



**Today:**  
Sunny.  
Breezy.  
High 82°.

**Tonight:**  
Mostly clear.  
Low 58°.  
**Friday:**  
Mostly sunny.  
High 83°.

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**Happening NOW**

- Boys Golf:** vs. Yankton and Lincoln 2 p.m. at Elmwood
- Girls Tennis:** vs. Brookings 4 p.m. at WHS
- Football:** Sophomores vs. O’Gorman 4:15 p.m. at WHS
- Soccer:** vs. O’Gorman at Yankton Trail Park—JV 6 p.m., varsity 8 p.m., boys on Field 9, girls on Field 11

**Lunch Time at WHS**

- Today’s lunch:** Breaded chicken
- A la carte lines:** Pepperoni Hot Pocket, chef salad, chicken fajita
- Representatives visiting WHS:**  
Today . . . . . ShadowED Coordinator  
Friday . . . . . College of Art & Design—Omaha, Neb.  
Tuesday . . . . . Augustana C.—Sioux Falls  
Sept. 29 . . . . . Northern State U.—Aberdeen

**Group Meetings**

- Book Club:** Will meet for the first time this year during lunch periods today in the library. Attend either fourth or fifth period.
- Quiz Bowl:** Team members will meet at 3:10 p.m. today in A-159.
- Gay/Straight Alliance:** Members will meet at 3:15 p.m. today in E-118. New members are welcome.
- Math Club:** Will hold an organizational meeting at 3:15 p.m. today in A-233.
- Oral Interp:** Team members will meet at 3:15 p.m. today in the Little Theatre.
- Mayor’s Youth Council:** Is accepting new members. Applications are available now in the counseling center.

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# WHS makes progress goals in all cells of test

By Jena Horne, Brittny Fuller and Payton Randle

**W**HS has recently been acknowledged for the outstanding Dakota STEP test results earned by the class of 2009.

The current senior class, who took the Dakota STEP state proficiency tests as juniors last spring, is being recognized for being one of the only high schools in the district who exceeded all academic goals for the year. Over 75 percent of the class was determined to be proficient in math, and the school as a whole has been approved to have made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

To achieve AYP under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) act, the school had to meet proficiency goals in all of the 16 different cells of the exam, which has never been done before. The cells include ethnic subdivisions as well as groups with disabilities and students with limited English ability in both math and reading categories. The Dakota

STEP (State Test of Educational Progress) is South Dakota’s written exam used to measure student achievement and school efficiency. The NCLB federal mandate set in 2002 has mandated that all schools become “proficient” in math and reading by the 2013-14 school year.

Assistant principal Jim Kayl said he is very proud of WHS’s accomplishments.

“This is the first year we have met full proficiency as a school,” Kayl said. “The last few years we’ve implemented programs to assist non-proficient students in math and reading.”

Kayl said it is important for this year’s juniors to also take the test seriously.

“If a school doesn’t make AYP it is put on school improvement,” he said. “It takes two years to get off school improvement status, so we’re looking for great results out of this year’s juniors.”

This year’s junior class will be taking the Dakota STEP tests in April.

**NCLB testing Cells**

*To meet AYP, WHS must be proficient in both math and reading in eight identified cells:*

- All Students
- White Students
- Black Students
- Asian Students
- Native American Students
- Hispanic Students
- Economically Disadvantaged Students
- Students with Disabilities

## Boys golf team takes win from Brandon Valley

**Boys Golf**  
By Tanner Houselog

The boys golf team put six varsity players in the top seven as WHS seized a win from Brandon Valley 142-164 Wednesday at Willow Run.

Senior Kyle Cooper was medalist with a score of 33.

Cooper said it was a great day for golf.

“It was nice to play on our home course and keep it rolling,” Cooper said.

The JV team also left the Lynx in the dust 168-192.

The boys golf teams will

be looking for another win against Yankton and Lincoln at 2 p.m. today at Elmwood.

**Football**  
By Jack Gordon, Kelsey Kading and Aubrey Bergstrom

The undefeated sophomore football team squares off today against the O’Gorman Knights.

The game kicks-off at 4:15 p.m. at WHS.

Starting quarterback Serkaut Aware will try to lead a potent offense which has dismantled defenses so far this year. Helping to lead that offense is wide receiver Cole Halgerson.

Halgerson is looking for positive results.

“If we play hard we should come out on top,” Halgerson said.

