

# Wolverine News

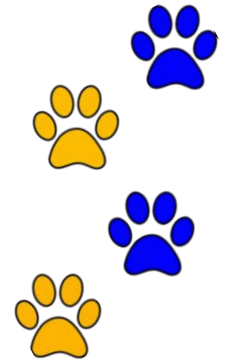
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## The Wolverines and Lady Wolverines Play at Antlers Tonight

Written by: Ms. Hargis

Antlers Blue and Gold Classic Tournament started on Thursday with the boys team beating the Valliant JV team. They will play DeQueen (Arkansas) tonight at approximately 7:50 PM. The lady Wolverines beat Antlers in their first

match up and are set to play a good Tuska team tonight at approximately 6:30 PM. Go out and support our Wolverines and Lady Wolverines tonight or watch the game on Youtube. Go Blue!



## Merry Christmas Mrs. Richmond

From the Senior Class



## Holdenville Christmas Parade and Dance Promise a Festive Night Out

Written by: Thea Nichols

The Holdenville Christmas parade and dance is on the 13th of December. The parade will be at 6:30 pm, while the dance will be at 8 pm. The parade will be held on Main Street in Holdenville, Oklahoma. The dance will be held in the high school cafeteria and is \$5 to attend. The theme of the parade and dance will be Christmas Movies. They will have decorated floats and a marching band, each of the floats will honor a different holiday classic.



There will be prizes given away during the parade. Every window will be decorated for the downtown holiday atmosphere to make your Christmas parade the best it can be. A big thank you to Mrs. Carter and her Art classes for putting their best effort into making this the best Christmas parade we've had. We have these huge parades on holidays like these to make the most out of the holiday seasons.

# A Life of Purpose: Cassie's Quest to Make a Meaningful Impact

Written by: Kaytlynn King



I sat with Ms. Cassie, and she reflected on some of her accomplishments with me. She graduated top ten of her class, played basketball all through high school, and ran cross country her junior year, was in NASC and NHS. Those are just the few she listed. A few more accomplishments that she shared with me are in 2011-2020, she enlisted in the USN Reserves as a Logistics Specialist, and in 2014-2021, she managed a retail store for Seminole Nation. She introduced a new inventory system, which increased the overall store performance. That store had the top revenue and customer service out of 3 sites.

In 2022, she helped her mom open a Herbalife nutrition club- which took a lot of time and effort. In the same year, she got her A.S. in General Studies from the College of Muscogee Nation. She is currently working toward a B.A in Native American Studies. Ms.Cassie expressed to me that her family, especially the memory of her little cousin, fuels her career aspirations. His passing was a turning point that prompted her to return to college. Her greatest achievement would be making a meaningful impact in the life of just one person. She said, "High school gave me the fundamentals for life.

If anything, I feel like my biggest accomplishment was being a decent human... A little bit of kindness goes a long way, and you never know how that can impact the next person". Lastly, she shared with me a quote from an article she read that stuck with her. "Don't "perform" your way through life, and don't do things for the sake of recognition. Do things because they resonate with your gifts and values... Do things because they allow you to share, love, and grow." - Elaina Elizabeth.



## Interview With Mr. Slater

Written by: Serenity Hubbard

I asked, "Did you always want to be a teacher, and what inspired you?" He replied, "No, I did not always want to be a teacher, and nothing specifically really inspired me. I just decided I wanted to make a difference, and teaching seemed like the most likely thing to do."

Next, I asked, "What is your role in the Holdenville High School community?" He answered, "I'm the quiz bowl coach, I'm the junior sponsor, and

I teach world history, Oklahoma history, and AP history."

Then I asked, "What is your favorite and least favorite thing about being a teacher?" He said, "My favorite thing is that every day is different, and not every day is the same for me, at work, and my least favorite thing is grading."

After that I asked, "Is there anything you would change about being a teacher?" He said, "I would do more

fundraisers for the junior class."

I then asked, "How do you support struggling students?" He answered, "I do my best to help them if they are receptive to help."

Finally, I asked, "Can you describe the most effective teaching techniques?" and he replied, "I think the thing that works the most, at least in my AP classes, is actually doing projects."



