

# Cougar Times

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## Alsey Tournament to Save the Gym

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The Alsey Tournament had five teams in it and the tournament was a round robin, that is where every team will play each other. The names of the teams in it was 1st Joe Little's team, 2nd riverats, 3rd Lakers, 4th Tigercats ,5th

Cornjerkers which was my team. The people on my team was Ethan Hartley, Brady Sheltz, Curty Kilver, James Spencer, Tyler Hallas, Donnie Stice, Steve (scuba) Gauges, Cole Hoots, and myself Chase Burk. We ended up in last place we gave some teams a run for their money but we couldn't finish it. We played four 9 minute quarters and they gave each team 2 timeouts and you were allowed to sub people in and out. The tournament was really fun and it was a blast playing basketball with all of them.

# West Central Cougars Baseball

Ethan Hartley

The West Central Baseball team is preparing for their first game on March 13. They started practice on Friday, March 3. The field has been cleaned up and almost ready for its first game. Coach Brockhouse reseeded and worked on the field ever since it had started to get warm. Grant Dewitt has also helped coach Brockhouse with the baseball field.



The baseball team has to fight a lot of adversity since they had graduated eight seniors last year. They also only have one senior on the team this year. The West Central baseball team has to overcome a lot this year. They are only returning 2 starters to this year's baseball team. The good part is that the team witnessed how to win a regional title. Some problems may be caused for this year's team is that IHSA has installed a new pitching rule. The new pitching rule means that pitchers have to have a 3 day rest or more after throwing 75 pitches or more. This year's team lacks pitchers somewhat and may have to go deep into their bench with this new rule being installed.

The West Central Cougars are looking to have another great season after last year's success. They have high hopes coming into this new season after a great year last year. The only problem West Central will face is the matter of experience from the lack of players they return.

# High School Sign



## Caleb VanDeVelde

Winchester High School recently got a electronic sign in front of the school. This project was made possible by the hard working dedication Student Council members and their sponsor Mrs. Laura Dukett. This project had been a big undertaking for the high school as their goal was to raise \$40,000 for this electronic sign. The Student Council went around town selling blocks that would be placed under the sign. These blocks could be purchased for \$400 dollars from Student Council.

After the Student Council made it possible to be built by making the money for it Tonya Sanders runs it. She has access to running the sign on her computer in the High School. The School tends to put school events on the sign such as sports events, scholastic bowl, and even student of the months. The sign also has the ability to show the daily weather and has the ability to tell you events such as the blood drive.

The electronic sign was a very nice upgrade to Winchester as a district. The electronic sign is just a preview for how Winchester is upgrading their equipment and building as a district. The sign also has very nice bricks placed around the bottom of it to make it look nicer. They also plant flowers in the bricks during the spring that really brings out the sign. The Winchester school District will continue to upgrade their district year after year the sign was just a start.

## Madden 17

By Allie Davidson

Madden is a game based on football. The number behind Madden is the year the Super



Bowl was in the game. So in this game the Super Bowl was 2017. You have a variety of game modes to choose from.

You can choose from Ultimate Team, play now(which is where you choose your

team and you choose who you are facing), franchise, and fantasy football. My personal favorite is Ultimate Team. Where you can build the team you want. You also choose your favorite team. Then you pick a pack with 2 starters. You can choose what team pack you want to have. Then you get more packs by completing solo challenges. Solo challenges are where you complete tasks,such as to throwing a touchdown on the first play. Most of these solo challenges are where you have one task, but most of them are complicated(this is my opinion). My best player on my ultimate team is Larry Fitzgerald, a wide receiver for the Arizona Cardinals. My favorite team from the NFL is the New England Patriots.

# March Madness

By: Andrew ( Fluff ) Armstrong

March Madness is a tournament held in March by the NCAA. The tournament begins on Tuesday, March 14, and continues until Monday, April 3. There are a total of 68 men's basketball teams and 64 women's basketball teams that take part in March Madness. The teams will go through the first four brackets, then they go through the second rounds brackets, after that they have the sweet 16 brackets, then the elite 8, final 4, then they go to the championship. March Madness is a big deal to a lot of basketball fans. I personally don't know much about March Madness, but i have watched it with my uncle so I do watch it. When they did the bracket streaks in 2015 someone ended up winning because they predicted what the bracket would be for March Madness and got 34 games correct in a row on their bracket. If you're a fan of basketball and haven't watched March Madness you should check it out and watch this upcoming March Madness.



# The History of the U.S. Army

Kelsey Newton

The U.S. Army began on June 14, 1775. The oldest regular Army infantry regiment, the 3d, was constituted on June 3, 1784, as the First American Regiment. George Washington was unanimously elected Commander-In-Chief of the fledgling Army.



In 1812 still suffering under British-enforced trade restrictions and other unsettled disputes from the American Revolution, the United States declared war on Britain for the second time. The war was a back and forth struggle that is perhaps most notable for the shelling of Baltimore harbor, which became Francis Scott Key's inspiration for the Star Spangled Banner.

In 1860, after a long-standing dispute over states' rights to allow their citizens to own slaves, southern states began seceding from the Union. The war that followed would become one of the most important conflicts in American history. During the secession, almost one-third of regular Army Officers resigned to join the Confederacy, and more than three million American Soldiers would serve by the time the war ended in 1865. The U.S. Army soldiers fighting in the war had a blue coat with red cuffs, a musician would wear a red coat with blue cuffs.

People today do not forget the efforts and sacrifices that these brave patriots made hundreds of years ago that lead to our freedom as a nation! The United States Army is the reason we have freedom because they are the ones who risk their lives to have this country and have the rights we have now. God Bless America. Thank you for your services and making this country great again.