

# Wolverine News

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## Holdenville High School's Annual Food Drive Challenge

*Written by: Mrs. Jones*

Every year Key Club runs a Canned Food Drive at the high school, and it becomes a competition between all the classes to see who can donate the most cans. The winner between the classes is awarded an ice cream party. The cans are used to make Thanksgiving baskets and give to families in need.

We usually also get a ham to donate with the cans/nonperishable food items. Last year, we made around 8 Thanksgiving baskets, so it's something that has turned into a really fun thing to involve the entire school, members or not, to give back to the community.

## ESports Team Falls Short in State Competition Bid

*Written by: Ms. Hargis*

The Holdenville ESports team competed to secure a spot at the 2024 state competition for Rainbow Six Siege. During their first attempt, they came up short in extra rounds. On Wednesday they won their match and were set to play again on Thursday to secure a spot in the state competition.

Unfortunately, they lost their game on Thursday 7-3. This concludes the season for Rainbow Six

Siege, but the students are ready to begin their Spring seasons and work toward their next goals—way to go ESports.



## Seven Glorious Days of Freedom

*Written by: Erick Jaramillo*

Thanksgiving break starts as soon as the bell rings on Friday, and we have a whole week off to celebrate. Everyone is excited to have no school for an entire week! It's super fun, and there are plenty of enjoyable activities to do during the break.



You can sleep in all day or go out with friends to have a good time. For example, you can attend the Wolverines' football game at 7 PM and enjoy the evening with friends.



# Mic Up: Students to Showcase Poetry Talents at School's Annual Event

*Written by: Thea Nichols*



Our school does a poetry day where students have the opportunity to perform their poems on the stage in the auditorium in front of everyone and a poetry reviewer. The students pick their favorite poem on this site called poetry out loud, and then they read the poem to the audience. The poetry reviewer is going to pick out the best poems to read off to see if they go to nationals. They will pick at least three people to go and perform for the nationals.

Our upcoming poetry out-loud will be in the high school auditorium on Thursday at 9 am. The classes will be called out in an orderly fashion.

This is the order that the students will compete and the poem that they will present:

- Alfonso Garcia - "Town of Frijoles"
- Lyssa Sullivan - "Invisible Children"
- Scarlett Irby - "Song of the Shattering Vessels"
- Kaytlynn King - "Across the Street"
- Natalie Conley - "All Hallows' Eve"
- Caynan Stanford - "Love (III)"
- Colby Long - "Mowing"
- Hayden Brummett - "Corn Maze"
- Lilly Scroggins - "After the Winter"

- Knowlten Hall - "In Love His Grammar Grew"
- Serenity Hubbard - "Love Song"
- Brett Bruner - "After the Disaster"
- Aaron Torres - "Light Shining out of Darkness"

Update: The winner is Caynan (Doug) Stanford

Second place goes to Coldy Long

Third place goes to Kaytlynn King

Caynan will compete in the state competition in hopes of making it the national competition next year.

# Is Christmas Really Better Than Thanksgiving?

*Written by: Chloe Landreth*

Christmas is right around the corner. Even though we haven't had Thanksgiving yet, Christmas is almost here, and most people are excited. Many people enjoy Christmas more than Thanksgiving. Christmas is full of shopping, traveling, relaxing at home, and whatever else you may love to do during this holiday season. Some people may enjoy Thanksgiving more or think it's too early to discuss Christmas. Christmas is sooner than you think.

How do you prefer your holiday season? Do you agree that Christmas is better than Thanksgiving? Or do you have a different opinion? I am sure that many people have different opinions and traditions, and all of them are wonderful. This article may give you tons of information and opinions to think about. With the stormy weather, as we talked about last week, what will the weather be like moving forward? Do you prefer the rain,

or do you enjoy the snow? How many people are ready for summer? As the year comes to an end, have you enjoyed 2024? Are you ready for 2025? I hope you enjoy Christmas as it quickly approaches.

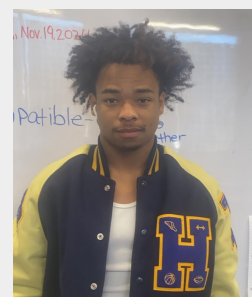


## Malachi Henderson

What legacy do you want to leave behind at HHS?  
To be a role model that motivates younger kids.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?  
I would go to Iceland because it's just a beautiful place I saw on TikTok!

