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## Halloween

By Grace Whisenhunt

HOLYOKE, CO - Every year, Holyoke participates in the International holiday, Halloween. Although, this year the beloved holiday will look slightly different due to Covid-19. This year, the city of Holyoke is having the local businesses participate in Halloween. On Friday, October 30, the Peerless Theatre is showing "Hocus Pocus" at 1 pm. From 2 pm to 5 pm, the city will participate in "Trick-or-Treat the Town," which is trick-or-treating in downtown businesses. The participating businesses will follow the Covid-19 procedures, such as social distancing and wearing our masks. Although, this year, Covid-19 will not effect the costume rules. Holyoke School District students are still allowed to wear their costumes on Friday, October 30. The same dress code applies, but we must wear our protective masks like usual. Halloween masks that go with the costume do not count as a protective mask, and will not be allowed like every year previous. Outside of the school district, citizens are allowed to trick-or-treat as usual, just with the Covid-19 guidelines released by Governor Jared Polis. This includes social distancing, wearing your mask, sticking with members of your household, bringing hand sanitizer, and using caution while handing out candy. The entirety of Colorado is supposed to follow these guidelines, although, they may vary in different counties. If you plan on going trick-or-treating, please use your area's safety guidelines to lower the risk of spreading Covid-19. On behalf of the Dragon Times staff, happy Halloween!

**HOLYOKE'S HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH**  
**Get your costumes ready!**

**"Hocus Docus"**  
1pm at the Peerless Theatre

**"Trick-or-Treat the Town"**  
2pm-5pm

**Participating Businesses:**  
Cobblestone Inn & Suites  
Brandt Chiropractic  
PC Telcom  
Kelley Law  
First Pioneer National Bank  
Holyoke Butterfly Your Nails  
Printers, Paper and More  
Viaero Wireless  
Holyoke Community Federal Credit Union  
Mike Neill State Farm Insurance Agency (open until 4pm)  
Holyoke Chamber of Commerce (Suite A in State Farm building)  
Choice Real Estate (candy pickup spot located at Chamber office)  
The Holyoke Enterprise  
Brewed Awakening Coffee and Bake Shop  
Bank of Colorado  
Phillips County Department of Human Services (127 E Denver)  
Country Treasures Floral and More  
Holyoke Fitness Club  
Subway (also offering a halloween backdrop for fun pics!)  
Strandz (candy PLUS 30% off)

# Dress Up!

By Roslynn Doorn

HOLYOKE CO- Halloween is this Saturday and some people may not have costumes quite yet so if you are in need of a last minute costume, here are 10 ideas. First on the list is if you want to do a costume with a friend you can do thing one and thing 2 all you need for this costume is a blue or red skirt ( or you could even do a red and blue one) , print out the circles that say thing one thing 2 and a red shirt. Another idea is you and your friends could go as the 4 seasons, if you are not sure what to do just wear your seasons themed colors and things that remind you of the seasons. Some that could be easy to do is be a cat or any animal, for this you just need to wear what color the animal is and do animal ears. A basic one to do would be to just be a witch, for this just get a witch hat and a black dress. Another friend costume idea would be to just go as m and m's , just get shirts that have m's and wear jeans or leggings. If you don't have too many materials around you could always be a princess just grab a dress and get a tiara. For a more trending costume you could be an among us character just pick your go to color and glasses. You could even be a lifeguard by just buying a shirt or hoodie with a lifeguard logo and leggings or shorts depending on the weather. Or if you want, pick a popular picture of your favorite celebrity and recreate it. Lastly if you don't want to dress up too much just find some makeup looks, Halloween or fall related, and a basic outfit. Hopefully if you are still not sure about what you want to do these ideas could help.

