



**Today:**  
 Slowly clearing.  
 Breezy.  
 High 73°.

**Tonight:**  
 Mostly cloudy.  
 Low 54°.  
**Saturday:**  
 Mostly cloudy.  
 High 71°.

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**Happening NOW**

**Today:**

- Tennis:** State Meet through Saturday in Rapid City
- Soccer:** State Tournament through Saturday in Aberdeen
- Cross Country:** GDC Meet 4 p.m. in Rapid City
- Football:** Varsity vs. Rapid City Central 8 p.m. at O'Hara Field in Rapid City

**Saturday:**

- Marching Band:** At Links Marching Competition in Lincoln, Neb.
- Oral Interp:** At Deuel/Clear Lake event all day

**Lunch Time at WHS**

- Today's lunch:** Cheeseburger
- A la carte lines:** Cheese pizza, chef salad, taco
- Representatives visiting WHS:**  
 Tuesday . . . . . Dakota State U.-Madison  
 Tuesday . . . . . Dort C.-Iowa  
 Wednesday . . . . . U. of S.D.-Vermillion  
 Oct. 17 . . . . . Augustana C.-Sioux Falls  
 Oct. 21 . . . . . Buena Vista U.-Iowa  
 Oct. 23 . . . . . The Creative Center-Neb.  
 Oct. 28 . . . . . S.D. State U.-Brookings

**Group Meetings**

- Math Club:** Will meet at 3:10 p.m. today in A-233.
- Teen Read:** Week is next week. Celebrate with a discussion of Stephanie Meyer's "Twilight" series during lunch periods Thursday. Sign up today in the library to attend.
- Boys and Girls:** Interested in participating on the school bowling team will meet at 3:15 p.m. Oct. 21 in the commons. Not ready to compete? Sign up for intramural bowling Oct. 27 now in the counseling center.

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**Tennis team advances all singles players on day one**

**Action moves inside today because of weather**

By Megan Martin

The Warrior varsity girls tennis team swung into action Thursday starting at 9 a.m. in a cold 41st annual State Tournament in Rapid City.

All players in singles advanced on Day One, beating opponents from opposing schools including Brandon Valley, Roosevelt, Brookings, Sturgis, Todd County and Mitchell.

In doubles, the Warriors went 2-1, as the No. 1 doubles team of senior Kilee Kading and junior Sam Stanley lost to Huron in a hard fought match, but soon recovered in the constellation match against Brookings. Doubles team No. 2 consisting of senior Katie Whelden and freshman Tina Ericksen won in a 10 point tie-breaker over Pierre. Seniors Kristen Holm and Andi Leonard defeated Madison, which also ended in a tie-breaker.

The tournament will continue today in an abbreviated indoor schedule in Rapid City as the events move indoors because of cold weather.

Leonard said the inclement weather the players are facing is making things interesting.

"With all the elements that our team faced today, our team played well," Leonard said. "We hope to keep playing well on day two."

Ending the tiring day around 9 p.m., the girls left the courts with hopes of more victories continuing today.

Whelden said the team plan for the tournament is working so far.

"The team was nervous today (Thursday) but we helped each other to remember to just have fun and play our best, and so far the plan has worked," Whelden said.



Photo courtesy South Dakota Public Broadcasting  
**BIG HIT—Junior Sam Stanley hits the ball during day one of the tournament in Rapid City.**

**Girls soccer team still in contention**

By Kelli Hillbrands

The varsity girls soccer team is still on track for a state title after day one of the AA State Soccer Tournament in Aberdeen.

The event features the eight top girls and boys AA soccer teams from across the state.

The undefeated Warrior girls soccer team started the event with a 3-1 win over Aberdeen Central to keep their perfect winning record in tact.

Scoring for the Warriors were juniors Jenny Teslow with two goals and Caylee Costello

scoring one.

Senior Katie Bergstrom said she thought the team came out slowly, but quickly changed the pace to come out with a win.

"We came out a little shaky," Bergstrom said, "but once we calmed down we started to play together and connected to finish strong."

The WHS soccer girls will next be taking on the O'Gorman Knights at 2 p.m. today.

In boys soccer action, the fifth-rated WHS boys team suf-

fered a disappointing 3-1 loss in a shoot-out against Aberdeen Central Thursday afternoon.

Senior Joe Gullickson thought the team played well, but could not quite finish.

"We worked really hard and played great, but just could not pull it out in the end," Gullickson said.

The WHS soccer boys will next compete today facing the Knights, also at 9 a.m.

The state soccer tournament wraps up today and Saturday at the Moccasin Creek Complex in Aberdeen.

