watching Christmas movies

Teacher of the Month
Ms. Kokesh - Art

Q: How long have you been teaching?
A: I’ve been teaching for 13 years. I started my teaching career at the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation from 1999-2000, and again in 2014. I taught for 8 years at a private school in Denver, and this is my third year at Riggs.

Q: What made you decide to become a teacher?
A: Before teaching art I was passionate about photojournalism and thought about pursuing the craft at a higher level, but remembered a Twilight Zone episode that featured a female photojournalist struggling with being away from her family. I knew I didn’t want that life style and I haven’t looked back since. I’ve always wanted to be an art teacher because my mentors taught me that it offers a good working balance for an artist who wants to pursue a professional art career.

Q: Who was your favorite teacher?
A: The most influential was my high school photography teacher Larry Giddings. He’s a legend. He encouraged me to continue taking photographs after I had taken a class with him. His encouragement gave me the confidence I needed as a shy kid.

Q: What’s one thing in your art room that you couldn’t live without?
A: I love the outdoors and gardening, so I need my plants and the big sunny windows! The plants are a joy visually and provide cleaner air and positive vibes in the classroom.

Compiled by Gracie Jones



November Sibling Rivalry
Britney (12) & Ajaye (9) Hicks

Q: Who is the favorite child?
A: Britney: Definitely Ajaye.
Ajaye: I am the favorite.

Q: Who starts/wins most of the fights?
A: Britney: Ajaye starts all of the fights and wins them.
Ajaye: I start and win them all.

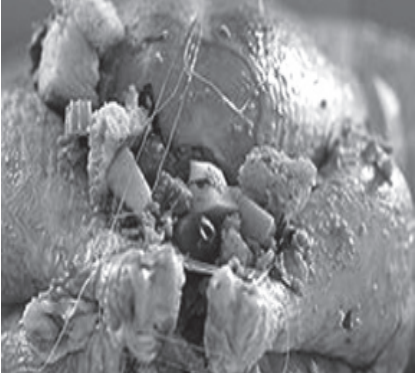
Q: What do you fight about most?
A: Britney: Stealing clothes (they are all mine).
Ajaye: Clothes, SHE TAKES ALL OF MINE!

Q: How would you describe each other in three words?
A: Britney: moody, stubborn, funny
Ajaye: dramatic, bossy, tatteltale

History of the Thanksgiving Meal

By Addy Smith and Hattie Shaffer

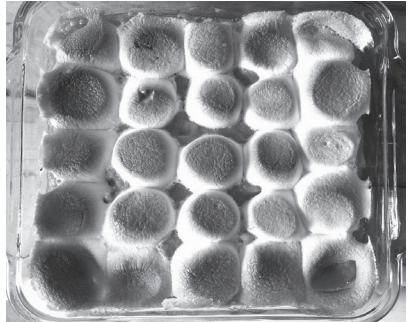
Have you ever wondered why we eat what we eat on Thanksgiving? Many items on the Thanksgiving menu have some interesting backstories, even if they weren't a part of the original Thanksgiving meal. To start off, let's talk about turkey. The early Native Americans hunted wild turkeys, but turkey was not on the menu for the first Thanksgiving. Instead, they ate wild fowl, which means meats like duck and geese. We all know turkey as the main dish of Thanksgiving, but why? One reason that turkey become a staple is because it is a large bird, big enough to feed a table of hungry people (unlike chicken). At the time turkey began hitting Thanksgiving tables, it wasn't as common as



A turkey with stuffing

pork, so it seemed more suitable for a special occasion. Cranberries were eaten at the first Thanksgiving, but not cranberry sauce. The sugar used to make cranberry sauce was a luxury because it was hard to get, and it was very expensive. Instead, they just had plain cranberries because they ripen in the fall. Many people don't eat a lot in the actual meal to save room for the best part of Thanksgiving – pumpkin pie! This delicious treat wasn't served at the First Thanksgiving either. The Pilgrims lacked some main ingredients for the crust and they didn't have an oven to bake it in. Pumpkin pie didn't start to become prevalent until the 17th century, with the first pumpkin pie at the Thanksgiving table coming as early as 1623. The pilgrims, however, may have had something similar. They made a pumpkin stew, filling the hard, outer shell of the squash with its own orange meat, spices, honey and milk. It wasn't uncommon for people to stuff their fowl with onions and herbs and roast it, which paved the way for what we call stuffing. The stuffing might have transformed throughout the years, but it is still a key fac-

