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# The Holyoke Enterprise

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## Center of Innovation planned in former high school library

BY BRENDA JOHNSON BRANDT | THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

Holyoke School District was awarded \$160,000 as part of Phase 1 of the Homegrown Talent Initiative grant.

HTI coordinator Summer Maloney noted that these funds will go toward a Center of Innovation to be located in the former high school library.

She anticipates that the center will be set up by the start of the school year, and parents/students are encouraged to check it out during registration Monday, Aug. 17.

Maloney's office will be located in the center, where she will headquarter when she's not out overseeing/coordinating internships for students.

The purpose of HTI is to create pathways for kids to succeed — engaging students who don't necessarily learn in a traditional way.

Internships and business partnerships will be a big focus for HTI.

The HTI graduate profile in Holyoke will push for a Holyoke High School graduate to demonstrate the following five qualities: professionalism, career connectedness, social and

emotional balance, perseverance and effective communication.

Maloney practiced her pitch to businesses at the HTI Leadership Summit in Buena Vista on July 29 in front of many of the grant sponsors.

After her presentation, she was provided feedback about what they liked, what made them think and what she might consider to improve the presentation. Everyone had positive feedback for the district, and Maloney was handed a check with the first installment of the grant.

Homegrown Talent Initiative is facilitated

by Colorado Succeeds and the Colorado Education Initiative. It is supported by the Daniels Fund, Walton Family Foundation, Beacon Fund, Gill Foundation, Adolph Coors Foundation and the Northeast Regional El Pomar Foundation Council.

The first \$100,000 of this grant comes from Colorado Succeeds, \$50,000 from El Pomar and the other \$10,000 from Adolph Coors.

As part of this grant, the local school district has also partnered with Northeastern Junior College and Stone Motors to do industry certificates for interested students.



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## No monkeying around with summer fun

Kids around town are enjoying their last few weeks of summer. From left, Jocelyn Perez, Brian Vasquez and Marixa Perez waste no time at Holyoke City Park on Monday, Aug. 3. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the park was closed in late March, and although it was later reopened, the playground remained closed until the city council approved its reopening July 21. The facili-

ties at Holyoke City Park are available for use during normal park hours; however, the bathrooms are still closed. The playground and skate park located at Holyoke Ball Park are also open to the public. Other options for outdoor fun are Homesteaders Park at Phillips County Fairgrounds, which is only open during daylight hours, and the playground at Holyoke Elementary School.

## MMH financials finally back in compliance

BY DARCI RODRIGUEZ  
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

For the first time in a year, the Melissa Memorial Hospital financial report is back in compliance.

Members of the East Phillips County Hospital District board of directors heard the good news from Julie Vernon, MMH controller, at a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, July 28.

According to board policy, cash and cash equivalents are to be no lower than 100 days of average cash operating

expenditures. MMH reported 103 days of operating days cash on hand in June 2019, and since then had been out of compliance, dipping well below the goal of 100 days.

In June 2020, the operating days cash on hand was back on track at 113, up from the 88 days reported for May.

Total days cash on hand is 311, an increase of 12 days, said Vernon.

She said net income for the month of June was \$684,911. Year-to-date net income was \$1,027,146, which is \$675,742 over budget.

In June, MMH received its 2019 Medicare cost report settlement in the amount of \$662,688.

Vernon said no additional COVID-19 relief funding was received in June, but MMH did recognize \$783,040 as grant revenue from previous funding that had originally been recorded as a liability.

### Other business

In other business at the July 28 meeting, the board:

— Heard an administrator update from CEO Cathy Harshbarger regarding

leadership qualities, rural health clinics and legislative budget actions.

— Approved Form 2530 for updates to corporation appointments.

— Approved changes to Policy 3.0 regarding governance-management connection.

— Reviewed Policy 2.6 regarding asset protection and Policy 1.3 regarding MMH being recognized for quality.

— Heard an update about the Holyoke Community

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## City council candidates begin collecting signatures

Residents of Holyoke are used to seeing the election of city council members in April, but as of this year, the mayor and city council members will be elected in November. Those interested in running for office will need to file their nomination petitions in August.

Tuesday, Aug. 4, was the first day that residents could pick up packets at the City office and start circulating their nomination petitions. They will need to collect 25 valid signatures from registered electors in Holyoke, and the last day to file a petition is Monday, Aug. 24.

The last day to submit an affidavit of intent to be a

write-in candidate is Friday, Aug. 28.

This year, the terms of Mayor Orville Tonsing and city council members Kevin Scott, Scott Murray and John Schneider expire. All four indicated last week that they are undecided as to whether they will seek reelection.

On Nov. 3, Holyoke residents will elect a mayor and three city council members.

To qualify for office, one must be:

- A United States citizen.
- A registered elector for the City of Holyoke.
- At least 18 years old on the day of the election.
- A resident of Holyoke for 12 consecutive months preceding the date of the election.

## Dragon pride leads Powell to principal role

BY DARCI RODRIGUEZ  
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

The phrase “once a Dragon, always a Dragon” is more true for some Holyoke High School graduates than others. It's especially true for Angie Powell.

The 2001 HHS grad not only returned to her alma mater to teach — she's now stepped into the role of Holyoke JR/SR High School principal, and she has more Dragon pride than ever.

“I'm extremely proud to be a Dragon,” said Powell. Being a Holyoke alum gives her a unique perspective as she transitions into the principal position.

After being born and raised in Holyoke, seeing the school district thrive is

important to Powell. “It's given me so much over the years,” she said, and now she wants to be able to contribute something back to the school.

Powell always knew she wanted to go into the education profession, and she got an extra boost of encouragement from role model and teacher Karen Crocker. Following HHS, Powell earned an Associate of Arts degree with a focus on pre-education from Northeastern Junior College in 2002.

After student teaching with Jerry Baum at HHS in the spring of 2004, Powell graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Arts in English with

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**Holyoke JR/SR High School Principal Angie Powell is excited to start the 2020-21 school year in her new role.**

### AROUND TOWN

#### Look inside for back-to-school info

The Holyoke Enterprise's annual back-to-school section is inserted inside this week's newspaper. It's got lots of information for parents, students and community members to make back-to-school time as easy as ABC.

#### Fiscus announces Aug. 29 closure for The Oak Tree

Jody Fiscus, owner of The Oak Tree at 141 S. Interoccean Ave. in Holyoke, announced last week that she will be closing her business Saturday, Aug. 29, after 31 years. The

store will be open Wednesday through Saturday each week in August.

While the store has been for sale for two years, the COVID-19 pandemic is what really pushed her over the edge to move toward closure. Fiscus said she stayed home for seven weeks and when she returned to her shop, it didn't feel right either place. While she has a couple of people interested in her inventory, there is currently no commitment for purchase.

#### Kindergarten registration is Aug. 11

Parents of children planning to attend kindergarten should call Holyoke Elementary

School at 970-854-3411 to make an appointment to register Tuesday, Aug. 11, between 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Children must have reached their fifth birthday by June 1, 2020, to be eligible for kindergarten this year.

#### Bank is hosting school supply drive

First Pioneer National Bank is now accepting donations for its school supply drive. Boxes are located in the bank lobby, Subway and Printers Paper & More. The bank will also be matching any cash donations that are dropped off at the bank or at other participating locations around town.

#### WEATHER

##### July 28-Aug. 3

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| July 28 | 86 | 58 | —     |
| July 29 | 89 | 61 | —     |
| July 30 | 74 | 56 | 0.21  |
| July 31 | 85 | 53 | Trace |
| Aug. 1  | 85 | 57 | —     |
| Aug. 2  | 77 | 58 | —     |
| Aug. 3  | 80 | 58 | —     |

Log on to [www.weatherbug.com](http://www.weatherbug.com) for up-to-date weather information.

#### MARKETS

##### Aug. 4, 2020

|          |                |
|----------|----------------|
| Wheat    | \$3.65 (bu.)   |
| New Crop | \$3.97 (bu.)   |
| Corn     | \$2.95 (bu.)   |
| New Crop | \$2.92 (bu.)   |
| Millet   | \$15.00 (cwt.) |
| New Crop | \$9.50 (cwt.)  |
| Milo     | \$2.57 (bu.)   |



SHERIFF’S REPORT

Phillips County Sheriff’s Office recently reported the following activities:

**JULY 27**  
Investigated a suspicious incident/vehicle on County Road 61.  
Responded to a medical emergency on County Road 18 in Holyoke.  
Took information at Highway 385 and Highway 23.  
Investigated a motor vehicle crash at Johnson St. and County Road 41.

**JULY 28**  
Completed property recovery at County Road 35 and County Road 12.  
Took custody of a prisoner at Phillips County Sheriff’s Office.  
Completed a prisoner transport at Logan County Jail.  
Completed a VIN inspection at Phillips County Sheriff’s Office.

