



**Today:**  
Partly cloudy.  
Light SE breeze.  
High 41°.

**Tonight:**  
Showers.  
Low 31°.  
**Thursday:**  
Rain.  
High 37°.

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## Lunch time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Chili
- A la carte lines:** Pasta, chef salad, hamburger, taco hot pocket
- Thursday main item:** Fish shapes
- Representatives visiting WHS:**  
Thursday . . . . .Minn. State-Mankato

## Group meetings

- Key Club:** 3:10 p.m. today in E-119
- Highsteppers:** Try-out practice 3:20 p.m. today and Tuesday in wrestling room
- First Priority:** 7:30 a.m. Thursday in C-111
- Diversity Committee:** 7:30 a.m. Thursday in administrative conference room
- Boys Tennis:** 3:10 p.m. Thursday in A-236
- Prom Committee:** 3:20 p.m. Thursday in A-141

## Other reminders

- Library Mural Painters:** Sign up now for a painting session with teacher Bonnie Hale in C-104.
- Honor Roll Members:** Will earn free ice cream sundaes from the Renaissance Committee during lunch periods in the commons—freshman and juniors today and sophomores and seniors Thursday. A list of those eligible is posted in the office window.
- 2005 Yearbooks:** Should be ordered now. The cost is \$55, payable to WHS. A list of students who have already ordered is posted in the office window.

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# Student council members attend state convention

By Mike Merry, Lisa Jarovski and Nicole Gruhot

**V**ery excited student council members took the journey to Pierre on Sunday to attend the state convention.

Seven students participated in the event and returned Tuesday. At the Ramkota River Center in Pierre, they listened to speakers, took part in ceremonies and ran for various state offices. WHS members attending included sophomores Dzenan Berberovic, Jordan Schander, Alex Zawada and Casey Smith and juniors Haley Vellinga, Sam Soholt and Susan Chhen.

While at the convention, they met with other student council members from around South Dakota and discussed how to improve their school's atmosphere and become better equipped to serve the students. One of the highlights of the convention was raising money for the Children's Miracle Network. All four Sioux Falls high school student councils came together to give a combined sum of \$25,000.

WHS representatives also faced stiff competition from students around the state in their pursuit for state office. Vellinga was one of the students elected and received the honor to be a representative for the Spirit Falls Region, which includes the Sioux Falls and surrounding area.

Soholt said he thoroughly enjoyed the event. "There were great keynote speakers," Soholt said. "We learned about how other councils

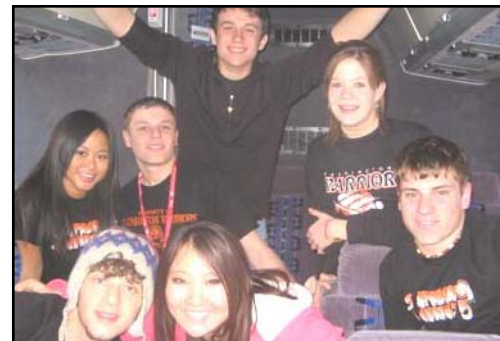


Photo by Kristie Van Meeteren  
**REPRESENTATIVES**—Student council members (front, from left) sophomore Jordan Schander, junior Haley Vellinga, sophomore Casey Smith, (middle) junior Sue Chhen, sophomore Dzenan Berberovic, sophomore Alex Zawada and (back) junior Sam Soholt pose on the bus during the trip.

around the state fundraise and organize which brought forth a lot of great ideas."

Student council advisers also met to discuss issues in a roundtable format. WHS advisers Kristie Van Meeteren and Sandy Hoff accompanied the students to the event.

"It was beneficial and there were a lot of great new ideas," Hoff said. "We learned how to better serve the students, as well as how to improve our fundraising techniques."

## Track teams open season at indoor meet

By Anne Wiederrich, Rachel Sivertson and Sara Hughes

The boys and girls varsity track teams defeated Sioux City, Iowa, North in a season-opening meet Tuesday in Vermillion.

