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Generosity is One of Our Strengths

By Anna Hayes

Holyoke CO- As a continuation of the Sources of Strength series, we are focusing on generosity. One example of generosity is that during the Christmas season, the 4H clubs each adopted a family. They give the kids and parents food, clothes, and living essentials that otherwise they might not be able to get easily. In May 2019, our school participated in what was called the Random Acts of Kindness day. The entire school went with assigned groups around the community and helped out with things that needed to be done. On Saturday, January 25, the pregnancy resource center is having a meal for people who need the most help. Our community has done an incredible job of stepping up and providing funding for any school, club, or sport activity with fundraisers and donations. We are incredibly lucky to have a town that is willing to step up and help any cause. A lot of places are less fortunate than we are, and we have to appreciate what we have while we have it, because at any moment, you could lose it all.



HS Girl's Basketball

By Emma Sprague

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JH Girl's Basketball

By Elly Brown

HOLYOKE CO- The Junior High girl's basketball team this year consists of 22 excited athletes. The coaches this year are Mrs. Clayton and Mrs. Krening. The basketball girls are five games into the season. Even though they have lost every game as of now, they are tremendously improving every day. They have six more games until the season is over. This week they played at Merino on Monday with B team losing by 14-17 and A team losing by 9-36. On Tuesday they played Burlington in Holyoke, they did not fair-off well but they gave their all. On Thursday they played Wray in Holyoke and the team looked so much better than they have in any other game. There were shots made and roars of cheering fans. One great thing about our junior high girl's basketball teams is the heart they play with. No matter what the number is on the score board, each player gives it everything they have until the very last buzzer. Each one of the athletes are having a great time playing and learning basketball.

Colorado Stock Show

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE CO- The Stock Show is being tagged as #TheBest16DaysInJanuary, so that must mean that it is really good. This year the Stock Show kicked off on January 11th and it will end on the 26th. If you do go, there is construction south of the stockyards. That construction is part of the National Western Center. According to the National Western Stock Show website, "The National Western Center is a reimagined master-planned campus nearly doubling the grounds which have housed the National Western Stock Show for more than 110 years." The project is called The Triangle. It is eight phases long and the first two phases are where the stockyards and the colosseum are currently. Phases three through eight are where all the parking lots will be. The new campus will be, "an entertainment environment in the heart of Denver that celebrates Colorado's western heritage." The construction for the Stockyard Event Center began last year, and is scheduled to end next year in 2021. As of this year they are starting construction on the Equestrian Center and it is supposed to end in 2023. Last but not least, the Livestock Center and the South Platte Riverfront construction, which is scheduled to begin next year and end in 2023. If everything goes as planned, the construction should be done by 2024!

If you would like to see the picture, copy and paste it into a new tab: <https://tinyurl.com/rse3h2j>

Career Fair

By Isaiah Reuter

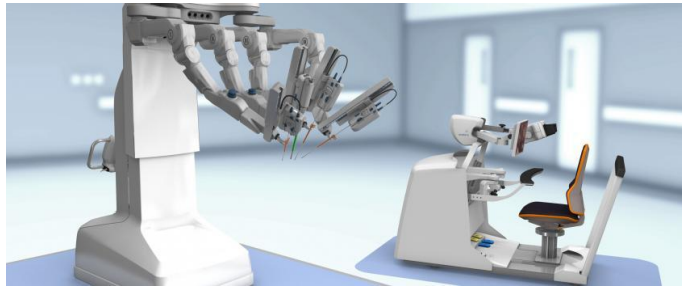
HOLYOKE CO- On Wednesday the 22nd, Holyoke held the 9th annual 8th grade career fair. There was a very good turn out, Julesburg, Ovid, Haxtun, Merino, Lone Star, Akron, Holyoke, Wray, and a few others, There was a large variety of exhibitors including, Game Warden, State Patrol, NJC, Dental, Keynote speaker, Nurse practitioner, and more. There were 47 total exhibitors. Each session was 20 minutes and each speaker talked you you and answered any questions if you had any. Lane Looka is the nurse practitioner here in holyoke and told us about his career and how he built up his life to become who he is now. Mr. Balog the ancient history teacher represented teaching at HHS. He asked questions from the U.S. citizenship test. However, Mr. Balog's parents are both immigrants, his mother is from Germany and his father is from the Czeh republic. Kyle Gordon is the local Game warden in Phillips and Sedgwick county, he told us how boring his schooling was before he actually got to be a game warden and the steps you had to take to fulfil the position. After, we had gone through each session a lunch was provided. Lala's out of Wray Co catered lunch. The lunch consisted of different types of sandwiches with chips and a cookie with a bottle of water. It was a very educational and fun day, and hopefully Holyoke will continue to host this wonderful event.



