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 Cloudy.
 NE breeze.
 High 37°.

Tonight:
 Mostly cloudy.
 Low 24°.
Wednesday:
 Partly cloudy.
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Happening today

- Track:** Old SIC Indoor Meet 5 p.m. at DakotaDome in Vermillion (see story this page)
- Warrior Club:** Third quarter induction third period in commons
- Music Contest:** Region II Solo and Ensemble Contest through Wednesday at Augustana College
- Student Congress:** 3:30 p.m. at WHS
- Student Council:** State convention ends today in Pierre

Lunch time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Corn dog
- A la carte lines:** Cheese pizza, chef salad, chicken sandwich, hard or soft shell taco
- Wednesday main item:** Chili
- Representatives visiting WHS:**
 TodayU. of St. Thomas, Minn.
 TodayMinn. West Tech-Worthington
 ThursdayMinn. State-Mankato

Group meetings

- Library Advisory Group:** 3:10 p.m. today in library
- Highstepper Practice:** For potential members 3:20 p.m. today in wrestling room
- Polar Plunge Participants:** 7:30 a.m. Wednesday in A-228
- Key Club Members:** 3:10 p.m. Wednesday in E-119
- First Priority Members:** 7:30 a.m. Thursday in C-111
- Diversity Committee:** 7:30 a.m. Thursday in administrative conference room

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Library encourages reading with posters

Posters to follow in footsteps of national 'Read' campaign

By Lee Metzger and Kristen Burns

Unveiled soon, new posters in the WHS library will feature selected students and staff who enjoy reading.

The posters will picture the WHS community members posing with their favorite books and will ask viewers to simply "Read."

The poster concept was inspired by a national campaign featuring celebrities from the world of entertainment, politics and sports who were pictured on similar posters a few years ago. Now, WHS students and staff will have their picture taken to help motivate their peers to read more. Teachers around the school hope that if students see other students excited about reading, it will influence their excitement about reading.

Librarian Kerri Smith said she is excited about the program and got the idea for it from another high school.

"This program actually was an idea that I got from Harrisburg High School," Smith said. "I took a trip over there and talked to the librarian

and she felt it was a great program."

Smith said she also hopes this idea will be a big influence on WHS students.

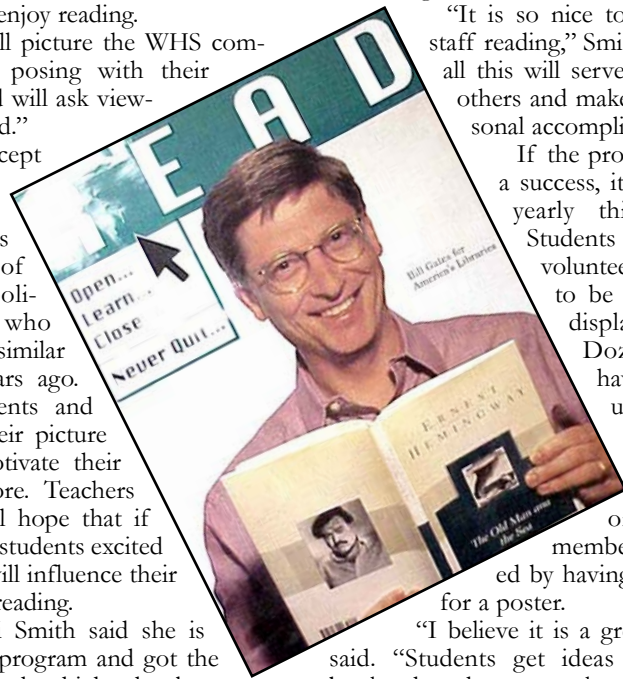
"It is so nice to see students and staff reading," Smith said. "Hopefully all this will serve as inspiration for others and make it more of a personal accomplishment."

If the program proves to be a success, it could turn into a yearly thing, Smith said. Students are encouraged to volunteer for their photo to be taken and put on display in the library. Dozens of students have already signed up to be a part of this program.

Teacher Sara Jennings was one of the staff members who participated by having her picture taken for a poster.

"I believe it is a great idea," Jennings said. "Students get ideas about interesting books that they never knew they wanted to read."

READ—Bill Gates is pictured in a poster from the national "Read" campaign.



Track teams debut at meet today

By Matt Madson and Kylie Huether

The boys and girls track and field seasons will kick-off today at 5 p.m. as the team travels to the Dakota Dome in Vermillion.

The team will be in action with the other Sioux Falls and Sioux City teams in a dual for-

mat. Total team points will not be kept during the competition which is designed as more of a season preview.

Head coach Everett Gebhart said the meet is mainly to see how well everyone competes.

"We have the chance to be a good team this year,"

Gebhart said. "We have a lot of kids back from last year and many younger kids this year that are able to compete."

