



Today:
 Partly cloudy.
 Nice!
 High 44°.

Tonight:
 Partly cloudy.
 Low 26°.

Friday:
 Clouds. Rain.
 High 43°.

Thursday NOW is brought to you by: Dakota Lettering.

Happening now

- Chorus Holiday Shows:** Lunch periods in auditorium
- Girls Basketball:** vs. Lincoln in gym—freshman and junior varsity 4 p.m., sophomore 5:45 p.m., varsity 7:30 p.m.

Lunch time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Manager's choice
- A la carte lines:** Pizza, chef salad, cold sandwiches, chicken sandwich, chicken fajita

Warrior reminders

- New Year's Eve:** First Night and the Mayor's Youth Council will co-host a teen dance featuring All to Blame and Kory and Fireflies beginning at 6 p.m. at the Multi-Cultural Center (the Coliseum) downtown. Admission is \$6.
- Orchestra Members:** Raised \$735 in their holiday "Adopt-a-Family" drive. They would like to thank everyone who donated.
- Study Tips:** Will be presented during lunch-time study halls Jan. 6, 2006, to help students prepare for semester tests. Watch the NOW for details.
- Academic Round Table:** Will not be held after school today. The library will close at 3:30 p.m. today.
- Scholarships:** Are available. Apply for the Steele Memorial, Midland and other scholarships soon.

NOW Thursday Staff

Editor Molly Soholt
 Assistant Editor Michaela Steinborn
 Design Editor Sam-Wise Soholt
 Staff: Kylie Huether, Ryan Lehr, Matt Madson, Blake Berke, Kellie Montileaux, Matt Herbert, Aaron Schott, Kelly Walsh, Caitlin Walsh, Chelsey Wahlstrom, Corey Backer, Michael Callis, Gabe Steinborn, Alex Gutnik
 Editor-in-chief Cassie Tornow
 NOW editor Jake Harris
 Orange & Black editor Alison Parks
 Adviser Jason Lueth

The News of Washington is a publication of the Orange & Black Staff Washington High School—Sioux Falls, S.D.
 Some material courtesy of American Society of Newspaper Editors / KRT Campus High School Newspaper Service

White-Out Day meant to remind students

Event focuses on drunk, drugged and distracted driving



Photo by Molly Soholt
VICTIM—Improv adviser Jenn Hirsch applies white make-up to sophomore Stevie Underberg this morning. Underberg depicts someone killed in a drunk driving accident.

By Kelley Walsh and Caitlin Walsh

Seventeen WHS students involved in SADD and improv are participating in the 10th annual White Out Day today.

This year, the event has been expanded to raise

awareness of the four D's during Drugged, Drunk and Distracted Driving Month.

SADD adviser Jeff Herbert said he hopes students take the message to heart during the Christmas break and all year long.

"We want students to take heed of the dangers of drinking and driving," Herbert said.

Students will have their faces painted white, will be wearing all black and have signs around their neck. Each sign displayed by the students tells a story of a person or family whose life was cut short by drivers under the influence. Students participating will also not be allowed to talk during the school day. The only exception to their silence is to answer their teachers when called upon during class.

Freshman improv member Kayla Knowler said she thinks this event is an effective way to show the importance of automobile incidents.

"It sends high schoolers a message on how they should be aware of drugged, drunk and distracted driving because it causes so many disasters and even takes people lives," Knowler said.

Students who are not participating are asked to respect their participating peers' commitment to remain silent today.

Girls basketball team faces Pats on parents' night

By Alex Gutnik and Michael Callis

Following the Warrior boys victory over Lincoln Tuesday, the girls varsity basketball team will try to do the same as they celebrate parents' night tonight at WHS.

The junior varsity and freshman teams will also play beginning at 4 p.m., followed by sophomore action at 5:45 p.m. tonight. The varsity hits the floor at around 7:30 p.m.

The Warriors are hoping to rebound from last week's heart breaking, last-second loss to Sioux City West.

Sophomore Amy Sandhurst said the team is ready to take on their cross-town rival tonight.

"Lincoln is a very good team, but we've been practicing defense and our rebounding will pay off tonight," Sandhurst said.

