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## Veterans Day

*Written by: Erick Jaramillo*

Veterans Day is a day that people gather around and celebrate, honoring the people who have fallen and those who have protected our flag and our nation. Many come together and honor the veterans who are both active duty and retired for their service and for protecting our families and communities. Veterans Day is important to a lot of people,

and it's celebrated everywhere in the United States. Veterans Day used to be called Armistice Day, but because of World War I, in 1954, it was changed to Veterans Day to remember the fallen soldiers and everyone who has served. For many veterans, this day is special because it makes them feel appreciated for their dedication and service to our country.



## The Value of a Family

*Written by: Katelyn Ramey*

Recently, I had a conversation with my mom about her experiences growing up in a family that didn't have a lot to give. She told me stories about her childhood, where going without was a constant thing, but so was the love they each had to offer. My mom described how her parents worked to provide for the family. They had multiple jobs and still barely got by. Aside from the financial problems, they understood the value of hard work, determination, and gratitude. She told me how her mom would make every dollar go a long way by finding ways to make meals and clothes last longer.

Her dad was always tired from long hours but always found time to teach her life skills and the important values of life. One of the most important parts of our talk was when she said something about the support of her town. Her friends and family would always come together to help, even with as little as they had. This showed her the importance of looking out for each other no matter how little you have. I gained an understanding of my mom's values. Her experience growing up in a "poor" household and how it made her who she is today.

## Stormy Weather in November

*Written by: Chloe Landreth*

Lately, there has been some stormy weather, even though it's the beginning of November. Multiple thunderstorms and even some tornadoes have occurred. KOCO 5 has mentioned that there have been nine tornadoes so far in November. There has also been flash flooding in the southeastern area. This past week, the weather has affected many things, but one of the most important is the last football game. Like any other week, it would've been just a Friday night football game.



Instead, they rearranged things and moved it all to Thursday due to the weather. Despite all this weather, even though it may be concerned, we want to know why. Well, as far as I know, all this weather is due to climate change. Climate change can be good or sometimes not so good. Will there be more damaging storms this fall? Who knows what the weather is gonna be like here? Do you enjoy this climate change?



# The Wolverines Beat Comanche

Written by: William Douglas



The Seniors taking the field on Senior Night.

For the first time since 2001, the Holdenville Wolverines have ended the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record. Their final game was a 40-7 home win over the Comanche Indians that featured a rushing touchdown by both Xavier Randall and Brett Sipes, as well as 3 rushing touchdowns by Malachi Henderson.

Holdenville has made the playoffs for the 3rd year in a row, and this year their round 1 game is against the Luther Lions. The Wolverines have lost in the first round the past 2 years, so hopefully that will change this year. The game is scheduled for Friday at 7:30 pm at Wolverine stadium.

If you can, please come to the game and support this team. Tickets will be available at the gate and will cost \$10. You can also purchase a ticket online on the Go Fan app. However, the proceeds will not go to the school.



Swayer and Malachi celebrating a touchdown.



The Wolverines taking down the runner.



Coach Barker during the interview.



## Interview With Coach Barker

Written by: Lane Love

1. Key to Success This Season: The main factor seems to be the growth in team culture. The program has made strides in understanding the system and being able to layer in more advanced strategies, which was harder to do in the past when everything was new. The players now have a confident mindset—winning is expected, not hoped for.

The defense is also noted for its speed and toughness.

2. Season Goals: While some goals have been met, like winning the district, the team is focused on the bigger prizes: breaking the playoff drought (last win was 2005), playing into Thanksgiving weekend, and ideally winning a state title. The focus remains on consistent improvement and discipline.

3. Key Players: Several players have stood out for their toughness, including Xavier Randall, who's playing through injury with a physical style. Freshman Brayden Black is also praised for his ability to hold his own against much larger opponents. The offensive line gets special mention as they do a lot of the "dirty work" that supports the rest of the team.

4. Mindset of the Team: The mentality is all about "Eat, Effort, Attitude, Toughness." This comes from a mix of influences, notably from McAllister and Coach Mazey, who borrow from other successful programs.

The idea is that you can't control everything, but if you control your effort, attitude, and toughness, you always have a chance. It's about being able to play through pain and push past discomfort, whether it's physical or mental.

5. Toughness as a Philosophy: The importance of playing through injury and showing up consistently is central to the team's ethos. It's not about "look at me" but about contributing when it's your turn. The mindset is focused on working hard without making a big deal about personal struggles.



# The Library

Written by: Ms. Hargis

There are not many things as calming as the smell of books surrounding you while you complete your work.

This is just one of the small reasons why a school library is the place that needs to be protected and cherished. Librarians have a love of literature, while also having the ability to teach your students the value of education.

A library is a central hub to any school building. It is almost always placed in a spot that sees the most foot traffic at a school. This is used to draw in the students, bring people together, and serve as a supporting space for the school teachers to utilize.

School staff had this to say about the importance of a school library:

"I think having a library is important for the school so students can prepare to utilize a library and find comfort in studying in one when they get into college. Libraries also offer a lot of resources and books that you otherwise wouldn't need to purchase and you can access for free."

-Mrs. Jones

"To give students access to books that they may not have at home. Also, research libraries are important to give students access to information that is static and cannot be edited."

-Ms. Brigden

"I think libraries are important to schools because they are essentially where the wealth of unending and unlimited knowledge is carefully stored away, yet continually at every student's disposal. Libraries are a treasure trove full of answers to almost any question and countless sparks for the imagination, available to anyone who cares enough to look around."

