



Today:
 Mostly sunny.
 Spring-like.
 High 43°.

Tonight:
 Partly cloudy.
 Low 23°.
Saturday:
 Partly cloudy.
 High 44°.

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Happening NOW

•**Improv Show:** 7:30 p.m. tonight in Little Theatre—performances continue Saturday and Monday

Lunch Time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Popcorn chicken
- A la carte lines:** Fish and cheese sandwich, cheese pizza, chef salad, soft or hard shell taco
- Monday:** Teriyaki chicken sandwich
- Representatives visiting WHS:**
 Wednesday U.S. Air Force

Group Meetings

- Book Club:** Members and anyone interested will meet at 3:10 p.m. today in the library to discuss "Airborn."
- Girls Basketball:** Players on the sophomore, junior varsity and varsity teams will meet at 3:10 p.m. Monday in A-116 to turn in equipment and discuss the season.
- Wrestling:** Team members will meet for their end-of-season banquet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the commons.
- Principal's Advisory Council:** Members will meet during fourth period Wednesday in A-122. Lunch will be served.
- Human Sexuality Group:** Members will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday at The Center.
- Show Choir:** Auditions will be held from 1-4 p.m. March 24 in C-110. Prospective members will rehearse and perform an audition.

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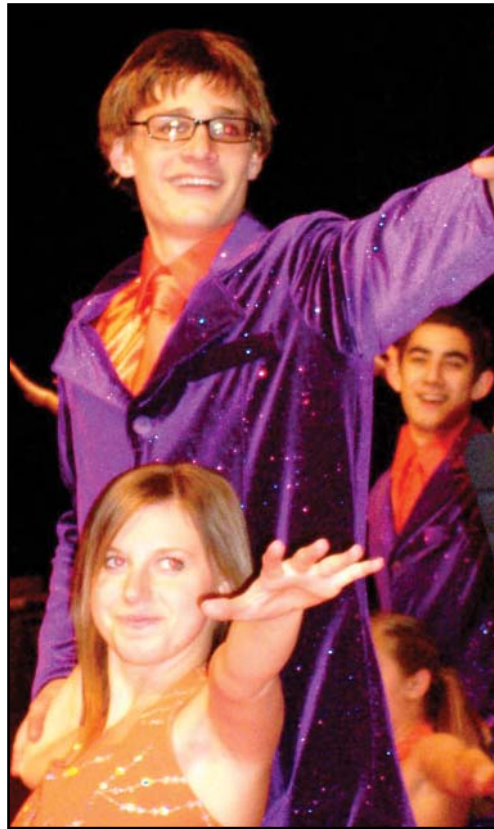
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Show choir heads to Aberdeen for competition Saturday

'Center Stage' event features 11 choirs from around region



By **Blake Berke, Shanna Burns and Molly Soholt**

After an extended break from competition due to the recent snowstorm, the WHS show choirs, Classic Connection and Stagelights, will travel to Central High School in Aberdeen to participate in the "Center Stage" Show Choir Competition Saturday.

The competition will be divided into two divisions, with both WHS choir groups in Division I—a unique situation, as this will put the WHS varsity and junior varsity groups in competition with each other.

The event will begin with pre-lims at 11 a.m. The Stagelights junior varsity show choir is scheduled to perform at 1:30 p.m. and the Classic Connection varsity show choir at 2:30 p.m. Depending on their critiques from the judges, each group will perform again between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. in finals Saturday evening. The event will conclude with an awards ceremony at 10 p.m.

Sophomore show choir member Justin Reiter said he feels well prepared for the competition.

"I think that we have been working really hard, and we should do well," Reiter said.

Show choir members will be leaving via bus from WHS at 7 a.m. Saturday morning and will return home from Aberdeen after midnight Sunday morning.

The WHS show choir will end their season by competing in Omaha, Neb., on March 24, then hosting their "Best of Show" competition at WHS at the end of March.

Photo by Molly Soholt
STARS!—Juniors Kia Ehlers and Alex Wegehaupt, members of Classic Connection, rehearse their show Thursday evening.

Highsteppers gather to honor own at banquet

By **Andy Cunningham and Miki Hopp**

The Highstepper dance team will hold their end-of-year banquet at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Cherry Creek Banquet Room.

At the event, the team members will be commemorating their year, reliving successes and handing out certificates

to each team member to help them remember the season.

The event will culminate with a video depicting highlights of the season set to music.

Many victories, including a trip to compete in Florida and culminating with a national grand championship in Minnesota, are memories that

will not be forgotten by the team members.

Senior Kayla Chambers said all the team members are very excited about getting together one last time.

"We are very excited and we know we all will bawl," Chambers said. "It will be sad, but a great way to end to a great year."

Please share—leave on tables until 5B

Q Warrior & A

A profile of WHS students

Editor's note: The Warrior Q & A is a weekly profile of Warrior students with the goal of helping members of the WHS community come to know each other better. Subjects are chosen by the Student of the Month Committee at WHS.

Assembled by Colin Brunick
Photos by Dzenan Berberovic

Kylie Huether
Senior Student of the Month

Activities: High-steppers, Young Democrats, news-paper, track and student council.

Family: My family consists of my mom, Cindy; my dad, Mike and my cat, Winnie.

What is your favorite class? Newspaper, because Mr. (Jason) Lueth is by far the most demanding, yet educational teacher who makes every day interesting.

What do you like best about WHS? No matter who you are, you can be involved and make an impact at the school.



Taylor Plucker
Senior Student of the Month

Activities: Key Club, Young Democrats and tennis.

Family: My family consists of my dad, Larry; my mom, Theresa; my sister, Hannah and my brother, Sam.

What is your favorite class? I like both AP Calculus and design because I think the teachers are great and I'm interested in the subjects.

What do you like best about WHS? I like how the teachers are fun and really enjoy the subjects they teach.

What message would you like to give to the readers of the NOW? Darn, I lost the game!



Violent '300' opens today

By Steven Rea and Carrie Rickey
The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

Opening in S.F. today

300
Stylish and violent movie based on the Frank Miller graphic novel about the Battle of Thermopylae in ancient Greece.
THE ULTIMATE GIFT

Academy Award nominee Abigail Breslin stars in this latest release from Fox Faith about a rich young man who learns what's really of value.
AMAZING GRACE
A compelling period drama about a real-life anti-slavery crusader who, in the late 1700s, fought to abolish slavery—and changed the face of British politics in the process.

Movie Scene



Change of seasons welcomed

As we come to an end of the first week of March, we are slowly beginning to see all the joyous signs of that sweet season of spring—and an end to all of this cold, filthy inflow of snow that has captivated us this past week.



Hear me...
NOW

Michael Callis

When I first stepped outside this morning to make my way to school, I could smell the change in seasons that seems to be making

its way around, with all the sweet little birdies chirping about the trees. As I made my way to school, driving through the cool morning breeze, I began to search for

other signs of the beautiful life that is spring. One was the anxiously awaited opening of my favorite ice cream place in the whole world—the B and G Milkyway.

Secondly, came the realization that there is only one week left to the third quarter, which means the fourth quarter is right around the corner, which of course also brings flare-ups of the dreaded disease “senioritis.”

Lastly is the sweet satisfaction I get out of all the madness that is March basketball, including the NCAA tournament that is just around the corner next week. Personally, this may just be my favorite month of the year for sports, highlighted by the conclusion of the tournament in early April, and the singing of “One Shining Moment” by Mr. Luther Vandross to top it all off.

Junior Michael Callis cannot wait to win junior Corey Backer's tournament pool.

Much better than walking to school uphill both ways.

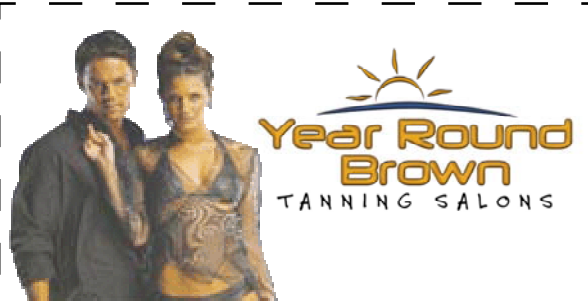


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Still in city theaters

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA
Katherine Paterson's children's novel is brought to the screen in this tale of friendship, loss and the powers of the imagination.

Sudoku Solution

Here is the solution to Thursday's Sudoku puzzle. Look for another challenging puzzle next week in Thursday's NOW.

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