### Eric Smith

What's your favorite color?  
Red

What's your favorite sport?  
Soccer, because I guess it is to kick.

Do you like being a Wolverine?  
Yeah! I'm a Wolverine.



Provided by: Raelee Johnson





# Holdenville and McCloud Clash in High-Stakes Basketball Showdown

Written by: Lane Love



The Lady Wolverines. Taken by Mrs. McFarland

Holdenville won the last time they faced McCloud, and things went their way on Tuesday, too. The Holdenville Wolverines managed a 66-62 win over the McCloud Redskins. The Wolverines' victory was nothing new, given the team hasn't lost this season.

Multiple players turned in solid performances to lead

Holdenville to victory, but perhaps none more so than Kase Sipes, who posted ten points.

Holdenville's record now sits at 3-0. As for McCloud, their defeat dropped their record down to 2-1. Holdenville played a non-varsity tournament opponent at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and won that matchup.

The Holdenville Lady Wolverines took a road trip to square off against the McCloud Redskins at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday. McCloud took a loss in their last match and will be looking to turn the tables on Holdenville.



Holdenville headed into the game after thoroughly thrashing Little Axe: they outscored them in every quarter. Given that consistent dominance, it should come as no surprise that Holdenville blew Little Axe out of the water with a 69-17 final score. The contest was all but wrapped up at the end of the third, by which point the Wolverines had established a 38-point advantage.

Holdenville's victory was a true team effort, with many players turning in solid performances. Perhaps the best among them was DahMyah Olden, who posted 18 points. Bella Smith was another key player, putting up 13 points.

Meanwhile, McCloud was within striking distance but couldn't close the gap on Friday as they fell 41-36 to Okemah. The loss continues a trend for the Redskins in their matchups with the Panthers: they've now lost five in a row.

McCloud's defeat dropped their record down to 1-1. As for Holdenville, their win was their seventh straight on the road dating back to last season, which pushed their record up to 2-0.

On Thursday, Holdenville lost to McCloud, struggling on offense. The final score was 36-19, leaving them with a record of 2-1 for the season.

## A Winning Combination: Sports and Community

Written by: Chase Foraker

Sports help communities grow and become close to one another. Sports also help by bringing a healthy hobby to the lives of many students who would otherwise have nothing else to do. For example, think about our football season this year. Our community came out and supported the team even to places as far out as Oklahoma City. Our community was always there. Even now, with the basketball season, our community is joining together to help each other or just be friendly.

The community also funds the sports that the athletes play. Community funds provide food, clothing, and transportation through numerous fundraisers.



Thank you to everyone who supports our sports programs in the community. Without your hard work and dedication, providing for our student-athletes would be much more difficult.

## Timeless Lessons: How History Assignments Can Spark Curiosity

Written by: Katelyn Ramey

My favorite assignments are Mr. Slater's History worksheets. I like them because they always have context clues and information from the past. I remember one specific worksheet we did about Buddhism. It was one of the first few assignments we did. It was my favorite because it discussed

the "Gods" and "The four noble truths." History is one of my favorites because learning about ancient times today is just interesting, showing how much time can change things.



# 24-25 Band Christmas Concert

*Written by Baylee Doane and Ms. Hargis*

On Tuesday, December 10th, our Holdenville High School Band performed their Christmas Concert in the High School Auditorium. They did a VERY fantastic job as always and have perfected more since their last concert!

To start their Christmas concert, the first piece played was Flourish for Wind Band, a classic and amazing piece to start with! Their next fantastic tune that was played is called Winterscape by Gavin Lendt, a very jolly and jingle melody. After Winterscape the band played Greensleeves, after Mr. Crosby made a joke about his jacket sleeves fitting with the song. Last but not least was a mix-up piece of songs sung in Nightmare Before Christmas!

One of my favorite movies, and the band performed it beautifully! Everything that was played was truly stunning and so engaging, and you can hear how wonderful everyone plays & performs!

Our Christmas Jazz Band played some festive pieces, starting with Perdido by Juan Tizol, followed by Silent Night by Peter Blair, which was played heavenly! Following that, they played the jazz band version of Sleigh Ride by Leroy Anderson, and it was very upbeat and exciting! They closed their portion with The First Noel arranged by Peter Blair as well.



