



Today:
 Mostly sunny.
 Light SW wind.
 High 76°.

Tonight:
 Partly cloudy.
 Low 52°.
Friday:
 Partly cloudy.
 High 78°.



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Happening today

- Varsity Girls Golf: vs. Brookings 2 p.m. at Willow Run
- Freshman Girls Golf: 3 p.m. at Hidden Valley in Brandon
- Baseball: 5:30 p.m. in Yankton—varsity then junior varsity
- Beach Bash Variety Show: Rehearsal 3:15 p.m. in auditorium

Lunch time at WHS

- Today's lunch: Grilled cheese
- A la carte lines: Sausage pizza, chef salad, barbeque ribbette sandwich, deluxe nachos
- Friday: Chili dog
- Representatives visiting WHS:
 TuesdayU.S. Marines
 TuesdayBlack Hills Beauty College
 May 16S.D. Army National Guard
 May 19Minn. State-Moorhead

Group meetings

- Photo Club: 3:05 p.m. today in C-104
- Diversity Committee: 7:30 a.m. Friday in conference room
- Athletic Physicals: Boys 6 p.m., girls 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Orthopedic Institute. Pick up forms at lunchtime beginning today.

Beach Bash week

- Today's Dress: Middle School Pride Day
- Friday's Dress: Hawaiian Day
- Talent Show: 7 p.m. Friday; dance to follow

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Sen. Tim Johnson pays visit to WHS group

Young Democrats listen to Senator, ask questions

By Josh McKinney

Big-time politics came to WHS Wednesday as the WHS Young Democrats welcomed U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson to the school for a question and answer session.

Johnson delivered an opening message to the student organization in which he addressed a growing concern over the filibuster debate, drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the future of Ellsworth Air Force Base and the importance of bipartisanship.

English teacher Sheila Flynn attended the gathering and was glad the Senator came to WHS.

"I was incredibly pleased that a Senator would be impressed with a high school Young Democrats' organization," Flynn said.

Following Johnson's opening comments, both students and teachers were able to ask him questions in an open forum format. Questions included areas such as the Iraq

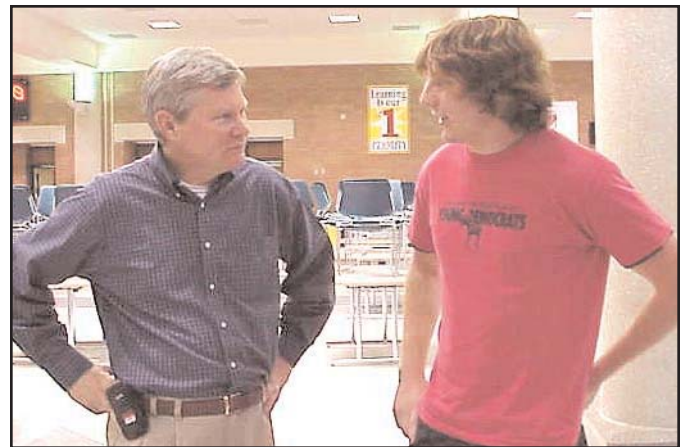


Photo by Nicole Gruhot

DISCUSSION—Senior Alex Weber (right) has a discussion with Sen. Tim Johnson in the WHS commons following Johnson's presentation to the Young Democrats Wednesday.

conflict, the filibuster, bipartisanship, renewable energy and nuclear proliferation.

Johnson said he visited WHS because he believes being involved in the political process at a young age is very important.

"Joining the local Young Republicans or Young Democrats organizations is an

excellent idea," Johnson said. "I think following the issues closely is important as well."

Senator Johnson also emphasized the importance of young people voting.

"It's important to not only register to vote, but also to encourage younger brothers and sisters to get out and vote," he said.

Baseball team travels to Yankton today

By Ashley Buhr

The varsity and junior varsity baseball teams will travel to Yankton today for a pair of games.

The varsity will play at 5:30 p.m. with the junior varsity to follow at Riverside Park on the shore of the Missouri River with home run hitters aiming for Nebraska.

The varsity boys are hoping to rebound after a tough 13-3 loss to the Brookings Bobcats Tuesday in Brookings. The junior varsity team

lost to Brookings 6-5.

