



Sioux Falls Weather



Tonight:
Partly cloudy.
Low 18°.

Today:
Partly cloudy.
Showers possible.
High 39°.

Wednesday:
Partly cloudy.
High 42°.

Tuesday NOW is brought to you by: 

Happening today

- Girls Basketball:** End-of-season banquet 6 p.m. in commons
- DECA:** State competition in Sioux Falls—final day
- Jazz Festival:** All day at USD in Vermillion
- Improv Play:** 7:30 p.m. in Little Theatre—final show (see story on back)

Lunch time at WHS

Today's lunch: French dip sandwich
A la carte lines: Cheese pizza, chef salad, foot-long hot dog, hard or soft shell taco
Wednesday main item: Chicken nuggets
Representatives visiting WHS:
 Wednesday Southwest State, Minn.
 Wednesday S.D. Air National Guard
 Monday Creighton U., Neb.
 March 22 U. of St. Thomas, Minn.
 March 22 Minn. West Tech-Worthington
 March 24 Minn. State-Mankato

Group meetings

- SADD Cabinet Members:** 4B today in A-113
- Library Mural Committee:** 3:10 p.m. today in C-104
- SADD Members:** 7:45 a.m. Wednesday in A-113
- Principal's Advisory Council:** Fifth period Wednesday in E-112
- Cross Country Team:** 5:30 p.m. Thursday in A-119
- Improv members:** 8:30 a.m. Monday in the counseling conference room

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Art exhibits showcase WHS students' work

Students present work at Augustana College, Falls Park

By **Kristen Burns, Danica DesLauriers and Michaela Steinborn**

Recently, several WHS students submitted artwork to two art shows around town. The pieces will be displayed all month long at both Augustana College and the Horse Barn Art Center at Falls Park.

The Augustana display will be open to the public daily in the Eide-Dalrympel Gallery. The display at the Horse Barn will be open noon-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Ten different high schools from around South Dakota submitted artwork for the Eide-Dalrympel gallery. WHS has five students presenting their pieces there, including seniors Melissa Simpson and Rachel Schulte and juniors Megan Fiedler, Leah Riedel and Ame Myles.

The Horse Barn show will showcase pieces from seniors including Dylan O'Donnell, Rebecca Arshem, Angie Seykora, Lyndi Hawke and Greg Hernandez and juniors Myles and

Patrick Hicks.

O'Donnell said he was happy to be selected for the show.

"I'm honored to have my art in the show," O'Donnell said. "I worked hard on my project and it is nice to be rewarded."

High schools from all over the state are also participating in the Horse Barn show. The Horse Barn contains more pieces than the Eide-Dalrympel gallery and prizes will be awarded to the top three pieces. In addition to the top awards, onlookers will be allowed to vote for their favorite pieces and the artists with the most votes will win the Best of

Show. A closing reception will take place on April 3 from 1-4 p.m. to announce the winners.

Art teacher Bonnie Hale said the shows are an honor for students.

"I think that the Horse Barn show is really interesting because it is so diverse," Hale said. "There is something there that everyone will like."

Horse Barn Art Show

- Runs until April 3
- Hours Noon-4 p.m. (Closed Monday's)

Augustana Art Show

- Runs until March 27
- Hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday

Library now offers audiobooks

By **Joel Enright and Melissa Rogers**

The WHS library recently added a new program that allows students to check out books on tape as well as audio players.

Head librarian Kerri Smith said the main reason they decided to provide audio books was for students who might have a hard time reading difficult material as well as for the pure

enjoyment of listening to popular books.

"Some students have trouble reading, and when they read something on the page it doesn't register in their mind," Smith said. "But when they listen to something be read aloud while they read it, it can really help them comprehend and enjoy what they are reading."

"Besides being for low-level readers, we also decided to provide the audio books as they are just fun to listen to," Smith said. "Sometimes they

even have celebrities read the books such as John Ritter. It's something fun to listen to when you spend a lot of time in the car and have nothing else to listen to."

Books that the library provides include everything from popular titles such as "Holes," "Stargirl," "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" and "Speak" to classics like "Robinson Crusoe."

Interested students should contact a librarian about the program.

