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Club Column:

October 1: Pre-ACT, ACT, & WorkKeys

October 2: FFA State Land Judging

October 3: Homecoming

October 6: Eudora Marching Band Festival

October 8: FFA District Dairy Cattle CDE

October 11: KBA Small Schools Marching Band Championship

October 13: No school

October 17: End of first quarter

October 20: High school picture retake day

October 22: Bandtober Marching Band Festival

October 22: RealityU (grade 10)

October 23: Fall choir concert

October 27: JV scholars bowl @ Sabetha

October 29-30: Parent-teacher conferences

October 29-31: FFA National Convention

October 30-31: No school

End of first quarter is Oct. 17!

HHS Students Customize Personal Parking Spots

By Jamison Holt, Assist. Editor

On August 23, Holton High School sophomores, juniors, and seniors alike spent part of the day painting a parking spot for themselves. Students were allotted time from 1-8pm for painting their customized spots. Before they could paint, they were required to hand in a form displaying their design; these were approved by the principal, Jeremy Truelove. A fee of 25 dollars was

to be paid when students handed in their form, and the money raised is going to fixing potholes and other issues with the parking lots on the grounds of HHS. This idea was brought up by senior Alec Frazier after he surveyed schools in the area that have done this activity in the past. Frazier drafted a plan for it to be implemented by the HHS administration. Mr. Truelove shared some concerns about the activity,

stating, "I was worried that I would have to tell people to move their vehicles out of people's spots, but that didn't happen. Also, I was worried about cleaning up, but everyone did a great job of planning, and the students that painted were very conscientious of not making a mess." The HHS student body has responded favorably to this project, and it is planned for SAFE to take over next school year. This year,

students were permitted to select a spot to paint in a specific zone according to their current grade. Next year, it is possible that spots will be assigned ahead of time so that students may cover the old designs with a base coat. There are currently no plans to maintain parking spots throughout the school year, and SAFE will be in charge of painting spots that aren't used in the coming school year.

HHS Hosts Mental Health "Green Out Night"

By Jamison Holt, Assist. Editor

On September 19, Holton High School hosted a "Green Out Night" which is a mental health awareness event. Companies and organizations from the Holton community came and set up booths in the plaza of the football stadium. The HHS Leadership Development class, taught by Mrs. Mannell, also had a table

at the event where people could do coloring sheets and sign up for baskets to be won. Students and adults were given tickets to put in containers at the tables for the opportunity to win baskets with treats, personal care items, art supplies, and more, in them. Green is the color used to signify mental health awareness. Everyone in

attendance, no matter who they root for, were asked to wear green to show their support for mental health. The student section theme was "Green Out," following the theme of the event. Partners for this event included Together 4 Tomorrow, Brighter Dawn Mental Health, Creative Counseling Services, Community

HealthCare Systems, Damon's Purpose, HHS Leadership class, Holton Community Hospital, Jackson County EMS, Kanza Mental Health and Guidance Center, PBPN Wellness Connections and Behavioral Health Center, Psychological Health Services, LLC: Jessica Snyder, LCP and associates, as well as Senior Life Solutions.



Supporting Mental Health: Local organizations show mental health advocacy by participating in the HHS "Green Out Night."

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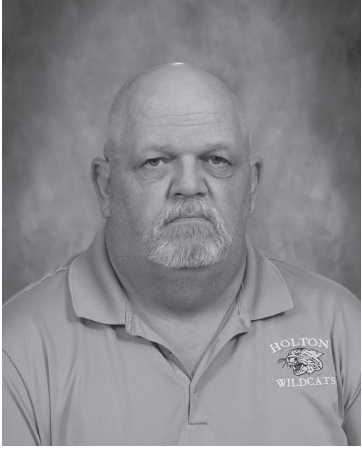
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New Teachers



Mr. Ashcraft

By Clara Metcalf, Staff

Mr. Ashcraft is one of the new biology teachers and is the assistant throwing coach for track and field. Before he came to Holton High School, he was a USPS letter carrier for 19 years, then he moved to a warehouse position in the Topeka Material Distribution Center for 13 years. He retired in 2013 and began working at

the middle school as the Seminar Manager. When he retired from USPS, he wanted to work where he could be with his son and daughter, which is why he began to work at local schools. After five years in that position, he moved to the at-risk tutor room here at the high school with Mrs. Allen. He held this position for four years before filling the Life Science Instructor

position here, and he held the position until he retired at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Now that the Life Science Instructor position is open again, he's back and teaching with Mr. Weilert.

