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Annual Band Concert Set for Tuesday



Written by: Ms. Hargis

Mr. Crosby and Mr. White are set for their next band concert with the Holdenville Golden Pride. The event will take place Tuesday, Dec. 10th. They will begin playing at 6:30 PM in the high school auditorium.

Come out to support our incredible band as they complete their annual band Christmas concert.



A New President Will Enter Office Next Year

Written by: Chloe Landreth

Next month, America will be welcoming a former president back into office. There are many different opinions, but many changes have been made since the election. For example, the price of gas has gone down since elected. The upcoming president has many plans for our country. Some agree, and some don't. In case some may not know when a president is going into office, we call it inauguration.

The inauguration ceremony takes place at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. The year's presidential inauguration will be scheduled for January 20th, 2025.

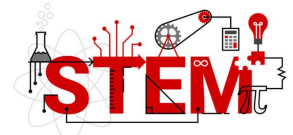


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Holdenville High School Launches Innovative STEM Club

Written by: Ms. Hargis

Mrs. Orso is starting a STEM club at Holdenville High School! Students interested in 3D printing, robotics, drones, circuits, and more are encouraged to join. The club aims to "stem into the future" by exploring science, technology, engineering, and math.



Meetings will occur in Mrs. Orso's room (104) during 7th hour, from 1:35 to 2:20 PM. There is a \$5 fee to join the club. If you're interested, sign up today!

Christmas Tradition Around the World



Written by: Seth Powell

Christmas is celebrated worldwide, but the traditions vary widely across cultures and religions. While many associate Christmas with Christianity, it's also celebrated by people of various faiths and those who are non-religious. Christians often commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, by attending church services, exchanging gifts, and decorating homes with Christmas trees and ornaments. In some cultures, like Mexico, Las Posadas reenacts Mary and Joseph's search for shelter.

Scandinavian countries celebrate St. Lucia, a festival of light with young girls wearing white robes and candlelit crowns. For many, Christmas is a time for family gatherings, sharing festive meals, and exchanging gifts. Regardless of religious affiliation, the holiday season offers a chance for reflection, joy, and connection with loved ones.



Christmas Spirit was in Full Swing this Week



Written by: Raelee Johnson

Get ready to jingle and mingle because Christmas is almost here, and Holdenville High School was diving headfirst into the holiday festivities! Our Christmas Spirit Week was packed with fun and excitement from December 2nd to 6th. Here's was the festive lineup that's lit up the halls:

****Monday:**** Polar Express Day - Roll out of bed and stay cozy in your pajamas all day long! Who doesn't love a comfy start to the week?

****Tuesday:**** Christmas Class Collision - It's time to show your holiday spirit by dressing up according to your grade's theme:

****Seniors:**** Transform into majestic Reindeer!

****Juniors:**** Spread cheer as festive Elves!

****Sophomores:**** Chill out as adorable Snowmen!

****Freshmen:**** Bring the joy as Santas!

****8th Grade:**** Get ready to channel your inner Grinch!

****Faculty:**** Shine bright in your Warm Channels!

****Wednesday:**** Christmas Hat Day - Top off your outfit with the most creative and festive Christmas hat you can find. Let your spirit shine!

****Thursday:**** Deck the Halls - Get creative and decorate yourself like a beautiful Christmas tree. Sparkle and shine, everyone!

****Friday:**** Ugly Sweater Day - It's time to dig into those closets and uncover the ugliest sweater you can find. The more outrageous, the better!

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Film Club

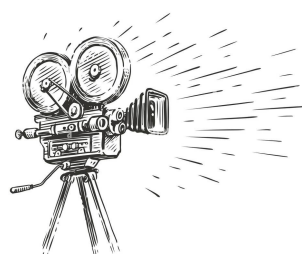
Written by: Baylee Doane



Hello readers, Today I have some news that might pique your interest. I know not everyone likes to read or has something to do in their spare time, so this is an activity you will enjoy if you love watching movies and relaxing! On Thursday, December 4, Mrs. Hargis will be presenting and holding the first Film Club meeting in her classroom after school between the hours of 3:30-4:30. The time you spend in her classroom will be filled with enjoyment and fun,

plus who doesn't like watching movies? As long as you are interacting with the other students and Ms. Hargis it should be an amazing experience for you and everyone else! While you watch these different movies, you will be communicating with your classmates about what interests you in the movie and how you feel about certain scenes and scenarios. It's all about getting to have fun and discussing and also coming together to do something

fun. Now, Mrs. Hargis is taking her time and effort to do this for the students, so please be respectful and open-minded to this activity. If it isn't for you, share it with a friend. It could be something exciting for them!



Zane Peters

What is one thing you wish you had known when you started high school?
That getting involved isn't a bad thing.

What is your biggest hope for the future?
That I will always have a position to make the lives of my peers a little better.

