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## CHSAA



By Emma Sprague

HOLYOKE CO-Every school in Colorado has their sports controlled by CHSAA (Colorado High School Activities Association), and since there is currently a pandemic going on, rules are quite different for every sport this year. For example, there is a high school football game on Saturday against Highland. There are specific requirements for schools to participate. Schools are only allowed to play football in one season, Season A which is in the fall, or Season C, which is in the spring. Holyoke and Northeastern Colorado has chosen Season A. There is usually a champion named for the one season that football players have, but since there are two seasons, there will be a champion named for each season. Each season will be played exactly the same and will have all of the same rules. Teams will play a normal six-game season, if a team misses playoffs they will play against another non-qualifier team in week 1 or week 2 of the postseason, teams that do make it to playoffs will play at least seven games. In order to be eligible for the postseason at all, teams must participate in at least four of the regular games. All teams playing in Season A or C will have a schedule set up by CHSAA. Each school has been sent the COVID-19 guidelines. Here is what the district is asking of our Dragon Family:

1. Fans in the stands will be asked to practice social distancing guidelines and wear a mask. There will be a limit of 250 visiting fans allowed in the Home & Visitors bleachers. If you are planning on sitting in the stands, please enter the facility using the North West entrance by the Main Gate. Concessions and restrooms will be available in the traditional locations for Holyoke fans.
2. If parking inside the fence on the west side of the field is for only the elderly or handicapped to park. Once parked, we are asking that you stay within your area or near the car. The traditional restrooms and concessions on the south west side of the field are the ones that will be used by Holyoke fans. Again, please practice social distance when using the restrooms and visiting the concessions stands and wear your mask. The concessions and restrooms on the east side of the football field are for visiting fans only.
3. We expect Holyoke fans and visiting fans to stay separate to the best of their ability. We will have some sections blocked off in the bleachers.
4. We are asking that ALL fans please stay off the field even after the game. **(Do not enter the grass area) There will be no "tunnel time" this year.**
5. All other areas of the school facility are off limits including end zone area and football practice field.
6. All visitors can park in the main parking lot to enter on the east tunnel gate as we are trying to keep our fans separated. Both teams will enter through the tunnel prior to pregame warm ups.

# Local Politics

By Anessa Colglazier



HOLYOKE,CO- Elections are right around the corner and there are several things that need to be decided in Holyoke. This year we have three mayoral candidates. Our three candidates are Jes-c French, Roger Hogan, and Orville H. Tonsing. Jes-c French's current employment is a English language arts teacher in Haxtun High School. Roger Hogan and Orville H. Tonsing are both retired. Jes-c French graduated from Holyoke High School, and received her Bachelor of Art degree in psychology from Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts, and one semester at University College Dublin in Ireland. Meanwhile, she is in an alternative teacher licensure program through Northeast Colorado BOCES. Roger Hogan's education/training at Metropolitan State University in Denver. Orville H. Tonsing Education/training from High School and the school of hard knocks. Their experience on boards/committees Jes-c serves as the treasurer for the Holyoke Community Federal Credit Union board of directors and she is the secretary of Phillips County Player board. Then, Roger Hogan has experience with the Church Committees. Orville H. Tonsing has experience as past president, Chief, and secretary of Holyoke Volunteer/ Fire Department. Mayor of Holyoke and current municipal representative for Northeastern Colorado association of local government. Roger Hogan worked closely with public school officials while assigned to Denver Police Juvenile Delinquency and Gang Units. As well, worked closely with courts and other child protective service organizations. Orville Tonsing was a member of the 12 years and 10 of those years as mayor. Orville H Tonsing's reasoning for running for mayor is that there are more things that need to be done and Roger Hogan says " The Federal Farmer authored two pamphlets circa 1787. In one of the pamphlets was quite "Even good men in office, in time, imperceptibly lose sight of the people, and gradually fall into measure prejudicial to them." Though change can be an overused word in politics, I believe it is times for change in Holyoke." Jes-c plans to change something in Holyoke like involving younger people in our community. In the Holyoke there can be 3 on the City Council. We have six candidates. Cathay Edge is a retired stay at home grandparent and housewife. Her past experiences include being office manager at Jack's Bean Co, Blackwolf Brokerage, Transportation and secretary at Amherst Coop and Rainbow Grain. Kevin Scott is a Phillips County Assistant Road and Bridge and Maintenance Supervisor. John Schneider has been retired from banking since 2009. John's past experience is banking in Nebraska and Wyoming. Jimmy French is HHS's math teacher and robotics sponsor since 2017. Also, an assistant baseball coach since last year and he previously worked at a Christian boarding school in Texas. Hannah Goodman is a homeschooling mother of four children and entrepreneur. Ashley Sullivan had been the receptionist/ office manager at The Holyoke Enterprise for almost 11 years. Their reasons for running Cathay Edge wants a new tennis court and swimming pool. Kevin Scott wants to see a few more things in our community. John Schneider wants to give back to the community and there are some vital changes. Jimmy French wants to bring a voice to voice to the council and consider the needs of as many people as possible. Hannah Goodman wants to make sure that everyone's voice is heard and bridge the gap between generations to bring positive enrichment & growth. Ashley Sullivan wants more diversity among council members.