tor in the perfect Thanksgiving meal. Since stuffing was served at the First Thanksgiving, it is the longest-standing Thanksgiving food. Another main staple to a modern Thanksgiving dinner is potatoes. The fact of the matter is, however, that potatoes hadn't even made it to Plymouth when the Native Americans and Pilgrims had the first Thanksgiving. Potatoes were introduced to North America in 1621, but didn't catch on until 1719, when many farmers started to grow them. Sweet potatoes, on the other hand, were available hun-



Baked sweet potato with marshmallow

Green bean casserole, a Thanksgiving dish that some people love, and some people hate, was nowhere near the Thanksgiving table. Onions and beans were both local vegetables at the time of the first Thanksgiving, but they were not combined to make a casserole until Campbell's invented it in 1955. Corn, another staple nowadays, was present during the time when the Pilgrims sailed to America, but the corn-on-the-cob we know and love was either unavailable or turned into a cornmeal or a type of porridge. Because Thanksgiving falls along the same time as fall harvest, all the popular fruits and vegetables of 1621 were available to eat at Thanksgiving – spinach, carrots, lettuce, peas, blueberries, grapes, plums and more. Although there is not much proof that these foods were involved in the Thanksgiving feast, these are some important foods still popular today. Although many first Thanksgiving foods are no longer traditional, the meaning of the meal has always been the same. Happy Thanksgiving to all, and make sure to give thanks for all the blessings in your life.

Band Members Take on Macy's Parade

By Eryn Louis

Recently, a few member of the Emerald Regiment had the opportunity to fly to New York and participate in the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Sophomore William Kessler and freshmen Thomas Vetsch and Lane Hedglin have recently returned from their trip with plenty of new stories to tell. The boys had to put in lots of hard work into auditioning, practicing the music, and then practicing with the rest of the band. "They sent out the sheet music three weeks beforehand," William Kessler commented, "and the three of us worked on the music together. We re-

ally hit the music hard the week leading up to the trip. Once we got [to New York], we practiced with the rest of the band every day." Director Dr. Good assisting the boys with the more technical side of performing. Kessler says, "Some of the routines we practiced were visuals, such as horn flashing, movements, and spacing. Dr. Good was the director who helped put everything together." The techniques required for such a big event cannot be easy. Watching the parade and seeing the band perform almost flawlessly looks like an impossible feat. According to Kessler,

who is a trombone player, each instrument group had their own tech who worked with each individual player. The money it takes to get from Pierre to New York is no small amount, with each player having expenses totaling \$3,000. Kessler, Vetsch, and Hedglin had to gather lots of funds in order to go on this huge trip. "The majority of our funding was from family, friends, and locals in Pierre," Kessler says. "We also worked together with fundraisers, car washes, and bake sales!" These three boys executed an amazing performance in New York City. The Macy's Day Parade, as always, was

a success, and it's an honor for the Pierre community to have such talented young men able to take part in such a famous event. Unfortunately, the Macy's Parade uniforms were rented from the organization and the boys were not able to keep them, but they will always remember the memories from their time in NYC. The Governor staff, the students are T.F. Riggs, and the whole Pierre community is extremely proud of their accomplishments, and had fun looking for them at the parade. Great job to William Kessler, Thomas Vetsch, and Lane Hedglin!

Did You Know?

- The First Thanksgiving took place in November 1621, when the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians celebrated the fall harvest together in Plymouth
- The annual Thanksgiving parade tradition started in Newark, New Jersey, in 1924. The first giant balloon was Felix the Cat in 1927.
- Playing football on Thanksgiving has been a tradition since 1876, near the time football was invented. The NFL has been playing on Thanksgiving since its creation in 1920.
- According to General Mills, the most popular Thanksgiving dish in South Dakota is pumpkin pie.
- Pardoning the Thanksgiving turkey has been a tradition at the White House since the 1940s.
- The traditional "American" Thanksgiving is celebrated in the United States, Canada, parts of the Caribbean, and Liberia. Other countries have their own versions of Thanksgiving, like Thai Pongal in India and Erntedankfest in Germany.

