



# SPORTS

## Junior High Football

By Elly Brown

HOLYOKE CO- On Saturday October 5th, the junior high football players went to Yuma for the end of season championship. The weather was a big factor during the tournament. For instance, the ball flew 2 times further when it was kicked than during normal weather. The game started off with us on the receiving side. Even though neither of the teams scored anything during the first quarter, we fought to get the first points on the board during the second quarter but we failed to receive the extra point. Our team kept on fighting and they scored again. Yuma answered with scoring their only touchdown for the entire game. Conclusively, we won the Border League Championship with an undefeated reputation for the 2019 Junior High football season.



## Volleyball

By Krista Noffsinger

HOLYOKE CO- The varsity team played their hearts out last Friday against Yuma; it was an extremely close game. Sadly, they were not able to take the win as they intended. They won the first set 25-22, lost the second set 25-15, lost 3rd set 25-22, won their 4th set 18-25, lost their 5th set 15-10. The roster included: Kristin Vieselmeyer, Tamara Penzing, Yeidi Juarez, Emily Jelden, Sabryn Burris, Elice Krogmeier, Kylie Purkeypiled, and Josie Herman. Kristin Vieselmyer, a sophomore, really did a tremendous job with blocking and spiking! Tamara Penzing, a freshman, has played libero since she began volleyball in junior high. Yeidi Juarez, a junior, was able to get many digs. Emily Jelden, a senior, as usual, killed it at setting the ball up to her team-mates, she also did an amazing job passing. Sabryn Burris, a freshman, killed it with passing. Elice Krogmeier, a freshman, played an amazing game. She was able to spike to score several times. Kylie Purkeypiled, a junior, who is also a setter did great getting the ball to her teammates. Plus she had those amazing right side hits! Last, but not definitely not least, Josie Herman, a senior, killed with her spike. Despite acquiring a loss, these girls worked hard as a team and showed true Dragon spirit...which is all that matters!



## Spots are Spotted

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE CO - Photographer Frank Liu was searching for rhinos in Kenya's Masia Mara National Reserve, on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, when he noticed a spotted zebra foal. It is likely about a month old at the moment. The zebra has a dark chocolate coat with white polka dots. A Maasai guide, Antony Tira, first spotted the foal and named him Tira, according to National Geographic. Her spots are as unique as finger prints. Although her coloring is rare, he is not the only one. Similar foals have been seen in Okavango Delta. According to the author of National Geographic, Ren Larison, a biologist studying the evolution of zebra stripes has found the zebras with this condition have pseudomelanism, or abundism. It is a rare genetic mutation where animals display some sort of unusual stripe pattern. Unfortunately, being different will make it harder for Tira to survive. Scientists say if she lives to be a year old she will have a good chance of living to a ripe old age.



## Lost Ancient City Recently Found

By Anna Hayes

HOLYOKE CO- A newly discovered 5,000-year-old "lost city" in Israel was believed to be the New York City of its time. Archeologists found an ancient city north of Tel Aviv complete with both public and residential buildings, alleys, streets, artifacts, and a temple. This city was likely to be one of the most successful and complex places to be around 5,000 years-ago. The excavators found lots of pottery fragments, flint tools, basalt stone vessels and a huge temple filled with burned animal bones and figures - such as a human head with a seal with an impression of human hands lifted in the air. This city has been worked on before because the people of Isreal wants to build a road over the city because they needed to be able to pass over the city ruins without destroying them. There's more uncovering underway and reporters are trying to learn more.



# Teacher Spotlights

## MRS. SAN JOSE

By Isaiah Rueter



Mrs. SanJose is a teacher in Holyoke School District. She chose the job at Holyoke Jr./Sr. High School because it is in a small town. She is a busy teacher and does not have not very much leisure time. In the Philippines, she remarked, "There are multiple teachers per grade and subject. So, they take turns writing lesson plans and assignments." She has taught for four years in Holyoke. She enjoys her classes and wants to continue teaching in Holyoke as long as she can. Because she is from another country, she needs to have a Teaching Visa to continue teaching here. Her favorite restaurant in our area is The Grill at River City in Sterling, Colorado. She also really likes seafood and deserts like puto and leche flan. The cuisine in America is very different from what she is used to in her country. Her greatest strength as a teacher is her concern for children and their needs. She has a great talent and Holyoke is lucky to have her.