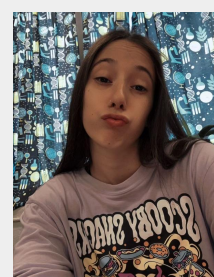
What is your favorite childhood memory?  
Holidays at my grandparents because everyone came over!



## Autumn Lindsey

What legacy do you hope to leave behind at HHS?  
To inspire others to work hard.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?  
South Padre, Texas!  
What is your favorite childhood memory?  
Definitely going to Fright Fest at Frontier City!  
Where do you see yourself in 5 years?  
Working at a child care center or Pizza Hut.



Provided by: Kaytlynn King

# Holdenville's Stunning 30-2 Halftime Lead Proves Too Much for Luther

Written by: William Douglas



Tank celebrating the win. Pictures taken by Lening.

Holdenville beats Luther and advances to round 2 of the playoffs. For the first time since 2005, the Holdenville Wolverines have won a playoff game. Friday's game against Luther was almost the same as what we've seen from this team all season long.

Holdenville got out to a big lead fast, and the score at halftime was 30-2 in favor of the Wolverines. The Luther Lions weren't going to go out without a fight, though. They managed to put up 14 points before the game, and their season came to an end.

Holdenville's points came from 2 rushing touchdowns from Malachi Henderson and 3 rushing touchdowns from Abe Gomez. In round 2, Holdenville will host the 10-1 Colcord Hornets. Colcord is coming off a 40-0 win over Valiant and should make for a good test for the Wolverines.



Malachi dodging tacklers.



Abe getting ready to snap the ball.



Brett leading the team on the field.



Lining up for the next play.



Abe kicking the ball.



Kase running down the field.

## Interview With Ms. Wood

Written by: Hailey Royston

Do you like your new position?

Yes, I certainly do!

Why did you decide to become an educator?

Because I love young people and always thought I could make a difference in their young lives.

What inspired you to teach?

My children and the fact that each of them learned

And comprehended things differently. I wanted to help

Other kiddos recognize that fact and try to teach young people not to give up, to find their method of study, and to ask lots of questions until the answers make sense to them.

I feel like I am patient, have a good rapport with young people, and can get on their level. I love to be around young people and am very empathetic and understanding.

What challenges did you face in a classroom, and how did you overcome them?

The main challenge for me is kids who are disrespectful or just won't put forth any effort toward their school work. I try to find some common ground to help me relate to them and show them how proud

I am of them when they apply themselves.

How do you manage the stress from teaching?

I'm still working on that! LOL! I pray for me and my students every day and just try to relax and enjoy my time with them.



# Staff Goes Stealth: A Week of Secret Spirit

For the second round of the playoffs, the staff chose to participate in a secret staff spirit week. We dressed up each week and worked hard to keep it a secret from the students.

On Monday, we all wore black, Tuesday was our favorite holiday dress up, Wednesday was anything but a cup, Thursday was dress like a student day, and Friday was super fan Friday.



**GO BLUE!**

## Interview with Mrs. Skipworth

*Written by: Raelee Johnson*



What's the biggest challenge in balancing your roles as a teacher and coach?

The biggest challenge is switching mindsets—teaching focuses on academics while coaching concerns teamwork and growth. Balancing these roles means setting clear boundaries while ensuring I'm equally present and invested in both areas.

Can you give an example of how you integrate teaching into your coaching?

I integrate teaching into my coaching by breaking down complex plays or techniques into smaller, teachable steps, similar to how my lessons are in class. This helps athletes not only understand but also apply what they've learned effectively.

How do you build a strong relationship with athletes while maintaining authority as a teacher?

I build strong relationships by being supportive and understanding while consistently holding athletes accountable to high standards. This balance of trust and discipline helps maintain both connection and respect.



# Finding Meaning in the Little Things: Thanksgiving's Gift of Reflection and Gratitude

Written by: Lane Love



Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all the things we're grateful for in our lives—whether big or small. It's about recognizing the blessings we often take for granted and appreciating the people, experiences, and things that bring us joy, comfort, and support. For many, it's an opportunity to come together with family and friends and give thanks for the abundance in our lives.

From the things people mentioned, we can see a wide range of gratitude that highlights the personal values and experiences that shape each person. For example:

- Mr. Slater is thankful for the security and warmth of having a home and a meal every night, showing appreciation for basic comforts that many people might overlook.
- Aspen expresses gratitude for the love and guidance of Jesus, along with family, friends, and the gift of life itself—a reminder of the spiritual and relational aspects that bring joy.
- Aiden mentions being thankful for his favorite sports team, the Sooners, and for someone named Jared Soria, reflecting the joy of shared passions and close relationships.

