



**Today:**  
 Partly sunny.  
 Breezy.  
 High 68°.

**Tonight:**  
 Mostly cloudy.  
 Low 49°.  
**Thursday:**  
 Thundershowers.  
 High 59°.

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**Happening NOW**

- Boys Tennis:** vs. Lincoln 4 p.m.—varsity and JV at WHS, freshmen at Lincoln
- AP Chemistry:** Review session 3:30 p.m. in A-217

**Lunch Time at WHS**

- Today's lunch:** Chicken nuggets
- A la carte lines:** Sausage pizza, chef salad
- Thursday:** Teriyaki beef nuggets

**Group Meetings**

- Polar Plunge:** Participants will meet during their lunch period today in the counseling conference room.
- Peer Helpers:** Will meet at 4 p.m. today in A-251.
- Renaissance Committee:** Members will meet to decorate for HonorFest after school Thursday in the gym. All performers will rehearse at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.
- Debate:** Team members will meet for their end-of-year banquet at 6 p.m. Thursday at Royal Fork.

**Beach Bash Week**

*Beach Bash week continues today and concludes with HonorFest Friday.*

**Today's Dress:** Dress like your favorite teacher/staff member day

•All dress code regulations in effect this week

**Thursday's Dress:** Hillbilly day

**Buy Tickets:** For Friday's variety show for \$3 and dance for \$5 in advanced at lunch in the commons

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# Last play of year takes stage for two final shows

**'The Movie Game' plays Thursday and Saturday in auditorium**

By Lindsey Trett and Ashlee Sturdevant

Only two more shows of the final play of the year at WHS remain as "The Movie Game" take the stage this Thursday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

The show by Adam Hummel is a romantic comedy about a man who tries to model his life after the movies on the suggestion of his therapist. The show has a unique "black box" set up in which the audience members sit on the stage with the cast.

Junior Jason Honerman helped build the set and thinks that it is a unique twist for an awesome play.

"The set is a theater in the round, which means the audience sits on stage, and adds the audience into the show," Honerman said. "Several nights have been sold out and the success has been rewarding."

Director Jaren Johnson said she is proud of

the success the play has had so far, and is excited for the last two showings.

"The play has gone fantastically and we're expecting the last two shows to sell out," Johnson said. "The crowd loves it and has been returning for a second show because they laugh so hard that they cry."

Junior Ashley Kruger has seen the play and said she enjoyed it.

"I really liked the play, it was cute how there was a love story thrown in," Kruger said.

Saturday's show will be the final curtain call for the four senior cast members, making it a special night for the theater department, as well.

The 150 tickets for each show are available at the door until sold out or from box office manager Fred Reiner in A-136 before or after school. The cost is \$5 and all seats are general admission.

## Baseball team splits pair of games with LHS

By Corey Backer and Krista Friesner

**Girls Golf**

The varsity girls golf team withstood brutal weather conditions on Monday to take fifth place in the Warrior Invitational.

Senior Chelsea Cadwell fared the best for WHS as she tied for fourth place, shooting an 82. Junior Keni Nelson came in right behind Cadwell placing sixth with an 84.

The JV team also participated in a City Meet Tuesday at Elmwood, taking second place and shooting a nine hole total of 205.

**Boys Tennis**

The varsity boys tennis team gutted out a tough 5-4 victory against the Brookings Bobcats

Tuesday at WHS.

Senior Jared Drenkow and eighth graders Dobby O'Donnell and Luke Haffeman all scored singles victories. The team of Drenkow and O'Donnell also defeated their doubles opponent to secure the slim one point victory.

**Track and Field**

The varsity Warrior track team took on teams from Watertown and Roosevelt Tuesday in a triangular meet at Roosevelt.

Some Warriors earning first place finishes in individual races were junior Casey Shade in the 800 meter run, senior Chelsey Wahlstrom and sophomore Matt Gerry in the 400, and sophomore Josh Heitkamp in the 1,600. Freshman Sami Smith also took first in both the 800 and the 1,600.