## MR. BALOG



By Ben Kleve

HOLYOKECO-Did you know that Mr. Balog originally went to college as a business major? He changed his major to teaching with an emphasis in social studies. He considered teaching science, but he did not think he could explain it well enough for students to understand. Mr. Balog has been a teacher at Holyoke High School for eight years. He enjoys teaching in Holyoke because he gets to teach so many different students. He teaches 7th grade, 9th grade, and seniors. As much as he enjoys his time in the classroom, he makes his biggest impact as a football coach. He is able to make meaningful connections with his players that help students both on the field and in school. Fun fact about Mr. Balog is that he does not pick favorite students. He does, however, have least favorite students. Holyoke Jr./Sr. High is lucky to have such a dedicated educator on staff.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## Sawyer Sigler

By Dariha Marquez

Sawyer Sigler is really enjoying 7th grade, so far. She is excited to hang out with friends in class. She says it is a lot different than elementary. She will miss her teachers but not the short lunch period. Sawyer likes the freedom she gets in middle school but does not like the walking distance from class to class. She likes all her classes though. Sawyer is currently doing cheer and says she likes it better than just doing the cheer clinic. "Cheer is going great, I really like it a lot, I like that my friends are on my team," she says. She moved here from Ordway, Colorado, in the third grade because her dad got a job offer here. Sawyer likes seeing her brother, Tuff, in the halls but does not talk to him much because he is a high school student. She will be going to the junior high dance next week and is hoping to have a fun time with her friends.



## Eylce Sisseck

By Sawyer Sigler

HOLYOKE CO- Eylce Sisseck is not only the president of the Holyoke Junior High student council, but she is involved in many other things. She is a cheerleader. Eylce says that being president is exciting. She is thrilled to do help plan dances and work on student issues for 7th and 8th grade. She hopes to help lead the students to thrive for success. Eylce's year has been great so far, and she is excited for what the rest of the year will bring. She is looking forward to being a high schooler next year. It will be a big change for her, but she is ready for it. Cheer this year has been awesome and fulfilling. Even though the season is almost over, she is ready to be part of the rest of the season. Eylce is hoping to be a high school cheerleader next year. It will be different, but she believes she can do it. The first JH dance of the year is coming up, and Eylce is psyched for it. Sadly, volleyball season is over. Luckily, they had a great last game.



# WRITING AND SPEECH CONTEST

By Karlie Martin and Areli Mendoza

HOLYOKE CO- The junior high students are currently working on an essay called the "Patriots Pen." The theme is "What makes America Great?" The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is putting it on the writing competition. This project is a joint work between our junior high English department and the VFW. It encourages students to show their opinion on why they think America is great. Each year many students all over the country enter this competition, it's for 6-8 graders with a chance to win money prizes. The VFW says, "The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300-400 word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief." The Patriot's Pen is a younger version of the "Voice of Democracy,," which is a speech competition for students from 9th through 12th grade students. The "Voice of Democracy" is open to any high school student. Last year, our local winner, Corben McCallum placed 3rd at the VFW district level with coaching from Mrs. Kleve. Mrs. Kleve is the sponsor from Holyoke Jr./Sr. High School that works with the VFW to ensure students have proper entries and makes sure all entries get voted upon. It is a true partnership between the school and the VFW. She works with 8th graders to get each of them to have an essay they are proud of to enter the writing contest. Mrs. Bieber works with the 7th graders and has everyone of them enter the competition. It is a good way for her to see where students are in their writing at the beginning of the school year. She is super excited about all the hard work the 7th graders put into finding supporting topics for the prompt. This year, Mr. Ginapp is having his speech and drama class all enter in the "Voice of Democracy." Any student is welcome to enter and simply needs to visit with Mrs. Kleve to get the information needed to apply. I would love to share information with you if you would like to enter. This is an amazing opportunity our students are excited to take part in each year. It is an amazing way to encourage them to look at the world around them and think deeply about what our country means to them.