- Jamell thanks "Lane Love," a person or concept that seems to bring him support or meaning, perhaps symbolizing love and connection.
- Keshawn offers thanks for his faith in Jesus Christ, a central source of strength and hope for him.
- Jhemere expresses thanks for the fun of playing Fortnite and for "Lane Love," suggesting appreciation for both personal interests and relationships.
- Riggin is thankful for his involvement in baseball and football, highlighting how sports can bring personal fulfillment and camaraderie.
- Mrs. Shaffer is thankful for her children and the break that Thanksgiving provides, recognizing the importance of family and rest.
- Kianna is thankful for her family, underscoring the fundamental role of loved ones in our lives.
- Roper expresses gratitude for his girlfriend and his participation in the band, showing appreciation for relationships and creative outlets.
- Logan is thankful for his grandmother and basketball, highlighting both family bonds and the joy of sports.
- Ms. Paula is thankful for her school and "Lane Love," indicating a sense of purpose and community.
- Josh is thankful for both Lane Love and Jesus Christ, pointing to his spiritual faith and the importance of positive relationships.

Thanksgiving is a reminder to take a moment to reflect on these kinds of things—whether they're relationships, faith, hobbies, or simple comforts—and recognize how they enrich our lives. Everyone has unique reasons to be thankful, but at the heart of it all is the appreciation of the love, support, and opportunities that make life meaningful.



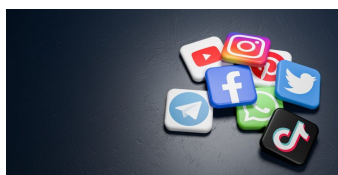
# “World-Leading” Social Media Ban Under 16+

Written by: Baylee Doane

This is news y'all. Australia's government is proposing a social media ban for children under the age of 16. Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese stated that the legislation will be presented in parliament this year once approved by lawmakers. The ban is going to be for apps like TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, etc. Australia is trialing an age-verification system to block children from downloading or accessing social media platforms. Albanese cited the risks of mental and physical health from excessively using social media, and it has a very negative effect. The leaders of all eight Australian states and mainland territories have

unanimously backed the plan. There will be no exemptions for children who have parental consent or who already have accounts. This news has been circling all over the internet, and some people are upset! How would you feel about this situation, and do you think it will start influencing our cities and other states?

## Australia Announces Nationwide Social Media Ban for Kids



# Get Lost in the Mysterious World of 'The Hollow' on Netflix



Written by: Seth Powell

“The Hollow” is an animated series on Netflix that's exciting and full of mystery. It starts with three teens: Adam, Mira, and Kai, who wake up in a strange place. They don't remember who they are or how they got there. As they try to find their way out, they face a lot of challenges.

They also find out that they have special powers that help them along the way. Adam is strong, Mira can talk to animals and can swim fast, and Kai is good with technology and has pyrokinesis, though he doesn't know it yet and only finds out when he is in danger with a faulty horror



# Review of The Maze Runner

Written by: Mallory Watson



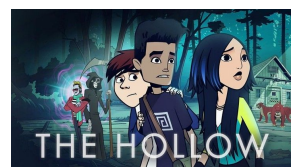
I have recently been reading "The Maze Runner" by James Dashner, which is about teenage boys who are placed inside a massive maze that they must find a way to escape. Inside the maze, there are grotesque, machine-like creatures that chase and harm them.

The protagonist, Thomas, is the newest addition to the "glade." Many of the gladers don't particularly like Thomas, except for Chuck, because Thomas asks too many questions and sometimes doesn't follow instructions. Overall, I am enjoying the book so far, and I want to finish the rest of the series.

house that has a broken track. The animation is bright and colorful, making the show fun to watch. Each episode has new twists and turns, so you're always guessing what will happen next. The story also talks about working together and friendship, which makes it more interesting.

The voice actors do a great job bringing the characters to life. One of the voice actors is Adian Petriw, who voices Adam. He's known for his work in "Iron Man: Armored Adventures." Ashleigh Ball voices Mira.

You might recognize her voice from "My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic." Connor Parnall voices Kai. He's also been in "Beyblades Burst." There are also other characters



they meet along the way, and the voice actors for those characters are really good, too.

Overall, "The Hollow" is a great show. If you like adventure, puzzles, and a bit of mystery, then I recommend that you watch.