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Mostly sunny
Humid and hot
High 93°

Tonight:
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Sunny
Hot
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Happening Now

•**Voting:** For senior class co-chairs during lunch in the commons—last day

Lunch Time at WHS

•**Today's lunch:** Philly steak sandwich
•**A la carte lines:** Cheese lasagna, chili cheese wrap, baked potato bar, chef salad, sandwiches

Other Reminders

•**Presidents' Bowl:** Ticket sales order forms from all activity participants are due on Thursday—turn in from 3-7 p.m. in the commons. Prizes for those who sell the most tickets!

•**WHS Book Club:** Is organizing. See librarian Kerri Smith for details and to sign up.

•**Homecoming:** T-shirts are still available for pre-order until Friday in E-122 before school and E-101 after school.

•**Correction:** Seniors Kyle McKee and Tyler Wilson should have been included in the list of attendees at the National Debate Tournament in Tuesday's feature.

•**Cheer Clinic:** For girls and boys kindergarten-fifth grade will be held in association with the Presidents' Bowl Sept. 7. Registration form at whsbooster.com. Cost \$25.

•**Career Night:** is set for Sept. 24 at WHS. An interest survey has been e-mailed to all students' Chromebook accounts. It takes less than one minute to complete, and should be done as soon as possible.

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Introduction to Dance class offered to beginners

Students learn basics and history of movements in fine arts class

By Kate Simko and Cassidy Kruger

Since the 2011-12 school year, students have been given the opportunity to be enrolled in a class called "Introduction to Dance" as a fine arts credit at WHS.

In this class, students are given a basic knowledge of numerous dance genres, including but not limited to jazz, hip hop, pom, breakdance, ballet, ballroom and Zumba. Students who have never been confident in their knowledge of dance can use the class to learn more—no prior dance knowledge is required to take it. The curriculum starts from the very beginning steps and moves on to more intermediate skills and choreography.

Senior Matt Schievelbein, a student this semester, has enjoyed the class so far.

"My favorite part of the class so far was learning a hip hop routine to 'Tik Tok' by Ke\$ha," Schievelbein said.

Each week students spend two days in class studying dance as a fine art, including analyzing the movements and styles. In addition, students are taught the history and terminology of dance. The remaining three days of the week are spent with hands-on activities in the gymastics room, learning and practicing technique, including



Photo by Anna Kate Nieman
PASSE—Senior Celso Valencia (left) and junior Ajay Dawes perform a move in Introduction to Dance class on Tuesday.

leaps, turns and stretching. Along with learning from other choreographers, students enjoy choreographing their own dances.

Instructor Angela Nieman said she looks forward to teaching the classes each day.

"I love watching the kids progress in their skill base and building confidence," Nieman said. "Dancing is a lifelong skill that everyone can enjoy and should not fear."

Students who take AP classes eligible for honors

By AJ Breck and Noah Weber

The AP Scholar program is a prestigious group of seniors that are awarded for their academic excellence in AP classes along with regular classes.

Teacher Becky Kelley encourages students to take advantage of this opportunity.

"It is important for students to plan early instead of waiting until second semester," Kelley said.

The AP Scholar Award is determined solely by the College Board based on how many AP tests a student has

taken and their average scores.

Sioux Falls AP Scholar Awards, on the other hand, are based on three standards. First, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at the end of their first semester senior year. They do not round up on the GPA. Next, students must have taken AP classes in three different discipline areas such as math, science, English, social studies, world language, computers, art or music. Therefore, if students take two classes within the same area such as AP Chemistry, AP Biology and AP Calculus,

the student would not qualify because chemistry and biology are in the same discipline area. Finally, by their senior year, students need to take three AP tests. They do not need to pass the tests, they just need to attempt three tests.

When seniors have met these three criteria, they will be awarded a Sioux Falls AP Scholar certificate at HonorFest in the spring. They will also be given a white cord to wear during graduation to symbolize this prestigious honor.

Winners will be named later this spring.



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Warrior opinions

If you could pick any student dress theme, what would you choose?

Liam Schneider
Freshman



“Toga’ is my theme of choice, because it’s something we haven’t done in a while and would be funny.”

Anna Buxengard
Sophomore



“I want to do the theme ‘Neon,’ because I love bright colors.”

Cole Benson
Junior



“I would like ‘Superhero’ as a theme, because I’m excited to show off my new cape.”

Sarah Lehmann
Senior



“I would say ‘Safari’ as a theme, because it’s hotter than summer Africa outside.”

Scott Guse
Teacher



“My favorite is ‘Penn State White Out,’ but my kids’ favorite is ‘Camo.’”

Assembled and photos by Tamra Thomas

World’s oldest wild bear dies

By Paul Walsh
Star Tribune
(Minneapolis)
(MCT)

MINNEAPOLIS — The world’s oldest-known wild bear has died of old age in northern Minnesota, quietly coming to her final resting place in a shady spot that a bear would find as a good place for a daytime nap, a leading state researcher said Tuesday.

Your green world



The decomposed corpse of the female American black bear, known to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources researchers as Bear No. 56, was found last Wednesday by state researcher Karen Noyce in the Chippewa National forest near Marcell. The bear was 39 1/2 years old.

The bear was first captured and radio-collared in July 1981 by DNR scientists during the first summer of a long-term research project on bear population ecology. She was 7 years old at the time and accompanied by three female cubs.

During the next 32 years, she and her many offspring provided an almost uninterrupted record of reproduction, survival, movements and eventually, aging. The DNR says the information from this bear and her offspring have “contributed significantly to the scientific literature on black bear biology.”

In the last few years of her life, Bear No. 56 began to visit some hunters’ baits, but they abided by a DNR request not to shoot collared bears.



Disney Channel just not what it used to be

After the horrifying performance of Miley Cyrus at Sunday night’s VMAs, I have begun to think a lot about the child stars of today—the idols of the younger generation.

And to be honest, I am not impressed. I remember a time when being a “Disney Channel Star” meant you were a sensational actor. Not a mediocre actor who has a record



Hear me...



Lizzie Spier

deal, perfume line and own clothing collection with Target. So much of Disney Channel today is filled with shows about stereotypical topics. “Dog with a Blog,” for example, is a show about a family who has a dog, and you guessed it, the dog has a blog. Not only is this one of the lamest story lines I’ve ever heard of, but also the fact that children today are watching shows about dogs blogging worries me.

I often reminisce back to my Disney Channel years—“Even Stevens,” “Sister Sister,” “That’s So Raven,” “Lizzie McGuire,” “The Suite Life of Zack and Cody” and so many more. These shows not only had great casts, they also had great messages for kids. Today’s shows are often kind of shallow, hackneyed and uncreative. When my younger sisters watch an episode of the “new” Disney Channel, I am able to accurately describe the entire plot of the episode within a few minutes of watching. This is not because I’m a teen psychic like Raven, but because they are so cliché and predictable!

So I have a proposition for the Disney Channel executives. Create a special division of Disney Channel where only episodes of the great old shows are run. This will not only allow kids to watch some quality Disney television, but will also allow our generation to reminisce over great episodes from our favorite shows.

It’s a brilliant idea, and I’m expecting a cut.

Junior Lizzie Spier wants to tell Miley, “YA NASTAY.”

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