**JULY 29**  
Completed a prisoner transport at Yuma County Jail.  
Completed a prisoner transport at Adams County Jail.  
Investigated a traffic complaint at Highway 59 and County Road 32.

**JULY 31**  
Investigated a crime against property on County Road 21.  
Investigated a crime against property on County Road 13.  
Completed an attempt to locate in Haxtun.

**AUG. 1**  
Completed a welfare check on County Road 9.  
Completed a prisoner transport at Yuma County Jail.

**AUG. 2**  
Assisted another agency on S. Sherman Ave.

DEATH NOTICES

Glen Michael

Glen William Michael was born May 26, 1926. He died July 30, 2020.  
A memorial service will be held Monday, Aug. 10, at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, and it will be livestreamed on Baucke Funeral Home and Monuments’ Facebook page. Inter-

ment will follow at Holyoke Cemetery.  
Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International, in care of Leroy Michael, 641 S. Reynolds Ave., Holyoke, CO 80734.  
Baucke Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Rex Hadeen

Rex Eugene Hadeen was born Aug. 19, 1928. He died July 27, 2020.  
The funeral service was held Aug. 1 at Haxtun United Methodist Church, with inter-

ment at Haxtun Cemetery. The service was livestreamed on Baucke Funeral Home and Monuments’ Facebook page.  
Baucke Funeral Home directed the service.

POLICE REPORT

Holyoke Police Department recently performed the following activities:

**JULY 27**  
Investigated a motor vehicle crash at Johnson St. and County Road 41.  
Responded to a traffic complaint on Highway 6 in Holyoke. HPD was unable to locate it.  
Investigated a crime against property at Holyoke Police Department.  
Investigated a crime against property at Kwik Stop.

**JULY 28**  
Investigated a crime against property on W. Kellogg St.  
Completed a follow-up on W. Kellogg St.  
Assisted another agency at First Pioneer National Bank.  
Completed a VIN inspection at Scholl Oil.  
Investigated an animal complaint on E. Johnson St.  
Completed a civil standby on N. Worley Ave.

**JULY 31**  
Stopped a vehicle at Jules St. and Interocean Ave. A warning was issued.  
Stopped a vehicle at Kellogg St. and High School Ave. A warning was issued.  
Stopped a vehicle at Denver St. and Morlan Ave.  
Responded to a report of a dog at large at Kwik Stop. HPD was unable to locate it.

**AUG. 1**  
Stopped a vehicle at Furry St. and Interocean Ave.  
Stopped a vehicle on Denver St. at Frenchman Heights. A citation was issued.  
Stopped a vehicle at Denver St. and Belford Ave. A warning was issued.  
Stopped a vehicle at Kwik Stop.  
Investigated a disturbance on S. Campbell Ave. A warning was issued.  
Investigated a disturbance on E. Emerson St. A warning was issued.  
Stopped a vehicle at Inter-ocean Ave. and Carnahan St. A warning was issued.  
Investigated a disturbance at Baxter Ave. and Hale St. A warning was issued.  
Investigated a disturbance on S. Coleman Ave. A warning was issued.

**AUG. 2**  
Investigated a suspicious incident/vehicle on S. Sherman Ave.  
Stopped a vehicle at Denver St. and Morlan Ave. A warning was issued.  
  
In addition, HPD took information four times and completed two welfare checks and two citizen assists.

OBITUARY

Arlen Debus

Arlen Dean Debus, a longtime resident of Haxtun, died July 19, 2020, in Haxtun at the age of 88. Arlen was born March 4, 1932, to Philip and Catherine Constance Debus in Haxtun.



He attended elementary and high school in Crook, graduating in 1950. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior at the age of 16 at the German Congregation-

al Church, now the United Church of Crook.  
He attended Northeastern Junior College in Sterling and Colorado A & M University in Fort Collins and graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley with a degree in education. Upon graduation, Arlen toured the eastern half of the United States with a college buddy, sleeping in horse barns along the way.

Arlen married the love of his life, Kathryn Leffler, on Aug. 2, 1959, in Greeley. They were the parents of three daughters: Marsha, Janette and Colleen. He began his teaching career at Wauneta, Nebraska, where he taught and coached at the high school level. In 1961, the family moved to the family homestead where they lived and farmed in Crook. In 1976, Arlen returned to teaching in Haxtun, where he taught and coached at the junior high level.

After 13 years, Arlen’s health and loss of hearing forced him to retire from teaching. His time quickly became occupied with what he loved most — helping local farmers with their farming operations. During his retirement years, Arlen and Kathryn hosted three high school exchange students from Mexico. Having developed a strong bond with Alex, Jorge and Oscar, they traveled to Mexico to meet their families.

Arlen was an avid sports lover, attending any game he could find. He loved watching the Haxtun Bulldogs long after his grandchildren were out of school. Even though it was evident his glaucoma was hindering his ability to see, he could be seen shuffling up the stands and at times could be seen driving across the school lawn trying to park his van. He and Kathryn were honored to be chosen as super boosters by the Haxtun Booster Club in 2001.

Arlen also loved to travel. He and Kathryn were fortunate to have taken a slew of road trips, many times with each of their daughters’ families.  
He also loved to golf and spend his free time each summer at the golf course. It was a joy for him to teach

and take his grandchildren to the golf course as often as he could until his health made it difficult for him to enjoy the sport anymore.

Buddy, as he was known to his family, loved farm life and agriculture in general, but above all, his wife and family were the most important to him. He was a dedicated father and husband, being the caretaker of his wife Kathryn for 11 of the 18 years she was a paraplegic after suffering a massive stroke shortly before their 44th wedding anniversary. He was truly a loving husband, honoring his wife with their wedding vows of “in sickness and in health, till death do us part.”

The past three years, Arlen faced many health challenges from his Parkinson’s, diabetes and dementia, causing him to lose his eyesight and hearing, eventually making the final move from his home to the extended care unit in Haxtun where he was able to spend his final days next to his beloved bride prior to her death. Even though he always wanted to go home, Arlen remained faithful and always said he lived a blessed life.

Arlen is survived by his daughters, Marsha Hagemeyer and husband Dennis of Haxtun, Janette Michel and husband Gary of Atwood, and Colleen Lockwood and husband Rick of Haxtun; grandchildren, Alison Michel of Atwood, Jordan Hagemeyer and wife Taylor of Sidney, Nebraska, Andrew Michel of Atwood, Kaitlin Hiller and husband Kirk of Haxtun, and Karci Mattson and husband Geoff of Grand Junction; great-grandchildren, Palmer Brook and Ian Hagemeyer of Sidney and Hallie Hiller of Haxtun; sister, Betty Norden and husband Roy of Fort Collins; sister-in-law, Judy Debus of Sterling; brother-in-law, Walter Amen; stepsisters, Cordelia Broman and Donna Busch of Lincoln, Nebaska; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arlen was greeted in heaven by his loving wife, Kathryn. He was also preceded in death by his mother, Catherine; father, Philip; stepmother, Rachel; sister-in-law, Louise Amen; stepsister, Beverly Culp; brother-in-law, Roland Kissler; sister-in-law, Mary Kissler; and brother, Arthur Debus.

A private family graveside service was held July 25 at the Haxtun Cemetery. A public memorial service was held Aug. 3 at Haxtun Berean Bible Church, with Pastor Eric Wait officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made in Arlen’s honor to the American Diabetes Association.

Baucke Funeral Homes and Monuments was in charge of arrangements.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were applied for through the City of Holyoke:

Claudia Powell, 834 S. Baxter Ave., reroof.  
Adam Parrish, 620 S. Inter-ocean Ave., install sprinkler system.  
Veronica Canales, 204 S. Coleman Ave., remove/replace fence.  
Juan Trejo, 434 S. Sherman Ave., stucco house.  
Bryan Kroeger, 403 S. Walsh Ave., install sprinkler system.  
Don Reuter, 725 S. High School Ave., reroof.  
Bret Miles, 741 E. Denver St., reroof.  
Marcus Kammer, 747 S. Morlan Ave., reroof.  
Cindy Myers, 318 W. Emerson St., reroof.  
Arturo Dominguez, 236 E. Denver St., install fence.

Gene Bittner, 705 E. Jules St., replace siding on patio.  
Fred Besse, 1145 S. Bowman Ave., reroof.  
Marjorie Kain, 328 S. Campbell Ave., reroof.  
Arturo Dominguez, 236 E. Denver St., install carport.  
Gloria Jimenez, 418 S. Morlan Ave., install fence.  
Jon King, 320 E. Bignel St., install fence.  
Jon King, 320 E. Bignel St., install sprinkler system.  
Uriel Bencomo, 128 S. Belford Ave., install carport.  
Marc Wailes, 626 S. Baxter Ave., reroof.  
K.C. Martin, 22422 County Road 37, new barn.  
Gary Hershfeldt, 231 S. Bowman Ave., install fence.  
Kerri Bliss, 627 S. Phelan Ave., garage remodel.  
Adam Parrish, 620 S. Inter-ocean Ave., install fence.



