

# WHS NEWS

## Spring Sports

Since Phil the groundhog didn't see his shadow, we should be seeing winter transform into spring. With that being said, along with spring comes sports. The spring sports that will be coming up are: Track & Field, Bass Fishing, Softball, Baseball, and Trap Shooting. Track open gyms start February 6th from 4-5pm. There has not been anything said about open gyms or practices for the other sports yet. Scholastic Bowl is also a spring extracurricular. Scholastic Bowl has already started their practices and they will have their first meet on February 1st in Triopia at 6pm. With all of that information, it is to be assumed that practices for most of these sports will start up around middle or late February, with their games/meets/etc. beginning in March. Winchester High School wants to wish the best of luck for these upcoming sports, that their season succeeds and they have fun doing it.

Carlee Hinegardner



After battling major injuries, the West Central Girls basketball team brought home a 2nd place trophy at the Lady Spartan Classic in White Hall and got 6th in the Lady Hawk tournament in Carrollton. With the post season right around the corner, the Lady Cougars have brought the intensity with two close games with Carrollton and Calhoun, but are WIVC matchups. The regional standings just came out, and the Cougars have it rough. They are one of eight WIVC teams in Sub-Sectional A. The others include: Calhoun, Brown County, Carrollton, Triopia, Greenfield, Pleasant Hill, and North Greene. The girls picked up the number five seed, and it is looking like they will kick off their post season with a game against Greenfield, here in Winchester. The Lady Cougars are not having the season they hoped for, but they are making the best of it and they continue to go out and put on a show for their fans.

-Trystan White

## Groundhog Day

*Valentine's Day is a day that you can celebrate and show your love and appreciation for someone in your life like your significant other or your family, Pope Gelasius is the one who declared Valentines Day a holiday and since then February 14th has been a celebration of, though it was more religious than romantic, the name for the holiday was originally created behind someone named Saint Valentine, who was a catholic priest who lived in Rome during the 3rd century, there is often a symbol for love known as cupid, he's a small angel who carries a bow and arrow with a point heart tip on it and that is used and shown to represent love, it is your choice on whether or not you celebrate valentine's day, some people do and some people choose not to celebrate, i choose to celebrate valentine's day because i find it really fun and wholesome, this is my article about valentines day.*

Olivia Herrin

Have you ever wondered how we find out how long our treacherous winter weather will last? Well, look no further every year on February 2nd in Punxsutawney Pennsylvania, there is a tradition that has been upheld since the 80s. It is called Groundhog Day the idea originating from Germanic customs that badgers and other small animals can only see their shadow if the day is sunny meaning that early spring is to come but if the groundhog sees their shadow then six more weeks of winter weather. But just how accurate is Punxsutawney Phil? The Stormfax Almanac says that Phil is correct 39% of the time dating back to 1886, though the odds are low, locals still commemorate this holiday. Fun fact groundhogs Phil is immortal, according to the inner circle that takes care of Phil he drinks the "elixir of life" every summer which adds seven more years to his life, while he may be immortal it's said that his wife, Phyliss is in fact not immortal.

Lakin Nobis

Have ever wondered what it would be like to be a teacher ,return to college, and play college basketball ? Well , so did I, so I have picked Miss Bass to become my teacher to put the spotlight on . Miss Bass is a twin to a sister , who is a first -grade teacher in another school district. She has a 7-year-old dog named Finn. Her favorite color is pink . She enjoys playing pickleball in summer league at fitness world. She also enjoys exercising in the warmer weather , but her one true passion is basketball . You can see this when she plays for Illinois college . In her first year at Winchester she coached junior high basketball while coaching the girls who won all conferences. She has also helped coach IC basketball. Yet she found her love of playing basketball more exciting than coaching ,so she returned to Illinois college to play girls basketball for them. While she is playing basketball , she is still full-time at Winchester and taking classes at Illinois college to get an endorsement is reading as a second language/ell . Ms. Bass has racked up many accomplishments while playing basketball at Illinois college this season, including being player of the week and leading the conference in steals . Not only has her season , including accomplishments, been achieved , but she has managed to average 15 points per game . wow!!! All of this and continuing at Winchester , I would say , is pretty impressive!

Wyatt Luckett

## February

February, the shortest month of the year, holds a unique charm that captivates hearts worldwide. As winter prevails, February brings a sense of hope, signaling the approaching end of the chilly season. It is a month of contrasts, where the cold air intertwines with the warmth of love and celebration. Valentine's Day takes center stage, filling the atmosphere with affectionate gestures and heartfelt emotions. Amidst the frosty landscapes, February also welcomes the vibrant festivities of Chinese New Year, Mardi Gras, and Carnival, infusing streets with a riot of colors, music, and dancing. The month's brevity serves as a reminder to seize the moment and appreciate life's fleeting beauty. February invites introspection, encouraging individuals to reflect on personal growth and set goals for the year ahead. With its whimsical nature, February captivates us, leaving a lasting impression as it gracefully ushers in the transition from winter to the blossoming allure of spring.

Bryleigh Parker

## TRACK IS COMING BACK

Track is starting soon. We had a signup paper in the office last month, and a meeting on Jan,25. We have an open gym right now till Track season starts, and when it does I'm sure everybody in Track is going to be terrific out there. The girl track coach is Megan and I can't remember the guy name but some time we do have open gym in Feb 6 on and then Track starts in march. This year we will have some meeting inside so if you want to do the inside meeting make sure to go to open gym but if there are days you can't go that is okay just tell someone's and make sure you just have fun and tell all of the senior they been really great and tell them how you are going to miss them if you want to

Evee Swisher

