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 Mostly sunny.  
 Light SE breeze.  
 High 80°.

**Tonight:**  
 Partly cloudy.  
 Low 44°.  
**Wednesday:**  
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 High 62°.

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## Happening now

- Play:** "The Pony Express" 7:30 p.m. in Little Theatre—closing night
- Football:** Freshman 4:30 p.m. in Watertown
- Volleyball:** at Lincoln—freshman and sophomore 5 p.m., junior varsity 6:15 p.m., varsity 7:30 p.m.
- Softball:** End-of-season banquet 5:30 p.m. in commons
- Novice Interp:** 3:30 p.m. at Roosevelt

## Lunch time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** French dip sandwich
- A la carte lines:** Pizza, chef salad, cold sandwiches, breaded chicken sandwich, nachos
- Wednesday:** Chicken nuggets
- Representatives visiting WHS:** Wednesday . . . . . Bethany Lutheran, Minn.

## Group meetings

- Study Skills Workshop:** Presented by AP teachers 3:15 p.m. today in auditorium
- Young Republicans:** 3:15 p.m. today in A-123
- SADD:** 7:45 a.m. Wednesday in A-113
- Scholarship Workshop:** For seniors and parents 7 p.m. Wednesday in Little Theatre
- Peer Helpers:** 7:30 a.m. Thursday in A-251
- Key Club:** 3:15 p.m. Thursday in E-119

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# Melodrama packs in audiences for performances in Little Theatre

## 'Pony Express' show closes tonight at WHS

By Katie Forsyth and Ashley Buhr

Cast members from the WHS drama department will perform their last production of "The Pony Express" or "The Villian Came to a Grinding Halt" tonight in the Little Theatre.

The presentation will close out a successful run of the classic melodrama that opened Thursday.

Tickets go on sale at 7 p.m. tonight for \$3 and the play will start sharply at 7:30 p.m.

The play features audience involvement in the spirit of the melodrama that includes corny jokes and overacting.

Senior Brandy Duggan, who plays Fifi Latte in the show, said she thinks the play has gone well.

"I thought it went well—their were no mistakes throughout the entire play," Duggan said. "I enjoyed working with a lot of new people who have



Photo by Ashley Buhr

**GIMME A CUP OF JOE**—Cast members including junior Amanda Rasmussen as Barb Dwyer, senior Alicia Peterson as Dee Calf and freshman Lilia Baltazar as Star Bright act out a scene from "Pony Express" last night in the Little Theatre.

never been on stage before."

Duggan said she plans to try out for other plays this year, as well.

"I plan to try out for the rest of the plays this year, it is fun working with other kids, and it is a thrilling experience," she said.

Duggan said she has great expectations for the play's culminating performance tonight.

"As our last show, I think we will do well as long as the audience does their part and we have a lot of energy," she said.

## Sports teams take on Lincoln Patriots

### Sophomore football team wins 26-22 By Amanda Holden and Katie Gagnon

The sophomore football team ended their season with an exciting 26-22 win as they held off the Lincoln Patriots Monday at WHS.

The game was a great way to finish out the season, sophomore Kelby Bayne said.

"We came out strong and never quit, that's why we came out on top," Bayne said.

Sophomore Eric Willuweit said he thought this season was tough.

"We had our good games, and we also had games where we didn't play as a team," Willuweit said.

The team finished out the season with a 4-5 record.

### Volleyball teams in action tonight By Lance Moberly and Haleigh DeBoer

The freshman-varsity volleyball teams will face off against the Lincoln Patriots tonight at Lincoln.

The freshman and sophomore teams will take the court at 5 p.m. with the junior varsity and varsity to follow.

The Warrior varsity is coming off a big win over O'Gorman last week end a disappointing weekend at the Subway Tournament in Marshall, Minn.

Sophomore Katie Marso said they need a lot of communication to win tonight.

"We need to talk it up on the court and work as a team," Marso said.

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

## 2005 graduate experiences hurricane first-hand

**By Sara Hughes**

Even while WHS students were gearing up to help with hurricane relief efforts, one former WHS student was experiencing Hurricane Katrina first-hand as he started his first year of college in New Orleans in a way no incoming freshman should have to.

Andrew Gibson, class of 2005, was a new freshman at Tulane University in New Orleans, when the severity of the hurricane became evident.