**Soccer**  
By Dillon Schenkel and Kory Thorstenson

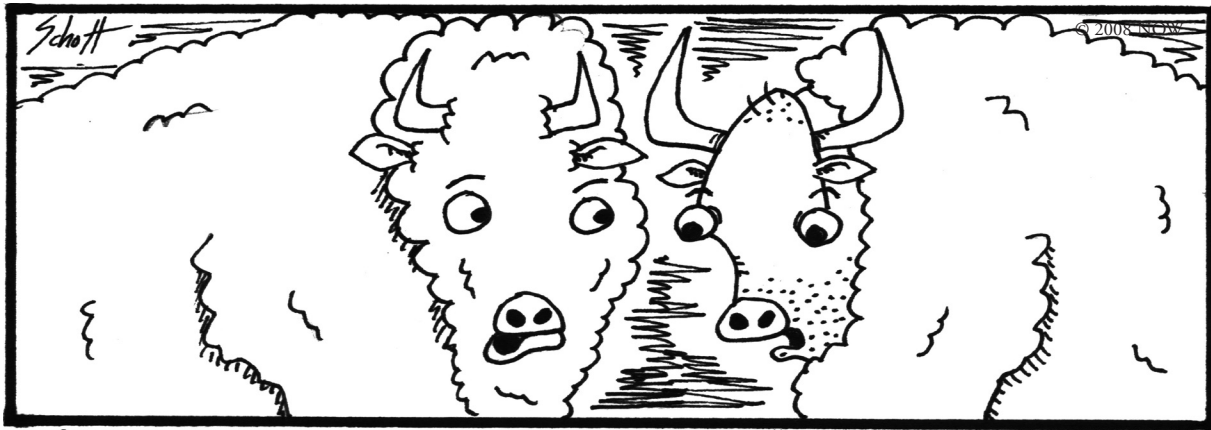
The varsity boys and girls soccer teams take the field tonight at Yankton Trail against O’Gorman at 8 p.m.

The girls will face the Knights on field 11 and the boys on 9. The girls varsity team is undefeated and the boys look to improve to 5-2. The JV plays at 6 p.m.

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

# Cartoon

By Aaron Schott



"That's the last time I go for the clean-shaven look."

## Is oil drilling in wildlife areas really the answer?

Every time I flip on the news, I hear about drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Now that Congress has agreed to lift the ban on offshore drilling, this pristine wilderness is at stake.

Neither Presidential candidate John McCain nor Barack Obama is in favor of drilling in ANWR, but the American public disagrees—59 percent of Americans believe drilling in the Refuge is the answer to our gas price crisis. With an estimated 10 billion barrels of oil in ANWR, it seems to be a pretty good solution to many.

bears go? With global warming melting ice caps and snow drifting into the Arctic Ocean, their space seems to be running out. Honestly, who would want to see a polar bear drifting face down in the ocean? That's like punching a grandma or a late hit to a quarterback—you just don't do it.

With more than 19.5 million acres of land making up the Refuge, only a proposed 2,000 acres would be used for drilling. Drilling wouldn't happen for the next two to five years, and would not affect gas prices for eight to ten years. Drilling is only a short-term solution to our problem—so what is the answer to America's oil addiction?

Alternative energy is the answer to our problems. We need to look at alternative energy and move away from our addiction. Do we risk losing one of the last untouched wilds in the world? Or do we drill and end the gas crisis? You be the judge.

Senior Matt Herbert loves polar bears.



Hear me...



Matt Herbert

## Election Countdown: 46 Days

### McCain blames financial turmoil on Wall Street

By David Lightman and William Douglas McClatchy Newspapers (MCT) GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.— John McCain blamed Wall Street's "casino culture" and Barack Obama blamed Republicans—including McCain —on Wednesday for the financial turmoil that led to the government's takeover of the nation's largest insurer.



"The government was forced to commit \$85 billion," McCain, the Republican presidential nominee, said in a statement about the Federal Reserve's loan Tuesday night to American International Group. "These actions stem from failed regulation, reckless management and a casino culture on Wall Street that has crippled one of the most important companies in America."

Obama, the Democratic presidential nominee, pounced, calling McCain's views "an eleventh-hour conversion to the language of reform" after decades of support for Republican policies deferring to markets and cutting government regulation of them.

The Fed's takeover of AIG "is the final verdict on the failed economic philosophy of the last eight years," Obama charged in a statement. "This crisis serves as a stark reminder of the failures of crony capitalism and an economic philosophy that sees any regulation at all as unwise and unnecessary. ... Despite his eleventh-hour conversion to the language of reform, Senator McCain has subscribed to this philosophy for 26 years in Washington."

## Sioux-do-ku NOW

Fill all the blank squares in the game with the correct numbers. Every row, column and 3x3 subsection of nine numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. The correct solution will appear in Friday's NOW.

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