Along with having held a variety of jobs, Mr. Ashcraft also has a variety of college degrees. He earned an associate's degree in Agriculture

from Cloud County Community College, an associate's degree in General Education from Highland Community College, a bachelor's in Food Science from Kansas State University, and a bachelor's in General Studies with a minor in Business Administration and Information Systems from Fort Hays State University.



Mr. Behymer

By Charlie Turner, Editor

Mr. "Coach Bowe" Behymer is the high school's new athletic director. He is originally from the very small town of Glen Elder in north central Kansas, but was just recently at a school in Utah. While he was there, he was a special education teacher, an assistant football coach, and the head wrestling

coach for both boys and girls. Mr. Behymer has wanted to be a teacher since second or third grade but was inspired to become an athletic director while in college. He attended Cloud County Community College and later transferred to Washburn University for a degree in physical education. He then went

on to earn a master's in athletic administration from Southeast Oklahoma State University.

While he was in high school, he was a state champion in wrestling and made all-state for football and baseball. His favorite classes were physical education and math. He didn't necessarily dislike many of his classes, but

he specifically disliked accounting. Outside of school, he likes to spend time with his family, work out, play golf, and watch sports. His favorite teams are the Denver Broncos, the Kansas City Royals, and K-State.



Mrs. Kibbe

By Clara Metcalf, Staff

Mrs. Kibbe is the new English 10 teacher. She has a Bachelor's degree in French from Pittsburg State University, a Master's in Business Management from Friends University, and an Education Specialist degree from Grand Canyon University. She states that

she had some wonderful teachers throughout her education that shared their love of learning with her. For example, her high school biology and chemistry teachers played practical jokes on each other. They would include their students in planning and enacting these jokes,

which became a fun way of teaching the students class concepts.

While in high school, Mrs. Kibbe's favorite subjects were English and French, and she started to learn French in the 1st grade. Her least favorite subjects were anything math related. She is currently

living in Sabetha but used to live in Olathe, KS. Before she came to Holton High School, she worked for Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, which is a Catholic religious community of nuns. Her favorite part of the job was getting to know each individual Sister.



Mrs. Sparks

By Andrew Shupe, Staff

Mrs. Sparks is coming to the high school as a special education para. She came from the elementary school, where she was a member of the food service team, and came to be a special education para because she has a special place in

her heart for the students who need extra help. She expressed that teachers have too many students in their classes to give those kids the extra attention that they need and deserve. She wanted to help the teachers meet the needs of all of their students, and to help

the students by giving them an opportunity to get the help they need.

Mrs. Sparks is originally from Missouri, but she moved to Kansas going into seventh grade. Her favorite subjects were always anything science related, and she was never a fan of

math. She currently doesn't have a college education, but has heavily considered going back to school to become a special education teacher. Outside of school, she likes to spend time with her family and has a hidden talent of crocheting.



Mr. Weilert

By Jamison Holt, Asst. Editor

Mr. Brad Weilert is a new teacher at HHS this school year. He is from Wamego, KS, and went to Kansas State University where he got a bachelor's in Science and a master's in Leadership

and Administration. In the past, he was the principal at the elementary school and taught science at the middle school. He is currently working part-time alongside Mr. Ashcraft teaching Biology and Anatomy and Physiology.

He also helps coach football, softball, wrestling, and baseball. Mr. Weilert's hidden talent is his communication skills, as he likes interacting with others and watching them learn, whether it be curriculum or sports. In high school he

loved science, and his least favorite class was math. He likes hunting and fishing, as well as spending time with friends and family in his free time.

StuCo Surfs Into the School Year

By Charlie Turner, Editor

After the StuCo Mixer dance in August, the Student Council has been spending their September planning for homecoming, which will take place on Friday, October 3. The football game is against the Jefferson West Tigers, and the student section theme is Hawaiian.

The student council currently has 32 members, including a set of freshman class representatives that were voted in on September 16. The all-senior executive board

includes president Emily Ditzler, vice president Alec Frazier, secretary Sophia Goombi, treasurer Dalton Peters, and historian Jacob Warner. The senior board includes president Briar Page, vice president Presley Phillips, secretary Rylie Doran, treasurer Kennedy Smith, and representatives Emberlee Allen, Tess Austin, Elisa Bartel, and Amanda Taylor. The junior board includes co-presidents Addison Bontrager and Sarah Immenschuh, vice president Cailee Hallauer,

secretary Sydnee Visosky, and treasurer Olivia Doney. The sophomore board includes president Hunter Segenhagen, vice president Joely Shupe, secretary Maggi Emert, treasurer Stormi Goudie, and representatives Lilly Naylor, Dalyla Ware, Alexa Warner, and Jazlynn Washington-Urbano. The freshman board includes representatives Charlotte Bear, Hannah Johnson, Allison Lin, Rowan Patterson, Abigail Schuster, and Emery Wamsley.