## Things to do on Halloween

USA- Since the outbreak it has made some things difficult to do while staying safe. Some people aren't going to open their door to random people. So, instead of going trick or treating you can make your own halloween treats. Halloween cookie,popcorn,and more. Next, thing that you can do is watch scary movies or any movie.Hocus Pocus is a popular movie that gets you into halloween spirit. Decorating pumpkins like paint pumpkins. Also, you can carve pumpkins. Make some halloween decorations like spider webs,spiders, and more. Eat some candy some of the popular candies are Reeces,M&M's, Kit Kat,Snickers,Twix,Skittles, and Candy Corn. Make a halloween mask so, if you go anywhere you have a halloween mask.

# FFA Pumpkin Carving Contest

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE, CO - The FFA Pumpkin Carving Contest took place Tuesday night at 6:30. The participants were, Jordyn Schluntz, Katelyn Kropp, Savannah Vermeulen, Erin Andersen, Clover Adler, Cash Weber, Jadon Frost, Azury Chaparro Rangel, Ty Sandquist Dirks, Tamara Penzing, Dylan Hielscher, Isaiah Rueter, Bryson Dirks, Carlos Legarreta, Aidyn Schafer, Tayla Martin, Summer Martin, Jalen Hunter, Correy Koellner, Jerren Hunter, Emma Thompson, Johnny Quintana, Karlie Martin, Elly Brown, Ethan Andersen, Jovanny Ramirez, Miles Sprague, Kainana Metesh, Elyce Talavera, Rylee Schneller, Shayanne Conde, Jeffrey Espinoza, Jaxson Hutches, Kristin Vieselmeyer, Baylor Struckmeyer, Tyson Mosenteen, Tuff Sigler, Jessica Owens, Jimena Nunez, Elizabeth Sheppard-Hein, Carter Van Oberbeke, Josie Schlachter, Max Kleve, Ethan Schneller, Theron Roll, Haley Van Overbeke, and Lauren Herman. They received the pumpkins



from Pumpkins and More A-maize-ing Farm. The winners were chosen from a committee of Officers. The FFA chapter supplied carving kits. The winners were Erin Andersen and Clover Adler. Second was Jessie Owens and Karlie Martin.



# Thanksgiving Covid Restriction

By Kenzie Rau

USA- This year the COVID-19 guidelines will be affecting the way we celebrate holidays. CDC.gov says, "Thanksgiving is a time when many families travel long distances to celebrate together. Travel increases the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others." A few lower risk activities you could do to stay safer are, have a small dinner with people in your cohort.



Make traditional family recipes and take plates to family and neighbors; distinctly for the ones who are at higher risk for the virus. You also can go shopping online after thanksgiving for black Friday rather than in person or you can shop online on the upcoming Cyber Monday. There are some people out there who will still travel to see family. If you do decide travel know the risks involved and check the COVID-19 status in that area. Safety of our loved ones is paramount so please take all the precautions available to you.

# There is an Impostor Among Us..

By Teagan Martin

HOLYOKE, CO - Among Us is a very popular game that is trending right now. The game "Among Us" is a game where there is an impostor that is trying to kill all the crew mates. For the crew mates to win, they have to finish their tasks. The tasks can be long, easy, hard, or short. In a game, there can be up to 10 players. There are 3 different maps that you can play, they are: The Skeld, Mira HQ, and Polus. The most commonly played one is The Skeld. Among Us is a game that you can play on your phone or your computer. When you are an impostor, your goal is to win. To try and win you fake tasks, sabotage things on the map, and kill the crewmates.

If you are an impostor, you can't do tasks. There can also be more than one impostor. If someone catches you kill a person in the game, they can either report the body or run away. When you report the body, a screen pops up on your screen that says, "Dead Body Reported." When that screen pops up, you can vote and talk about who the killer is. In the game you can be a color. There are 12 colors, but only one person can be a color.



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## Pencils

By Ben Kleve

HOLYOKE, CO- Pencils are a staple that most students use without even a second thought. Standardized tests have made the students of our generation and the last couple used to the yellow number 2 pencils, but there is a whole world of pencils out there. Pencil.com has a wide variety of pencils available for everyone from the student to the professional writers and artists. My favorite is the Blackwing 602 pencil. It is my recommendation for the smoothest pencil but also at a reasonable price of 24.95 for a pack of 12 . The Golden Bear pencils are much cheaper than the Blackwing at \$3.95 for a pack of 12 but does not match the quality. It is still a nice pencil. Everyone should visit pencils.com to check out what is available out there besides the standard no. 2 yellow pencil we are all used to using.