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**Thursday, Aug. 6:** 7 p.m.  
Cornerstone Ministries

**Friday, Aug. 7:** 7 p.m.  
First Christian

**Saturday, Aug. 8:** 6-8 p.m.  
Concessions Only

**Sunday, Aug. 9:** 7 p.m.  
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church



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# COVID-19 event, activity risks to consider

BY THE NORTHEAST COLORADO HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Summer is in full swing, and COVID-19 cases have been low for the Northeast Colorado Health Department's six-county health district. Overall, cases have decreased since mid-May, and NCHD didn't have any new reported cases for several days in June.

However, recently NCHD is seeing an uptick in cases in northeast Colorado and statewide, while neighboring states such as New Mexico, Arizona and Texas are experiencing very severe outbreaks.

Nationally, case increases are attributed to young adults participating in risky behavior, while about one-third of new cases in NCHD are related to people traveling to attend funerals, weddings and other gatherings.

So in order to keep communities safe and local economies strong, residents need to reverse this trend by continuing to be vigilant and

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smart about how and when they attend activities and events.

Nevertheless, how do you measure the risks involved?

Imagine a volume knob. Each factor related to the event is like turning up the knob. Some things only increase the risk by a few decibels, while others escalate exposure substantially.

Aspects that increase the risk of exposure include events held at indoor locations with poor ventilation, large gatherings of attendees



Some places, activities and events are more riskier than others. Do your homework before you go.

who are mainly from out of town/state or are strangers, sharing of items and close contact with people for periods of time over 10-15 minutes.

Also, keep in mind that the more alcohol or cannabis available, the more it can decrease inhibitions, which can increase the sorts of risks people take.

On the other hand, events held in outdoor settings or in spaces that allow for physical spacing between individuals as well as smaller gatherings have lower risk.

Primary factors to consider in making decisions about attending include:

— How many people does the activity involve?

— Is the activity inside or outside?

— Can you keep 6 feet between yourself and others?

— How long does the activity last?

Lower risk activities include camping with family members, visiting a vacation home or hotel, or participating in outdoor low-contact exercises such as tennis or baseball.

Shopping, dining out, playgrounds and swimming pools are all considered low to medium risk, but keep in mind the condi-

tions associated with the activity.

Medium to higher risk activities include airline travel, places of worship, personal services, bars, breweries, nightclubs, gyms, fitness facilities and singing with groups.

There is no way to ensure zero risk of infection. Interacting with the public will have some level of risk no matter what you are thinking of doing. Therefore, these are also really good things to consider when deciding whether to participate or when making travel plans:

— Is COVID-19 spreading in your destination community? Check COVID-19 case maps to find out the rate of infection in the area you want to travel. For instance, if you are planning to stay in your community and there are few cases, your risk of infection will be low. On the other hand, if you were thinking of flying to Houston, Texas, to attend a wedding, the risk would be high.

A map from John Hopkins University (<https://coronavirushu.edu/us-map>) shows case count by counties, which will provide you with targeted information. Having all the facts helps to

decide whether to change plans or take extra precautions while visiting.

— What are the local orders in the community? Every state, county, city or town may have specific rules related to COVID-19. Be sure to check before you leave home.

— Do you or do people you live with have any extra risk of serious illness from COVID-19? Consider those factors when returning as you may have been exposed to the virus since almost 40% of those who are contagious with COVID-19 are asymptomatic for the first seven to eight days but are still contagious. Exposure not only affects you but also those within your home since close contact is inevitable.

— How will you get there? Public transit can put you in close contact with others. Traveling in cars with non-household members can also increase your risk, while a family traveling together in a personal vehicle would be less risky.

— If you get sick with COVID-19, will you be OK with missing work or school? This is a highly contagious virus. It's known to infect a whole room of people from just one infected person present. Be prepared to be out of work for at least 14 days but possibly longer depending on the severity of symptoms.

It probably doesn't need to be said, but if you are sick or if possibly exposed to COVID-19, change plans and don't go.

If you are healthy and decide to go, make it safer for yourself and others by maintaining physical distance of 6 feet, wash your hands frequently and wear a face covering if at all possible.

Those three little acts of kindness — keep your space, cover your face, wash your hands — can help keep summer healthy for all of us.

## HOSPITAL: Board hears updates

FROM PAGE 1

Childcare Initiative. A proposal was recently made to the City of Holyoke, which is being asked to own the proposed child care center for 10 years so that the City can apply for a \$1.5 million grant for the \$3.5 million facility. The HCCI board is waiting to hear back from the City.

— Approved credentialing for three initial applications and 10 reappointments.

— Extended the declaration of local disaster emergency for another 30 days.

— Heard a quality committee report from Jenn Cano.

— Received an update regarding Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation, which has \$114,611 to put toward the 3D mammography project. The MMHF board is still deciding what to raise money for next.

— Held a 34-minute executive session for strategic planning/mammography and strategic planning/physician recruitment.

## POWELL: Principal excited to contribute in new ways

FROM PAGE 1

an emphasis in secondary education.

She spent one year teaching English in Otis before landing an English job in Holyoke. After many years in that position, Powell embraced an opportunity to become the Holyoke JR/SR High counselor in 2014.

Powell has since earned her Master of Education degree in school counseling from Lamar University in Texas in 2016. And she's currently working on her principal's certificate from the same institution.

After working closely with Superintendent Kyle Stumpf and elementary Principal Andrea Kammer, Powell realized she wanted to move into the principal role. She said she's excited to join Stumpf and Kammer as a collaborative team.

"I think I can contribute to the continuation of the good things our school is doing," said Powell, noting

how excited she is to work in a different way than she has before.

"We have great kids and great staff here," she said. Powell recognizes that in this time of COVID-19, school will look different and might be challeng-

**'We are genuinely invested in this community and this school.'**

**Angie Powell**  
JR/SR high principal

ing along the way. But she emphasized that Holyoke School District staff members really want to be back in school with the students. "We are so excited we can start our school year with in-person learning," she said.

She's also particularly excited about Holyoke's visible learning initiative as well

as redesigning the JR/SR high library into a Center of Innovation.

Acknowledging that it takes a village to raise a child, Powell welcomes support from the community. "I'm always here. I'm willing to listen." She encourages people to contact her with comments, concerns and celebrations. She can be reached at 970-854-2284 or [powellan@hcosd.org](mailto:powellan@hcosd.org).

"I'm looking forward to what we can do together," said Powell.

She and her husband, Aaron, own a seed business and also work on the family farm. Their two sons, Mason, 13, and Riley, 12, are the fourth generation in the family to attend Holyoke schools.

Powell also stays active with the East Phillips County Hospital District board, First Baptist Church and family activities.

"We are genuinely invested in this community and this school," she said.

# WHERE TO WORSHIP

**Cornerstone Ministry Church**  
Sharing the Flatirons Church message  
Peerless Theatre  
212 S. Intercean, Holyoke  
Sunday 9 a.m.

**Emerson St. Church of Christ**  
730 E. Emerson  
Sunday Morning Service 10 a.m.

**Fairfield Covenant Church**  
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Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
J.A.M. (Children's Choir) and  
H.O.W. (Interactive Kids' Program)  
Wednesday 3:45 p.m.  
Youth Group Sunday 6:30 p.m.  
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1220 S. Baxter  
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105 W. Scheunemann  
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Worship 11 a.m.  
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Jon Walker, 970-854-8093  
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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
Amherst  
Kurt Hatteberg, Pastor  
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Sunday Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
Venango, Nebraska  
Kurt Hatteberg, Pastor  
Sunday Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

**Venango Community Church**  
Chris Costirni, Pastor  
308-447-5540  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:35 a.m.

**Vida Abundante**  
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Ismael Lopez, Pastor  
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Bible Study Friday 6:30 p.m.  
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240 S. High School  
Gary Rahe, Pastor  
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(H) 970-854-2614  
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**2020-2021 Kindergarten Registration**  
**Tuesday, Aug. 11**  
Parents of children planning to attend kindergarten need to call the Holyoke Elementary office at 970-854-3411. An appointment needs to be scheduled for your child.  
Please bring the child's immunization records and birth certificate to the scheduled appointment.  
Appointments will take place Aug. 11 at the Holyoke Elementary School from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**BASIC REQUIREMENT**  
Children must reach their 5th birthday by June 1, 2020 to be eligible for kindergarten during the 2020-21 school year.  
Please call the office for any questions you may have regarding kindergarten registration.



