



Today:
 Fog.
 Rain.
 High 37°.

Tonight:
 Rain.
 Low 34°.
Wednesday:
 Cloudy.
 Morning rain.
 High 38°.

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WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL • SIOUX FALLS, SD

Happening Now

•**Band:** Jazz Festival tonight at Augustana College

Lunch Time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Chicken strips
- A la carte lines:** Italian dunker, taco hot pocket, ultra dog, chef salad
- Representatives visiting WHS:**
 March 16 Barbazon School-Sioux Falls
 March 18 S.D. State U.-Brookings
 March 26 Creighton U.-Nebraska

Group Meetings

- Students:** Interested in participating in Student Congress this spring will meet at 3:10 p.m. today in A-135.
- National Honor Society:** Members who are volunteering at the St. Patrick's Day Parade and did not attend this morning's meeting will meet at 3:15 p.m. today in A-141.
- First Priority:** Christian fellowship group members will meet at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday in C-111.
- Wrestlers:** Will gather for their end-of-year banquet at 6 p.m. March 16 in the commons.
- Drama Club:** Members will meet at 3:15 p.m. March 18 in the Little Theatre.

Other Reminders

•**Audition:** For the theatre department's next production "The Compleat Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)" Wednesday at 3:10 p.m. in the auditorium. Audition forms are in A-127 today.

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2010 Boys, Girls State representatives chosen

11 boys, 8 girls to attend events in Aberdeen, Vermillion

By Jena Horne and Kourtney Kuyper

Each year, students from around the state gather to learn, practice and participate in various leadership and governmental activities at Boys State and Girls State.

This year, eight girls and 11 boys from WHS were chosen to attend the events.

Boys and Girls State are simulations of government designed to make students more aware of how the process works and interested in the process of governing.

Sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, Boys and Girls State each select an elite few from each high school in South Dakota that chooses to participate.

This year, Boys State will be held on the campus of Northern State University in Aberdeen May 31-June 4. Girls State will be hosted at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion May 31-June 5.

WHS has a tradition of

excellence at the event. Last year, the title of governor, the top office available at Girls State, was given to senior Murphy Dods. Dods will return to Girls State this year to ceremoniously pass down the title of governor to her successor.

Dods said she is happy to return to Girls State for another year.

"I am really excited for the girls who got selected," Dods said. "It's a great opportunity and I cannot wait to spend the week with them. As governor, my time will be spent presiding over the whole week, leading activities, giving speeches, being the dean of junior counselors and presenting the new governor at the end of the week."

Dods said she encourages any freshman and sophomore students to consider applying in upcoming years.

"Girls State was an amazing opportunity and I know the Washington delegates will have a great time and make a lot of memories," she said.

WHS delegates chosen to attend

Boys State 2010 Representatives

- Tim Fagerness
- Daniel Pesicka
- Zach Parish
- Jake Koepke
- Patrick Allen
- Andrew Steinhouse
- Jared Koch
- Jason Dahl
- Alex Holm
- Luke Niedringhaus
- Michael Hout

Girls State 2010 Representatives

- Chelsea Gustafson
- Shelby Brunick
- Hannah Gacke
- Amber Wodzinski
- Jessica Madson
- Kari Hilbrands
- Kjerstin Cosand
- Anna Vandenberg

Girls State 2010 Alternates

- Brittany Zephier
- Molly Card

Debate team participates in State Tournament

By Kory Thorstenson

Warrior debate team members headed to Watertown to test their skills in the last match of the season at the State Debate Tournament Friday and Saturday.

With the team consisting of mostly underclassmen, they looked at the event as a learning experience.

Sophomore Nathan Clark advanced to the fifth round in the event, just missing the quarterfinal round. Clark finished in ninth place overall.

Debate team events coach Travis Dahle thought the team did well, considering the lack of experience they had, and is proud of the way they handled themselves.

"Overall, it was a good learning experience for our team," Dahle said. "We had six sophomores and three freshmen competing and all of them impressed their older competitors and judges, with one coach commenting on how good he thinks we are going to be next year, and I couldn't agree with him more."