Breaking News

By Ben Kleve

EVRET WA-The first person diagnosed with the Wuhan coronavirus in the United States is being treated by a few medical workers and a robot. The disease Wuhan Coronavirus Is a virus started in Wuhan, China. About two weeks ago, the hospital tested its protocol for treating patients with highly contagious diseases such as MERS and Ebola. The hospital made changes after the Ebola outbreak. The robot uses a stethoscope and a blood pressure cuff to take the patient's vitals. The patient is currently in the hospital and awaiting discharge, but the CDC Is still checking for the ongoing symptoms of the virus. The virus has killed 200 people in China and 800 or more have been sickend. The virus has gone as far as the USA and expected to spread. Hand washing is still the best defense against diseases.



Jefferson County Jail

By: Krista Noffsinger

JEFFERSON COUNTY, CO - Sunday morning Jefferson county jail decided it would be best to release 21 inmates due to crowding. Due to a budget reduction of about \$5.5 million has cause one of the floors of the sheriff's office to close which left the jail with only 1148 beds when originally they had 1392 beds. Most of the people that are being released have to meets some requirements one requirement that i know is that they have served at least 50% of their sentences. As you know not all inmates are gonna be released so those certain inmates will be sentenced to a statutory minimum. This doesn't mean that there is gonna be anymore offenders accepted into the Jefferson County jail, of course anyone who has committed a third-degree felony, third-degree felony drug charges and high, even if they have a warrant for arrest. The sheriff of Jefferson County Jail Jeff Shrader says "Releasing inmates early, before they have completed their full sentence, is also not the message we want to send to criminals. Unfortunately, it is the action we have to take to meet the budgetary constraints we are currently faced with."

Staff Spotlight: Mr. Baumgartner

By Grace Whisenhunt

HOLYOKE CO- There are a lot of staff members in the Holyoke School District, but few have been here as long as Mr. Baumgartner. This is the 31st year that he has been in this school district. Mr. Baumgartner does not plan on retiring any time soon, but he says he is definitely on his way. His biggest goal for this monumental year is to get to know the students better on a personal level. As a child, Mr. Baumgartner wanted to do something in tech. Even though he loves his job here, he is still intrigued by technology, even though he doesn't understand it very well. I'm sure the majority of us remember that he used to teach at the elementary school. Mr. Baumgartner loved teaching at the elementary school and misses it some days. One thing he misses most is the routine. The biggest difference between the elementary and high school, he says, is the way the kids interact.

What made him switch from teaching at the elementary school to being the athletic director is he always wanted to. He also had a very good role model in college that inspired Mr. Baumgartner to become the athletic director. His favorite part of his job is visiting lots of different people.



Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Grothman

By Estreslla Quintana

We have so many amazing teachers here in the school district, and one of those teachers is Mrs. Grothman. She has been teaching special education for 8 years now. She has taught kids with special needs from kindergarten to seniors. She loves working with her students, she says, "It may be exhausting trying to keep track of what everyone needs to get done, while working on interventions at the same time. Having Mrs. Nygaard this year has been a game change for me. She is amazing with students and has the biggest heart to helping students that I have ever seen. I am so lucky that she joined our special education department." When she was little, she wanted to be a detective, to solve crimes, but since she really doesn't like violence or any stuff like that she decided not to, being a doctor wouldn't work out after seeing all the blood, so instead she decided to help others and become a teacher. Her favorite part of her job is seeing kids grow and succeed even though sometimes it can be slow. Her biggest goal to achieve this year is to spend more time with teachers and be in the classroom more.



Student Spotlights

Briana Tena

By: Dahira Castillo

HOLYOKE CO - Briana Tena is a 7th grader this year. She is really enjoying middle school so far. In her opinion, she thinks it's better than elementary school. Something Briana is looking forward to doing is participating in track. At the beginning of the year she would get confused on her way to



classes but now she says she is way more comfortable with the building. She participated in volleyball and is currently playing basketball. She will also participate in track this spring and is thinking about playing softball. Something Briana misses about elementary school is mostly the teachers, especially Mrs. Tharp. One of her favorite middle school memories so far is the Junior High Dance. The advice she has for the 6th graders is, "Don't be scared." Briana has three older sisters and one of them is in the school building. She sometimes enjoys seeing her in the hallway on her way to class. Something Briana wished people told her before coming into middle school is, "Homework is more important than sports."

Nicole Schlatcher

By Sawyer Seigler

HOLYOKE CO- Nicole Schlatcher is a new 7th grader. She said middle school is amazing compared to elementary. Nicole said that she has more respect and more freedom than she did in the elementary. Her favorite part about junior high is the teachers because they are more flexible and they help you understand easier and better. Nicole stated that she even learns more. Her favorite part about sports this year is that she is learning more stuff and in basketball she understands more this year. Nicole's first cheer season was amazing and she enjoyed it a lot. She is trying out again this year and she hopes to make the squad again. Her favorite class this year is junior high math because Mrs. Malliari is fun and she helps everyone understand. Over the summer Nicole won grand champion market swine light weight, champion carcass, and grand champion dairy goats. She said that it felt amazing winning because she did not expect to win. Nicole plans on doing Four-H again this year with pigs. Her favorite memory from elementary was playing groundies with all her friends. Something that she wants her teachers to know is that she likes to talk to her friends and she enjoys this school.



Peer Leadership

By Katelyn Kropp

Karlie Martin is in the Peer Leadership group this year. Karlie is currently getting trained to be a trusted peer leader. She was also the selected peer leader last year for sources of strength. Karlie really enjoys being in peer leadership. She says that she likes knowing that she can make a change at this school. She is helping kids that don't want or don't feel comfortable telling teachers about what is happening in their personal lives. Karlie says that if they have peer leadership next year, she will definitely be apart of it! I asked Karlie if she feels like this program is really making a change at HHS and she says that she really does think it is!. The current project for Peer Leadership involves FCCLA. Kyleigh Jaeger, Adrianna Chaney, Emali Torres are the FCCLA members that are bringing the Suicide Prevention Speaker down to Holyoke. The Peer Leadership group is preparing presentations. They will present to the students so people are informed on the topic, the speaker, and the event time. Your class Peer Leader will come give the presentation. They will also have additional information. Peer leadership is a very important job. Karlie says it's a very rewarding job.

Fun Page

Riddles

1. A word I know, six letters it contains, remove one letter and 12 remains. What is it?

1. Dozens

2. What is $\frac{3}{7}$ chicken, $\frac{2}{3}$ cat and $\frac{2}{4}$ goat?

3. I am a word that begins with the letter "i." If you add the letter "a" to me, I become a new word with a different meaning, but that sounds exactly the same. What word am I?

Answer: See Mrs. Kleve with the answer to get a Dragon Dollar

Fun Facts

A crocodile can't stick its tongue out.

A shrimp's heart is in its head.

Answers:
1. Dozens
2. Chicago