The girls medley team of juniors Lynn Wiederrich and Kaitlin Top and sophomores Jenny Teslow and Jenae Harrison placed first, as well.

**Baseball**

The varsity baseball team went 1-1 in a double header against the Lincoln Patriots Tuesday at Harmodon.

WHS lost the first game 10-3, but came back to redeem themselves, winning the second game 6-1.

Seniors Rob Smith and Adam White had two hits each in the first game, while sophomore Brady Cross' superior pitching for 7 innings and freshman Cole Halgerson's two hits secured the second win.

The varsity team's record is 4-3 overall and 2-2 in conference play. They will travel to Brookings Thursday.

**Please share—leave on lunch tables until 5B**

**Warrior opinions**

Hailey Sorensen  
Freshman



"My favorite part about this week is Friday because you can dress up in beach wear and go to the variety show."

Daejanae Woodward  
Sophomore



"My favorite part is Friday's dance because you can just let loose one more time before school gets out."

Jan Sokolovits  
Junior



"I really enjoy the dress up days and the dance on Friday night during Beach Bash week."

Brandon Feltman  
Senior



"I love going to Friday's talent show. It's interesting to watch all of the acts perform."

Jennifer Basche  
Teacher



"My favorite part of the week is the variety show. I love seeing everyone having fun on the stage."

What is your favorite part about Beach Bash week at WHS?

Assembled by Meghan O'Connor, and Tyler Bonyng

**Get excited about Beach Bash week at WHS**

A majority of you, I know, are looking forward to getting out of high school, going on to college and starting a whole new life. But this week, let's focus on the immediate matters at hand—Beach Bash.

Everywhere I walk I see unhappy faces and lack-luster enthusiasm for the on-going spring celebration—why is that? Could it be the lack of sunny days, the fact that there hasn't been a snow day in decades, or that this year's line up of dress-up days is not to everyone's liking? Whatever the case, I say people need to get more excited about this week.

Now, I'm not usually an advocate for joyous occasions, but even I am looking forward to this coming Friday's festivities. It might be the fact that my compadres and

myself, "The Wheelchair Commandos," will be performing at the variety show along with many other exciting acts.

If you're not for the entertainment of the varsity show, there is also Friday's dance. It is fairly cheap to attend, and combined with prom last weekend, it's like a never-ending party!

For seniors, Friday also brings the elusive and probably indoor (think rain) cookout! Yes, we don't have to spend any of our funds for one day to eat and enjoy our seniorhood with friends.

Lastly, we have the acknowledgement of school academics at Friday morning's HonorFest. Whether it's never missing a single day of school since you entered high school or getting a 4.0 all four years, many of us will receive something to commemorate our efforts these past four years.

So don't stress about end-of-semester schoolwork and other little insignificant things—cheer up!

Senior Shawn Vongchanne will surely be frolicking through fields with Neil Patrick Harris!



Hear me...



Shawn Vongchanne

**Obama criticizes former pastor**

By **Larry Eichel**  
The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.—Seeking anew to end the controversy that has dogged his campaign for nearly two months, Sen. Barack Obama Tuesday blasted his former pastor in far stronger and more personal language than before, calling the recent comments of the Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr. "an insult to what we've been trying to do in this campaign."

At a news conference here, in a state that holds its primary next Tuesday, the Democratic presidential candidate said he had given Wright "the benefit



of the doubt" in the March 18 speech on race he delivered in Philadelphia.

But looking stern and upset, Obama said he changed his mind after watching a videotape of the pastor's Monday speech at the National Press Club in Washington.

Wright's words, Obama said, "offend me, they rightly offend all Americans, and they should be denounced." He said Wright's comments were "divisive and destructive," gave "comfort to those who prey on hate," and clashed with his own efforts to promote mutual understanding.

"If Rev. Wright thinks that's political posturing, as he put it, then he doesn't know me very well," the candidate said of the clergyman who officiated at Obama's wedding and baptized his daughters. "And based on his remarks yesterday, well, I may not know him as well as I thought either."

On Monday, Wright implied that Obama agreed with some of his more incendiary and divisive views.

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