



Today:
 Partly cloudy.
 Light west wind.
 High 66°.

Tonight:
 Mostly clear.
 Low 44°.

Friday:
 Mostly sunny.
 High 73°.

Thursday NOW is brought to you by: Dakota Lettering.

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL • SIOUX FALLS, SD

Happening now

- Play:** "The Pony Express"—opening night 7:30 p.m. in Little Theatre
- Boys Golf:** End-of-season banquet 6 p.m. in commons

Lunch time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Chicken drumstick
- A la carte lines:** Rotini, chef salad, cold sandwiches, foot-long hot dog, taco hot pocket
- Monday:** Teryaki chicken sandwich
- Representatives visiting WHS:** Wednesday Bethany Lutheran, Minn.

Group meetings

- Key Club:** 3:10 p.m. today in E-119
- Photography Club:** 3:10 p.m. today in C-104
- Writing Club:** 3:10 p.m. today in the library
- Human Sexuality Group:** now forming—sign up in the counseling center to attend

Other reminders

- Warrior Throw:** Now being sold as a senior class fund-raiser see one on display near the office and pick up an order form there.
- Warrior Faces-Central America:** Will be held next week. Students of Central American ancestry should stop by the counseling center to have their picture taken today.
- Seniors:** Plan to attend a scholarship workshop at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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Drama department presents first show of school year

Melodrama set to run through Tuesday in Little Theatre

By Matt Madson and Gabe Steinborn

Members of the WHS Drama Department will open the season with their first show of the year tonight as "The Pony Express or The Villain Came to a Grinding Halt" kicks off at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the WHS Little Theatre.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the play will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. tonight through Tuesday (with no show on Sunday) and the cost is \$3.

Junior Brandon Sandoval plays the part of the villain named Mo Cabana in the classically-themed melodrama. Sandoval said his expectations for the play are very high.

"Our practices have been going very well and our dress rehearsal was very good, so I expect the play as a whole to go well," Sandoval said.

Sandoval added that the play contains a lot of new talent.

"There are a lot of freshman and sophomores in the play," Sandoval said. "They've come a long way since the start of the year."

Sandoval also said the play is very funny with jokes every minute.

"The play is full of corny and cheap jokes," Sandoval said. "There are jokes every minute that the audience will enjoy."

Director Fred Reiner said he has high expectations for "The Pony Express."

"The play is a good, old-fashioned melodrama," Reiner said. "The audience will be able to participate in the play, which will make the play very fun."

Reiner said that a melodrama is a fun type of play for all.

"The play is a melodrama, and in a melodrama the actors overact their parts," Reiner said. "The cast of 'The Pony Express' is a great group of kids. I expect that a good audience will come and enjoy the play."



Sports teams in action this weekend

Football

By Ryan Lehr

The varsity Warrior football team will travel to Rapid City this weekend to face off against the Rapid City Central Cobblers in their penultimate regular-season game.

Sophomore Tim Marlette said the game should be a good one.

"We have worked hard at practice this week and we are ready to play," Marlette said.

Game time is 7 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time Friday at O'Hara Field on the S.D. School of Mines and Technology campus in Rapid City.

Volleyball

By Alexander Gutnik

The varsity volleyball team will face unknown competition this weekend as they participate in a two-day tournament in Marshall, Minn., Friday and Saturday.

The Subway Classic will be played on the Southwest State University Campus where the Warriors will face off against Pipestone Area and Yellow Medicine East High School to begin the tournament.

Coach LaDawn Nesje is excited for the tournament.

"This will be good team building out of town," Nesje said.

Cross Country

By Blake Berke, Caitlin Walsh and Kelley Walsh

The Warrior boys and girls varsity cross-country teams will compete in the Greater Dakota Conference Meet Friday at Tuthill Park in Sioux Falls.

Freshman Emily Nachtigal is ready for the big meet.

"Tuthill is a tough course and there's going to be tough competition, but we've been training hard all year so we should do well," Nachtigal said.

The cross-country season finishes up with the state meet on Oct. 22 in Rapid City.