Senior Ryan Routh, a member of the boys team, said that he expects tonight to go well.

"We have been running and practicing hard," Routh said. "I think we'll do pretty well."

Boys basketball team honors own at end-of-season banquet

By Tyler Crissman

The Warrior boys basketball team honored it's own last night, as they wrapped up their season with the annual awards banquet.

The team also enjoyed a large dinner while reflecting on the season and presenting awards at all levels.

"The banquet went very well," head coach Jim Trett said. "It was well attended. There was enough food to feed 100 people."

First up for awards was the naming of the team captains, chosen by the rest of the team, and traditionally given to seniors. This year, the team chose two captains, seniors Alex O'Hara and Kyle Johnson.

Players also watched as many awards were given out. Junior Ryan Lehr received the "Hustle Award" at the event and senior Alex O'Hara earned the "Oil Can" Award for his efforts in promoting

team unity.

Lehr said he was proud of earning the Mr. Hustle honor.

"I was proud and happy to have my dedication and hard work to the pay off," he said. "I had a lot of fun at the banquet, and it was a great way to end the season."

The outstanding defensive player award went to senior Tommy Torok. Junior Ben Matchan was named assist leader for the team. The free throw percentage award for leading the team went to Josh Ryan. Junior Kyle Johnson led the team in two-point shots and rebounds while Matchan led the team in three-pointers.

The Most-Improved Award went to Matchan, and Johnson was also named to the All-City team.

The team ended the season at 5-16 in the district tournament.

Junior learns about politics in Washington

Justin Ebright meets Senators, attends meetings on 'Who's Who' trip to Nation's Capitol

By Mark Magidson

Recently, WHS junior Justin Ebright was able to travel across the country to Washington, D.C., to learn more about the history of the nation as well as foundations of the government.

Ebright was selected from "Who's Who Among American High School Students" to be eligible for the week-long trip to the nation's capital. Before traveling to Washington, D.C., Ebright made sure to look for ways to defray the \$2,000 cost of the trip.

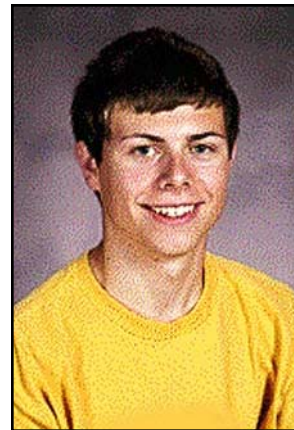
"I went to many local businesses and banks to help me pay for my plane tickets," Ebright said.

"Most of the businesses I went to were willing to give me money," he said.

While staying on the Georgetown University campus in D.C., Ebright was able to experience the political process first-hand.

"I was able to see how the government works during the information sessions," Ebright said.

Each day, Ebright, along with 300 other students from across the globe, attended a seminar with a guest speaker, toured different areas of the city and ate at many local restaurants. Ebright was also fortunate enough to meet and talk with South Dakota Senators



Junior Justin Ebright

Tim Johnson and John Thune.

Because this year's theme was "Science and Technology," the students on the trip were able to visit the Smithsonian Institute of Science and Technology as a part of the trip.

Ebright's most enjoyable moment was during the "Crossfire" segments. During this time over 20 students faced off in debates over topics on American politics.

Since Ebright was one of only two students who hailed from South Dakota, he gained important insight into the positive aspects of diversity.

"I learned how large the world actually is and how many different cultures there are," Ebright said.

Ebright said, despite the visit to D.C., he one day plans to become a pilot, not a politician.

'Netspeak' good for English language

By Robert S. Boyd Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WASHINGTON— Many schoolteachers, editors and parents profess to be horrified by "Netspeak"—the distinctive language that young people are using more and more to talk with each other on the Internet.

Purists should relax, a panel of experts declared at a recent symposium on "Language on the Internet" in Washington. This rapid spreading digital dialect of English is doing more good than harm, they contended.

"The Internet is fostering new kinds of creativity through language," said David Crystal, a historian of language at the University of Wales in the United Kingdom. "It's the beginning of a new stage in the evolution of the written language and a new motivation for child and adult literacy."

Netspeak is the language of computerized instant messages, Web logs (or "blogs"), chat rooms and other informal types of electronic communication. It also pops up in wireless jottings on hand-held devices such as BlackBerries and cell phones.

Critics object that Netspeak ignores or violates the usual rules of punctuation, capitalization and sentence structure. It's peppered with strange abbreviations, acronyms and visual symbols. Its spelling can be, well, different.

Professional linguists say not to worry. They claim that Netspeak has become a third way—in addition to traditional speech and writing—for people to communicate with one another. It brings freshness and creativity to everyday English, they say. It's even reviving the almost lost art of diary keeping.

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