How are you feeling about the transition to college?
I'm a little nervous, but that's because I don't know what to expect. I feel like it won't be too bad.

What major are you considering?
Pastoral Ministry!



Caynan Stanford

What is one thing you wish you had known when you started high school?
The band kids smell so bad.

What is your biggest hope for the future?
To live under a bridge.

How are you feeling about the transition to college?
I am feeling immensely enthusiastic about that.

What major are you considering?
I am considering Monkey philosophy.



Provided by: Kaytlynn King

A Season to Remember

Written by: William Douglas



The team following the game.

The Wolverine's season came to an end when they played against the Colcord Hornets in the quarterfinal round of the playoffs. The game was close in the beginning, but Holdenville just couldn't keep momentum. By the end of the game, the score was 36-14 in favor of the

Hornets. Looking back at this season in the future will bring back great memories for me as a fan, and I'm sure most if not all of the players would say the same.

From beating Wewoka by 52 to get the season started, to with finally beating Davis

(who is now in the state championship game, by the way), and getting our first playoff win since 2006 against the Luther Lions, this season was so much fun to experience and write about.



Even though we didn't win the state championship, we should still be so proud of how this team played and fought until the very end.



Captains headed to the coin toss



Fired up to play football



Mike Piza running the ball

Christmas Cheer Comes to the Auditorium: Wolverines Unite!

Written by: Erick Jaramillo

This Friday, the Wolverines will be watching a movie to celebrate the Christmas season. They will gather in the auditorium for the film and participate in fun games together. The movie that will be shown is Jingle all the Way. There will also be snacks available for purchase to enjoy with the movie. The cost to attend the movie is \$1.00. Additionally, they will light the Christmas tree, with many people coming together for this event. It will most likely be broadcast live on the

Wolverines' official YouTube and Facebook pages. After this week, there will only be two more weeks left before the Christmas break, which lasts for two weeks.



Holdenville High School Lights Up the Christmas Season with Annual Tree Lighting Event

Written by: Serenity Hubbard

Christmas season is coming around, and Holdenville High School will be doing the annual Christmas tree lighting on Friday. We will be out of class all day and competing for which class will have the most Christmas spirit. A bunch of clubs are doing their little performances in the auditorium to show the

Christmas spirit. There will be Christmas games and a dance-off, too! Each class will sing a Christmas song and whoever does the best gets a point. Another way to get a point would be to find the school elf. Whichever class finds the elf the most by the end of the week gets a point for Christmas spirit.

Finding the Meaning of Christmas

Written by:
Lane Love



What Christmas Is About and Why We Celebrate It

Christmas is celebrated every year on December 25th. It is one of the most loved holidays around the world. While it has Christian roots, it has grown into a holiday that focuses on joy, generosity, and goodwill for everyone.

The Origins of Christmas

Christmas marks the birth of Jesus Christ, born to Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. This event fulfills prophecies from the Old Testament and represents God coming to Earth. Early Christians chose December 25th to celebrate Christmas, connecting it to pagan winter festivals. This helped people celebrate light and renewal during the darkest season of the year.

The Religious Significance

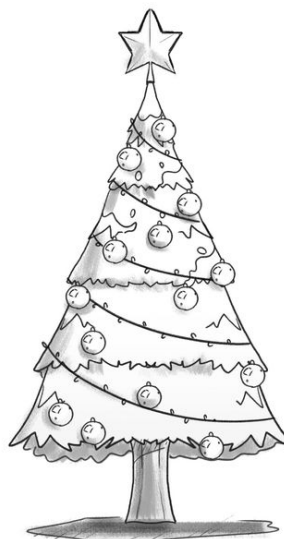
For Christians, Christmas is a time for reflection, prayer, and worship. The story of Jesus' birth emphasizes humility, love, and sacrifice. Many Christians attend church services and focus on Jesus as the "Light of the World."

The Secular Celebration

Christmas has also become a time for gift-giving, feasting, and social gatherings enjoyed by people of all backgrounds. Santa Claus, inspired by St. Nicholas, represents generosity. The tradition of giving gifts reflects love and goodwill, inspired by the gifts the Three Wise Men brought to Jesus.

Why We Celebrate Christmas

At its core, Christmas celebrates kindness, compassion, and togetherness. It encourages us to stop, reflect on our blessings, and show generosity and care toward others.



Interview with Mrs. Bruner

Written by: Hailey Royston

What is your favorite Christmas tradition?

I was married on December 23, so Mr. Bruner.

Christmas Eve dinner with my family.

What is your favorite Christmas movie? Why is it your favorite?

What is the best Christmas gift you received from someone?

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.

By the time Christmas arrives, I need a good laugh.

What do you plan on doing for Christmas this year?

Looking at lots of Christmas lights, cooking Christmas Eve dinner, resting on Christmas Day.