## Review of Red Notice

*Written by: Erick Jaramillo*

I have watched the movie Red Notice and the main characters were Dwayne The Rock Johnson, Ryan Reynolds, Gal Arya, and Chris Diamantopoulos. The movie was about criminals trying to steal an ancient golden egg from Egyptian times. The movie was very cool.

I liked it, and was surprised because it was such a good action movie.



If you would like to watch this Christmas Concert, it is on Facebook on the page of Holdenville High School. Every year, the band has a tradition of holding a coronation for the high school band members. Each year, three senior boys and three senior girls compete for the prizes. For the boys, the prize consists of bacon and a crown. For the girls, the prize is a bouquet of flowers and a crown.

This year, the attendees for the coronation included:

Seniors:

- Joffrette Carter and John Richmond
- Tristin Goodman and Noah Higgins
- Hailey Peters and Colson Hall

This year the crowned couple was Joffrette Carter and John Richmond. Congratulations on your win.

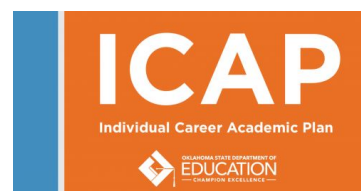


## How ICAP Helps You Prepare

*Written by: Mallory Watson*

Individual Career Academic Plan, known as ICAP, supports students in exploring career, academic, and postsecondary by providing them with step-by-step actions they need to take to be appropriately prepared for life after high school. ICAP also increases student motivation, engagement, school connection, and awareness of individual strengths and weaknesses.

ICAP is very important to those who seek help involving their academic and future career.



## Born in Holdenville: The Rise and Giving Spirit of T. Boone Pickens

Written by: William Douglas

Holdenville has served as a birthplace for a few well-known people throughout history, But none of them are as famous as T. Boone Pickens. He was born in Holdenville on May 22, 1928. Pickens is famous for being a multi-millionaire who made his money in the oil and gas industry. He is also famous for having Oklahoma State's football stadium named after him because of the \$120 million donation that he made to the university. His company, Mesa Petroleum, at one point, was the largest independent domestic oil and gas company in the United States. He passed away in 2019,



but he didn't do so without giving back to the first place he called home. Pickens gave Grace M Pickens library a 20-year, \$20,000 trust fund that helped pay for improvements to the library, which is named after his mother.

*The Oil Tycoon  
Who Gave Back*

## Explore the World of Psychology at Seminole State College

By: Seth Powell

Seminole State College in Oklahoma offers a variety of psychology courses as part of its Associate of Arts in Psychology and Associate of Science in Psychology programs. These programs are designed to prepare students for transfer to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree in psychology or a related field.

One specific psychology course offered at Seminole State College is:

\* Introduction to Personality: This course explores the major theories of personality development and functioning, including psychodynamic, trait, biological, humanistic, behavioral, and cognitive perspectives.

## Whiskers' Wild Ride: The Coffee Machine That Took Holdenville by Storm

Written by: Zoie Peters

Once upon a time, in the crazy town of Holdenville, Oklahoma, there lived a person named Mr. Whiskers. Mr. Whiskers wasn't his real name, of course, but he earned the nickname because of his impressively long curly mustache that wiggled like a cat's whiskers whenever he spoke. Mr. Whiskers loved trophies, and his house was filled with all sorts of trophies from competitions, dancing, telling jokes, and all kinds of other things. One sunny morning, Mr. Whiskers decided to create a machine that could make the perfect cup of coffee. He called it the "Perk-o-Matic 3000". After weeks of hard work, he finally finished his masterpiece.

The Perk-o-Matic 3000 was a towering machine with flashing lights, spinning gears, and a small chimney that puffed out steam.

Mr. Whiskers eagerly poured in some coffee beans, pressed the big red button, and waited. Suddenly, the machine started to make a lot of noises, it started to shake and rattle out of nowhere, and it started spewing coffee everywhere! The kitchen quickly turned into a coffee wonderland, shooting out streams of coffee!