# KYLIE PURKEYPILE: FBLA STATE OFFICER

By: Emma Sprague

HOLYOKE CO-Kylie Purkeypile is a junior at Holyoke High School. She is an FBLA state officer, plays volleyball and will run track this spring. Kylie has played basketball in the past, but unfortunately, she is having surgery in mid-November and will not be able to play this year. FBLA stands for Future Business Leaders of America. Kylie is enjoying FBLA so much she plans to run for state president next year. She is supported in FBLA by two-state advisors, Tonya Davies and Jen Grivin, and a board member, Jeanett Lambrecht. She also has Mrs. Nelson as her local advisor. Kylie says "Mrs. Nelson plays a very big part in assisting me with State Officer Duties and helping me plan the District Leadership Conference." She enjoys being the FBLA state office, as she has made lots of new friends and has many new responsibilities. Kylie keeps herself organized by keeping her priorities straight. She says, "My academics come first of course. But between sports, select choir, and other extracurriculars FBLA comes first." She says she works very well with everyone in FBLA, and they have all become very close friends. Kylie thinks her favorite memory in FBLA would have to be collaborating and playing sand volleyball with members from other CTSOs at a CACTE conference. The farthest Kylie has traveled for FBLA was Golden, CO for a kickoff conference at JeffCo Fairgrounds. Kylie enjoys traveling and going places through FBLA. Kylie smiled as she said, "I definitely recommend students participate in FBLA. It helps students prepare for college, and allows you to gain a variety of skills needed in everyday life." Kylie originally joined FBLA just to try it. She had no idea what it was or what was involved in it, but over the years Kylie had started to love the organization and everything about FBLA. Kylie claims, "I used to be quite scared of speaking in front of people, but as I continued to speak publicly and attended a seminar on how to speak properly, I became more comfortable speaking in front of people. I now love speaking in front of people and sharing my knowledge of FBLA." Overall, Kylie has developed and learned a lot about FBLA and how it focuses on the world around her.



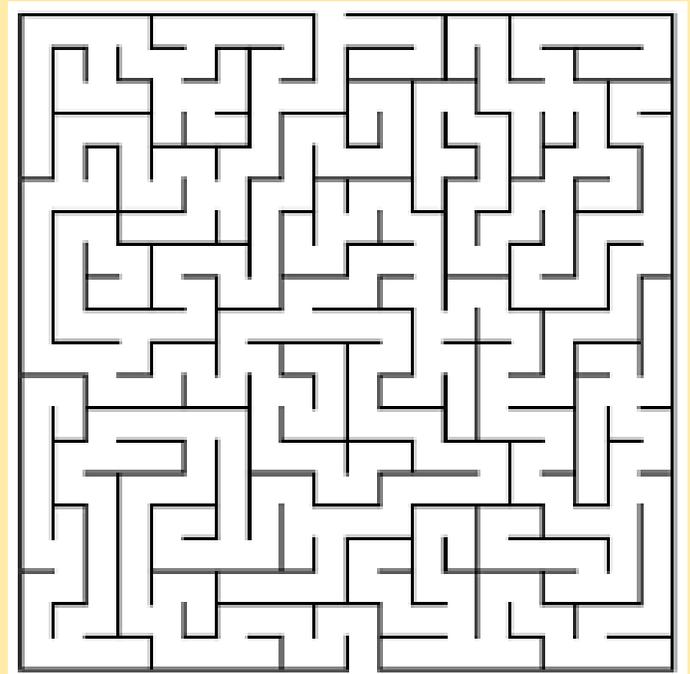
# FUN PAGE

When you bite into a raisin cookie thinking it's chocolate chip



## FUN FACTS

1. There are about 293 ways to make change for a dollar
2. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.



## Riddles:

1. I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?
2. What has hands but cannot clap?
3. What has to be broken before you can use it?

3. An egg

2. A clock

Answers