**2020-2021 Inscripciones para el kinder**  
**martes, 11 de agosto**  
Padres de niños/as que asistiran al kinder deben ponerse en contacto con la Escuela Primaria Holyoke al 970-854-3411. Necesita hacer una cita para su hijo/a.  
Por favor traiga el record de vacunas y acta de nacimiento a su cita.  
Las citas serán el 11 de agosto en la Escuela Primaria Holyoke de 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Requisito Básico**  
Niños(as) tienen que haber cumplido 5 años para el 1 de junio del 2020 para ser elegibles para el Kinder durante escolar del 2020-21.  
Por favor hable a la oficina con cualquier pregunta que tenga sobre las inscripciones al kinder.







SOURCE: PHILLIPS COUNTY MUSEUM

This Holyoke first grade class is pictured in the fall of 1934 with their teacher, Evelyn Johnston. Miss Johnston was part of an almost entirely new staff at Holyoke Grade School that year, as there was only one teacher to be reelected from the previous year.

PEEKIN’ into the PAST

**Five Years Ago  
Aug. 6, 2015**  
Rupert and Claire O’Neal have filed two separate lawsuits involving the City of Holyoke in Phillips County District Court. The O’Neal pit used for city wastewater management south of Holyoke City Park is the key link in both lawsuits.

Serving in 20 different health care facilities in nine states in his career that began in 1971, Jim Murphy is now on board at Melissa Memorial Hospital as interim CEO, as of Aug. 1.

Martin Bremmer of Venango, Nebraska, has developed the Grain Goat, a one-person grain testing machine that has the potential to save time and money for agriculture producers. In essence, the Grain Goat is a portable combine and grain sampling device.

Jacinda Krueger brought home the hardware from the 2015 State Games of America in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 28-Aug. 2. Competing against women 19-29, Krueger earned second place in the 400 meter hurdles, third in the 100 meter dash and third in the 200 meter dash.

**Ten Years Ago  
Aug. 5, 2010**  
Colorado expanded its child passenger safety law beginning Aug. 1, requiring all children under age 8 to be properly protected in a child safety seat when traveling in a motor vehicle. Previously, the law required only 4- and 5-year-olds to be in booster seats.

In July, Phillips County commissioners signed a nonsupport resolution for Proposition 101 and Amendments 60 and 61, in an effort to protect the fiscal health of local government. They also signed a resolution prohibiting the operation of medical marijuana centers, optional premises cultivation operations and medical marijuana-infused products manufacturers’ licenses within Phillips County.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago  
Aug. 10, 1995**  
A full range of festivities are planned for the Holyoke Cooperative Association’s 75th anniversary celebration on Aug. 12. Swimming, playing, eating and dancing are included on the day’s agenda, open for the whole community at Holyoke City Park.

Fulfilling a dream to own his own insurance agency, Thad Scholl, 35, opened Plains Insurance Agency LLC this week. The new Holyoke business is located on the second floor of the Mailander office building at 143 S. Campbell Ave.

At the Aug. 1 regular meeting of the Holyoke City Council, the four members

present voted unanimously to enter into a feasibility study to gather information about purchasing KN Energy. It was reported that the council has been contemplating getting involved in the gas business for a number of years. Tuesday night’s vote was contingent upon three or more cities agreeing to be involved in a study, which results in a considerable price reduction.

**Fifty Years Ago  
Aug. 6, 1970**  
Temperatures have ranged in the 90s and 100s during the past seven days, with only small amounts of moisture.  
Most of the farmers who participated in the 1970 wheat and feed grain programs in Phillips County have now received their program payments, according to Clyde Sperber, chairman of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee. A total of \$1,292,715.11 has been paid as of July 29.

**Seventy-Five Years Ago  
Aug. 9, 1945**  
A single atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima of the Japanese island of Honshu is said to have wiped out 60% of the city, which corresponds in size to Memphis, Tennessee, last Monday, Washington announced Wednesday. The new weapon is reported to have “completely destroyed” everything in an area within 4 and a half square miles of the Japanese city. Russia’s entry into the war yesterday was announced in Washington by President Truman. These incidents of great import bring the end of the war in the Pacific months nearer and are looked upon in this country as means of saving many American lives.

Theo G. Weyerts, storekeeper in Amherst since 1913, has sold his stock of goods to the Amherst Cooperative, an organization of the people of the community. For the past 15 years, the store has been under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Weyerts and his mother, Anna Weyerts, when it was strictly a grocery store. Previously Mr. Weyerts operated a general merchandise store, including dry goods and notions.

Elevators having been filled with this year’s bumper crop and bin room insufficient, farmers are piling wheat on the ground in eastern Colorado, as the harvest of the largest crop in the country’s history comes to an end.

Within the last two weeks, two new political parties have been formed in this state: the American National Party and the National Citizens Political Action Party. The first is supposed to be an offshoot of the Republican organization, and the latter is said to have sprung from the Democratic Party.

Living by faith one day at a time

Days ago, I went for a walk to drop off a gift at a friend’s house. As I walked down the road, my neighbors were enjoying the quiet evening on their front porch. We talked about all the craziness happening in our world today, and I loved the words my neighbor said: “We just gotta take it one day at a time.”

His wise words spoke to my heart that evening. I’m often too quick to worry, obsess and attempt to control the future. Maybe you struggle with this too. It’s as if I think worry will help the situation, and in reality, it doesn’t change the outcome one bit. It’s difficult to fully live in the moment.

Truth is, we all need God’s grace just for today. For this hour. Just for the minute you’re currently spending reading this.

Jesus knows your every need. He knows the number of hairs on your head down to your deepest dreams and desires. He knows what keeps you up at night and what pains you’ve endured in your past. He cares about your present sufferings and anxieties more than anyone else in this world.

You can trust in his sovereignty down to every detail of your life. All the more, you can trust him with your unseen future — all the way until your very last breath taken on earth.

You and I don’t know what tomorrow will hold or even if tomorrow is promised. As we know, life and circumstances change in an instant. But we do know tomorrow’s worries will take care of themselves. We can hand off (or throw!) our anxieties to the one who can handle them much better than we ever could.

He loves you. He is for you. He has good plans for your future.

When I struggle to trust God with my future, I’ll keep remembering to take it one day at a time.

Blessings, Samantha

*“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?” Matthew 6: 25-27.*

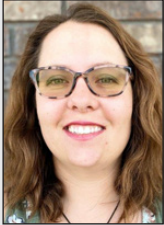
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Deeona Johnston, RDN  
Phillips County FCS Agent

are participating in long, intense exercise sessions. They need to eat enough calories, vitamins and minerals to provide energy and nutrients for exercise as well as developing strong and healthy bodies.

The easiest way to determine if a teen athlete is eating enough is to let them eat when they are hungry. Teens should eat at least three meals each day, and athletes should include snacks between the meals or before and after physical activity.

Unless approved or required by a doctor, teen athletes should maintain their body weight. Male athletes should maintain 5%-18% body fat, while female athletes should maintain 16%-28% body fat. Body fat is needed to regulate hormones and other normal

THE RELENTLESS GARDENER



Linda Langelo  
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The United States Department of Agriculture says the following:

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LETTER to the EDITOR

Water question receives professional response

Editor,  
I would like to take a moment to address the public hearing Monday, July 27, at the Phillips County Event Center with Weldco Farms LLC. I appreciate the Board of Adjustment and County administrator’s efforts to advertise the hearing and Aurora’s presentation.

My wife and I, like our neighbors, will be affected by the conditional use permit for the property in the NE 1/4, Sec. 22, T7N, R45W, specifically the commercial well that will be drilled in SE 1/4, Sec. 23, T7N, R45W. Our home is in the SE, SE 1/4, Sec. 26, T7N, R45W, better understood as 3/4 mile south of the new proposed well. For the sake of clarity, all the irrigation wells for the three sections owned by Weldco Farms are in one section, Sec. 23, if I am not mistaken.

My wife and I had to drill a new well in 2004 as a direct result of the abuse of the previous land owner of the three sections now owned by Weldco Farms. So you can see, we have an interest in the water availability. I would add that since 2004, the subsequent irrigators were good stewards of the land as evidenced by the acres farmed; this is subjective opinion of mine.

My wife and I went to the meeting for

bodily functions. When body fat is too low or too high, it can cause health problems.

Proper hydration is also very important for teen athletes. Athletes can lose a lot of electrolytes, liquid and weight through sweating. Proper hydration helps keep the body cool, and body temperature can rise and lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke with only a 3% loss of body weight from sweat. On a hot day, a football player dressed in full equipment can lose 2% of their body weight from sweat within 30 minutes.

