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My Family Christmas

By Daniela Castillo

There are many traditions and cultural things when it comes to Christmas. Everyone's holiday looks different and unique at this time of year. But I am here to talk about what my Christmas looks like. In my house my mother loves to decorate the whole house. She also loves to decorate outside. Every year she comes up with a new color scheme. She says "When I was younger in my house we would have big" We also take lots of pictures. We like to take pictures of everyone opening their gifts. Of course not everything stays the same each year. Some years we go out and spend Christmas and the New year somewhere else, and some years we just stay home. In my family there is no exact tradition we follow. Although we do have some favorite activities, they include playing a game called "Loteria", and we also like going on trips to spend the new year somewhere else. There is going to be many more changes in our Christmases with the passing years. I am very excited to see what will come. What does your holiday season look like?

Internship

Interview by Mae Frost



Homegrown
TALENT INITIATIVE



BarkWell
Animal Care Center

Kyleigh Jaeger has been interning at BarkWell for two years through the HHS intern program. She interns with Dr. Nicole Lenz. What Kyleigh does is help hold animals down, watch surgeries, and wash animals. She also expressed that she loves working with animals. She says "It has been a passion of mine since I was younger". Her favorite animal is a dog. She specifically likes huskies. To conclude this article Kyleigh says that she really enjoys this experience. It has shown her that she actually loves animals and wants to pursue this career.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Lauren Herman



“Take it all in, it goes by fast”, a piece of advice from senior Lauren Herman. Lauren plans on attending the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. As for sports she is going to continue playing basketball in college. She says that she will miss all the memories from traveling in sports and clubs. People who helped make her high school experience better were all the teachers. Her trusted adults are her parents, Mrs. Strecker, and Mrs. Clayton they all continuously supported her. She says she will also miss sports teammates and seeing her friends. As for returning to Holyoke she hasn't thought about it, but wherever she gets a job she likes.

Good luck Lauren!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Angel Martinez



“Do your work fellow schoolmates.” Those are the words of wisdom from senior, Angel Martinez. He is going to continue to work after high school. He doesn't plan on doing any clubs or activities after he leaves high school. A favorite memory that he has is during his junior year the football team was having dinner at the elementary school where they shared their elementary memories. One thing that has helped him through these years is Google. Another quote from Angel is “Balog was a cool dude to talk to.” Angel will probably come back to Holyoke when he gets older. Good luck Angel!

Fun Fact



The cheeseburger was trademarked in Denver.

Louis Ballast of the Humpty-Dumpty Drive-In in Denver who was awarded the trademark for the cheeseburger in 1935. (Google)

Thanksgiving Origins

Interview by Daniela Castillo

As we all know, a time of giving thanks and turkey is coming up. That's right, it's Thanksgiving. Of course we know that it is a time to give thanks but what is the origin of Thanksgiving? Thanksgiving is a national holiday but it wasn't always a national holiday. “It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President

Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.” In 1621 colonists from Plymouth, England shared an autumn feast with the Wampanoag tribe. That is one of the first acknowledged Thanksgiving celebrations. For more centuries they had days for Thanksgiving each celebrated by different colonies. That is the origin of Thanksgiving.

Source:<https://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving>

Divorce on the Holidays

By Mae Frost

12% of couples in Colorado are discovered. This leads to complications when holidays roll around. When your parents are divorced but you live in the same place it makes things easier. At my house, we switch halfway through the day. For example, I would spend half of the day at my mom's house then go to my dad's for the rest of the day. For some, it's not that easy. Sometimes they are put with the pressure of having to choose which parent to spend it with and others alternate every year. I asked a few students at the HHS what they think about holidays with their divorced parents. Most of them stated that it's annoying. Having to take extra steps or not getting to see someone they love on a special day gets irritating. Others said over the years they have just gotten used to it. Another thing they said is annoying is when people say "I wish I had divorced parents so I could have two Christmas's". This is inconsiderate of people to say. The distress divorces causes comes nowhere near to the "joy" of having two Christmases.