# The Ideal Place to Eat

By Dahiria Castillo

HOLYOKE CO - Jennifer Hayes and Dale Berg the owners of The Cross-Eyed Cow and Brewed Awakening are moving business to the Pizza Pad! They are moving this weekend and hoping to settle in and reopen on Tuesday. The Ideal Place to Eat will be serving frozen yogurt, pizza, and sandwiches all in one place! Although The Cross-Eyed Cow will be closing for the winter season, the Pizza Pad and Brewed Awakening will be opened all winter. The name of this new business has not been decided yet but hopefully will be soon. The bookstore will be reverting to its original owners and it is not known at this time if it will stay open or be closing. Stay tuned for more information on that. Holyoke residents should be super excited to have their very own "mega food place." It will be a great place for friends to meet and hang out, not to mention a new place for students to get a delicious lunch! Some of our best local cuisine will be all in one place.



## Touchdown!

By Mason Sprague

Holyoke CO-Do you think the cold affects players on the football field? Yes, when getting hit when it's cold it hurts more to the skin, and in the JH football game it was like 30°F with some snow on the field. Also, The snow caused some players to slip. The JH Football game was on Oct 27, at 4:00. It was the Dragons against the Indians in Holyoke. The final score was 40 to 12 with the Dragons winning. B team went in last quarter and got some playing time. Yuma got one injured person. Tyler Bergstrom ran a touchdown, and Mason Powell caught a pass for a touchdown. Cody Maloney also scored a touchdown and two 2-point conversions and Trey Oakly did the same. The other touchdown was a pass to Colby Weber. Edurado Hermosillo is the kicker and he kicked two touchbacks. Reid Sprague ( Dragons QB) scored a touchdown with a QB save. The Indians managed to score twice on special teams.



# American Murder: The Family Next Door

By Emma Sprague

FREDERICK CO-Do you ever wonder about how a single murder case in Colorado could travel all the way to having it's own documentary based on it? In Frederick, Colorado a town just 34 minutes away from Denver, a local in their town murdered his wife and two little girls. Chrisopher Watts's wife Shanann Watts had gone missing for a while so her friend Nickole Atkinson called the police to investigate but their house was locked. The being Chrisopher was called to go to his house and open it up although he claimed he had not heard from Shanann in a couple days. Although he had nothing to say, his neighbor did, Christopher and the police went to his neighbors house and they talked, but when Christopher left his neighbor had claimed he's never seen Christopher act so strange, then showed them footage from his security cameras of Christopher having an odd morning and grabbing stuff from his garage and then leaving. As Christopher went in to get questioned about Shanann, he said that he had not hurt Shanann and would never hurt his kids, with him being so convincing they asked him to take a polygraph test which he agreed to. When he went back to the police station after taking the polygraph test they knew he had lied, but Christopher still insisted that he hadn't hurt them, but they knew the truth so Christopher had admitted to smothering his wife (after she found out he cheated), but blamed the death of his kids on his wife. He claimed his wife had gone mad and strangled the kids and he ended up smothering her although, he took his wife to an abandoned area near his work and wrapped his wife up and left her there although with his kids, he put them in the oil tanks were he had worked and received a life sentence.



## Dragon Weekly

**Saturday, Oct 31:** Happy Halloween!

HS FB in Wray at 1:00 pm. Depart 10:15 am

You will need a ticket to attend this game. Also, bring your own lawn chair.

**Sunday, Nov 1:** Daylight Savings Time ends (fall back 1 hour)

**Tuesday, Nov 3:** HS FB in Burlington at 7:00 pm. Depart 3:30 (You will need a ticket to attend this game)

**Friday, Nov 6:** No School