It is very important that athletes stay hydrated throughout the day, take multiple water breaks during training and competition, and rehydrate afterward.

A teen athlete can monitor their hydration by their urine color. Urine should be clear to light yellow. The darker the urine, the more dehydrated that athlete is.

Just like with eating, drink when you are thirsty — but this is not as accurate, so drink a few ounces every 15-20 minutes to keep you hydrated.

Lastly, many athletes consume protein and sports drinks because they are marketed as beneficial for sports performance. Some athletes can benefit from these products. For example, vegetarians may not be able to reach their minimum protein without supplementation, and athletes that participate in intense physical activity for more than one hour will need to replenish electrolytes. But most athletes and teens can consume enough protein, vitamins and minerals through a well-balanced diet.

If you are interested in learning more about sports nutrition and how it can impact sports performance for teen athletes, Phillips County Extension is hosting a sports nutrition webinar Friday, Aug. 14, at 5 p.m. Register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/high-school-sports-nutrition-webinar-tickets-114484927500](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/high-school-sports-nutrition-webinar-tickets-114484927500). More sessions will be available in the future. You can also contact the Extension office at 970-854-3616 for more information.

go to the following link: [www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/import-information](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/import-information).

Remember Dutch elm disease? Below is a link from the American Phytopathological Society: [www.apsnet.org/edcenter/disandpath/fungalasco/pdlessons/Pages/DutchElm.aspx](http://www.apsnet.org/edcenter/disandpath/fungalasco/pdlessons/Pages/DutchElm.aspx).

In the 1920s, furniture makers used European Elm logs for veneer on cabinets and tables. By the 1930s, the disease was uncontrollable and swept across the country killing American Elms. Dutch elm disease killed over 40 million American elms, and though it started in the 1930s, it took until 1973 to reach the west coast from the east coast.

Our first line of defense is accomplished by the Department of Agriculture that has trained specialists to inspect plant material. However, anyone can send unsolicited plant material through the mail. As individuals, we can even inadvertently carry insects or disease from region to region. The best example is with firewood. Bark beetle has been transported to other regions through firewood. According to the forest service, to avoid this, select dead and dry firewood from forests where collection is allowed. At home, burn firewood by the end of June before any remaining beetles emerge to infest other trees.

There are many examples of similar issues that have occurred in your region. Please feel free to check with your local Extension service about any newly emerging pests or diseases for your region. Become aware and help control the unnecessary spread of bark beetles and other plant issues.

information, which Juan Velez presented, after which the board had opportunity to ask questions and then the community. I was a bit embarrassed for our community at some of the statements and allegations. To be sure, there were some legitimate questions asked in a courteous way, but I felt they were lost in the banging gongs and clanging cymbals. I took Velez at his word and reached out to him with my questions specific to water usage. I received a quick, courteous response, with data from usage of previous years along with change of use and new well proposal data. Whether I liked the answer or not is not relevant here, rather the professional response. I got the answer I needed.

Weldco Farms pays taxes on the three sections they own. I am sure, and certainly pay more taxes than I do; however, we both hold the same right to petition the County for the use of our properties. I have been on both sides of public hearings, as a petitioner and as a board member. It always goes better with courtesy, civility and accurate data. I encourage interested parties to reach out to Weldco Farms for the answers to your questions; they will respond.

Dan Kafka  
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# A little mud doesn't bother anyone at the ranch rodeo

BY JES-C FRENCH  
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

An afternoon downpour meant that the July 23 ranch rodeo at Phillips County Fair was muddier than usual, but that didn't hinder the determined cowgirls and cowboys. They competed in such events

as stray gathering, bronc riding and doctoring, while the kids got in on the action with mutton bustin'. Fans were particularly excited to see competitors from Phillips County and the surrounding area and relished the chance to cheer for a few familiar faces.



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A "stray" steer is wrestled to the ground by the Whippin Riders ranch rodeo team from Paxton, Nebraska.



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Though he ultimately got a re-ride, this cowboy put on quite the show nonetheless.



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The Wilson Feedyard team from Grant, Nebraska, chases down a steer in the stray gathering event.



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Phillip Smith holds on tight as this bronc does its best to buck him off at the July 23 ranch rodeo.

## NE Colorado records one more death due to COVID

A Sedgwick County death due to COVID-19 increased the northeast Colorado death number to 52 this week.

Last week's report in this paper on COVID numbers reported that all counties in Colorado had seen cases. That was an incorrect statement. Cases have been reported in 63 counties, but Kiowa County is the lone holdout with no reported incidences of COVID-19.

Positive COVID-19 cases were reported Monday, Aug. 3, as follows:

— Northeast Colorado: 1,451 cases (increase of 13 in last week), including Morgan County, 677; Logan County, 648; Yuma County, 62; Washington County, 47; Phillips County, 19; and Sedgwick County, 11. The Northeast Colorado Health Department also reported that Morgan County has had 46 deaths, Logan County five, and Sedgwick County one for the first increase since the June 8 update.

— Colorado: 47,968 cases in 63 counties, according to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. This represents a 7.6% increase in the past week. Among people who tested positive for COVID-19, 1,844 have died, and 1,710 listed COVID-19 as the reason of death on a death certificate.

— United States: 4,649,102 cases for 10% increase this week and 154,471 deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

— The world: 17,660,523 confirmed cases for 9.6% increase this week and 680,894 deaths for 5.3% increase this week in 216 countries, areas or territories, according to the World Health Organization.

### COLLEGE NEWS

Kaylee Duvall earned a spot on the Dean's Honor Roll at the University of Wyoming. The honor roll consists of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better GPA and freshmen who earned a 3.25 or better GPA. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

Deadline for Enterprise news and ads is 10 a.m. Tuesday

## August Classes

**Birthstone Class**  
Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 8-9

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**Tuesday, August 11th**

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## Russell Haynes relocates offices for Sandhills Accounting & Tax, LLC

BY BRENDA JOHNSON BRANDT  
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

Russell Haynes relocated his accounting offices for Sandhills Accounting & Tax, LLC to 216 S. Interoccean Ave. in Holyoke last week — moving roughly four or five blocks.

His accounting business will primarily occupy the west portion of the building, and Haynes said he is working to mark parking for his clients in the back near the alley.

His office is two doors north of the area behind the Holyoke Post Office. Customers may enter the front of Haynes' building as well.

Haynes recently purchased the building that formerly housed the Cline Williams law firm from Kim and Troy Killin.

As part of Haynes' build-



Haynes

A 2002 graduate of Holyoke High School, Haynes worked for a year for a welding contractor in northeast Wyoming before spending a year at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling. He then earned his bachelor's degree in business administration with a focus on accounting from Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

He obtained his Certified Public Accountant license July 4, 2009, and worked for an accounting firm in Glenwood Springs for several years prior to moving back to northeastern Colorado in 2011.

ing purchase, Tammy Kelley opened her own law firm, Kelley Law, Ltd., in the east portion, utilizing the front entrance.

Initially on his return to the area, Haynes worked for Bill Wilson at Northeast Accounting in Wray for four years before going out on his own with Sandhills Accounting & Tax, LLC in 2015.

He opened his local office five years ago in a corner of what was then the Western Sugar Company building located north of Holyoke Vets Club.

He said this week that he is excited about his move and is proud to be part of the Holyoke community.

At Sandhills Accounting & Tax, Haynes works primarily with small-town businesses, as well as farm and ranch. He handles a full range of services including bookkeeping, payroll, tax preparation, tax planning, estate planning and entity planning.

He can be reached at 970-988-7658.

## New County benefit allows exempt employees to earn comp time

BY BRENDA JOHNSON BRANDT  
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

Exempt Phillips County employees can now earn comp time as a result of a new benefit approved by county commissioners in July.

Details of the benefit were reviewed at the July 31 meeting of the Board of Phillips County Commissioners.

Exempt employees (those paid on a salary basis rather than hourly) who work over 40 hours per week can earn comp time at a rate of 1:1 for time worked over 40 hours.

Those wishing to participate in this program must complete the same detailed timesheet (time in, time out) that nonexempt employees submit each month.

Just as with nonexempt employees, comp time earned will be based on the work week, not individual work days. This comp time can only be used after traditional leave is exhausted and may not be carried over into the next calendar year or paid out.

### Extension agents give updates

CSU Extension agents Deeona Johnston and Jessie Stewart met with commissioners to give updates on their activities during the month.

Johnston, family and consumer science agent, told the board that she passed her fitness instructor test and will be starting fitness classes.

Additionally, she told the board about diabetes classes, a sports nutrition class for the local high schools, Haxtun summer camp and the community garden.

Stewart, 4-H agent, re-

viewed her activities for gearing up for fair and assisting 4-H youth with projects and recordbooks. She reported on summer activities including 4-H Monday riding nights and Monday and Thursday leathercraft classes.