**Football at R.C. Stevens 8 p.m. tonight**

# Marching Band travels to Lincoln, Neb. competition for first time Saturday

**Marching Band**  
By Parker Hanson

This Saturday the Warrior Marching Band will compete at the Links Marching Contest in Lincoln, Neb. for the first time ever.

After a sensational start to the season, the band is looking to add to their success this weekend.

Senior Andrew Beck said he is looking forward to the competition in Nebraska.

"We have been practicing really hard all week and are looking to

compete really well in Lincoln," Beck said.

**Spirit Teams**  
By Stacy Marlette  
and Kjerstin Cosand

The competition dance and cheer teams competed in the Brandon Valley Invitational Thursday in Brandon.

The Highstepper dance team took first in the hip-hop division and second in the remaining categories at the event.

The cheer team did not place in the competition.

Junior Morgan Berens, a member of both teams, said she thinks the teams need to step it up.

"We hope to do better next time," Berens said.

**Volleyball**

By Tyler Haigh and Tyler Welbig

The sophomore and freshman volleyball teams were in action Thursday night at Sioux Falls Christian as the sophomore team lost in three games, 25-27, 25-21, and 10-15.

The freshmen lost in three games, as well.

**Election Countdown:**  
**24 Days**

**Obama slams McCain's mortgage relief plan**

By Margaret Talev and William Douglas McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

CINCINNATI — Democrat Barack Obama on Thursday slammed Republican John McCain's new mortgage rescue plan in a television ad and on the stump in Ohio, calling it a "risky idea" that would take advantage of taxpayers, adding that it's an example of his opponent's "erratic behavior."



If McCain hopes his uncharacteristic big-government proposal will hold populist appeal for millions of struggling homeowners in the closing weeks of the campaign, Obama is betting that he can turn that strategy upside down by presenting it as evidence that McCain, a longtime advocate of deregulation, is more interested in helping the lending industry than homeowners.

Noting the Dow's drop Thursday below 9,000, Obama told a crowd at a park in Cincinnati that if they used to have a 401(k) retirement savings account, "You've got a 101(k) now," and the next president will have to deal with the fallout. "Will that president be looking out for you?" he asked.

McCain, campaigning in Wisconsin, defended his mortgage plan. He also continued to argue that voters should be afraid of Obama because he previously was involved in two mainstream charitable organizations with, and in the 1990s attended a candidate event at the home of, a Chicago professor who had been an activist in the violent Vietnam War-era protest group the Weather Underground.

# Make-up work can be overwhelming

OK, so no one really minds missing a little bit of school, but what I know everyone hates is the make-up work that you have to do if you are gone—for anything.

It doesn't matter if it's football, oral interp, illness or anything else, if you are gone the works builds up.

As I write this, I have just completed 2 hours and 47 minutes (yeah I timed it) of make-up work from my recent trip to the state golf tournament in Rapid City. So I thought about

I would do that more, because when you don't, get ready because when you return there will be no fun. I found it very hard to concentrate as a new episode of "The Office" was conveniently on in my room. As all of you know this was a new episode, and I'm sure everyone took a half hour to sit down and enjoy this hilarious compilation of inside jokes and awkward pauses. If you think that was just a lame excuse to pitch "The Office," it was. After my mishap freshman year when I wrote a column about the office two weeks in a row, I feel almost ashamed that I have to use a column about make-up work to throw it in.

So what's number two? Don't get distracted and work hard, so you can get that make-up work done.

That's all I really have, because I am more worried about my make-up work. Thanks for listening to my ramblings and have a good Friday!

Senior Parker Hanson needs help with his pre-calc make-up.



Hear me...



Parker Hanson

it, and there are two solutions that are plausible (and no, one of them is not getting a zero).

Number one, get your work in advance. I really wish

# Football team travels west to R.C. Stevens

By Megan Martin

The varsity football team is traveling west today to take on the Stevens Raiders in Rapid City.

Kick-off for the game is set for 8 p.m. Central time, 7 p.m. Mountain time at O'Hara Stadium on the campus of the School of Mines and Technology.

The Warriors are currently sitting at 5-1 on the season and are ranked third in the state in the most recent sportswriter's poll, released Tuesday. Brandon Valley is the only undefeated team remaining in Double-A, and is currently rated No. 1.

Stevens is currently 1-5, and is not currently ranked.

Senior Derek Hoogendoorn said he thinks the team is ready to travel and take on a quality opponent tonight.

"We are looking forward to tonight's game," Hoogendoorn said. "After a week of hard practices, we are looking for a win to get a step closer to state."

The Warriors are in action again Oct. 17 when the Spearfish Spartans come to Sioux Falls, then wrap-up the season with No. 5 Roosevelt on Oct. 23 at Howard Wood.

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**October 18**  
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