-Mrs. Yates

"I think it is important to provide students with a diverse range of resources in order to foster a love of reading. When students have access to a variety of high quality, high interest books, they are more apt to become strong readers and as the saying goes, readers are leaders!"

-Mrs. Brown

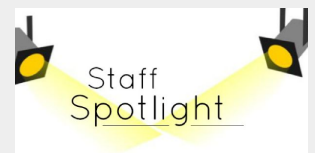


# Senior Night

Written by: Ms. Hargis

Thank you for coming out to support the seniors who participate in fall sports and activities. A photo has been provided of each senior honored during senior night by Mrs. McFarland.

**SENIOR  
NIGHT**



## Mrs. Brown

What do you enjoy about working at HHS? I absolutely love all my students. I love watching you all grow and mature.

How long have you worked at HHS? This is my 19th year as a teacher and my first year back at the high school. I spent several years teaching at Thomas. I am truly humbled to be a part of Holdenville High School!!



## Mrs. Ladonna

What do you enjoy about working at HHS?

I really enjoy all the kids!

How long have you worked at HHS?

I've worked with Holdenville Schools for 31 years. I love our Wolverines and I'm excited that we have a chance at taking State in football!!!



Provided by: Kaytlynn King



# Senior Night for Fall Sports





# Some of the Newspaper Staff's Favorite Halloween Candy.



My favorite Halloween candy is probably Butterfingers. The chocolate and peanut butter go so well together. Then the crunch, it's just so good. But the bad thing about them is they get stuck in my teeth. It's hard to get it out of my teeth, but the taste of a Butterfinger makes it all better. So that's why my favorite candy is Butterfinger.

My favorite candy is Reese's because they're filled with chocolate and peanut butter. I prefer it because it melts in your mouth and doesn't make your mouth dry. I just love Reese's so much; they are amazing.

My favorite candy is Twix because I like chocolate and caramel.

My favorite candy is Reese's Peanut Butter cups because I like the combo of peanut butter and chocolate.

I like Ferrero Rocher, they are really good.

My favorite is Hershey's because I love chocolate and I love how they melt in my mouth.



My favorite is the chewy Jolly Rancher. I like it because it's soft and tastes like OG but sweeter.

My favorite candy is Airhead Sour Stripes. It is colorful and has the best flavor.



## Review of Coraline

*Written by: Mallory Watson*



Recently I've rewatched Coraline and still really love the movie. I've always liked the way they produced it, the way the characters acted, how they talked, their actions, and how different they all were. While rewatching, I've also seen things I may have missed or didn't get the first few times.

I like how Coraline was portrayed and how like any other teenager she is, brave she was to go back for her parents and get rid of the other mother. And finally, how Coraline's life is going back to normal. She talks and befriends Wybie, while also being there for her parents and neighbors.

## Student Athletes

*Written by: Raelee Johnson*



Being a student-athlete is a demanding balancing act that fosters time management, teamwork, and resilience. Juggling rigorous academics with competitive sports teaches prioritization, builds leadership skills, and develops a strong work ethic. These experiences not only enhance performance on the field but also prepare students for future professional environments, fostering lasting friendships and networks.

While the pressure can lead to stress and burnout, the skills and experiences gained as a student-athlete can positively impact various aspects of life, equipping them with a bright future.

I met up with Hayden Brummett and Chloe Allison and this is what they had to say about being a student athlete:

1. How do you balance school and athletics?  
It's kind of hard sometimes because athletics takes up so much time. - Hayden  
I just play by the day it's hard being a student athlete because you are working on

getting better and trying to work on your homework that due the next day. - Chloe

2. How has being a student-athlete improved your time management?

A lot because in season I would get home at like 9 every night. - Hayden

It improved by having a set schedule by working with the coaches and teachers and my job managers. - Chloe

3. What's a key lesson learned from your athletic career?

That if you don't have confidence in what you do then you will not make the progress you want. - Hayden

I learn that it is ok to mess up just learn from it and do better the next time. - Chloe



# Holiday Traditions From All Over the World

Written by: Chase Foraker

- It is around the time to baste that turkey and put up those lights to see those estranged family members, so let us look at some traditions that might be weird to you but are common worldwide.
- Mari Lwyd is a Welsh tradition where someone decorates a horse skull and goes caroling from door to door.
- One is Krampus, he is pretty well known, but he is Austrian in origin. He takes bad kids and punishes them.
- The Presidential Turkey Pardon is weird to me; just the fact that to be pardoned, you had to commit a crime beforehand. So what did the turkey do?
- Due to heavy capitalism in Japan in the early 80's late 70's, they now eat KFC for the holidays. And you have to make reservations to get it.
- And finally we have the turkey and Thanksgiving eating contest. Similar to the summer tradition of eating hot dogs, people get together and see how fast they can eat a turkey.



## Review of Caddo Lake

Written by:  
Ms. Hargis



Caddo Lake is a thriller written and directed by Celine Held and Logan George and produced by M. Night Shyamalan. If you have ever seen one of his movies you should be prepared for the confusion you will face while enjoying this new movie. The acting is lead by former Teen Wolf actor, Dylan O'Brian and upcoming actress Eliza Scanlen.

If you are a fan of the thriller genre, I highly recommend that you give this film a chance. It was not at all what I was expecting when I turned it on. It is shot in such a way that Caddo Lake is the highlight of the movie, with all of its beauty and mystery.

Caddo Lake is available to stream on MAX and anywhere you can rent.

## Art Class is at it Again!

Written by: Ms. Hargis

Mrs. Carter's art class created a host of signs to hang during the big game on Friday Night.