Surf's Out, School's In

By Clara Metcalf, Staff

On Friday, August 15, the StuCo mixer happened and it had a theme of Surf's Out, School's In. The StuCo leadership team met before school to start and discussed theme ideas and then voted to select the one we had. What the StuCo leadership made different from the other mixers was that they made

a new playlist for the night, pulling the songs from teen beach movies and selecting songs they thought students would dance to. They had a lot of fun decorations, photo opportunities, and a variety of music. They also collected three boxes of food which were donated to the pantry at the Beck Bookman Library. The

StuCo leadership team had discussed ways to encourage students to attend and how to make it affordable for all the students. The fee was three dollars each or canned food donations and a theme that they felt students had clothing already in their closets that fit the vibe for the night.

Holtonian Scary Story Contest

It's time for the *Holtonian's* annual Scary Story Contest!

If you are interested in participating, write a scary story and send it to this email: chaturner@holtonks.net

We will accept submissions until Tuesday, October 21, at 11:59 pm.

The members of the *Holtonian* staff will rate each of the stories, and our top picks will be published in the October issue.

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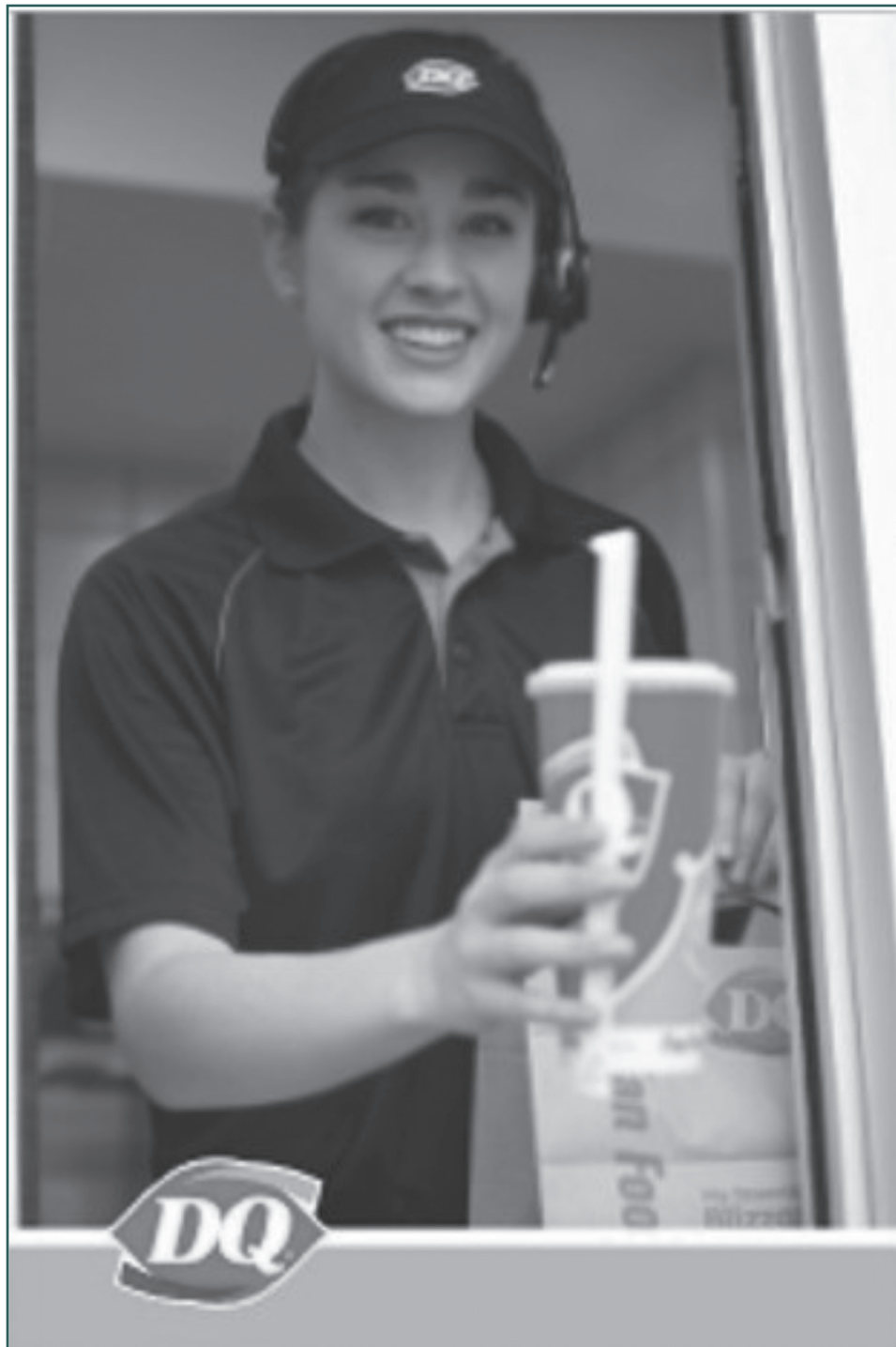
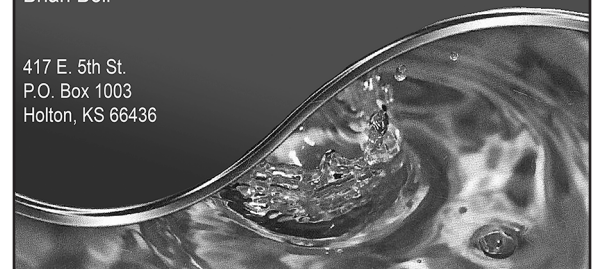


