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Wolverines Prepare for Halloween Night Showdown Against Davis

Written by: Bailey Sisco

This Friday, October 31, at 7 P.M., the Holdenville Wolverines will take the field in Davis for a Halloween night matchup that promises more than just football. As the Wolverines prepare to battle the Davis Wolves under the stadium lights, fans can expect a festive twist — from the Holdenville band's spooky "Thriller" halftime show to the players' annual costume day tradition earlier in the day.

Throughout the week, excitement has been building around the Halloween-themed game. The Wolverines have been hard at work perfecting plays and staying focused, but that hasn't stopped them from getting into the spirit of the holiday.

On Thursday, players will be practicing in their Halloween costumes — a fun Holdenville tradition that brings laughter and team bonding before game day intensity sets in.

"So this week is going to come down with our guys being more physical, playing whistle to whistle as hard as we can. At the end of the day, we are going to score more points than they are. We are going to become district champions and beat Davis for the second year in a row. Our guys are totally capable of doing it. We were focused, and we were flying around at practice, and we had good spirits. We believe we will come out on top this week," said Coach Laster.

At halftime, the Holdenville High School band will trade in their usual uniforms for creative Halloween costumes and team up with the Davis High School band to perform "Thriller" for the crowd. The performance is expected to bring plenty of energy to the stands as the band shows off both musical talent and school spirit.

Players and students alike are looking forward to the night — not just for the game, but for the celebration that surrounds it.

Fans are encouraged to wear costumes, cheer loudly, and enjoy the Halloween spirit while backing the Wolverines in their fight against Davis. Kickoff is set for 7 P.M. at Davis High School — and whether it's on the field or in the stands, Holdenville pride is sure to shine.



Unite for Halloween Fun

Written by: Zoe Griffin

Traditions in the town

In the town of Holdenville, we do not have as many traditions as you might think. We trick or treat at the businesses from 3:30 to 5:00 this year trick or treating will be held thursday october 30th, normal door to door trick or treating will be Halloween night. Chief Scroggins wanted door-to-door to be the same as always. There will also be a football game on Halloween night.

Traditions in the high school

Traditions in the high school consist of dressing up with costumes that follow school rules, which include

No masks

No blood

No weapons

Must be school-appropriate

These rules can be very easy to follow. If not followed, you will be dress-coded and possibly sent home. Please follow the rules.





Photo taken by Mrs. McFarland

Welcome, Coach Howell

Written by: Aiden Prater

Coach Howell graduated from North Rock Creek. She played softball for many years, but she never won a championship. The main position she played was first base; she also played catcher.

This was during COVID, but she played until 2024 .

She said she barely liked playing during COVID because they had to wear masks when playing on the field. She has a degree in teaching, and this is her first year teaching algebra. She also coaches high school softball. She likes fast and slowpitch.

The reason she chose this job in Holdenville was to be close to family and friends.

Storm Shelter Update: Contractors Set to Make Necessary Repairs

Written by: Anton Stewart

When the fire marshal visited our storm shelter, they found an issue with the back door catch. Contractors will return to address this issue, and once their other projects are complete, they will make the necessary repair.

We are confident the building will be ready soon after these repairs, although we do not have an exact date yet.

Once finished, we will hold storm drills in the new

shelter, which has plenty of space for all students.

Also, the esports team will finally have a new place to practice for our tournaments. Overall, when this building is up and running, it will benefit everyone in the school.

We appreciate everyone's patience and will share updates as they become available. For now, this is all the information we have.



Upcoming Events:

