

# WHS School News



Brrrrr! Do you feel that too? That must be the December breeze. This December of 2021 is a very special month. Christmas is coming up! Some of the seniors from the class of 22 will be graduating early. Students from the drama club will also be performing in a play this month. Don't forget to come by and watch! The classrooms and hallways are full of Christmas spirit. No way we're forgetting about Santa at School! Boys and Girls Basketball have been very successful so far. Basketball season just started so there is plenty of time for everyone to come watch a game or two! Support Your West Central Cougars as much as possible! Stay Tuned and keep coming to Winchester High School to find out about all of the fun activities, sports events, plays, and festive activities that we all participate in. But do not forget, Learning always comes first.

Connar Churchill

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and Happy New Year!

## Beardstown Boys Turkey Tourney

This year's West Central Boys basketball team participated in this year's Beardstown Turkey Tournament. The tournament was played from November 22nd through the 28th. They played on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights to then get seeded to play Saturday for either the championship game, third and fourth place game or the fifth and sixth place game. The boys played on Monday against Rushville-Industry and they blew them out with a final score of 78-36. They then played a rival game against Brown County. They took another win after Tysyn Mast scoring 13 points and Zack Evans with 28. They went into the final day before championship day needing a win to play against Southeastern for the championship. The Griggsville vs West Central game was a great game. West Central started off slow and were down by 5 points at half. They came back out with a lot more energy leading to a triple overtime loss. They ended up being in a three-way tie for 1st between Brown County and Griggsville. They lost the tiebreaker because they had the lowest free throw percentage out of the three teams. They ended up playing hometown Beardstown and won 81-70 for a fifth place win. Tysyn Mast and Zack Evans won All-Tournament Team. Very proud of the team and what they are going to accomplish this year!

Tysyn Mast

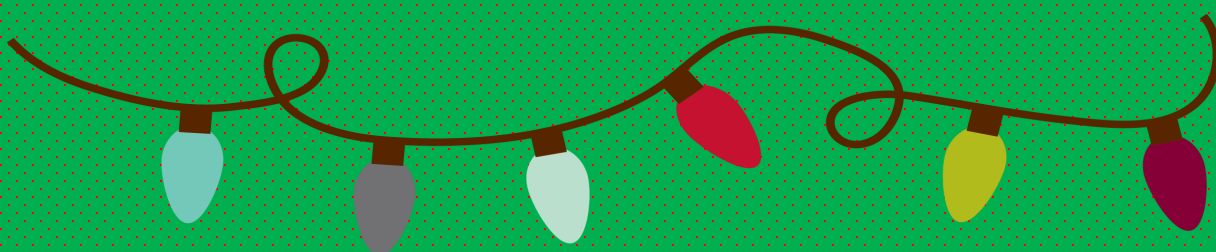
## Hometown Christmas

Christmas time has once again made its way into the town of Winchester and that means it's already time for the annual Hometown Christmas. The day of these events fell on December 4th. The day started with small business shopping and ended with a bright Christmas parade through town ending at the square for awards and a program.

The parade was put together by the WHS Key Club members. Since the beginning of November the group had been working very hard to put together such an important event for the whole town to enjoy. This year was the 3rd annual parade and the entire Key Club hopes for many more to come. After the parade everyone gathered at the square for awards and the results of the best float competition. The winners were based off of "Best in Glow" and "Best in Show". Presenting the program and awards were Key Club members Joely Dolen, Marissa Galloway, Reagan Brown, Julia Wahl, Emma Smith, and Kylie Clayton.

Overall everyone had a great time and hope for many more years to come with holding the Christmas parade. The Key Club is thankful for all who contributed and put a great deal of time into helping out with the 2021 Hometown Christmas.

Julia Wahl



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## Early Graduates

We have nine people graduating early this year from Winchester High School, the nine are Cooper Branner, Bryce Clayton, Lucus Beckman, Wil Fisher, Andreah Barber, Delaney Fearneyhough, Quentin Atteberry, Cheyenne Franklin, and Isaiah Gregory.

For Cooper's future plans out of school he will go work at B&B pipe out of Jacksonville Illinois. His parents are Brooke Smith and Jonathan Branner.

Bryce's future plans are to attend a two year college and get a degree in Ag science. His parents are Matt and Anne Clayton. He has been in Football for a year and 2 years of bass fishing.

Delaney's future plans are to attend college. Her parents are Dewy and Jeannie Fearneyhough. She has been in FFA, Drama Club, and NHS throughout high school.

Andreah's future plans are to attend LLCC for associates then transfer to a four year college. She has been in Student Council, Key Club, and Spanish Club throughout High School. Her parents are Janel and Tom Barber.

Quentin's plans after high school is to go into the electrical field and he hopes to get into electrical union in the future. His parents are Ethan and Lynn Atteberry.

Wil's plan after high school is to go work. His parents are Kim and Jeramie Fisher.

Lucus's plan after high school is to go work. He has been in bass fishing and FFA. His parents are Jaerrid and Bridget Beckman.

Cheyenne's plan after high school is to attend Southern IL University for nursing. She has been involved in Spanish Club. Her parents are Krista Gauges (Jacob Gauges) and Brad Franklin (Chloe Franklin).

I, Isaiah, after high school, I am going to go into the union and work road construction. I have been in FFA for 3 years, 3 years of football, and 2 years of baseball.

## End of Semester

The end of the semester is coming up quickly and finals are just around the corner. The finals schedule is as follows, 1st through 4th hours are on the 20th followed by 5th through 8th hours on the 21st. Some students are allowed to take an exemption for a final based on their map test scores. Make sure you study as much as possible without tiring yourself. Shoot for the best possible score you can and you will do great. The 21st marks the end of the first semester. There will be a Christmas play put on December 11th and 12th put on by the school. Christmas break starts December 22 and goes through the 3rd of January.

Brock Ingram

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On December 4 this year is our Hometown Christmas. There are a lot of events that will take place on the square. Our local small businesses will be open and ready for customers. The boutiques on the square will be open for longer hours than usual so that the customers have a longer time to go shopping. There will also be a Christmas parade that is put on by the Winchester High School key Club. It is expected that there will be quite a bit of floats in this parade. Everyone should try to attend the parade to see what local businesses have put together for their floats. The Key Club members have already decorated the trees on the square so that our square looks pretty for our Hometown Christmas. If you are able to, you should visit the square at some point this Saturday. It is always a fun day for our small town.

Zaylie Evans