Please share—leave on tables until 5B

Cartoon

By Aaron Schott



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If the Sturgis Scoopers had a mascot

Junior not ready for Christmas display

Recently, I was aimlessly wandering through one of our fine local discount retailers, when I noticed a Christmas display roughly the size of Harding County.

Large Christmas displays don't bother me at all, but what does worry me is when they break out the goods in early October. Right now, there are still four major holidays before Christmas—my birthday, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Unfortunately, for these holidays, the national chains that control American's spending habits don't feel these occasions would "stimulate the economy" enough to merit actually trying to sell commodities pertaining to the day.

Remember when you were little and you gave a hideous gift—like a painting of a turkey that was actually your hand—and all the adults would say, "Isn't that so cute? It really IS the thought that counts!" Since our youth, however, that attitude has shifted, and the big nationwide stores have convinced us that Uncle Jericho needs a totally cordless nose hair trimmer *and* a one of a kind, king-size ironing board instead of one useful gift, such as a nice tie.

It is this "economical stimulating" point of view which, though it may save us from a terrible depression from which we never recover, also leads to an overlooking of all the other great holidays.

Just think, nobody used to buy any gifts until Christmas Eve, and the stores still made their money—they just had to use the good ole' fashioned American tradition called price gouging. What a pity.

Junior Jake Brakke wants a Christmas tree for his birthday.



Hear me...



Jake Brakke

Think you know sports?

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It's Thursday, and that means sports trivia time in the NOW! If you think you are a sports expert, try your skill at these sports trivia questions.

Hockey is back! Today, test your knowledge of the on-again, off-again league.

Questions:

- 1.) Has Cleveland ever been home to an NHL team?
- 2.) I was the first American-born player to win the NHL's Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP in 1994. Who am I?
- 3.) What was the last NHL team to win the Stanley Cup Finals two consecutive seasons?
- 4.) Numbers game: Of the 11 times a player has scored more than 161 points in an NHL season, Wayne Gretzky has done it nine times. Who performed the feat the other two times?
- 5.) After the NHL owners and players union finally reached an agreement on a new collective bargaining agreement in July after a lost season, Sidney Crosby, now 18, was the first overall pick in the 2005 NHL entry draft in Ottawa. Who selected him?

Answers:

- 1.) Yes. The Cleveland Barons played at the Richfield Coliseum from 1976 to 1978. However, because the Barons were losing so much money, the team merged with the Minnesota North Stars after the 1978 season. The merger was announced on June 14, 1978 during the NHL meetings.
 - 2.) Brian Leetch, a defenseman, helped the New York Rangers win the Stanley Cup in 1994, their first since 1940. Leetch highlighted his superb playoff play with five goals and six assists in the Stanley Cup Finals against the Vancouver Canucks.
 - 3.) The Detroit Red Wings, in 1996-97 and 1997-98. That's why Motown is Hockeytown.
 - 4.) Mario Lemieux, with the Pittsburgh Penguins, did it twice (168 points in the 1987-88 season and 199 points in the 1988-89 season).
 - 5.) The Pittsburgh Penguins. Furthermore, Crosby, during his two-year career in the Canadian Hockey League, recorded the second best points per game average in CHL history with a 2.51 points per game average. Who, incidentally, had the highest? Mario Lemieux, with 2.81.
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SIoux FALLS HAS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ILLEGAL USE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Sophomore football team falls to Roosevelt 41-6

By Chelsey Wahlstrom and Corey Backer

The Warrior sophomore football team headed to Howard Wood Field on Wednesday where they fell to cross-town rival Roosevelt 41-6 in a disappointing performance.

Sophomore Sayre

Bedinger said he feels the team didn't live up to its potential.

"We didn't tackle well and didn't match Roosevelt's intensity," Bedinger said.

Next Monday the sophomores will take on the Lincoln Patriots in their final game of the season.

A little Wake, rattle and roll

Knight Ridder/Tribune Information Services

Singer-songwriter Cindy Bullens says her beloved Boston Red Sox are a motley crew of troggs, rascals and outcasts that somehow makes beautiful music together.

"I think they approach the game of baseball like a band," says Bullens, whose latest album "Dream #29" was set for release this week.

Knuckleballer Tim Wakefield sings backup vocals on one song.

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