All I Want For Christmas

By Mae Frost

Teens have evolved over the years but their Christmas list has stayed very similar. I asked many students at the HHS what they wanted for Christmas. My most common responses were new shoes, clothing, electronics, hair accessories, jewelry, and money. Another response was nothing. Many people said they didn't want anything and they have everything they want. They also said that the things they want can not be given to them as a gift. Many seniors are asking for things to prepare themselves for college. I also couldn't pinpoint whether over the years the list has gotten longer or shorter. It really does depend on the person. Those are the things teens want for Christmas.



Pep Rally
January 13th
During Seminar
BRING YOUR
DANCING SHOES!

12/8 SPIRIT STICK WINNER FRESHMAN CLASS



CLUE

Interview by Daniela Castillo

“Clue” was the first play produced at HHS since last year due to COVID-19. This play was very special, for seniors as it is one of their last plays here at HHS. The cast consisted of seniors: Tristen Ferguson as Colonel Mustard, Kailar Hayes as Wadsworth, Eva Kramer as Chief of Police, Kenneth Lindholm as Mr. Green, and Josie Schlachter as Mrs. Peacock, juniors: Alma Alejandre as Yvette, Linda Esser as Backup Cop, Max Kleve as Professor Plum, Jimena Nunez as Miss Scarlett, sophomores: Elly Brown as Singing Telegram Girl, Charlotte Kramer as Cop, Hannah Lindholm as Mrs. White, Isaiah Rueter as The Cook, freshmen: Ben Kleve as Mr. Boddy, Fatima Nunez as The Motorist, and even an eighth grader: Ellie Kleve. The director is Micah Mehl. Rehearsal wise and preparing for the play rehearsals were Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, from 7-9 P.M and they started the first week of September. They would rehearse in the auditorium a bit about how the roles are picked. They would go through an audition in which they would perform a monologue then answer a series of interview questions. After the audition the director (Ms. Mehl) would think about how the student performed the monologue and their responses to the questions to determine what roles those people should play. A bit about the director: She thought that the play went very well. She thought that the students were engaged and that the audience laughed at all of the jokes. She says “There were mistakes, but there are always mistakes and ways to improve.” She also thinks that the production went very well. Ms. Mehl has always loved performing in front of an audience and telling stories. Her family has an extensive presence in theatrical performances in theater performances at an amateur level. She took on the role of director because she was planning on helping with theater before Mr. Ginapp sadly passed away. So she volunteered to take on the role.



Holyoke's Parade of Lights

By Daniela Castillo

In our little town, Holyoke, we like to put on a parade every year during Christmas time. Our little tradition is called The Parade of Lights. What is the Parade of Lights, you may be asking? Well the Parade of Lights is a friendly holiday competition for neighboring businesses to see who can come up with the best parade float. This year's theme was Dr. Seuss, and the winners were 3rd place was Mike & Elania Fanning, 2nd place was Seaboard Foods, and the 1st place winner was MHM Foundation Board. Congratulations to all the winners. Every float was very unique and everyone did amazing. This tradition has been going on for 23 years! This year we added a new tradition: lighting up a Christmas tree at the courthouse. At the parade kids also have a chance to see Santa Claus at the museum and take a picture with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Plenty of businesses are open to provide food and warmth. That is our little town tradition.



Finals Exemption

By Mae Frost

We all dread finals at the end of every semester. I'm sure we all know you can get exempt from them. Here's how. If you are in grades 7-9 you can get exempt by scoring 90% or higher on all of your tests and by meeting your NWEA goals. If you are in ESL you must move one full point on the WIDA-ACCESS Test. That goes for 10-11 grades as well. The 10-11 grade also has to pass all their tests with a 90% or higher. You also have to score a 50 percentile on the ASVAB test, your SAT score has to be a 470 in reading and a 500 in math, your ACT score has to be a 20 composite score. If you are in 12 grade it is the same scores for the ASVAB, SAT, and the ACT test. It is the same for ESL. You need to have a Post-Accepted Acceptance. Finally, everyone with a 3.0 GPA has to have fewer than 3 referrals to AOC, fewer than 3 tardies, fewer than 7 excused absences, no unexcused absences, no major discipline referrals. For everyone with 2.0 GPA has to have the same things as a 3.0 but you have to have no appearances on the ineligible list.