The other Sioux Falls and Sioux City teams were also present, each competing against one other team in the season-preview dual-style meet.

Coach Everett Gebhart

said he thought the team did a good job for their first meet.

"I saw a lot of good things last night," Gebhart said. "We have some young kids that I think will help us out a lot and our veterans are also doing very well and are right where I expected."

Senior Tommy Torok also believes his team did well at the DakotaDome.

"We had a good first meet against North," Torok said. "Everybody tried their hardest

to win in their individual events."

Gebhart said he has high hopes for what the Warrior boys and girls track teams can do from here.

"Hopefully, if we keep working as hard as we have been, we will keep improving," he said. "If we do, we will be pretty competitive later in the season."

The first outdoor meet of the season will be March 31 at Roosevelt High School.

## Warrior opinions

What is your favorite type of Easter candy?

Assembled by Kyle Johnson and Jason Horstman

Heather Viste  
freshman



"I like Snickers Eggs. I like the caramel and chocolate"

Jenn Doorn  
sophomore



"I like Peeps because I like marshmallows."

Josh Ryan  
junior



"I like Cadberry Eggs because I like the creamy inside with the chocolate outside."

Cade Smith  
senior



"I like jelly beans because there is always more at the bottom of the basket."

Heidi Jorgenson  
staff



"My favorite is Cadberry Eggs because of all the stuff in the inside."

# Decade of concern for water now under way

For those of you who didn't know, yesterday was World Water Day. Because this day doesn't get much recognition, today I will give you a little information on the subject.

World Water Day was an initiative that grew out of the 1992 United Nations (U.N.) Conference on Environment

and Development in Rio de Janeiro. The U.N. General Assembly at its 58th session in December 2003

agreed to proclaim the years 2005 to 2015 as the International Decade for Action, themed "Water for Life," beginning with World Water Day, March 22, 2005. The first water decade from 1981 to 1990 brought water to over a billion people and sanitation to almost 770 million.

The focus for World Water Day is to raise awareness on water issues that are going on in the world today, and to try to make a difference for the future.

Considering how privileged we are to live in this great country, we seem to take water for granted. We don't seem to value the effect water has on all sorts of life. Just think how easy it is for us to walk up to the multitude of drinking fountains in this school and quench our thirsts whenever we please, while people halfway across the world would do anything to get a sanitary cup of water. We may not always be able to take this for granted, however. Predictions for the future in this region are bleak, and water may someday be a rare commodity here, too.

Today, there are still almost 1.1 billion people who have inadequate access to water and 2.4 billion without appropriate sanitation. If you feel the need to help out or contribute in any way, go to [www.worldwaterday.org](http://www.worldwaterday.org) for more information.

Senior Alex O'Hara loves to drink pure, clean water.



Hear me...



Alex O'Hara

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## Ask Captain RibMan

By Captain RibMan (aka John Sprenelmeyer and Rich Davis) (KRT)

Dear Captain RibMan Help, Help, I'm being oppressed!

—Dennis

Dear Dennis:

Without more details, I am at a loss to help you in your plight, you spineless weakling. I'll need to know the type, severity, names of all parties involved and the reason for oppression. I think this is an honest request for help, please file the proper forms. They can be found at my Web site 24 hours a day or at my secret hideout during business hours. I will review all "Help" requests (the "H-1 Form") once a week and prioritize the situation based on need and ability to pay. If you are currently being oppressed by illegal/space aliens, please have two forms of identification available. If your oppression comes from a communist/mutant regime, please mark the appropriate box. If there are extenuating circumstances that I should be aware of (e.g. you are rich, a head of state or a supermodel) please use the "H-1 EZ Form" to expedite any service call. I look forward to freeing you from your bonds of oppression as quickly as possible.

Good Luck!

-Captain RibMan

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