# Walk to School Day

By Grace Whisenhunt

HOLYOKE, CO- Walk to school day has been a part of the Holyoke School District tradition for many years now. The idea of encouraging students to walk to school came about to try to get more students involved and active. Walk to school day inspires other students who are able to walk to school, which is a positive thing. This gets students to be more active, even if it is only for one day. This year students were able to walk to school and have fun doing so. It is difficult for out of town students who ride the bus or get a ride from parents to participate in the walk to school day, but there were several locations set up around town for students to be dropped off and then walk to school with a teacher and other friends. On October 6th there were 58 walkers and October 7th there were 132 walkers to the elementary. There were a number of students from the Junior and Senior high who also walked to school, but at the time of publication that number was not available. We are looking forward to this event again next year and hope to be able to get more people to attend.



# Breaking News

By Kenzie Rau

GRAND JUNCTION CO- The Mesa county sheriff's office searched for a missing 3-year-old girl and found the body of a small child in a canal in Mesa County Sunday afternoon.

Adelesia was reported missing on Saturday after she is believed to have wandered off from her home. A helicopter helping the Mesa County Sheriff's Office spotted something in the water on Sunday afternoon in a canal after the Mesa County Sheriff's Office made the decision to drain the Grand Valley canal to further look for her. The Mesa County Coroner's Office is working to identify the body and will release their name once they figure out whose body it was. Deputies, and family

members searched for the girl Saturday evening, as well as Adelesia's home where she was last seen and the area that extended several miles around the Grand Valley Irrigation Canal. Deputies searched near the canal, and found evidence that Adelesia had been there, a previous news release said.



# New Chromebooks

By Dahiria Castillo

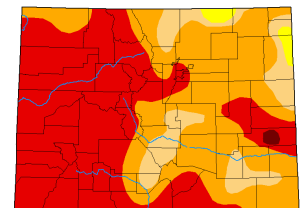
HOLYOKE CO - 8th and 9th grade students had the privilege of getting brand new Chromebooks on Wednesday! The Chromebooks come with awesome features such as a touch screen, two cameras, and several new features. This upgrade has students very excited! The students got their Chromebooks during seminar on Wednesday and students are loving them. The Chromebooks are flexible allowing students to turn them from computers to tablets. They are thin and light to help make student's backpack lighter. Although the new Chromebooks do not have the handles to hold them, they are still easy to carry around. Some students say they are hard to open. The screen appears smaller than the old Chromebooks but the battery lasts a longer allowing students to complete work without hunting for an outlet. The student's reactions to the new Chromebooks were very positive as students were very happy with the switch. The old Chromebooks are getting recycled according to Mr. Betley and Mr. Ingram. In fact, I wrote this article on the new Chromebook! Students who had sticky or broken keys are enjoying the new keyboard but especially the touch screen for they can use the pop up keyboard on the screen in case the keyboard breaks. This change is great for students and teachers alike.