10/31: HHS Football @ Davis 7:00 PM

11/1: OSSBDA band all state tryouts @ Tuttle

11/5: FFA SE area sporting clays @ Broken Bow

11/7: HHS Football @ Comanche 7:00 PM

11/8: ECOBDA band honor band tryouts @ Shawnee MS

11/10: Veteran's Day Assembly High School Auditorium 9:00-10:00

11/11: FFA OPSU inter scholastics

11/12: FFA state sporting clays

11/13: FFA SE area speech contest

11/12 - 11/13: robotics competition @ Denison, TX

11/12: HHS Football First Round of Playoffs

11/15: OKMEA all state jazz try-outs

11/15: quiz bowl @ Wilburton

Thought For The Week

GREAT THINGS
Are Done
By A Series
SMALL THINGS
Brought Together

Unveiling the History of Trick-or-Treating Traditions

Written by: Zoe Griffin

The history of pumpkin carving

The history of pumpkin carving originated in Ireland, where the tradition of carving scary faces into turnips, potatoes, and beets to ward off evil spirits was brought to America by Irish immigrants. Once in America, the immigrants switched to using pumpkins because they were more readily available and easier to carve, leading to the modern jack-o'-lantern tradition associated with Halloween. The tradition started in Ireland with the folklore of "Stingy Jack," a man who tricked the devil and was cursed to roam the earth forever with only a burning coal for light. To scare away Jack's spirit, people carved scary faces into root vegetables and placed them in their windows to act as a deterrent.

The history of trick or treating

Trick-or-treating originated from medieval European traditions, such as souling and guising, where people would go door-to-door in exchange for food or money, often after performing a prayer or act.

The practice became a mainstream American custom in the 20th century, evolving from immigrant traditions and transforming into a community-focused activity for children, particularly after World War II, when candy became more widely available.

The history of dressing up

The origin of dressing up for Halloween comes from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, where people wore costumes to ward off ghosts and spirits on the night before the new year, which was believed to be a time when the dead could roam the earth. Later, this practice evolved through a combination of Celtic, Christian, and American traditions, including medieval "souling" where people begged for soul cakes, and American immigrants bringing their customs with them. Today's costumes range from traditional spooky outfits to pop culture characters, reflecting a shift from a spiritual practice to a more secular and creative celebration.

The history of witches

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The history of how Halloween got its name

The name "Halloween" is a contraction of "All Hallows' Eve," which is the evening before the Christian holy day of All Saints' Day (All Hallows' Day) on November 1. The term "hallow" means "holy" or "saint," and "eve" refers to the evening before a holiday. Therefore, Halloween literally means "holy evening".

Here's your history lesson. Have a safe week and Happy Halloween.

Stay Eligible: Tips for Students to Avoid Ineligibility

Written by: Anton Stewart

Ineligibility has started for the school year. If you are ineligible, you will not be able to participate in activities like band, sports, and Esports. To be eligible for activities, you must not fail any of your classes. To avoid ineligibility, make sure you are doing all class work and asking your teacher if you can correct any of your assignments. It is the beginning of the year, so your grades are able to change easily since we haven't done many assignments.

If you are ineligible, you may not be able to participate in football games, sports, or tournaments, in E-sports, or band events. To stay eligible, make sure your grades are not failing, and check with your teacher to help bring your grade up so you can stay in all of your favorite activities. Your teachers want to help boost your grade, so just ask them for help.



Public School Funding

Written by Rylan Mayfield

In 2021, public schools in Oklahoma earned \$5,700 less per student than the average U.S. school. Public schools receive funding from a combination of local, state, and federal sources. Each District differs in how it funds public schools.

The three types of funding are local, state, and federal.

Local funding often comes from property taxes, but can also come from fees or programs like parent-teacher associations.

State funding is generated through a wide variety of sources that vary from state to state, often through personal and corporate income and retail sales taxes.

Depending on the state, funding may also come from taxes on tobacco products and alcoholic beverages and from lotteries.

Federal funding often comes to school districts through a series of targeted grants, like Title I, which supports schools serving low-income communities, or IDEA, which funds special education services. Much of this funding goes to the state, which is then allocated to individual school districts.

Oklahoma City Schools had received 34.1% of its 2021-22 funding from federal sources, the highest among Oklahoma's 10 largest school districts.

Upcoming Weather Forecast

Written by: Aiden Prater

Holdenville weather newspaper presents the weather from Friday the 5th to Tuesday the 16th:

- **Wednesday, Oct 29:** Mostly cloudy with a high of 54°F. Winds from the northwest could reach 25 mph.
- **Thursday, Oct 30:** Sunny with a high of 62°F. The low will be around 38°F.
- **Friday, Oct 31:** Mostly cloudy, with a high of 65°F and a low of 42°F.
- **Monday, Nov 3:** Sunny, with a high of 68°F and a low of 44°F.
- **Tuesday, Nov 4:** Mostly sunny, with a high of 66°F and a low of 48°F.
- **Wednesday, Nov 5:** Mostly sunny, with a high of 71°F and a low of 50°F.
- **Thursday, Nov 6:** Mostly sunny, with a high of 68°F and a low of 50°F.
- **Friday, Nov 7:** High of 75°F and a low of 56°F.