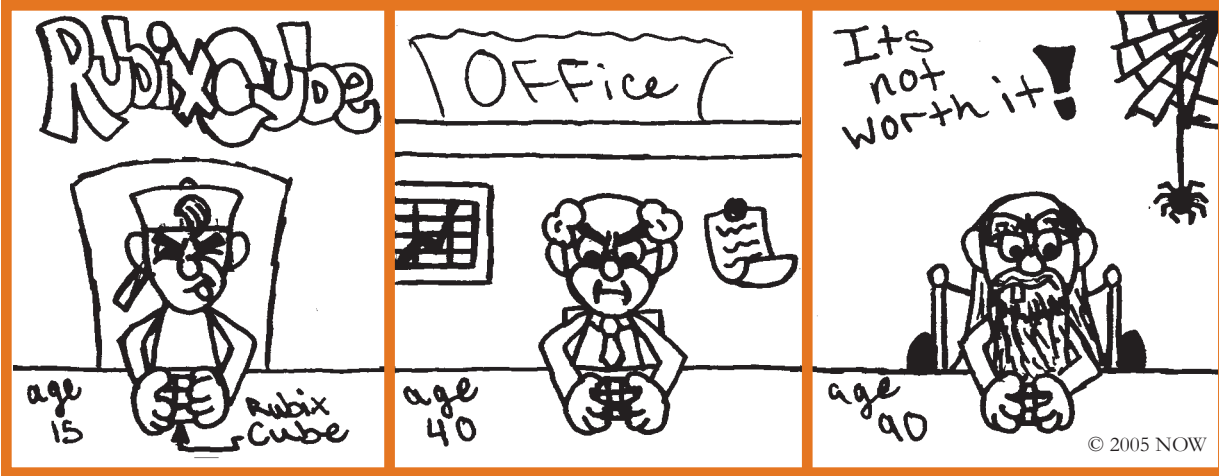
The varsity team hopes to improve their 5-5 season record tonight with a win.

Junior Ryan Duffy said he hopes the team will pick up momentum now.

"We are doing well as team this year considering the slow start of the season and practices often being canceled," Duffy said. "All we need to do is really work together to get the job done."

What to Do

by Alan Chan



Test your skill with today's sports trivia quiz

Knigh Ridder/ Tribune News Service (KRT)
Check out your status as a sports trivia master with today's quiz.

QUESTIONS:

- 1.) Who of the following is not a knuckleball pitcher: Tom Candiotti, Mitch Williams, Charlie Hough, Tim Wakefield?
- 2.) Which of these sluggers does not have more than 500 career home runs: Willie McCovey, Willie Stargell, Ernie Banks, Jimmie Foxx?
- 3.) In what offensive category is Tris Speaker the all-time leader with 792?
- 4.) Who said this: "A friend gave me seats to the World Series. From where I sat, the game was just a rumor."
- 5.) The Sacramento Kings were first known as what team?

ANSWERS:

- 1.) Mitch Williams.
 - 2.) Willie Stargell.
 - 3.) Doubles.
 - 4.) Comedian Henny Youngman.
 - 5.) Rochester Royals (The Kings were formerly known as the Rochester Royals (1945-57), then the Cincinnati Royals (1957-72), then the Kansas City-Omaha Kings (1972-75), then the Kansas City Kings (1975-85), then the Sacramento Kings.
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Middle school pride day provides opportunity to reminisce

Today students will parade around school in blue, gold, red, maroon and white. Why, you might ask? It's Beach Bash Middle School Pride Day!

As the days for Beach Bash were posted, I skimmed across the list of dress-up days and was surprisingly pleased when I came upon Thursday and made a little trip down memory lane. Patrick Henry—oh the good ole' times!



Hear me...



Hannah Hitchcock

Here are some of the things I miss most about my pre-WHS home.

Bus rides: While having a car has plenty of advantages, every time bus 941 passes by my house I am reminded of

time spent with my neighboring students and our lovable old bus driver, Bob. The short rides to and from school also served more practical purposes. Reason A—you were never late to school, and reason B—no gas bills!

Cafeteria food: George's café does serve the best chicken nuggets around, but nothing can compare to the soft melt-in-your-mouth cookies served at Patrick.

Pro-time: This 30 minute period served as an excellent time to finish up homework, discuss political issues, and just relax.

Field trips: This event is by far the most missed event of middle school. At least once a month one of my classes, or my team, would venture out of the building to get some outside exposure.

So today, just remember your favorite things about middle school days as we show our pride for our schools.

Senior Hannah Hitchcock salutes all seniors on 05/05/05.

Varsity girls golf team faces Bobcats in dual match today

By Chelsey Shupick and Dzenan Berberovic

The varsity girls golf team will begin a duel with the Brookings Bobcats at 2 p.m. today at Willow Run Golf Course.

The team has had many challenges throughout the past week, one of the main factors has been the South Dakota weather.

Coach Doug Rinken said he feels the team can come together to beat the Bobcats.

"I hope that we play well," Rinken said. "Brookings is a tough team. If the girls perform well against the Bobcats,

they will come up with a win."

The Warrior team is considered one of the top competitors in the state and is busy preparing for the state meet. The Bobcats are also tough.

Freshman Chelsea Cadwell, a member of the varsity team, said she believes the match tonight will not be an easy one to win.

"I think if we all play well as a team that we have a good chance of defeating the Bobcats," Cadwell said. "The dual today will be tough because they are a challenging team."

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