

# Wolverine News

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## Donate Blood,

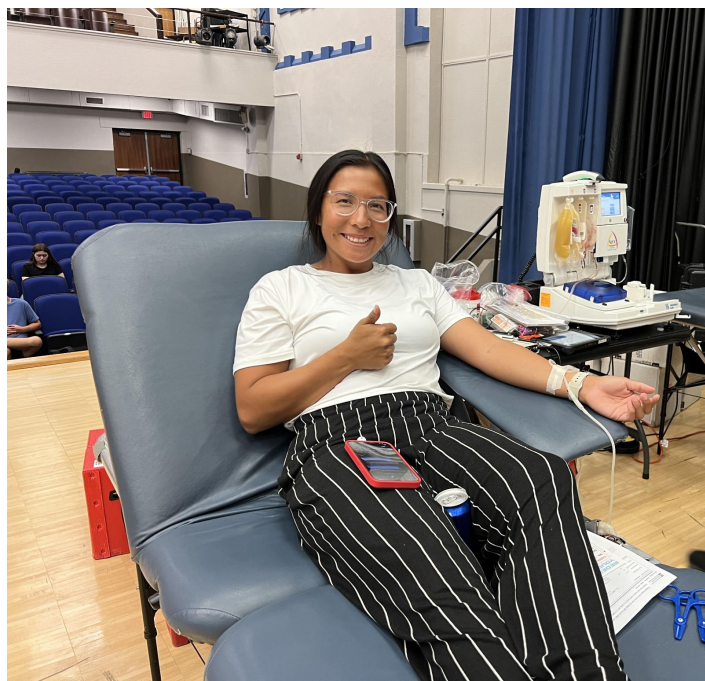
It Really Brings Sunshine to People's Life

*Written by: Thea Nichols*

We are so grateful for all the generous people out here donating blood for the people who need it. You can help the people overcome their fear of giving blood instead of giving yourself. The blood drive took place at Holdenville High School on August 27, 2024.

Mrs. Jo, a sophomore English teacher, has been hosting a blood drive at Holdenville High School since 2008. She loves doing really kind things for her community and others, she even participates in the drives that she hosts. What an amazing person she is to go out of her way to always host blood drives, she really deserves to be treated and respected in the kindest way a person could.

Every year the student council helps her run the blood drive and make it successful. The blood drive lasts most of the school day, taking place from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Jo had this to say about the drive, "Being able to run the blood drive year after year gives me a great feeling of accomplishment. There aren't many things a person like me can do that compare to the life-saving work done by professionals in that field. But those blood donations DO save lives. And while I can't personally give enough blood to help a lot of people, I can still feel that I am doing exactly that by organizing an event with that very purpose."



Coach J giving blood. Provided by: Ms. Hargis

## Hughes County Spelling Bee

*Written by: Mallory Watson*

The Hughes County Spelling Bee started at 9:00 a.m. on Aug. 28th.

There were four groups competing for a champion. They were 1st-3rd grade, 4th-6th grade, 7th-9th grade, and 10th-12th grade.

Holdenville had one 9th grade competitor, Kloie Johnston. We also had three 11th graders competing, Natalie Conley, Preston Starry, and Edmund Boyles. With Natalie Conley finishing runner-up (10-12) division.

A spelling Bee is a competition in which contestants are asked to spell a broad selection of words, usually with a varying degree of difficulty. The completing contestants must memorize the spelling.



Picture Provided by: Ms. Hargis

## Introducing the Paper

*Written by: Ms. Hargis*

I would like to introduce the new Holdenville High School newspaper to you all. The paper will be different this year. Instead of printing the paper each week, we will now be posting it to our Facebook page: Holdenville High School. Please follow us to stay up to date with school and sporting events. We strive to make a paper that everyone in the community can enjoy. Our hope is that we can provide news each week of the school year.



With these changes, I would also like to address the changes being made to Broadcasting at Holdenville High School. We are partially moving to YouTube. Our page is @holdenvillehighschool. Please follow us so that you can stay up to date. This move was made to make the viewing experience better for you.

# Softball Season is in Full Swing

Written by: Ms. Hargis

The fastpitch softball season began with two days on the road. On the 12th the ladies traveled to Lexington, and on the 13th they went to Lindsay. Holdenville would fall short in both of those games.

Next up the Lady Wolverines traveled to Pauls Valley for a tournament. They would fall to both Crossings Christian and Marietta in close games.

Their next game was their first game at home. They went up against Heritage Hall. The next day they traveled to Stonewall where they lost 4-10. Later that week they played a game at Heritage Hall.