Successful efforts from the livestock quiz bowl and judging contest were also summarized by Stewart. She noted that Brooklyn Plumb placed fifth individually in livestock judging and the Phillips County team placed third. Plumb and the team will compete at nationals in Denver this winter.

### Commissioners meet with reps from Gardner, Buck offices

Earlier in the month of July, the board of commissioners met with Dusty Johnson representing Congressman Ken Buck's office, and Darlene Carpio and intern Kaitlyn Maker from Sen. Cory Gardner's office.

Johnson discussed items Buck is working on including Supporting Action Against Huawei and the Chinese Communist Party, as well as the Get Americans Back to Work Act.

Carpio reported that Gardner is working on new legislation, Great American Outdoor Act, which is funded by offshore oil companies, not taxpayers.

Carpio informed the commissioners that the CARES Act \$20,000 grant funded the resurfacing at Holyoke Municipal Airport. She also noted that the Space Command Center will be in Colorado for the next six years.

Additionally, Carpio mentioned that the United States Department of Agriculture

is offering emergency grazing on conservation reserve program land to safeguard environmentally sensitive land.

### Other business

In other business last month, the commissioners:

— Met with County Attorney Tammy Kelley regarding her separation from Cline Williams and opening her own law firm. The board approved transitioning the county's contract to Kelley Law, Ltd. effective July 2.

— Hired Paolo Mallari as a full-time dispatcher at Phillips County Communications Center, effective July 20.

— Approved expenses for the County landfill including \$6,000 to Transit Works to provide drone aerial photography mapping and \$2,800 to Dickinson Land Surveyors to provide survey work.

— Discounted harvest park rates by 50% for 4-H participant families during the fair, after a request from Candie Fix on July 8.

— Agreed to charge A Caring Pregnancy Resource Center its previous-year rate for use of the Event Center for its annual fundraising event Jan. 30-31, 2021, as requested by Cari Jo Oestman and Laura Lenz.

— With one exception, decided not to hire additional help during COVID-19 as offices are managing the extra workload. Elva Montes has been hired temporarily in maintenance to help with extra cleaning.

— Heard from emergency manager Bob Heldenbrand about an emergency management performance grant and Federal Emergency Management Agency supplemental grants which are available.



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## Vieselmeyer heifer wins

Nearly 530 Angus juniors and their families traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to compete in the 2020 National Junior Angus Show July 22-24 at the Expo Square Pavilion. SCC SCH Phyllis 893 won owned heifer class 56. Alex Vieselmeyer of Amherst owns the winning heifer and is pictured at right with his parents Brent and Tina Vieselmeyer.

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# Boys golf opens with 12 team members



Freshmen Carter Van Overbeke, pictured at left, and Chase Johnson take their turns on the putting green on the opening day of HHS boys golf practice Monday, Aug. 3. Tournament action begins this week, with the Holyoke tourney set for Friday, Aug. 28.

BY BRENDA JOHNSON BRANDT  
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

Boys golf is the first high school sport in Colorado to begin play since the worldwide coronavirus pandemic shut down the country in mid-March.

Twelve Holyoke High School golfers reported for practice the first day, Monday, Aug. 3, with the first outing set for Thursday, Aug. 6.

Because golf itself is already a socially-distanced activity, the structure of the season itself has not been altered. However, there definitely will be differences during competition and practice.

The biggest change, noted HHS coach Nick Flaa, is that all scorecards will be digital, using the Colorado High School Activities Association's golf app. Players will attest and verify the scores of their group in this app.

Returning letterwinners on the Dragon team are juniors Tristen Ferguson, Ethan Johnson and Mason Vernon, and sophomore Ty Dirks.

Other team members are junior Jacob Anderson from Haxtun; sophomores Jadon Frost, Max Kleve, Brendan Nelson and Ethan Schneller;

and freshmen Chase Johnson, Caiden Krueger and Carter Van Overbeke. Seventh grader Tristan O'Keef is the team manager.

Flaa said that he and coach David Mauler (both in their second year with the boys' team) will be mindful of the guidelines during practice and tournaments.

With 12 players, Flaa said they will break into three pods of four during practices — rotating among the three stations daily. That includes the putting green, range and course time.

Flaa said he is excited for those returning from last year's team, as well as the newbie team members. He hopes to build on what they did last year as a team.

The season opens this week already on Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Brush Invite.

The rest of the season schedule follows: Friday, Aug. 14, Yuma; Tuesday, Aug. 18, Burlington; Friday, Aug. 21, Cheyenne Wells; Friday, Aug. 28, Holyoke JV/V; Thursday, Sept. 10, Fort Morgan; Friday, Sept. 11, Yuma JV; Thursday, Sept. 17, league at Wray; Monday, Sept. 21, regionals; Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 5-6, state in Gunnison.

# Boys golf, softball approved for fall

BY BRENDA JOHNSON BRANDT  
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

With modifications in place, boys golf and girls softball have been approved to go forward as fall sports, according to Colorado High School Activities Association.

As of Tuesday morning, Aug. 4, CHSAA was still awaiting a response to its resumption plans submitted to the state's COVID-19 response team. As a result, the plan for Holyoke High School football and volleyball in the fall sports realm is still pending.

Because golf itself is already a socially-distanced activity, the structure of the season itself has not been altered. The HHS team started practice Monday, Aug. 3, and will compete at Brush on Thursday, Aug. 6.

The biggest change for golf is that all scorecards will be digital, using the CHSAA's golf app. Players will attest and verify the scores of their group in this app.

Girls softball practice can start Monday, Aug. 10, and HHS coach Sherman Kage

looks forward to the season, even with its modifications.

CHSAA has dictated a 16-game regular season. This compares to Holyoke's 2019 season that featured 23 games.

There will be no regionals. The softball state tourney will include league champions, with the rest of the 16-team bracket to be seeded via the CHSAA seeding index using RPI, coaches poll and MaxPreps. Additionally, the state tournament has been bumped up two weeks earlier to Oct. 10.

Teams will be required to do daily symptom trackers. Since HHS plans two-a-day practices, Kage said they will be doing the symptom tracker at each practice.

At games, Kage noted that coaches and managers will be required to wear masks at all times. He added that players must wear masks when they're not hitting or fielding.

The CHSAA softball bulletin indicates that fan attendance will be dictated by local, state and federal guidelines.



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## Football fanatics back on the field

Even though the fall football season was still up in the air, about 50 Holyoke football players got some time in on the field during a summer camp the evenings of July 20-24 and 27-31. The football camp was offered at no charge to kids in grades 5-12. Even though there were some restrictions in place due to COVID-19, coach Dusty Sprague said he's really thankful that they were allowed to have the camp and the kids were really excited to get back on the field. The camp focused on football fundamentals, alignment and conditioning. Pictured from left are Hudson Koellner, Ryker Ring, coach Scott Jeppson, Ivan Valenzuela, Kaden Herman and Tyler Bergstrom during a drill with the younger age group.

## Fan appreciation highlights PCR

Phillips County Raceway fans had a chance to visit with drivers and check out their vehicles during fan appreciation night at PCR in Holyoke on Friday, July 31.

It was the last chance for fans to catch the ASCS sprints at the local track this season, as well.

Crowd and car numbers were down, but those in attendance enjoyed the action of the sprints, stock cars, hobby stocks, modifieds, sport mods and sport compacts.

Next up on the PCR season schedule is the road to nationals CAT tour Friday, Sept. 4, and the IMCA championship night on Friday, Sept. 18.

Top placemen in each racing division from the July 31 races, listed in order of placing, follow:

ASCS sprints — J. Seesholtz, B. Ream, C. Pearce, G. Land, M. Bolin, L. Hershey, A. Gossel, B. Hardman, B. Hardman.

IMCA sport mods — Dan Concelman, B. Lundock, M. Ruf, T. Mace, Matt Firme.

IMCA modifieds — A. Steffens, J. Hansen, Brandon Clough, B. Cross, Tom Quint, M. Quint.



Drivers in the July 31 stock car races gave the crowd an opportunity to check out their vehicles and chat in fan appreciation activity at Phillips County Raceway in Holyoke.

IMCA hobby stocks — Austin Davis, Craig Smith, Tanner Clough, Tanner Jones, Jim Moore, Wesley Foster, C. Greek.

IMCA stock cars — Jesse Taylor, Travis Demilt, J.

Whiting, Kyle Clough, Michael Brunswick, Billy Aeb, M. Earll, K. Way, Joe Bellm, C. Kennedy.

IMCA sport compacts — M. Johnsen, B. Leibhart, T. Trumbo.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, AUG. 6**  
HS boys golf at Brush, 9 a.m.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 7**  
Phillips County commissioners, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., courthouse.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 8**  
Barrel racing, 8 a.m., Bank of Colorado Pavilion at Phillips County Event Center.