# Colorado Droughts

By Teagan Martin

HOLYOKE, CO - Colorado is very thirsty. For the first time in 8 years, the whole state of Colorado is in a drought. For the past month, the weather has been hot and dry. In the Denver area, it hasn't rained for more than a month. In Eastern Colorado, it also hasn't rained in a while too. Southwestern Colorado near Durango is in one of the worst categories, the category it is in is "Extreme Drought". In Holyoke the category is "Moderate Drought". If you have been to a lake in Colorado, you would have noticed that the shore line is very low. Since there isn't as much water in lakes and ponds, it can also affect the fires in Colorado. The farmers are also being affected by the drought. Since it has not rained in our area, crops haven't grown much. If you look at the dryland corn, you would see that it isn't the normal size of what corn should look like. The past month, it only rained a couple of times. The days Colorado got rain, it only rained about half an inch of rain. This next month, it is scheduled that not much rain is coming to Colorado. According to The Denver Post, Governor Jared Polis has activated the "Drought Plan", which means to save water and coordinate local responses. [https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/data/png/20200922/20200922\\_CO\\_none.png](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/data/png/20200922/20200922_CO_none.png)



## Drought Categories

Yellow = Abnormally Dry  
Tan = Moderate Drought  
Orange = Severe Drought  
Red = Extreme Drought  
Dark Red = Exceptional Drought



# FBLA Shirts

By Ben Kleve

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) have started the year off with a bang. Shirts, shirts, and more shirts. Mrs. Nelson purchased equipment last year to be able to make shirts. Last year she and several other staff members made all of the class shirts for homecoming week. This year they have expanded the shirt making operation throughout FBLA and have gotten orders from a couple of organizations already. Most of the late summer and early fall FBLA members worked on a massive order for the Dragon Booster Club. They made ¾ zips, long sleeve and short sleeve shirts in men's and women's designs, as well as little kid and baby items. These items are currently being sold by the Dragon Booster Club at Brewed Awakenings and most high school events. Orders can also be placed through the Booster Club's Facebook page. Once the organization finished that order they got right onto the staff shirts for this year. This year the staff shirts were designed by Alejandro Rojas. He made an amazing dragon pride for the back of the shirts and then the names of staff members were added to the front. Luckily for some of the ladies on staff who like bling, the FBLA offered a glitter version of the shirt. Mrs. Nelson and the FBLA are thrilled with the fundraising opportunity this has given their club since Covid-19 has closed other avenues of fundraising. If you are part of an organization would like shirts or know of someone who is, Mrs. Nelson and the FBLA are always available.



# Highway Cleanup FFA

By Mason Sprague

Do you think taking trash off the highway matters? Well, it does because trash can attract animals and cause them to walk on the highway and get hit by cars. FFA helped prevent that this past weekend by cleaning the Highway 6 between the Seaboard Elevator and the Holyoke Elevator. This all happened on Sunday, October 4th. They cleaned 1 mile worth of highway. Haley Van Overbeke, Theron Roll, Kristin Vieselmeyer, Rylee Schneller, Kai Siep, Bryson Dirks, Jerren Hunter, Ethan Andersen, Jimena Nunez, Miles Sprague, Shyanne Conde, Aidyn Shafer, Max Kleve, Katelyn Kropp, Tayla Martin, Carter Van Overbeke, Savannah Vermuelen, Jalen Hunter, Corey Koellner, Elizabeth Sheppard-Hein, and Wyatt Sprague were all who attended the highway clean-up. This took about one hour to clean. They used gloves to keep germs off their hands. They also wore orange vests to make them more visible to drivers. Credit to Shauna Strecker for pictures and names.



# The Dragon Weekly

**Friday Oct. 9:** Half Day

**Monday Oct. 12:** Columbus Day

Lincoln Tech Presentation @ 2 Center of Innovation for Seniors

**Tuesday Oct. 13:** In honor of Colorado's free college application day, wear your favorite college gear to school.

**Wednesday Oct. 14:** PSAT for Juniors

**Thursday Oct. 15:**

**Friday Oct. 16:** No School

HS FB @ Burlington - Kickoff @ 7

**Important Dates:**

**Oct. 22:** Parent Teacher Conferences

No School

**Oct. 23:** No School

## Dear Spike

Did you know that Spike has his own email? He is waiting for you to email him with questions. He is ready and waiting to give you advice on many topics. You can reach him at [Spike@hcosd.org](mailto:Spike@hcosd.org).