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HHS Marching Band Presents “Dragon Hunt”

By Jamison Holt, Asst. Editor

For the 2025 season, the Holton High School Wildcat Marching Band presents their show “Dragon Hunt,” composed by Randall Standridge. This year’s drum majors are seniors Elisa Bartel and Amanda Taylor.

At the first home football game of the season on September 12, the Wildcat Marching Band gave their first performance. They played the first and second of four total movements of their show, and afterward the Spirit Squad joined them on the field for the annual first game tradition. The band performed “Shut Up and Dance” by Walk the Moon, and the Spirit

Squad performed a dance routine to the song. For the second home football game on September 19, the band performed the first, second, and third movements of their show.

For competitions, the Wildcat Marching Band planned to attend the Bonner Springs Invitational on September 24, at which they would play their first, second, and third movements; however, this event was cancelled due to weather. They plan to attend three other events, the first being a festival that they are familiar with but did not attend in past years. This is the Capital City Marching Festival, which will be hosted by Washburn University

on October 1. The third competition they will attend this year is the Kansas Bandmasters Association Small Schools Marching Championship on October 11. This is the most significant competition of the season, and at this event they will perform their full show twice — once for the preliminary round and once for finals. Last season at this competition, the Wildcat Marching Band placed third, just behind McLouth and Independence. The last competition is one that is new to the band this year. This event is called “Bandtober” and will be hosted by Riley County High School on October 22.



National Honor Society Induction Ceremony: Fourteen new members stand behind the podium. From left to right: Cailee Hallauer, senior Emberlee Allen, juniors Addison Bontrager, Rebekah Lassey, seniors Dalton Peters, Tess Austin, Lili Tanking, junior Olivia Doney, and senior Dalton Peters. Photo by Charlie Turner

FFA Hits the Ground Running

By Jamison Holt, Asst. Editor

The Kansas State Fair is held annually in Hutchinson, and HHS was lucky enough to have one of their FFA members attend in the “small decorative” agriculture mechanic category. Sophomore Camden Schuster’s project was displayed in the red FFA building in the north end of the fairgrounds.

On September 10, 19 HHS FFA members were invited by Tyler and Liza Warner to experience a very unique opportunity. These members met Brian Nelson with Drone Land Management,

LLC. Mr. Nelson gave a demonstration on using a drone to apply a cover crop mix into standing soybeans. He also showed how a thermal imaging drone is used in his business, mixing technology and agriculture together. Lindsay Morris, with NRCS, also spoke to them about soil health aspects of using cover crops and how the NRCS supports local producers and conservation efforts. On September 17, 14 Holton High School freshmen attended the Northeast District Greenhand Conference. They attended workshops

over Supervised Agricultural Experience, FFA Opportunities, and more. Those in attendance heard a keynote speech from National FFA President, Thaddeus Bergschneider of Illinois. Northeast District Secretary, junior Addison Bontrager of HHS, gave a workshop on Growth Mindset. Afterward, they stopped for lunch at Golden Corral and took a tour of KanEquip, where Jerry Jackson shared the basic operations of the Topeka store and career advice about being aware of opportunities.



Ag and Mechanical: FFA members stand in KanEquip after the Northeast Greenhand Conference. Submitted Photo

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proudly after being inducted. Front row: senior Mya Marten, juniors Marisa Rebekah Dement, Kinley Fluke, and Marley Gilliland. Back row: junior Rebekah and senior Havilah Myers.

NHS Inducts New Members

By Charlie Turner, Editor

After the induction ceremony on August 27, the Holton High School National Honor Society has 14 new members. These members include juniors Addison Bontrager, Rebekah Dement, Olivia Doney, Kinley Fluke, Marley Gilliland, Cailee Hallauer, Rebekah Lassey, and Marisa Meyer; and seniors Emberlee Allen, Tess Austin, Mya Marten, Havilah Myers, Dalton Peters, and Lili Tanking. The officers that were voted in for this year are seniors Briar Page (president), Emily Ditzler (vice president), Sophia Goombi

(secretary), and Bailey Kathrens (treasurer). This year, our NHS chapter has made a few structural changes. First, members of NHS will have to complete a student project, or, as the sponsor Mrs. Morris calls them, “passion projects.” These projects can range from food drives to student mentorship programs to volunteering at an animal shelter, and can be done individually or in groups. These projects are also required by the NHS constitution despite our chapter not requiring it before. The second change is that NHS

will now have a bylaws committee. This committee will create chapter specific laws to add onto the pre-existing NHS constitution. The last change is that annual membership dues will now be 12 dollars instead of five like previous years. It is uncertain as to whether the USD 336 Board of Education will be paying for the high school’s annual NHS chapter fee this year and in the future. To prepare for this additional financial burden, the members of NHS voted to increase the membership dues by seven dollars.



hands-on conference where they get a lesson about ag mechanics.

FCCLA Promotes Student Leadership

By Ramsey Mick, Journalism Student

FCCLA stands for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Its mission is to promote personal growth and leadership development through focusing on the multiple roles that students have (family member, community leader, student, and many more). Through FCCLA, students learn life skills like decision making, goal setting, and communication. They also gain useful knowledge that can be used in the workplace and at home. The sponsor of FCCLA is Amy Oldehoeft. FCCLA is known for the fun activities they do with their club and community members. In the past, they have done food drives, made dog toys for the animal shelter, went to nursing homes, done “rake and runs,” sold pies during Christmas, and done a “secret Santa” with the club members in December. They do

competitive events as well, which are called STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events. These are competitive events at regional, state, and national levels, where members can show their skills through leadership and projects. FCCLA also participates in conferences, and the next one is coming up soon! If you’re in FCCLA you can attend the fall leadership conference on November 5, where you can listen to speakers and state FCCLA officers and participate in break-out sessions. Break-out sessions explain many community service opportunities and how to get more involved in them. In February, Holton High School will be hosting the district elections for FCCLA. This is when the district-level officers are selected, and the district representatives go on to elect or nominate candidates at the state

level. To become an officer, you have to fill out an application. If you are in FCCLA and you would like to get one of these applications, talk to Mrs. Oldehoeft. Once filled out, she and the other officers will look over your application and decide whether or not you’re a good candidate to be an FCCLA officer. Once you’ve been chosen to become an officer, you can move up from there! FCCLA is an important club that plays a vital role in bringing students together and helping them grow, learn to lead, give back to their community, and take on harder challenges. FCCLA gives students the confidence to step up and take on important leadership roles and proves that students can succeed. With the help of Mrs. Oldehoeft, Holton High School students are gaining real social and educational benefits from being in FCCLA.

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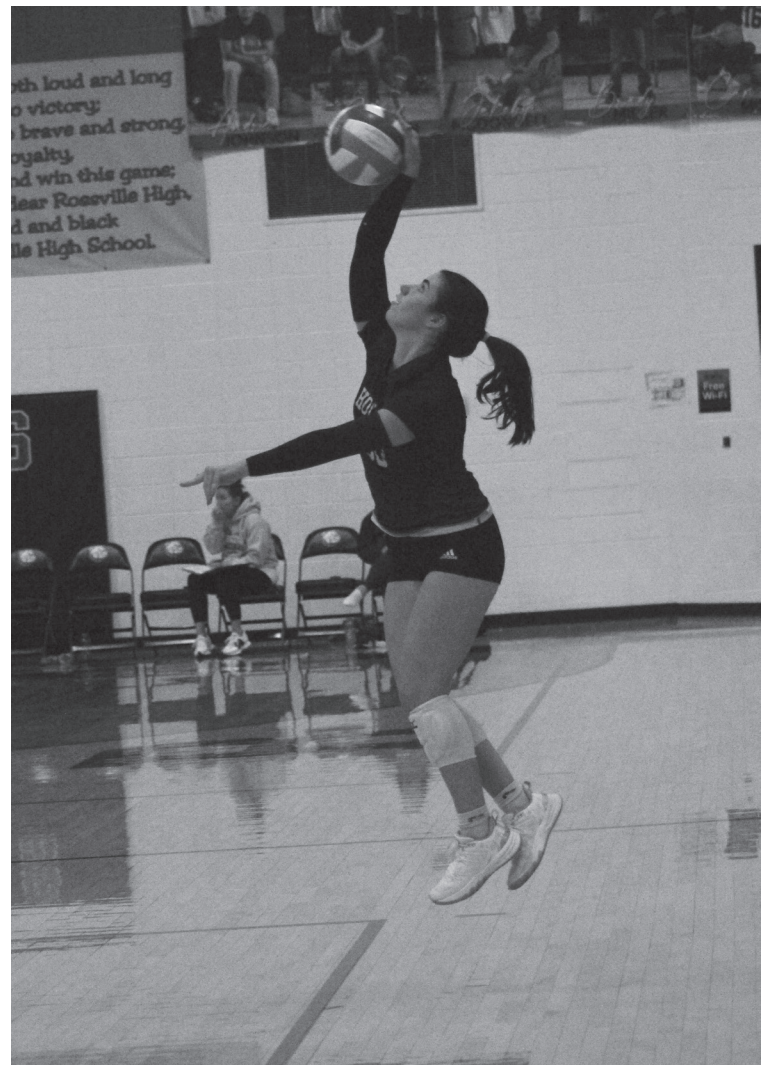
Volleyball Season of 2025 Starts off on Fire

By Rowan Patterson, Journalism Student

The varsity volleyball team started the 2025 season off with a strong start, earning wins against Hiawatha and Perry-Lecompton. Not being outdone, the JV team repeated the same feat. The wins were tallied with only two weeks of practice, showing that the girls' volleyball teams are definitely making the best of the hard work they are applying at practice. The volleyball team has gained two new coaches this year, including Theresa Watkins and Carli Keling. These wonderful ladies are filling in for head coach Kristel Bontrager while she is on maternity leave. Ironically, Watkins was a coach for Bontrager and Keling when they played volleyball in high school. As a team activity, the two new coaches have asked the team to write a "rose and a thorn" every day at practice. These represent a good and a bad thing that happened during the day. This activity helps create

a family bond and does a self-check on the players' well-being. Every year the volleyball season includes a "Pink Out" game in October for breast cancer awareness and a "Shine like Prine" memorial game for Sydney Prine. The memorial game is to recognize organ donation and was held on September 16 this year. Prine donated her heart on Christmas Eve of 2023, and has saved several other lives by donating other organs. For breast cancer awareness, sponsors are being sought and are encouraged to give money for a recipient that currently has or is a survivor of breast cancer. All are encouraged to wear pink for the "Pink Out" game on October 14. Be sure to come out and show your support to the team and both of these amazing causes. During the "Shine like Prine" game, the varsity and JV teams both won against St. Mary's. However, both teams

later lost to Silver Lake with close games. This is the first loss for the varsity team this season. After the game on September 18, Coach Keling stated, "We are very proud of how well our varsity team can adapt at a moment's notice. The girls have had to make some adjustments this year based on injuries, and they are rocking it! Our varsity leadership is incredible. They show up every day ready to work and lead with a positive attitude. We have been calling them the dream team because they are coachable, hard-working, and incredibly fun to be around. JV is making great strides every day! We see improvements from them every time they step on the floor. We love their willingness to learn and their energy." In regard to the season, Coach Watkins said, "Carli and I are so blessed to have the opportunity to coach these girls. We are thankful that Kristel asked us to cover for her."



Cats and Dawgs: Junior Kinley Fluke serves while playing against the Rossville varsity volleyball team. This tournament was held at Rossville High School on Saturday, September 20, and included Holton, Jeff West, Osage City, Ottawa, Rossville, and Silver Lake. The Holton varsity team beat Jeff West (2-1), Osage City (2-0), and Ottawa (2-0). They lost to Rossville (1-2) and Silver Lake (1-2).
Photo by Sarah Robinson

Upcoming Events

Volleyball:

Oct. 2 - HS vs. Hayden
Oct. 4 - JV @ Jeff West
Oct. 7 - HS @ Sabetha
Oct. 11 - FR @ Maur Hill - Mount Academy
Oct. 11 - Varsity @ Sabetha
Oct. 14 - HS vs Jeff West, Riley County
Oct. 25 - Sub-State
Oct. 30-31 - State

Girls' Golf:

Oct. 1 - JV @ Jeff West
Oct. 2 - Varsity @ Nemaha Central
Oct. 6 - Varsity @ Silver Lake
Oct. 9 - Varsity @ Manhattan
Oct. 13 - Regional
Oct. 20-21 - State

Girls' Golfers Beat Personal Best Scores

By Andrew Shupe, Staff

The girls' golf team returned two senior golfers this year, who have also proven themselves to be great in the past. These two seniors are Elisa Bartel and Amanda Taylor. To start the season, the team went to the Wamego Country Club, and they got fourth out of 11 teams. Coach Haussler expressed that he was proud of the team because the Wamego course is very challenging. Bartel was in the top ten and shot a career high

of 92. Taylor and junior Adalie Alley were close behind, shooting 109 and 106 respectively. Their next tournament was at our very own Holton Country Club. With a home course advantage, the girls did great and placed fourth out of eight teams. Coach Haussler said, "I could tell these girls were upset; they were one stroke from medalling and four strokes from second. Every girl tied or beat their personal best, which is exciting. I know

this will motivate the girls to keep shooting lower and working toward their goals." Taylor placed fourth, shooting a 91, and Bartel tied for fifth, shooting a 92. Alley shot a 106 and tied her career best, and sophomore Bree Barrow also shot a 106, beating her career best by 12 strokes. Junior Sydnee Visocky shot a 107, beating her career best by 14 strokes, and junior Marisa Meyer shot a 110 beating her career best by 3 strokes.



Barrow Beats her Best: Sophomore Bree Barrow tees off at hole five of the Holton Country Club golf course. Holton hosted a girls' golf invitational on Tuesday, September 16, at which Barrow earned a score of 106, which is 12 points higher than her personal best. The other schools in attendance were Bonner Springs, Maur Hill - Mount Academy, Nemaha Central, Rock Creek, Rossville, Silver Lake, and Wamego. Holton finished fourth as a team, and the top three teams were Wamego, MH-MA, and Rock Creek.
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Holton Football Starts Season Strong Going 2-1

By Andrew Shupe, Staff

The Wildcats started their season during the summer with a three-day camp at the end of June and another at the beginning of July. During the last session of the July camp, the team held a scrimmage against Shawnee Heights to give them some game speed reps. When the school year started, the team had two weeks of hard practice then went to Hummer Sports Park for a jamboree against Topeka High and Topeka West.

The next week, the Wildcats' first game was at Sabetha. The game did not go so well the first half, as the Cats fell 0-21

at halftime. Coming out in the second half, they played their tails off and almost came back, but a touchdown got called back and they got beat on a halfback pass. The Cats didn't pull off the win, and lost 14-28.

The week after, our Cats hosted the Riley County Falcons for week two. Our team came out hot, being up a touchdown at half time. The second half turned into a shootout with the Cats running the ball down the Falcons' throat — not getting stopped a single time — and the Falcons throwing the ball down the field for a few touchdowns. In the end,

Holton pulled off the win with a final score of 47-36. In week three, the team hosted the Royal Valley Panthers, our county rivals. The Cats marched down the field three consecutive times and held the Panthers to three first downs in the first half. Coming out in the second half, the Cats scored again quickly, going up 37-0. Coach Barta then put in the JV, and the Panthers scored three touchdowns the rest of the game. The Wildcats won 37-21, taking home the county win. The Wildcats will soon host the Jefferson West Tigers for our homecoming game and will go to Hayden High School the week after.



Snap then Crack: Junior Eli Hines gets ready to snap the ball during the home game against Riley County. Photo by Ellis Larson

Upcoming Events

Football:

- Oct. 3 - Varsity vs. Jeff West
- Oct. 6 - JV @ Jeff West
- Oct. 10 - Varsity @ Hayden
- Oct. 13 - JV vs. Hayden
- Oct. 17 - Varsity vs. Hiawatha
- Oct. 20 - JV @ Hiawatha
- Oct. 24 - Varsity @ Leavenworth
- Oct. 27 - JV vs. Leavenworth
- Oct. 31 - Varsity playoff game #1

Cross Country:

- Oct. 2 - HS vs. Perry-Lecompton
- Oct. 9 - HS @ Osage City
- Oct. 16 - League @ Silver Lake
- Oct. 21 - HS @ Jackson Heights
- Oct. 25 - Regional

Cross Country Begins Their Season

By Phillip Apel, Journalism Student

Another cross-country season has started! This year, we have good prospects for our girls' team to win the Big East league meet, and a surprising number of new seniors and freshmen have joined both teams. Although the team is missing last year's seniors and there are a lot of new freshmen, the top runners are largely the same. For the girls, the top runners are juniors Ava Clayton, Rebekah Dement, Lilly Naylor, and Katie Purcell, and seniors Sophia Goombi and Kennedy Smith. For the boys, the top runners are sophomores Dominic Lancaster, Tristan Schlodder, and Gavin Stockman, and seniors Daniel Cannon, Dalton Peters, and Jacob Warner. The seniors this year are Phillip Apel, Tess Austin, Daniel Cannon, Landri Dieckmann, Sophia Goombi, Kennedy Smith,

Jackson Truelove, Sierra Visocsy, and Jacob Warner. The boys' team has done fairly well so far. They've had several runners place at the Basehor-Linwood and Wamego meets, and the team finished second overall at the home meet. Once again, the star of the show this year will likely be our girls' team, so let's look at what they've done so far. At Basehor-Linwood (a very large invitational meet mostly consisting of 5A and 6A schools), we had three girls earn medals. At Holton, the girls had five medalists and finished first as a team. At Wamego, our top three, being Clayton, Goombi, and Smith, medaled once again. The team hopes that the girls win league again this year and that the top three can place at state. Additional information can be found at the official Holton XC Facebook page and the USD 336 app.

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Showing Off the Hardware: Ava Clayton, Sophia Goombi, and Kennedy Smith show off their medals. Submitted Photo



Together 4 Tomorrow (T4T) is dedicated to fostering mental health awareness, promoting mental wellness, and preventing suicide. With representatives from local mental health agencies, hospitals, schools, emergency response networks, and faith communities we work to break stigma, build hope, and connect individuals with the resources, education, and support they need to thrive. Through collaboration, compassion, and open conversation, we strive to create a future where every person feels valued, supported, and empowered to face tomorrow with strength and hope.

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Before The Bell: What's Your Favorite Class This Year?



By Clara Metcalf, Staff

Freshmen

"Health class"
Ella Lucca

"Band"
Gregory Newton

Sophomores

"Art class"
Xoe Clark

"Art class"
Ronald Ingram

Juniors

"American History"
Marisa Meyer

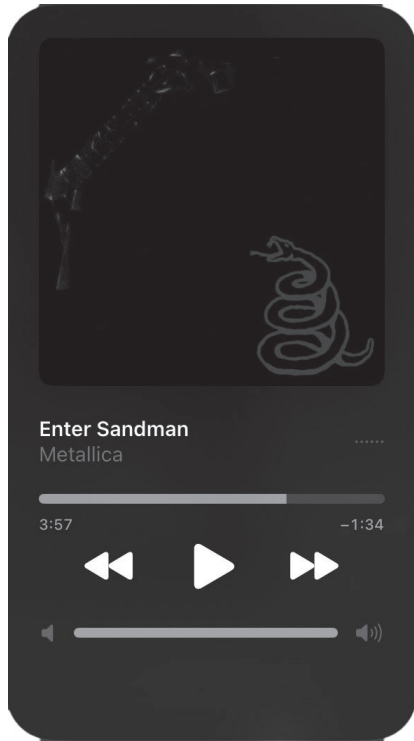
"Jazz band or chemistry"
David Nunies

Seniors

"Team Sports"
Presley Phillips

"Online block"
Alec Frazier

Song of the Month:



"Enter Sandman" - Metallica

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- AUTUMN
- BONFIRE
- BRISK
- CIDER
- CORN
- CRISP
- EQUINOX
- FALL
- FESTIVAL
- FOLIAGE
- FOOTBALL
- GOURD
- HALLOWEEN
- HARVEST
- HAYSTACK
- JACKET
- LEAVES
- NOVEMBER
- OCTOBER
- PINE CONE
- PUMPKIN
- SCHOOL
- SEPTEMBER
- SQUASH
- SWEATER
- THANKSGIVING
- TREES

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