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WHS math teacher earns prestigious national certification

Katie Kopp joins more than 82,000 teachers nation-wide with honor

By Kory Thorstenson

Outstanding teachers are not hard to come by at WHS, but recently one of our own math teachers, Katie Kopp, was recognized for her truly hard work and dedication when she received the distinction of becoming a National Board Certified Teacher.

This award is presented to the nation's most accomplished teachers and is given to teachers who voluntarily commit to meeting high standards through study, self evaluation and assessment and peer reviews.

Feature

To be eligible for the award, Kopp had to undergo a year-long process in which she must show how her teaching improves student success. By videotaping herself during one of her class sessions, Kopp was also able to show how her teaching methods helped students achieve a higher education.

Not only does this award show how well the students benefit, but also what the teacher can improve on to make learning easier for students.

Kopp teaches Algebra I, regular and accelerated pre-calculus and ELL students who are new to the formal classroom setting. Her ability to teach a wide range of students has helped her gain valuable experience in the classroom.

Kopp's passion for teaching and dedication to helping students succeed has made her a very valuable asset to WHS, and Kopp was extremely grateful and thrilled to receive the honor.

"I was ecstatic that I got it," Kopp said. "I wasn't



Photo by Kory Thorstenson
PLAN FOR SUCCESS—Math teacher Katie Kopp plans for her day this morning in her classroom. Kopp recently became National Board Certified.

entirely sure and nervous that I wasn't going to get it my first year. It really allowed me to reflect on myself on a daily basis and to adjust and change my teaching."

Kopp said the lengthy process was made tolerable by her love for the profession.

"I took a really hard look at why I do what I do and what I love about it," she said.

Kopp has a specific message for kids striving to do well in and out of school.

"Keep your line of communication open to everyone and it is always good to ask questions," Kopp said.

Girl Scouts celebrate founding

By Catherine Kenyeres
girlscouts.org

The Girl Scouts of America organization was founded by Juliette Gordon Low on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia. Today, celebrate the upcoming birthday of the organization on Friday by learning about Girl Scouting.

Trivia Time



- For the first year it was called "Girl Guides" like the Girl Guides in England, on which it was based.
- From an original membership of 18 girls, the organization has grown to 3.3 million girl and adult members throughout the country today.
- The first Girl Scout handbook was published in 1913 and was called "How Girls Can Help Their Country."
- The first Girl Scout uniform in 1912 was actually blue. The color was changed to khaki in 1914. It wasn't until 1928 that the Girl Scout uniform became green—the color most people associate with Girl Scouts.
- The first local Girl Scout council charter was issued by the national organization in 1916 to Toledo, Ohio. In the early days, at one point there were as many as 2,000 Girl Scout councils throughout the country. Resources have been organized and consolidated over the years and there are now 324 Girl Scout councils serving girls in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.
- Girl Scouts have sold cookies as an activity since 1912, but the first sale of commercially-baked Girl Scout Cookies took place in the Philadelphia council in 1936. The two most popular Girl Scout Cookies have always been the shortbread trefoil and the thin mint. Participating in the cookie sale teaches a girl important life skills such as the importance of organization and the need to be responsible.

Warrior jazz bands attend festival at Augustana College

By Kari Heck, Trevor Snyders and Alex Kuyper

Warrior jazz band students are on the campus of Augustana College Monday and today to perform at Jazz Fest.

Jazz Fest is an opportunity for jazz bands from around the Sioux Falls area to compete and be scored by guest artists and judges. On Monday, WHS Jazz Band Three performed for two guest artists. Although they were not judged, they received helpful tips to enhance their playing abilities.

Band director Jennifer

Hawkinson thought Band Three did well.

"I was really proud of them," Hawkinson said. "They played well and got compliments from the judges."

Today, WHS Jazz Bands One and Two will be performing at Jazz Fest. Band One will play at 6:15 p.m. and Band Two will take the stage at 5:15 p.m. today.

Junior Cody Pearson, who is a trumpet player with Jazz Band Two, said he thinks his group will do exceptionally well today.

"I'm very excited about the contest tonight," Pearson said.

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Sunday, March 28, 2010

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- 2:30 p.m. Welcome and Program



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