**MONDAY, AUG. 10**  
Holyoke Chamber of Commerce's Root Beer Float Monday at Viero Wireless, noon-1:30 p.m.  
American Legion Post #90/VFW Post #6482, 7 p.m., Vets Hall.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 11**  
Kindergarten registration appointments, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Holyoke Elementary School.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12**  
Toenail Clinic, 1-3:30 p.m., SunSet View east room.

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TISHA & TIFFANY

For Tiffany Watson, age 46 of Holyoke, being a twin means “always having a friend and someone who knows you backwards and forwards.” A downside is that when she goes where identical twin sister Tisha Goodemote lives in Berthoud, everyone thinks Tiffany is Tisha. “Sometimes I go with it, and sometimes I correct them,” said Tiffany. The women have similar interests and both get lost really easily, but their parenting styles differ and Tiffany is more relaxed about things. They have a twin aunt and uncle, and that aunt married a twin and has fraternal twin daughters and fraternal twin grandsons. “The unknown” is what makes twins fascinating, said Tiffany.



BRADY & BRANDI

Fraternal twins Brady Haynes and Brandi (Haynes) Lippert joined uncles Gale and Dale and Garry and Larry in the Haynes family twin tradition when they were born 34 years ago. Brandi, who now lives in Ogallala, Nebraska, said she walked first while her brother Brady, of Sedgwick, was the first to talk. “We had our own type of communication,” she said, noting that they’ve also experienced that twin phenomenon where they can read each other’s thoughts and feelings when something happens. Brady and Brandi might not look much alike, but where they are definitely similar is their sense of humor.



AZUCENA & SUSANA

Azucena Torres, age 42 of Yuma, always laughs when people ask if she and identical twin sister Susana Torres, of El Paso, Texas, are twins, because it’s a pretty obvious “yes!” She said the attention is fun until the silly questions start. “It gives people great pleasure to be able to notice the differences, but yet there are those that we grew up with that still don’t know who is who,” said Azucena. She said she is very different from her sister in terms of favorite colors, decorations, foods, being outdoors, etc. While they didn’t dress alike much when they were younger, they enjoy doing it now at family gatherings because it’s fun to confuse people, even their children! The twin sisters can’t necessarily read each other’s thoughts, but there have been times when they’ve had a strange feeling and later found out it was at the same time the other sister had been sick. “We don’t hold grudges. We have a special connection that limits us from that because we always count on each other,” said Azucena.



DAVE & DAN

In considering the pros and cons of being a twin, Dave Johnson, age 66 of Holyoke, said he couldn’t think of any cons, but one definite pro is that “you always have someone you can count on.” His fraternal twin, Dan, lives in Kersey and enjoys calf roping, while Dave likes to spend his time golfing. As young men, both brothers joined the Navy, and when they left the military, they worked at the same feedlot until Dave moved to Holyoke. What’s so fascinating about twins? “Just the fact that twins are not something you see every day,” said Dave.



PIPER & KYRAH

Holyoke twin mom Heather McConachie had her first funny but scary moment when she thought she had mixed up her identical twin girls after taking their hospital bands off. Now, Piper and Kyrah McConachie, age 15, are learning how to drive and making each other laugh so hard they can’t catch their breath. They come from a family with multiple sets of twins on both sides. Heather said when they were younger they always found a way to be touching each other and they made up their own “twin talk” that no one else could understand. “I never dressed them alike. I thought of them as individuals with a unique bond,” said Heather. She also learned a valuable lesson to not make one do something just because the other one was doing it. A twin benefit is having a forever friend and protector, but the hard part is always being referred to as “the twins,” not having their own identity with others and people not knowing who they are. Heather said they sound the same on the phone and have many of the same hobbies but they have totally different attitudes, personalities and thought processes. “The baby stages are easy. It’s the teenage years that are hard!” said Heather.

SEEING DOUBLE

BY DARCI RODRIGUEZ | THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

Throughout history, twins have been causing people to take a double-take. Whether it’s because they look alike, sound alike or think alike, twins are fascinating. Ten sets of twins with local ties agreed to give their input on the matter, and now we’re doubly interested in all things twins.

### A thing or two about twins

1. Twin births in the U.S. rose 79% from 1980 (1 in every 53 births) to 2014 (1 in every 29 births). However, the twin birth rate declined 4% between 2014-2018. Two factors in the upsurge could have been the use of fertility treatments and women having babies later in life.

2. Women can inherit a gene that makes her more likely to release multiple eggs during ovulation. This increases her chance of having fraternal twins, which are produced from two separate eggs.

3. Identical twins result when a single fertilized egg splits in two, which is completely random, not hereditary. They account for about only 4% of twin births.

4. Identical twins have the same DNA at birth, but it eventually becomes more distinctive based on environmental factors. Fraternal twins are as alike as other siblings are.

5. Twins can start interacting in the womb as early as 14 weeks.

6. Twins have a higher rate of left-handedness.

7. National Twin Day is celebrated with a festival the first weekend in August in Twinsburg, Ohio. It’s the largest gathering of twins in the world.

8. Women who are taller, older or obese or those who are breastfeeding or who eat dairy might be more likely to have twins.

9. About 40% of twins invent their own languages.

10. Conjoined twins get the name Siamese from the famous Chang and Eng (“Left” and “Right” in Thai) born to Chinese parents in 1811.



ANDREA & ANGELA

Andrea Kammer, age 39 of Holyoke, admits she still can’t tell who’s who in baby pictures with her identical twin sister, Angela Edwards-Aker of Fort Morgan. In fact, their mom was scared to take the hospital bracelets off until Angela developed a birthmark. And eventually she began dressing the girls in different colors — Andrea in blues and purples and Angela in reds and pinks. Andrea said she was always too scared to try to trick their teachers in school, but the sisters love playing pranks now as adults. Their parents also have a hard time determining which daughter is on the other end of a phone call because their voices are so alike. Andrea said she enjoyed sharing clothes, building ideas off one another and always having a friend. However, “it took a long time to build my ‘own’ identity and not be known as ‘one of the Edwards twins.’ I was proud of this, but wanted to make a name for myself and prove to myself and my family that I could do great things!” Both sisters are leaders — Andrea is the elementary principal in Holyoke and Angela is the fourth generation to own/operate Edwards Right Price Market and Flowerland. They’re also both strong in their faith and help at church as much as possible. Even though they don’t have a lot of differences, one wrong assumption people make is that they share the same beliefs and thoughts. People always ask what it’s like to be a twin, and since she’s never known any different, Andrea simply asks, “What’s it like to be an individual?”



JOCELYN & JORDAN

Fraternal twin sisters Jocelyn and Jordan Kingman joined a Holyoke family of “J” names when they were born three years ago. On their dad’s side, their great-grandma was a twin, and another great-grandma had twin siblings. Jeanette Kingman, the twins’ mom, said the girls are in tune with each other and never apart. “There isn’t anything they don’t do together,” said Jeanette. “They are built-in best friends. They have each other for every new beginning, daycare, swimming lessons, dance or whatever it may be, to be brave together.” She said that whatever one girl wants to do, the other will follow, which works to their advantage when Mom and Dad want them to try new things. “But if one rejects something, the other won’t go near it,” said Jeanette. She described Jordan as shy, sensitive, motherly, dominant, intuitive and always asking questions. Jocelyn is a free spirit, confident, outgoing, super sweet and a true red head. Jeanette tells other parents to not compare twins to each other or to other kids. They all go at their own pace and won’t be crawling, walking, talking, etc. at the same time. She and her husband would giggle when the twins were newborns, saying, “Do what you need to do to survive!” Find what works for your family and give yourself grace, she said.



KRISTEN & KARINA

Karina (Kramer) Davis, age 32 of Holyoke, thinks it would have been fun to be able to pretend to be her sister Kristen Kramer of Mount Juliet, Tennessee, but the fraternal twins didn’t think they could pull it off. Davis said that being twins put expectations on them that they would have the same likes and dislikes. She said she and her sister love singing and listening to music, and they’re both very close to their “people” and tend to be very protective. However, Karina has more of a type A personality, while Kristen is more relaxed and easy-going. “I also hear she is the nicer twin, but I don’t know about that,” said Karina with a smile. When the girls were young, Kristen went to the doctor and Karina stayed home. “I remember feeling so sad and then crying right around the time we heard that Kristen was in some pain. Super weird!” said Karina. “I think twins and multiples are just an extra miracle from God. Really, to be able to carry a healthy baby full term isn’t something all women are blessed enough to do, so when healthy multiples are born, it’s just so amazing to see God’s work!”