The eighth game of the season was Aug. 23 against Little Axe. This was a very closely contested game. The Lady Wolverines played very well

but ultimately lost 4-5 to Little Axe.

Their next matchup would come against Henryetta in Henryetta. Followed by a home game against Lexington.

At the end of August the Lady Wolverines would host one day of the conference tournament. The second day was held in Prague. During this tournament they lost to a tough Stroud team and recorded their first win of the season against Seminole.

Make sure you come out to support your Lady Wolverines.



The Lady Wolverines fastpitch softball team.

# Free Breakfast and Lunch

Written by: William Douglas

Holdenville public schools announced over the summer break that they would have free breakfast and lunch for all students and staff starting this school year. Students had free breakfast and lunch last year, but now staff members will be able to eat here for free.

I talked to Charity Riley, who is a cook at Reed Elementary School to hopefully answer any questions you may have. Here are the results from that interview:

Q: How do you feel about the school now having free lunches and breakfast for all students and staff members?

A: "I love it. It gives everyone a chance to eat and not worry whether they can afford it. Plus the state pays us more for the kids that eat free."

Q: How is the school able to supply free food for everybody?

A: "The state pays child nutrition a certain amount of money every year."

Q: How will having free food affect you personally?

A: "It just warms my heart. It doesn't really affect me personally."

# Shelby Bartschi

What are your plans after high school?  
I'm going to go to Cosmetology school, I'll get my license then I'll do hair.

Who will you miss the most after you graduate?  
My underclassmen friends. I will miss them because I won't get to see them as much.

How does it make you feel knowing it's your last year?  
I'm excited! I'm ready to be off on my own.



Provided by: Kaytlynn King

# Johnathon Adams

What are your plans after high school?

I'm going to ECU for finance. What's one thing that has meant the most to you during your years at Holdenville High School?

Definitely my family and the support they've given me.

How does it make you feel knowing it's your last year?

It feels weird, especially because I've been here for 12 years and now I'm leaving.

Who will you miss the most after you graduate?

My family, because I'll be moving away from them.



Provided by: Kaytlynn King

# First on Field Action of the Season

Written by: Serenity Hubbard and Lane Love



Rainbow over Fridays home scrimmage. By: Ms. Hargis

Holdenville and Konawa had a football scrimmage to practice for the upcoming season at Konawa, at 6:30, Friday August 22. It was recorded live by Andrea Hargis and is on facebook. There wasn't a score but witnesses said that Holdenville did better than Konawa.

Holdenville had the ball first, and it lasted an hour and forty-one minutes. They switched after a couple of plays. During the 31:44 mark, Wyatt Seeley ran the ball 20 yards. The next play Sawyer Jeffrey got a touchdown. Konawa throws the ball at the 80 yard line and it gets

tipped. We caught it, but it's out of bounds!

Around the 1:25:00 mark Konawa tried a running play and they got passed and quickly stopped by the Wolverines.



Coach Barker had this to say about the home scrimmage, "I'm happy with the improvement we had from the first to the second one. I think there's details to the offense and defense. If you're just watching from a fan's perspective, you don't see, and it's those details that when we do them well, offense and defense looks really explosive, and when we don't do them we look okay. It's getting those details accomplished at a

way more consistent rate... I think we've started to develop the program and that's what I want."

Junior High News:

The junior high football boys traveled to Henryetta for their first game of the season on Tuesday. They pulled off the 16-14 win in the closing seconds of the game with a 70 yard run by Titus Gomez and a good 2 point conversion try.



JH Football in Henryetta. By: Teresa Hargis

# Cross Country Kicks Off in Holdenville

Written by: Ethan Holmes

On Saturday, August 24, Holdenville Cross Country held their annual meet at the Holdenville Lake. The horn blew and the first group started running at 8:30 am, The elementary teams started off the day followed by high school and junior high.

The only boy placing for a medal was, Bentley Rhine who placed 9th in the high school boys' mile run.

The only girl placing for a medal was Darcy Shepard who placed 14th in the high school girls' 1-mile run.

As for the Junior-High Team for Holdenville, they all worked as a team and finished 2nd Overall in the Junior high 1 mile run. Coach Snow had this to say, "It was pretty good for our first track meet, but they have a lot of room to improve."



Junior high cross country.

Picture Provided by: Holdenville Cross Country Facebook Page

# Last First Day

Written by: Erick Jimenez

On August 15th the senior class met for their last first day at Holdenville Lake to watch the sunrise. The seniors met up at Holdenville Lake from 6 to 8 in the morning for their last day of school. The students were told to bring blankets and chairs for themselves, and parents provided some donuts for the students.