Christmas Dress Up Week

Pictures provided by: Mrs. McFarland



Review of The Grinch

Written by: Mallory Watson

The Christmas movie I decided to write a review about is *The Grinch*. The Grinch is about a unique green antagonist who hates Christmas and anyone who celebrates it. Cindy Lou meets the Grinch, helps him get over his deep

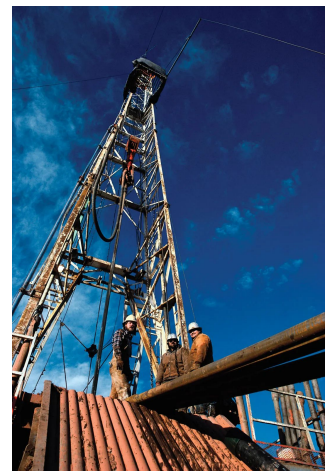
hatred for Christmas, and encourages him to become a kind person. I think *The Grinch* is an amazing Christmas movie and recommend that anyone who has not seen the movie should watch it.

Oklahoma's Thriving Economy

Written by: Katelyn Ramey

Stock marketing is the collection of markets, such as buying, selling, and shares. When you buy a stock, you own some of that company. Some companies pay dividends, which is some of their profit. A Bull Market is when prices are rising. The Oklahoma Stock Market includes companies such as grocery stores, pharmacies, and healthcare. The best one is Apple, with profits of \$99.8 billion. Oklahoma's economy is strong, with a low unemployment rate below the national average.

In 2023, Oklahoma's GDP growth was 6.0% per year. Oklahoma is ranked 9th in the United States.



The Babbs Switch Fire

Written by: Chase Foraker



The Babbs Switch fire was a schoolhouse tragedy that happened December 24, 1924, close to a hundred years ago in Oklahoma. It all started whenever a Christmas celebration occurred at the school with over 200 attendants in the small, cramped school house; a teenage student dressed as Santa was passing out presents to the younger kids when he bumped into a live candle (before they had Christmas lights) which caused the paper decorations and dry pine needles and caused a large fire which caught the stage on fire, where all the children were.

The exit was an inward swinging door that soon clogged up, and the

windows, covered in iron bars to deter robbers, were not an option. People were trampled and got stuck in the fumes and flames. After the horror of that night, 36 were unfortunately deceased, and one is still missing.

Due to this fire, we now have electric lights and outwards swinging doors to prevent another tragedy.

Remembering a Schoolhouse Tragedy

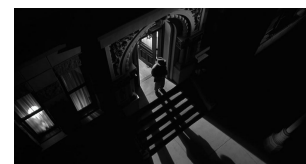


Babbs Switch Community's Christmas. From three sides thirty-three Indian were taken.



Discover the Magic of Film

Written by: Thea Nichols



Any high school Film Club could be a great place for students to explore film, discuss interest in movies, and learn about filmmaking. Film clubs can help students develop visual literacy skills, improve their imagination and creativity, and enhance their speaking and listening skills. Film club provides students with a space at all grade levels to view a wide range of films in a movie-theatre style setting. Holdenville High School's film club started on the fourth of December.

A film club is a group of people who meet regularly to watch films and discuss. The dynamic setting of such groups makes each a unique one depending on their interests. While some film clubs are just solely for watching together, some also create outputs.

To develop a sense of watching films among students. To create active film viewers. To build editing, directing, writing, and film-related skills among students. To conduct film-related academic activities

A New President Will Enter Office Next Year - Continued

Traditionally, the president-elect arrives at the White House and then proceeds to the Capitol Building with the outgoing president. Around or afternoon, the president takes the oath of office, usually administered by the chief justice of the United States, and then delivers the inaugural address.

His term will only be 4 years then there will be a new

president who will serve 4 years and may have a chance to be re-elected depending on the voter's decision. Every Time a president is elected to be in office, we celebrate the inauguration of the president. Even though some may not agree or be happy, it still can be interesting to watch. Inauguration Day is such a big deal!

It's like watching history unfold right in front of you.

The whole ceremony is filled with traditions and speeches, and you can feel the excitement and anticipation. Plus, there are usually some amazing performances, and the atmosphere is just electric. Have you ever watched one before? Inauguration Day has a pretty cool history! The first one was for George Washington on April 30, 1789. Since then, it's become a day filled with lots of traditions, like the swearing-in ceremony, the inaugural address, and the inaugural parade. It's always held on January 20th now, thanks to the 20th Amendment. It's a big celebration of the peaceful transfer of power and a fresh start for the new

administration. As of right now, Donald Trump is not in the office yet. However, President-Elect Donald Trump is poised to expand upon policies he implemented during his first term in office, such as those emphasizing limited government, states' rights, and lower taxes. Additionally, it is anticipated that the newly elected president and his administration will target many Biden Administration policies on the environment, immigration, foreign policy, and more. Many of these actions could be set forth by executive order in the initial days and weeks of a second Trump Administration.