He had spent days working on it until it was fixed. 3 days later, it was finally fixed. The grand opening of the coffee machine was a town-wide event. Curious town folks gathered in Mr. Whiskers' yard, eager to see the marvel action. Mr Whiskers pulled a lever, and the machine roared to life. Everything seemed to be going fine, Mr Whiskers was praying and hoping nothing went wrong. Until... the machine started to shake and rumble again, and coffee was going everywhere! The crowd ducked and dodged as hot coffee began to rain above them. Mr. Whiskers tried to take control, but it was already too late. The machine had a mind of its own. It began to chase people around the yard with hot coffee and sugar cubes. Mr. Whisker's dad had awakened from his nap and heroically leaped onto the machine to stop it. Despite the chaos, the townspeople couldn't help but laugh. Mr. Whiskers, covered in coffee and looking like a soggy mess, stood up and took a bow. "Well, that wasn't quite what I had in mind," he said with a grin. "But I suppose it's a start". From that day on Mr. Whisker's coffee machine became a beloved town attraction.



# Weather Whiplash: Oklahoma's Unpredictable Climate Takes Center Stage

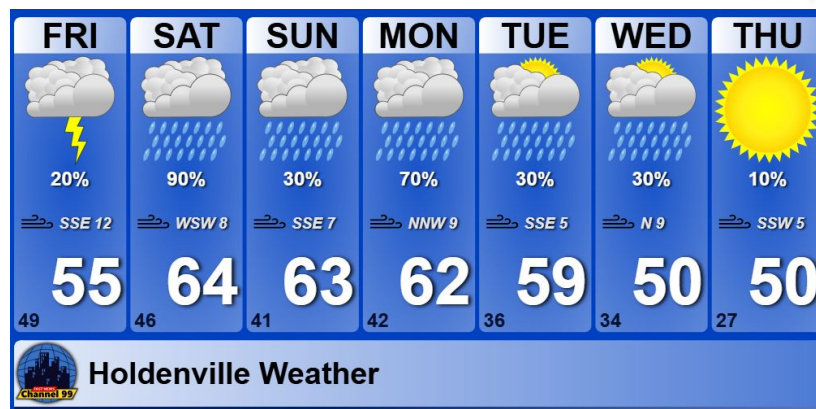
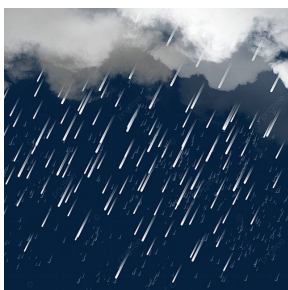
Written by: Chloe Landreth



Additionally, climate change is causing sea levels to rise due to the melting of polar ice caps and glaciers, as well as the expansion of seawater as it warms. This poses significant risks to coastal communities, leading to increased flooding and erosion. The combination of these factors underscores the urgent need for global action to mitigate climate change and adapt to its inevitable impacts. Reducing carbon emissions, transitioning to renewable energy sources, and enhancing resilience to climate-related disasters are crucial steps in addressing this global challenge. Climate change is having a significant impact on Oklahoma, bringing noticeable shifts in weather patterns and increasing the frequency of extreme weather events. Over the past few decades, Oklahoma has experienced more intense heat waves, severe storms, and unpredictable weather.

These changes are largely driven by the rise in global temperatures due to increased greenhouse gas emissions. One of the most immediate effects of climate change in Oklahoma is the increase in average temperatures. Summers are becoming hotter, with more days reaching extreme temperatures. This can lead to heat-related health issues and put additional stress on the state's energy grid as demand for air conditioning rises. Additionally, higher temperatures can exacerbate drought conditions, affecting agriculture and water resources. Severe weather events, such as tornadoes and heavy rainfall, are also becoming more frequent and intense. Oklahoma is already known for its tornadoes,

but climate change can lead to more powerful and unpredictable storms. Increased rainfall can result in flooding, which can damage infrastructure and disrupt communities. These changes underline the importance of developing strategies to mitigate the impacts of climate change, such as investing in renewable energy, enhancing disaster preparedness, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. Addressing climate change at both the local and global levels is crucial to ensuring a resilient future for Oklahoma. In conclusion, climate change is profoundly affecting Oklahoma, leading to hotter summers, more severe storms, and unpredictable weather patterns. What do you think about the weather?



# Christmas Word Search

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