



Tonight:
Cloudy.
Low 4°.

Today:
Scattered flurries.
Falling temps.
High 17°.

Wednesday:
Mostly sunny.
High 19°.

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Happening NOW

- PTSA: Meeting 4 p.m. in staff dining room
- Valentine Day Variety Show: Silent auction 6 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. at Convention Center

Lunch Time at WHS

- Today's lunch: Pizza burger
- A la carte lines: Spaghetti, chef salad, barbecue ribbette sandwich, taco hot pocket
- Wednesday: Chicken nuggets

Group Meetings

- Polar Plunge: Participants will meet at 7:45 a.m. or 3:10 p.m. Wednesday in A-228. Choose one meeting.
- Seniors: Are invited to attend "College Goal Sunday" from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Southeast Technical Institute.

Other Reminders

- Seniors: Turn in Senior Class Party registration forms as soon as possible so the t-shirt order can be placed. Questions should be addressed to parents Renae Berke or Jan Marlette.
- Valentine: Flowers and suckers will be sold by Peer Helpers during lunch in the commons through Feb. 12. They will be delivered to students on Feb. 13.
- On-Line Registration: Help will be provided to students who request it by counselors after school today-Thursday in the library.

Highsteppers return from UDA National Competition

Team breaks finals, earns seventh in Hip-Hop division

By Cassie Bartlett and Lindsey Heitkamp

The WHS Highsteppers took seventh place out of 42 teams in the UDA Large Varsity Hip-Hop National Dance Competition Sunday in Florida.

The team broke finals along with 15 other teams for their hip-hop routine and also received 15th place out of 39 teams in the Large Varsity Pom Division, missing finals by four points out of 800.

The semi-finals took place at the Indiana Jones Theatre at Disney's Hollywood Studios near Orlando. Finals were held at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex at the Milk House.

The Highsteppers left for Orlando last Wednesday and returned Monday and today. While there, they were also privileged to visit theme parks and enjoy the warm weather and beaches Florida has to offer.

Junior Stef Sayler said she was proud of her team's efforts at the event.

"We competed against a lot



Photo by Vicky Sayler

DANCE—Members of the Highsteppers, including (front, from left) sophomore Ashley Wiley; juniors Sam Scarpello, Stef Sayler and Bethaine Hanson; sophomores Elizabeth Hoskins and Morgan Berens; seniors Lesli Miller, Danica DesLauriers, Savannah George and Diandra Ortman; (back) sophomores Katie O'Connor and Kelsey Issacson and seniors Ashlee Risse, Meaghan Johnson, Ashlee Sturdevant, Lindsey Trett and Jezelle Ryan pose outside Disney's Rockin' Rollercoaster at Disney's Hollywood Studios.

of good teams and received lots of compliments from other teams," Sayler said. "We're proud of how far we've come and how much we've accomplished this year. Our coaches were very impressed with what we did."

Senior Ashlee Sturdevant also said the trip was fun.

"It was great being able to spend time with my team and see some high-quality teams compete," Sturdevant said.

The season is not over for the Highsteppers just yet, however. The team will next compete at the UPA National Americup Championships in Minneapolis Feb. 22-24.

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100 Years—39,000 Warriors

WHS will turn 100 on Feb. 14. Prepare with a daily dose of Warrior Trivia.

Question:

What was the construction cost of the original WHS building, now the Pavilion?
 a. \$250,000 b. \$450,000 c. \$1,000,000

Today's Dress: Jersey Day—buy a \$1 sticker to wear a hat. Wednesday: 50's/60's Day

See the answer on page 2, and look for a new question tomorrow!



We're NOW on-line at whsnnow.com!

Five seniors named Scholar Semifinalists

By Eric Mayer and Lynn Wiederrich

Academic achievement has always been one of WHS's notable qualities.

One national measure of academic success is the National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSP), and five WHS seniors recently achieved National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist status.

The five senior semi-finalists include Tim Marlette, Ben Merry, Vance Blankers, Xiang Lee and Derek Shafer.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. In order for students to participate in the program, they must first take the PSAT in the specified year of the high school program and no later than their junior year. They must also be enrolled full time as a high school student, progressing normally toward graduation or completion

of high school, and planning to enroll full time in college no later than the fall following completion of high school. Lastly, the student must be a U.S. Citizen.

Over 1.4 million students' nationwide apply for the program and only some 50,000 with the highest PSAT Selection Index scores (critical reading + mathematics + writing skills scores) qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program. In April following the fall test administration, high-scoring participants from every state are invited to name two colleges or universities to which they would like to be referred by NMSP. In September, these high scorers are notified through their schools that they have qualified as either a Commended Student or Semifinalist.

In early September, about 16,000 students, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, are notified that they have

qualified as Semifinalists. To ensure that academically able young people from all parts of the United States are included in this talent pool, Semifinalists are designated on a state representational basis. They are the highest scoring entrants in each state. NMSP provides scholarship application materials to Semifinalists through their high schools. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must advance to Finalist standing in the competition by meeting high academic standards and all other requirements explained in the materials provided to each Semifinalist.

Later this month the five WHS semi-finalists will find out by a letter whether they advanced to the Finalist standing.

Shafer said he believes his hard work has paid off already.

"It feels good," Schafer said. "It's a really nice honor because it's a good way to get scholarships," Shafer said.



Tim Marlette



Ben Merry



Vance Blankers



Xiang Lee



Derek Shafer

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Freshmen boys sweep Roosevelt, girls split

By Ryan Jans

The freshman boys and girls basketball teams were in action Monday as they took on the Roosevelt Rough Riders.

The boys teams took on the Rough Riders at WHS and came out with two victories.

The boys A Team won 58-47 and were led by freshmen Brandon Mohr with 14 points and Derek Farniok with 11 points. The boys B Team won 47-36 and were led by freshmen Josh Maher with 14 points and Alex Lockwood with 12 points.

Farniok said his team played OK, but has room for improvement.

"We started out a little slow, but we picked it up and came out with a victory," Farniok said.

The girls team also took on the Rough Riders at Roosevelt.

The girls A Team came out with a victory while the B Team lost by 9 points.

The teams will face O'Gorman on Thursday in their next contests. The boys will host the Knights at WHS, and the girls will travel to O'Gorman for the games.

Leaders hope to hold off opponents

By Steven Thomma McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

WASHINGTON — Democrat Barack Obama heads into Super Tuesday's voting with apparent momentum in several big states where Hillary Clinton has been the longtime leader, raising hopes in his camp for upsets that could give him the edge in delegates and enthusiasm coming out of the primaries' biggest voting day today.

Republican John McCain, meanwhile, maintains solid leads in the Northeast, but faces scattered threats from Mitt Romney in the South, Midwest and particularly in California.



Possible late swings by blocs of voters raised the uncertainty level nationwide as nearly 80 million Americans will be eligible to vote today for the Democratic or Republican presidential nominations in 24 states.

For Democrats, the key question was whether Clinton and Obama would split the delegates up for grabs or whether one of them would gain a decided advantage. All Democratic primaries and caucuses will award delegates on a proportional basis.

Late polling suggested that Illinois Sen. Obama was gaining on New York Sen. Clinton in several big states where she had enjoyed solid leads, among them California and New Jersey.

100 Years; 39,000 Warriors Trivia Answer:

a. The cost for the four story building totaled \$250,000. The land cost \$500.