Junior spends semester in Japan

By Ashley Harkness

The first semester of school for most WHS students was like any other, but for junior Amanda Vinson, it was something to remember.

Vinson spent first semester studying abroad in Japan. Vinson was placed with two host families while she was there and found that she liked the people a lot.

"In Japan, I was taller than a lot of people," Vinson said. "I miss that."

Vinson said that the only difficult things for her were the language and their driving.

"The language was different," Vinson said. "I took Japanese in seventh grade for a year, but I forgot most of it. Also, the driving was different.

They drive on the other side of the road, so I kept getting confused."

Along with learning about the different language, Vinson also ate different foods.

"I've eaten squid, octopus, raw horse and raw cow tongue," she said. "Squid and octopus aren't that bad, when cooked. Cow tongue has a funny aftertaste. My first night there my host family took me out to eat. They took a fish out of the fish tank, beheaded it, scaled it, and brought it out for me to eat. It was still moving, but not eating would have been considered rude."

Vinson had a long journey to school each day, traveling one hour each way to get there.

"I would take the bus to the subway, and then from the subway I walked for about a half an hour to school," Vinson said.

While in Japan, Vinson got to know a lot about the culture.

"I find the Japanese culture interesting. New Year's is a really big deal," she said. "They send and receive postcards. My family got a stack of probably 100 cards."

Leaving Sioux Falls, Vinson traveled to Fukuoka,



Photo courtesy Amanda Vinson
FAMILY—Junior Amanda Vinson poses for a photo near her "home" in Japan with her first host dad. Vinson spent first semester as an exchange student.

Japan, a city of approximately 1.5 million people.

Vinson stayed with two host families while in Japan. The families had their differences.

"In my first family, the Tuminaga-san's, my host dad was in his late 40's. My second family, the Tanaka-san's, my host-mother was in her 70's," she said.

Vinson learned that people in Japan respect everyone. "Everyone there treated me well. I felt really welcomed," Vinson said.

Vinson said that you speak differently to older people. "You would talk differently to someone higher up, such as teachers," she said. "The lower the bow the more respect you are showing."

Vinson said, overall, the experience was good, and she would recommend it to anyone.

Colleges offering major in video games

By James Janega
Chicago Tribune (KRT)
CHICAGO—

Promising it as a way into the future—and maybe stoking the worst fears of college parents — Chicago's Columbia College will decide this spring whether to let students major in video games.

As early as next fall, the school could start the course program—for designing games, not playing them.

The curriculum would be similar to a major in film studies. History of Games 204? Believe it. Don't forget Selling Your Game 406, either.

Quick as a mouse click, Columbia hopes to cash in on the gaming industry's winning outlook.

Across the country, schools have added courses and even academic majors in video game design. The academic offerings have joined a \$7 billion industry in which single games can have budgets up to \$30 million and creative staffs of 200.

The proposed major has been in the works for two years at Columbia, long enough to be the main topic of conversation among students nearing—and even second-guessing—graduation.

Inquiries about the games major have been steady at the college admissions office, said admissions executive director Murphy Monroe.

"We are confident that this would become very big for us," he said. A final decision is expected as early as March.

As gaming's star has risen, a whole field has built up around it, said Reilly Brennan, director of media relations for Midway Games, Inc., the Chicago-based company behind Mortal Combat, MLB Slugfest and SpyHunter 2.

"It was a learn-as-you-go thing," he said. "People got into it because they liked video games."

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Feature

One play wraps, another auditions today at WHS

Improv play presents last show

By Kylie Huether

Tonight marks the final performance by the South Dakota State Improv Team of America, Defenders of Freedom as the improv show in the style of "Whose Line is it Anyway?" is presented.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Tickets cost \$5 and are available from teacher Fred Reiner and at the door. The show sold out in its penultimate performance Monday.

'Mousetrap' holds auditions today

By Matt Madson

Auditions for "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie will be held today at 3:15 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

All students are welcome to audition. More information is available from director Fred Reiner in A-136 today.

Reiner said the mystery will be fun to produce.

"There are a lot of creative characters in the play, and it contains a lot of suspense," Reiner said.



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