The senior Sunrise has become

a tradition all around the world. Almost every single school does this event for every single senior that is graduating. This year most students brought jackets or hoodies from the college they will be attending that fall. This tradition was originally made after COVID-19 hit in 2020. That's when schools started to do the same thing all around the world.



Seniors at senior sunrise. Photo provided by: Latisha Coats

# Annual Pie Auction

Written by: Ms. Hargis



Provided by: Carrie McFarland

The annual pie auction fundraiser for the football and cheerleaders took place on August 23rd.

At the annual pie auction cheerleaders and football players are auctioned off. If they are chosen by the winning participant they are hit in the face with a whipped cream pie in a metal pie pan.

Each year the town comes out

Schools began to do their senior sunrise and made this whole thing popular all around the world. Most of the seniors go to this event just to talk and hang out with their friends for the last first day of school. They just go there for a fun time. They meet up at the lake early in the morning and then all seniors head to school to start their day. Some schools also do something called the senior sunset. In which they do the same thing they did on the first day of school but watch the sunset in the afternoon of the last day of school.

and participates in the auction or enjoys watching the students get hit in the face with pie.

Each year the cheerleaders and the football players make a sizeable profit to their organizations.

This year Coach Barker was the winning coach up for bid and was hit with a pie in the face.

Middle school cheer made a grand total of \$230.00 and the football team came away with \$750.00.

The High school cheer team made \$1,600.00. The football team made \$4,375.00

## Abby Coats

What are your plans after high school?

To go to college and become a game warden baddie.

How does it make you feel knowing it's your last year? It's a weird feeling I guess, bittersweet, I'm happy to leave but scared for what the future holds.

Who or what has been your inspiration throughout your high school years?

Definitely my parents and my older sister, they all push me to be better and do what I love.



Provided by: Kaytlynn King

## Lorelei Adam

What are your plans after high school?

To live forever. Baddies never die!

What's one thing that has meant the most to you during your years at Holdenville High School?

My girl Abby, she's also a baddie and will never die.

Who will you miss the most after you graduate?

My girls Abby and Kalena!

How does it make you feel knowing it's your last year? So happy, I'm ready to go!

Who or what has been your inspiration throughout your high school years?

Me, myself and I, and Brittany Broski.



Provided by: Kaytlynn King

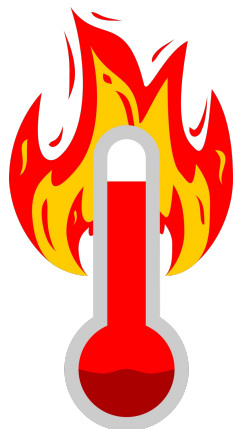
# Texas is Burning ALIVE!

Written by: Baylee Doane

As the Summer crept up on us, so did the extreme heat for almost 14.7 million people. Those who were affected by the heat were under an excessive heat warning and another 10 million had been under a heat advisory. Southwest Texas and Phoenix have been in the worst heat and humidity conditions. It has been reaching over 100 degrees Fahrenheit for 90 days straight with little to no expected relief overnight. The cause of the heat in this area of high pressure is known as a "heat dome".

A heat dome is a slow-moving higher-level pressure system of hot air that is trapped over a region like a pot with a lid on it keeping hot air in. Most Texans have been staying indoors with their cool air conditioners, trying to get rid of the heat.

They have been following local authorities' guidelines for staying hydrated; avoid outdoor activities and make sure you're looking for signs of a heat stroke or heat-related illnesses.



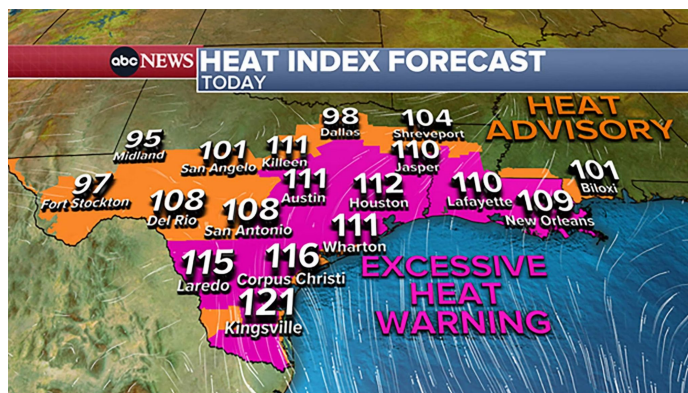
In August, hundreds of people reached out for emergency care due to the heat in Fort Worth, Texas. The heat is making it harder for farmers to grow their crops and keep them healthy. We also think of all the people who don't have homes and the animals that have to sit in the heat. Water restrictions are happening in various regions so that makes everything way more difficult for them, even to survive. Last summer Texas was almost as difficult as this one, but this summer the degrees and index beat last year's records of 102.8 F! While you are in your nice air-conditioned homes remember you could be homeless in Texas while your skin is melting off. Have a good day everyone!