Junior Casandra Bequette said she feels that tonight's game will be a statement game for the Warriors.

"This is definitely a game where we can prove ourselves as a team," Bequette said.

Coach Nate Malchow said he cannot wait for tonight's game. He said he is hoping his

team is going to take care of business on the court.

"Tonight we have to take care of all vital points and execute the game plan effectively," Malchow said. "All the girls this week have been practicing hard and are all ready for the tough competition of the Patriots."

Malchow said he hopes for a big turnout at tonight's parents' night game.

"I appreciate all of the fans and the loud exciting atmosphere they create," Malchow said. "It should be a great night."

Please share—leave on tables until 5B

Cartoon

By Aaron Schott



Santa was forced to use public airlines when his sled broke down

Appreciate time with family during break

Congrats! We've made it! Yes, it is that time of year again. The time to forget school and relearn how to sleep in, make homemade lunches and spend time having fun—then return and take life-changing tests over everything we have learned so far this year.

OK, maybe we better not forget school entirely, but we do need to take some time to relax during this holiday break.

This break from school is very special because it is a time for many cultures to celebrate religious holidays. It doesn't matter what religion people are—everyone should be grateful to have the opportunity to spend time with their families and freely worship as they wish. In the United States, nobody will be put in jail or killed for practicing their faith, so be thankful for the opportunity to be free and take some time to thank the founding fathers who had the foresight to make it all possible.

Most importantly, enjoy time with your family in the upcoming week. No matter how annoying family may be, remember they really do love you. Whenever the stress seems to be unbearable, take three deep breaths and put a smile on and be thankful they are with you this time of year. Being with loved ones is 100 times better than being by yourself and lonely.

The goal for this break is to be mostly thankful for all the gifts our lives bring us. Even if the break is only 11 days, it is better than living where children work for less than a dollar a day, go to bed hungry and are worried about just living to see the next day. It is a harsh reality, but when you think you have it bad, think again.

Junior Kylie Huether loves holiday food and her family.



Hear me...



Kylie Huether

Try to guarantee no gift returns

By Kathryn Wexler
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

Want to minimize the chance of a return?

Stay far away from estimating someone's girth. That means avoiding sweaters that could pull across a rotund belly.

It means no gloves, no skirts and no lingerie. Forget the wind-breaker. And the hiking boots.

What's left? Gifts sans sizes.

Andrea Greenberg, vice president of marketing for Fortune International Realty, in Miami Beach, Fla., searches year-round for perfect presents. When her boss mentioned he was building up his personal library, Greenberg said she decided to buy him dozens of carefully selected books.

Apparently, finding the right literary fit can be as perilous as estimating someone's shoulder width. But Greenberg adores the chase.

She confesses: "I'm such a shopper that giving gifts always gets it out of my system without being too indulgent."

The NOW is printed on paper purchased by the WHS Booster Club.

SIoux FALLS HAS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ILLEGAL USE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Wrestling team in action at Farrand Invitational

By Blake Berke and Corey Backer

The varsity Warrior wrestling team will be in action over the break as they travel to Lincoln High School for the Floyd Farrand Invitational Dec. 29-30.

Action begins at 11 a.m. both days in the largest event of the regular season.

Junior Dylan Spader said he feels the team is well prepared entering the tournament.

"We have been practicing hard and we are hoping

that the two-a-days will pay off at the Lincoln tournament," Spader said. "We are also hoping that some guys will place and we will place well as a team."

Sophomore Drake Bachmeier said he has high hopes for the event.

"It's going to be tough competition, but we should do pretty well," Bachmeier said.

The event will host city high schools along with teams from across South Dakota and the surrounding region.

Find something to fit YOUR style at Dakota Lettering

"design and build your own custom t-shirts with the help from Dakota Lettering, who knew it was that easy!" (Beefy-T)

- Reflective inks
- High density gel inks
- Shimmer inks

335-8787
OPEN 8 AM TO 6 PM
MONDAY-FRIDAY
Just off 41st next to Best Buy
dakotalettering.com

SIoux FALLS HAS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ILLEGAL USE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL