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## Club Column

By Carter Meerpohl, Editor

### Upcoming Events:

April 27 - State Solo & Small Ensemble

April 28 - State FFA CDEs

April 30 - Senior Signing Day

May 4 - State Speech & Drama Festival

May 7- Senior Sayonara

May 8 - Washburn Tech Last Day

May 8 - Band & Choir Pops Concert

May 9 - Seniors Last Day

May 9 - Big 7 League Art Show

May 11 - Graduation

May 16 - Last Day of School

## Choir Places First at St. Louis Competition

By Charlie Turner, Copy Editor

Every two years, the Holton High School band goes on a trip to a city within the nation to compete against other bands and to have some fun afterwards. This year they traveled to St. Louis and invited the choir along, too. The trip went from April 4-5. On the first day, both ensembles competed at Northwest High School and then went to the St. Louis City Museum afterward. They spent all of the second day at Six Flags and ended the trip with an awards ceremony there. The band finished second in their division, and the choir finished first in their division, as well as first overall for

high school choirs. The choir performed three pieces. These include a traditional piece titled "Hey Ho" as a warmup, and "Autumn Vesper" and "Jambo," both arranged by Jacob Narverud as their competition pieces. The choir consisted of parts of the Notables and Chamber Choir rosters. The band also performed three pieces. These include "Alpine Adventure" by Michael Oare as a warmup piece, and "Rippling Watercolors" by Brian Balmages and "Rough Riders" by Karl L. King, arranged by James Swearingen as their competition pieces.



**Bringing Home the Bacon:** The band and the choir pose in front of the Six Flags sign after the awards ceremony. The ensembles spent all day exploring and riding rides at the amusement park before the awards ceremony.

Submitted Photo

### AP Exam Dates:

AP Human Geography - May 7

AP Microeconomics - May 7

AP Chinese - May 9

AP Macroeconomics - May 10

AP - Language & Composition - May 14

AP Computer Science - May 15

AP Physics - May 17

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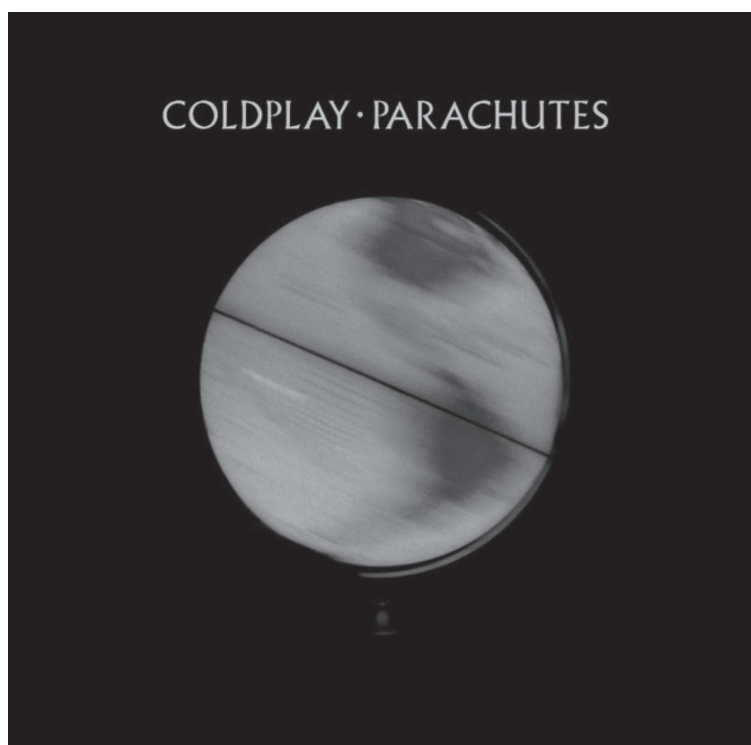
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## Song of the Month:

"Yellow" by Coldplay



## Art Students Compete In Duck Stamp Contest

By Carter Meerpohl, Editor

Every year, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service holds the Kansas Duck Stamp Contest. Many Holton art students entered to be nationally recognized for their entries. Freshman Sarah Immenschuh's entry won Kansas Best of Show. Her entry will represent Kansas at the national competition in Washington, D.C. Senior Charlotte Cyphers won first place in Group IV and was a Kansas Top 5 finisher. Her entry

was selected for the Sid Crawford Award Competition at the national level. Six other entries placed in the contest. Liliana Avendaño placed second in Group IV, Taylor Kivitter placed second in Group III, Rylie Doran placed third in Group IV, Marley Gilliland placed third in Group IV, and Mariah Senn and Taya Turner were both Group IV Honorable Mention winners. The national competition will be held on April 19 in Washington, D.C.

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**FFA Competes For Super CDE Day**

*Jace Huyett, Layout Editor*

On Wednesday, April 10, 19 FFA members competed in five different events at the Northeast District Super CDE Day in Highland. The Floriculture A team took first place, the Floriculture B team took second place, the Milk Quality A team took first place, and the Vet Science A team took second.

The top placers on Floriculture A team were juniors Maddy Bontrager who placed seventh, Jace Huyett who placed fifth, Lora Larison who placed third, and Jacob Huyett who placed second. The top placers on Floriculture B team were junior Emma Gonzales who placed ninth, sophomore Sierra Viscosky who placed fourth, and sophomore

Lucas White who placed third. The top placers on Milk Quality A team were juniors Shianne Kimball who placed 13th, Emily Horr who placed second, and Sam Dement who placed first. The top placers on Vet Science were juniors Dylan Anderson who tied for seventh and Maddy Bontrager who tied for fourth. Junior Lora Larison also placed seventh in wool judging. In Food Science Havilah Meyers placed fifth. On Thursday, April 11, 10 members traveled to Paola to compete in the Miami County Aggie Days. The Nursery and Landscape team placed first overall out of six teams, beating second place by 108 points.

The top placers were juniors Maddy Bontrager who placed sixth, Lora Larison who placed fifth, Jace Huyett who placed second, and Jacob Huyett who placed first. The Floriculture team placed second overall out of 13 teams. The top placers were juniors Maddy Bontrager who placed ninth, Jace Huyett who placed fifth, Lora Larison who placed fourth and Jacob Huyett who placed second. The Milk Quality team placed fourth overall and the top placers were juniors Emily Horr who placed 13th and Sam Dement who placed 18th. The State CDEs will take place on April 28-30 in Manhattan.

**Music Department Receives An Overall Excellent Rating**

*Charlie Turner, Copy Editor*

On Saturday, April 13, 32 Holton music students attended the KSHSAA regional solo and ensemble contest at Benedictine College. This group included 11 band students, 19 choir students, and two doing both.

The instrumental solos were Elisa Bartel on flute, Eva Cortes on trombone, Elizabeth Goombi on trumpet, Emily Horr on trombone, Jace Huyett on euphonium, Jacob Huyett on clarinet, Brynn Schmille on flute, Carter Meerpohl on clarinet, Charlie Turner on marimba, and Byron Washington-Urbano on trombone. Lucas White also served as a piano accompanist for a number of these solos.

The vocal solos were Josie Barrow, Emily Ditzler, Maddie Heineken, Rebekah Lassey, Carmen Prados Meseguer, Lili

Tanking, and Braun Teter. The instrumental small ensembles included a clarinet trio of Jacob Huyett, Mya Marten, and Carter Meerpohl; a low brass trio of Eva Cortes and Emily Horr on trombone and Jace Huyett on euphonium; and a mixed trio of Charlie Turner on vibraphone, Lucas White on piano, and Mariah Woltje on bassoon. The vocal small ensembles were the Holton Notables, Holton Notables Women, and Holton Notables Men. These ensembles included Josie Barrow, Elisa Bartel, Jaelynn Cottrill, Emily Ditzler, Krissi Fitzpatrick, Maddie Heineken, Rebekah Lassey, Mya Marten, Presley Phillips, Grace Selley, Taylor Segenhagen, Lili Tanking, Amanda Taylor, Zoey Tinney, Kayden Gale, Zach Jenson, Rhevl Murphy, Lane Pruet, Braun Teter, and Jackson

Truelove. T solos and two small ensembles received a 2, or excellent rating. The soloists include Josie Barrow, Emily Ditzler, Elizabeth Goombi, Maddie Heineken, Jace Huyett, Jacob Huyett, Rebekah Lassey, Carmen Prados Meseguer, Charlie Turner, and Byron Washington-Urbano. The small ensembles include the low brass trio and Notables Men. Seven solos and four small ensembles received a 1, or superior rating, and now qualify for state. These soloists include Elisa Bartel, Emily Horr, Carter Meerpohl, Brynn Schmille, Lili Tanking, Braun Teter, and Mariah Woltje. The ensembles include the clarinet trio, the mixed trio, Notables, and Notables Women. The state contest for the 4A division will take place on April 17 at Andover High School.

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# Baseball Breaks 33 Day Losing Streak

By Andrew Shupe, Staff

For their first home game of the season, the baseball team played against the Santa Fe Trail Chargers in a double header home game, losing the first 5-8, and the second game they were blown out 0-21. For the second game of the season, the boys played against the Falls City Tigers in a close low-run

game but ultimately lost 3-4. The following game, the boys played the other Tigers from Jeff West and lost to them as well, with a score of 0-10. Next, the boys played the Perry-Lecompton Kaws in a slow game and lost 1-9. Then, out of nowhere, the Wildcats beat the Royal Valley Panthers, blew them out 14-4, and finally broke

their losing streak. In the next game, however, they lost 5-8 to the Hiawatha Redhawks. This could still be the turning point for Holton baseball, bringing it back to its former glory. The team's next games are against the Sabetha Blue Jays, the Nemaha Central Thunder, the Riverside Cyclones, and St. Mary's Academy Crusaders.



**Strike:** Freshman Tinley Wilson pitches the ball in the home game against Royal Valley on Monday, April 8. The girls won both of thier games against the Panthers. They won the first game 8-2 and won the second game 11-10. Submitted Photo

# Softball Starts off Season Strong

By Emily Lin, Assist. Editor

On March 22, softball kicked off their season by playing against the 2023 undefeated 1-2A state champion, McLouth High School. This game was hosted at Johnsonville Field at Chandler Park in Holton. The scores against McLouth were 1-17 and 0-7.

This season for the softball team has been quite the challenge. The season has brought a fresh canvas for growth and adaptation through diversity. There have been a variety of opportunities to embrace new experiences and overcome challenges. The team has been working hard collectively while having fun, and improving the season ahead of them.

On April 1, the team played against Jefferson West at Chandler Park. Senior Taryn Anderson, senior Abigail Renfro, and freshman Marley Gilliland all hit home runs during the game against Jefferson West. On April 11, the girls played at Hiawatha. During this game, sophomore Kennedy Smith batted a 900, hit a home run, had multiple base hits, and had four RBIs. Senior Katelyn Ingels also batted a 900 with a home run and had three RBIs. So far, the girls have won four games. These were against Jefferson County North, Jefferson West, Hiawatha, and Royal Valley. In regards to future plans for the softball season, junior Maddy Bontrager

said, "For the remainder of the season, we are looking forward to competing against league teams while focusing on enhancing both our offensive and defensive strategies in preparation for regionals. We are excited for the coming month, anticipating significant growth and development within our team." The next few games are against Sabetha on Monday, April 15, Nemaha Central on Monday, April 22, and against Riverside on Thursday, April 25. The game against Riverside is also spring senior night. The upcoming schedule for softball is packed with competition. The girls are going to put all of their efforts into the upcoming games.

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# Golf Enters a Rebuilding Year

By Andrew Shupe, Staff

The boys golf team is one of our youngest sports teams this season. After losing the seniors from last year, the team is in a sort of rebuilding type of year. Two golfers to really look out for this season are Korben Fox and Brody Meyer. They have both shown this year and the last

that they can do amazing things. Starting off the season, the JV boys had back to back tournaments at the Seneca-Spring Creek Golf Course and the following day went to the Sabetha Golf Club. Then the next Monday the varsity golfers went to the Sabetha Golf Club where

they played fairly well. The Tuesday after, the JV team went to Cool Springs Golf Course in Onaga. Then the Monday the next week the varsity went back to the Sabetha Golf Club. The team has a few more tournaments over the next month of school and looks to have a very bright future.

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### Jumping Into Track Season is Very Exciting

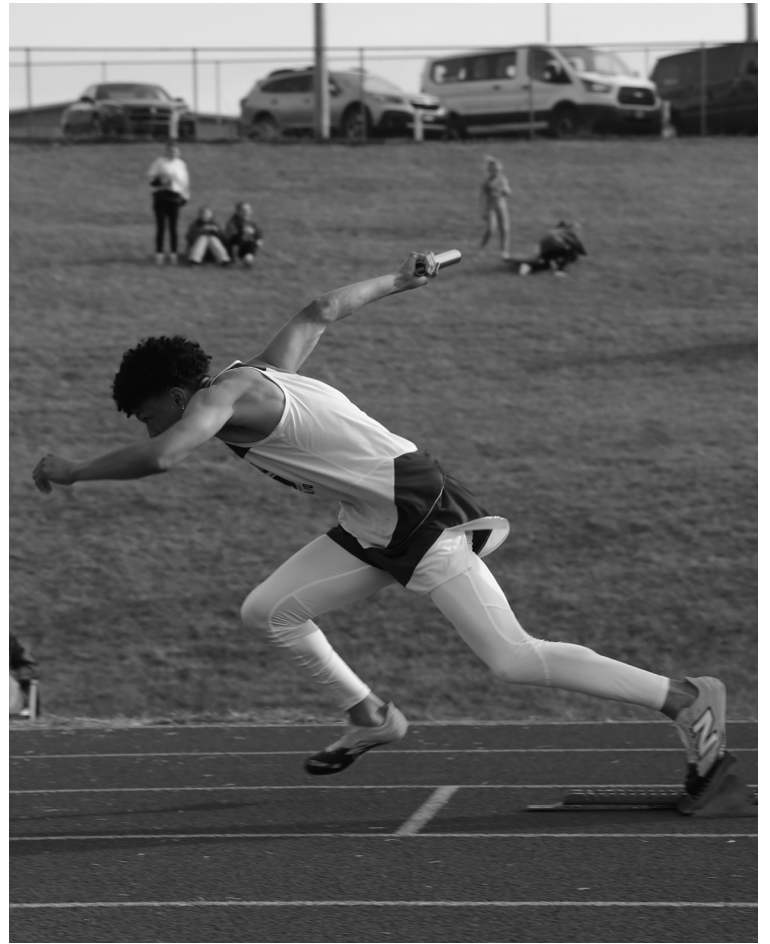
By Carter Meerpohl, Editor

The head track and field coach position has been open ever since the former head coach, Travis Thayer, moved to Andover to teach and coach at Andover Central High School. The track and field athletes were left unknowing who their head coach would be before the season started. High school math teacher and head football coach Brooks Barta took the position of head coach, leading the track team into a new season. Returning coaches are Brian Meerpohl, Matt Hundley, and Keri Miller. The team has held two home meets so far this season. The Holton Invitational was originally scheduled for March 26, but due to inclement weather, it was moved to the 28th. Teams attending the invitational included: Holton High School, Jackson Heights High School, Pleasant Ridge High School, Atchison High School, and Hiawatha High School.

The boys team won the meet by 71 points, and they

had some very notable performances. Junior Logan Altenburg placed first in the 100 meter dash, junior Brayden Peek placed first in the 200 and 400 meter dashes, and sophomore Landon Hernandez placed first in the 300 meter hurdles. The girls team also won the meet. They won by 57 points, trailed by Atchison High School. Senior Renn Deters, sophomore Mara Marten, junior Lauren Shupe, and senior Piper Robinson all competed well, and they all placed first in their events. Deters placed first in shot put; Marten placed first in high jump; Shupe placed first in long jump, and Robinson placed first in pole vault. The following meet, also hosted at Holton, was a league quad. The schools that attended were Holton High School, Nemaha Central High School, Hiawatha High School, and Jefferson West High School. Neither Holton teams won the meet, but a handful of athletes stood out at the meet. Sophomore

Landon Hernandez placed first in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles, junior Brayden Peek placed first in high jump, and Logan Altenburg, Kayden Gale, Marcus Barnett, and Brayden Peek placed first in the 4x100 meter relay. The following week, the team split up into a varsity and a junior varsity team. The varsity team traveled to Atchison High School, and the junior varsity team traveled to Jefferson West High School. At the Atchison Invitational meet, there were many first place finishes: Brayden Peek in the 200 and 400 meter dashes and high jump, the boys 4x100 meter relay, Mara Marten in high jump, Piper Robinson in pole vault, Elizabeth Schuster in discus, and Renn Deters in shot put. The following week, there were no meets for any athletes. This week was considered the "get better" week according to Coach Barta. The team focused on improving their skills to prepare them for the meets ahead.



**POP!:** After senior sprinter Marcus Barnett hears the gun fire, he shoots out of his blocks as the first leg in the 4x100 relay. The team consisted of Marcus, Brayden, Kayden, and Logan. The team placed first at the meet.  
Photo by Sadey Gross

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