

Dakota's

CORNER



I just don't understand this time of the year. People are going crazy about college basketball teams.

I've heard a lot about the "BIG 12," and I don't even watch it. On the Associated Press Top 25 NCAA teams list, Kansas is ranked first, Texas second, Texas Tech sixteenth, K-State is seventeenth, and Texas A & M is twenty-third.

My classmates and teachers are even arguing about who is going to win. Half of the class thinks KU and the other half thinks K-State. I have no clue which team to root for. I guess the team that wins this year will be the team I root for next year. In that case, I'm going to have to keep a close eye on it.

Now that Christmas is right around the corner, I hope everyone has a fun time off from school. I also hope everyone remembers, Christmas is not all about getting - it's about giving.

Give a special gift to your mom, dad or even a friend. It doesn't matter how much it costs as long as you put your heart in it. Well, have a good Christmas and New Years. See you next year. Peace out.

## New York Adventure

All American Cheerleaders and their coaches made many memories in New York City that will last a lifetime

By Dakota Sports Editor

The Uniontown High School All American cheerleader winners, Lauren and Ashley and their coaches, Julie Weyer and Jennifer Tourtillot, left on a trip to New York City on Nov. 21 and returned on Nov. 27.

Lauren and Ashley spent their Thanksgiving in New York City. They were in the Macy's Day Parade almost all day.

The trip was not the first for Lauren and Tourtillot. Both traveled to Florida last year but enjoyed this trip more.

"Very much so! It has been an awesome year!" Tortillott said.

The group got to meet many new people and had some awesome opportunities. They met Mario Lopez right before Lauren and Ashley had dance practice for the parade. Weyer took a picture with Bill and Jin, the stars in "The Little Couple" on TLC.

They bought many new things while in this marvelous shopping city. Weyer got a new purse among other things.

For Ashley it was especially a great time, because the group celebrated her birthday. Being in New York City offers more unique birthday experiences.

"Mario Lopez told me happy birthday!" Ashley said.



Tourtillot, Ashley, Lauren, and Weyer in New York City.



Lauren and Ashley get their picture taken with Mario Lopez.



Julie Weyer gets her picture with Jin and Bill, stars of the "The Little Couple."

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## Saving Money

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expanding opportunities, not limiting them."

The biggest alteration is the schedule for next year. The plan, as of right now, is to reduce the school year by twelve days but increase each school day. School hours would run from 8 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

The new schedule should save the school approximately \$600 on fuel and \$500 on utilities every day.

This plan is not set in stone. The Board of Education, The Uniontown Teacher's Association, and the administration will make the final decision to use this plan or to create a new one.

# Coaches Corner: basketball

- #1. Has your lineup changed dramatically or do you have some of the same starters?
- #2. Who is your biggest rival this year and why?



Kenny Holt

#1 "Losing only one senior from last year keeps the core of our lineup in place. The big thing I see this year that is different from last year is our depth. I think we can go deeper into our bench."

#2 "Marmaton Valley has always been our biggest rival (no matter what records are). However, with St. Paul now in our conference I think they have become a rival at the varsity level."



Dustin Miller

#1 "At the junior varsity level the lineup has changed considerably with the addition of seven freshmen and the departure of the girls who will be contributing at the varsity level."

#2 "To start things off, Moran will be our biggest rival. After that it will be the next opponent in line."



Nathan Hinrichs

#1 "Our lineup has changed. Ben Dixon is our only returning starter. We will also start Allen Johnson, Du'Shaun Robinson, Zach Travis and Max Labbe."



Jim Ermel

#2 "Marmaton Valley and Pleasanton are our main rivals."