"They told us it was going to hit on Monday, so we had to get on buses and evacuate on Saturday," Gibson said. "We didn't think it was any big deal, because these evacuations happen all the time."

From Tulane, the buses took students to Jackson State University in Mississippi, about two and a half hours north, where they slept on a gym floor.

"On the Sunday before the storm hit, they took us

to Wal-Mart to buy what we needed, since we were told to only pack one bag and take what was necessary," Gibson said. "With everyone sleeping on a gym floor, and not being able to leave, it was one of the worst experiences of my life."

The students watched the news, which told them the storm was going to hit Monday.

"They had upgraded the hurricane, so it looked like it was going to be really bad, and everyone was getting pretty worried," he said. "Even in Jackson, the skies were dark and it was really windy. When it hit Jackson, you could hear the wind pushing against the walls of the gym and hear the rain coming down. I looked outside and all I could see was rain and there was debris and roofing everywhere. When the hurricane hit Jackson it was only a Category 2, so I can't imagine what it was like in New Orleans,

where it was a Category 5."

The hurricane hit New Orleans on Monday, Aug. 29, and hit Jackson on Tuesday, Aug. 30, leaving both cities without power or running water for the next few days.

"We didn't have power after it hit, so we had no connection to the outside world and we didn't know how bad New Orleans was hit," remembers Gibson. "We had to stay in Jackson for three more days, and people were getting pretty anxious to leave."

Once they finally left Jackson, the students were given two options—they could be bussed either to Atlanta, Ga., or Dallas, Texas. Gibson picked Dallas. On the way, the buses stopped at a truck stop, where the students were first able to watch the news to find out about the condition of the city.

"Everyone was crowded around the TV, because it was the first time anyone



**Andrew Gibson  
class of 2005**

was able to hear anything about the hurricane," Gibson said. "It was so shocking to watch footage of New Orleans."

From Atlanta, Gibson flew to his parents' new home in Maryland, and from there decided to enroll in Randolph Macon College in Richmond, Va. He would like to return to Tulane for the spring 2006 semester, he said.

"It's still so weird to even think about what happened," Gibson said. "It was by far the most powerful thing I've ever witnessed."

## Tropical storm Wilma gaining strength

**By Martin Merzer Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)**

MIAMI—Tropical Storm Wilma—that's right, the first "W" storm in history—strengthened Monday in the Caribbean and was expected to become a hurricane today.

The 21st named storm of 2005 tied the record for the most storms in an Atlantic hurricane season, exhausted the official list of names and could pose a threat to Florida by this weekend.

A hurricane watch already covered the Cayman Islands. A tropical storm warning was posted for western Honduras.

"I don't think anybody ever thought we would be at this point," Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center in West Miami-Dade County, said of the extraordinarily busy season.

Long-range predictions, subject to widely accepted margins of error, carried Wilma into the Gulf of Mexico as a major Category 3 hurricane by Friday.

Once there, it may weaken slightly but it will strike the mainland somewhere, and forecasters advised Floridians to remain particularly alert.

"The advice for folks in Florida is not to put away all those hurricane supplies yet," Mayfield said.

Still pulling itself together and trapped between two high-pressure systems that it cannot go through, Wilma meandered near Jamaica Monday and was expected to drift slowly through the northwestern Caribbean for several days.

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## Highsteppers participate in Katrina relief fund-raiser

**By Sydney Schuknecht**

The WHS Highstepper dance team joined with several other community groups and performed at the Elmen Center during a fundraiser to help hurricane victims Sunday.

All-American Gymnastics Academy sponsored the event to show their support for the people affected by recent hurricanes.

At the event the Highsteppers performed their competition pom and hip-hop routines not only to help others, but also as a warm-up for their competition season.

Various other groups performing included the

Patriottes and Teddies dance teams, Mogan's Heros, the Lincoln drum line, martial arts performances and others. Each group performed at various times throughout the day.

Sophomore Lindsey Trett said she thought it was nice to see all the people come together to help.

"I thought it was really cool that so many groups came together for a great cause," Trett said.

The Highsteppers will open their competitive season Nov. 5 in the South Dakota Cheer Coaches Association State Competition at the Swiftel Center in Brookings.

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