## Upcoming Events

Written by: Ms. Hargis

September :

- 2nd - No School
- 3rd - HHS Fastpitch home 5:00 p.m.
- 4th - Letter Jacket - patches orders 10-1 \$100 deposit.
- 5th & 6th - HHS Fastpitch McLoud Tournament
- 6th - HHS Football at Wewoka 7:30 p.m.
- 9th - HHS Fastpitch at Seminole 4:30 p.m.
- 10th - HHS Fastpitch home 4:30 p.m.
- 12th - HHS Fastpitch at Jones: 4:30 p.m.



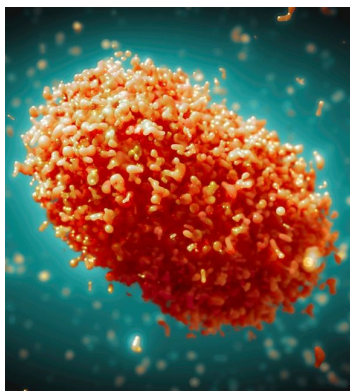
Heat Index Forecast. Provided by: [ABC News](#)

## M. Pox: What You Need to Know

Written by: Chase Foraker

Monkeypox is a disease that causes painful rashes, muscle pains, and enlarged lymph nodes. The disease is normally caused by physical contact with someone who carries the disease, or by up close interaction like talking or breathing. Best advised to stay away for at least 2 to 4 weeks.

Mpox is normally not deadly but still dangerous,



Picture provided by: [M pox](#)

the death rate is 10%, but people with weaker immune systems should be advised since you have a higher chance of getting the disease and therefore more chance of dying. If you know someone with the disease make sure to keep some distance and wish them luck on recovery.

Here is what the CDC has to say:

"The CDC recommends vaccination for people who have been exposed to mpox or are at higher risk of exposure... Symptoms usually start within 21 days of exposure... travelers can protect themselves by getting two doses of vaccine before traveling."

# Animal Shelters are Overcrowding

Written by: *Chloe Landreth*

The overpopulation in animal shelters has been an issue since about the early 1970s, many animals are just left there and never adopted. As of today we are still having overcrowding issues. For example here in Holdenville, recently they have had issues with too many kittens. They also post dogs that need homes all the time. They are in desperate need of homes because they could get put down for being in there for too long.

The only possible advantage is that they have a place to go instead of just living on the streets. Living on the streets can cause a lot of problems for animals. For example, a dog not being able to eat or drink causes huge health issues. The cold winter can cause the animal to freeze. The hot weather can cause them to overheat.

Most people have seen advertisements about rescuing animals. Some people ignore it so they can get back to what they were doing. So to make a solution to this problem people should consider rescuing animals. Some people may not be able to, but if you are then think about adopting a pet.

*Help Save the Animals from a Terrible Fate!*

Animals should be taken better care of and treated right. It prevents animals from dying, gives them a better life, and a healthier way of living. So if you are willing to help take part in this issue then do what you can to help these animals.



Picture Depicting Animal Shelter Overcrowding: [Animals](#)

# OKC to get a New Airport Name

Written by: *Marisa Wallace*

After 60 years of the airport being named as Will Rogers World Airport, the council had decided to change the name on Thursday. They will meet on Tuesday to finalize their decision. The new name would be “OKC Will Rogers International Airport”. You may ask “why are they changing the name?”

The reason is because it aims to honor Will Rogers but also adds the airport code ‘OKC’ and also addresses that its “International.”

“Promotion of the Airport and the community drove the name and logo change,” Airports Director Jeff Mulder said. Be on the lookout for the change when visiting the airport.

# Mrs. Smith and the E-Sports Team

Written by: *Seth Powell*



Picture Link: [E-Sports](#)

An eSports team is a group of non-professional or professional gamers selected to compete against other teams in tournaments. Each team requires and consists of at least 3, the most players on a team allowed is 6.

Mrs. Smith has stated that the people on Holdenvilles eSports team consists of; Noah Smith, Ty Phillips, John Richmond, Scarlett Irby.

The games that they will be playing will be Rocket league, Valorant, Super Smash Bros, and Fortnite. Mrs. Smith plans to get into the competitive league and she is hoping to make it to state this year.

An eSports team is like any other team sport. Students must work together in order to become successful. They can also learn valuable skills, like: critical thinking, comm., and creativity.

*Let's make it to state this year!*

We wish this years eSports team the best of luck in their upcoming season.