Early November forecast (November 1-7)

The weather will become warmer and mostly clear at the start of November.

- **Saturday, Nov 1:** Partly cloudy, with a high of 63°F and a low of 41°F.
- **Sunday, Nov 2:** Sunny, with a high of 68°F and a low of 51°F.

Seasonal context

Average temperatures: The average high for November in Holdenville is 63°F, and the average low is 44°F.

Long-range outlook: The Old Farmer's Almanac forecasts warmer-than-normal winter temperatures for the area, with below-normal precipitation for the season.

Cross Country Team Celebrates Regional Success and State Qualifier

Written by: Anton Stewart

On October 18th, our cross country team sent one of their members to the state in the regions. Our runners worked hard for this victory and ran against 21 other schools.

Team member Lainey said, "Ben has put in the work hard over the years." These were the reasons for Ben going to the state.

The cross country team will continue to run in more events and bring us more wins for our school. Every year, the cross country team runs in about (6-7) races against many other schools.

This event was one of many to come for cross country. There were over 150 runners in the race. In the past 68 days, or about 2 months,



Photo provided by: Mrs. Rhine

cross country has practiced every school day we have had.

State championships will be on the 25th. They have worked hard in all of their events and will return next year ready to run.

This wraps up the cross country regionals that happened on the 18th.

During the state event on the 25th, Ben finished 24th out of 121 runners. Congratulations on the great season!



"We are so proud of all the hard work the cross country team has put in this school year. Congratulations on all of you accomplishments."

-Ms. Hargis



Community Christian Football Game

Written by Rylan Mayfield

On October 23, 2025, the Holdenville football team played against Community Christian. This game took place in Holdenville, Oklahoma. Before the game started, Holdenville High School hosted a senior night where they recognized all the seniors who play football, cheer, cross country, or are in the band.

Once they had finished the senior festivities, they had a coin toss to determine who would receive the kick. Holdenville received the kick.



Six minutes into the first quarter, Junior Bo Black scored the first touchdown of the game. Holdenville then kicked to the other team.

As soon as the second quarter started, Holdenville scored another touchdown. Holdenville had a two-point conversion, making the score 14-0.

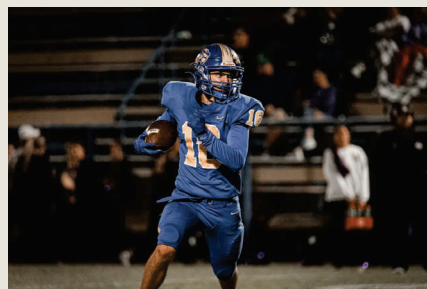
Later in the second quarter, Community Christian scored a touchdown followed by an extra point.

Picture Provided by: Rafe McCawley

At halftime, the Community Christian Band performed four songs by the Beach Boys. After the CCS band was finished, Holdenville Band performed three songs with the cheer team beside them performing.

Halfway through the third quarter, Junior and quarterback Abe Gomez scored another touchdown.

The ending score of the game was 46-14.



Red Ribbon Week at Holdenville High School

Written by: Leah Williams

At Holdenville High School, we calibrate Red Ribbon Week with a dress-up day and a guest speaker. On Monday, wear Zoom meeting attire; on Tuesday, wear camo.

On Wednesday, wear red, on Thursday, wear your favorite team, and on Friday, wear your Halloween costume.

On Oct 29, 2035, we had guest speakers from the Victims Impact Panel of Oklahoma; the speakers were named Natalie, Shawn, and Misty.

They spoke about stories of their own, like people in their own lives who have passed away from the effects of drugs or alcohol, and also distractions.

Students can enter a photo from a red ribbon for a chance to win an iPad and \$1000 for their school.