LINDYN & LAKYN

It’s been a blur, but Holyoke’s Luedke family has made it through the baby and toddler years with 5-year-old fraternal twins Lindyn and Lakyn. When mom Arika went in for her six-week ultrasound, the doctor joked that she was having Irish twins because her son was only 6 months old. “When she did my ultrasound, she heard two heartbeats. I was in shock!” said Arika. While it was nice to get two babies with just one pregnancy, Arika said people don’t think past their “how cute” or “how fun” thoughts on twins. “Twins are a lot of work. You have double the laundry, diapers, formula, crying and sleepless nights, but we wouldn’t want it any other way!” And don’t forget to buy two of the exact same toy so there’s no fighting! Arika advises twin parents to let their kids be individuals and also to jot down milestones on a calendar. Although the Luedke girls are fraternal twins, they look a lot alike and are both very girly. Lakyn is an early riser, very artistic, independent and motherly. Lindyn is sassy, dramatic and wild and enjoys her sleep. They have cousins three months younger than them who are fraternal twin boys, and their dad’s two cousins each have a set of identical twins.



JAQUELINE & JESSICA

It’s hard to tell them apart, but Jaqueline and Jessica Mosqueda, age 19 of Holyoke, are actually fraternal twins. They even switched spots for a few days in the fourth grade, and their teacher never found out. The sisters say there are times when they have the same thoughts, and Jaqueline said, “Whenever my sister is nervous, no matter how far apart from each other we are, I can feel her butterflies.” They’ve also gotten sick when they are away from each other for too long. “My sister is my best friend, partner in crime and my other half. Being a twin, we tell each other literally everything. She has my back, and I have her back,” said Jessica. A hard part about having a twin sister, said Jaqueline, “is that we have to share just about everything, and trying to dress up the same is hard only because we have different taste in style.” The girls are alike in their funny and goofy personality and their love of competitive sports, singing and painting. “People are so fascinated with twins or other multiples because it’s eye catching to see someone else look exactly like you,” said Jaqueline. “God basically did copy and paste on the original, and next thing you know it’s like you’re looking in the mirror,” said Jessica.

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# New CU Boulder master’s degree in teacher leadership aims to support rural educators

This August, the University of Colorado Boulder’s School of Education will launch a new online master’s degree program for teachers looking for an affordable, accessible pathway to develop leadership skills, competencies and connections with other educators.

The School of Education developed the teacher leadership program with input from partner educators in rural Colorado. Its graduate-level certificates and Master of Arts degree aim to help alleviate teacher shortages in the state’s rural communities, in particular, by supporting teachers to stay in the classroom.

Teachers in rural areas often wear many hats and hold multiple positions — from teaching science to coaching and driving school buses.

“They’re doing it all and doing it well, but they’re eager for more learning opportunities and more resources,” said Emily Gleason, CU Boulder faculty director for the program.

“We hope these certificates will help teachers committed to their profession who may feel that they lack knowledge to meet the needs of changing populations. The idea is to nurture possibilities for teachers to develop leadership skills and tools that they will enact in their classrooms, share with their peers and implement at the school and community levels.”

CU Boulder designed the program with essential feedback from partner educators from the Northeast Colorado Board of Cooperative Educational Services and more.

“Northeast BOCES is excited to partner with the CU Boulder School of Education to offer this innovative master’s level teacher leadership program to our teachers,” said Tamara Durbin, Northeast BOCES executive director. “There is no limit to one’s growth as a teacher and the pairing of CU Boulder’s School of Education with our area teachers will undoubtedly

benefit our teachers and students in northeast Colorado. Available grant funding makes this Master’s level teacher leadership program accessible and affordable for our teachers.”

The program features a series of “stackable” certificates in seven content areas. Three certificate tracks will be ready via an easy-access, quick-enroll process on Aug. 3: “The Teacher and Social and Emotional Learning,” “Teaching Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Learners” and “Compassion and Dignity for Educator Leadership.” By the end of August 2020, one other certificate will be added entitled “Leading for Change in Science Assessment Practice.”

By fall 2021, the program plans to expand to a full offering and suite of seven certificates, including “Designing for Learning: Inquiry-Based Pedagogy for K-12 Educators,” “Reaching ALL Learners: Best Practices for Differentiation” and “Classroom Teachers as Leaders.”

The initial courses for each of the certificates are online and self-paced followed by a summer capstone course that teachers attend virtually with a cohort of peers. Three completed certificates equal a master’s degree in teacher leadership, a dynamic model designed to lower barriers and improve access for busy educators. Students can choose to focus on certificates alone or complete courses toward the master’s degree, which is pending approval from Colorado Department of Higher Education.

“This innovative program reflects our commitment as a school to teachers in rural Colorado and promises to provide them with knowledge and skills that will allow them to take on leadership roles from their classrooms,” said Kathy Schultz, dean of the CU Boulder School of Education.

For more information, visit [Colorado.edu/education/teacherleadership](https://colorado.edu/education/teacherleadership).

# Phillips County still awaiting word on Protect our Neighbors certification

BY BRENDA JOHNSON BRANDT  
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

Phillips County continues to wait for word on its application for Protect our Neighbors certification, Commissioner Terry Hofmeister reported Monday, Aug. 3.

The County submitted its application in early July, but when Gov. Jared Polis issued a statewide mask order July 16, the State put a two-week pause on issuing any new variances to counties.

If a county is certified for Protect our Neighbors, it may then choose to become exempt from the statewide mask order.

Several executive orders from Gov. Jared Polis and public health orders from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment surrounding COVID-19 directives were issued in late July.

Subjects of the orders include limitation of hours for

serving alcohol and further reporting requirements for skilled nursing facilities, as well as continuation of orders on elective surgeries, marriage licenses, petition gathering, access to federal funds for child care services and taxpayer filing requirements.

Polis amended Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors to note that on-premise alcohol consumption is not allowed between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., effective July 23.

The state health department amended a previous order on July 30. It requires that all skilled nursing facilities, assisted living residences and intermediate care facilities have COVID-19 prevention and response plans in place to contain the spread of any disease and to further require the regular reporting by these facilities of their resources and resource needs to respond to this pandemic.

Polis extended his order al-

lowing voluntary or elective surgeries and procedures to proceed under certain conditions in Colorado. It is extended an additional 30 days from July 23.

Another 30-day extension will continue to enable Colo-

The temporary suspension of certain regulatory statutes concerning petition gathering for unaffiliated and Independent candidates for office due to the presence of COVID-19 has been extended.

An additional amendment and extension has been noted by Polis, directing the Colorado Department of Human Services to access remaining available Child Care and Development funds allocated by the CARES Act. This will continue to support child care services during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure stability and consistency for child care providers and protect the vital role they play for children and families.

Polis also extended the expiration date for an additional 30 days from July 27 to continue the temporary suspension of calendar year 2020 statutory deadlines concerning taxpayer filing requirements for certain taxable property.

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radans to obtain marriage licenses while observing social distancing guidelines and minimizing the risk of spreading COVID-19. It will expire 30 days from July 26 unless extended further by executive order.



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## Catch-it-sheep successful for 3 junior 4-H members

Catch-it-sheep competition was new to the arena this year at the Phillips County Fair. 4-H adviser Jessie Stewart, pictured at right, prepares to visit with the winners who are pictured from left, Ainsley Kramer, Jaelynn Miner and Addison Mason. The girls will start corresponding with their sponsors and will get their animals next spring or by sometime in June. They will feed and care for their animals and then show them at the 2021 fair. In next year’s

fair, all catch-it-contest winners will be judged on their showmanship, monthly letterwriting to sponsors and interview about their project. Catch-it-goat as well as rabbit and chicken bingo competitions were not held at the fair this year as all applicants could be awarded animals. Catch-it-goat awards went to Wyatt Mason and Holley Ely, while Elizabeth Horsley was named a rabbit bingo winner.

## Nominations sought for hemp committee

The Colorado Department of Agriculture is seeking member nominations for its Hemp Advisory Committee. The HAC advises the department and confers on all matters regarding the regulation of hemp.

Committee members assist the commissioner of agriculture and program staff in promulgating rules to carry out the Hemp Act, Title 35, Article 61, and provide advice and consultation to the commissioner and program staff by reviewing rules and recommending new rules or changes to existing rules.

Members also offer advice and consultation on the establishment of an inspection program to determine THC concentration in compliance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Interim Final

Rule and approved Colorado State Hemp Plan.

HAC members meet quarterly and serve two- to three-year terms. Members may be nominated to serve two successive terms. The committee is comprised of 10 members, and there are a number of current openings.

Specifically, nominations are sought for the following positions:

- One member with experience in hemp regulation, to serve until July 31, 2021.
- One member who is a farmer from a cooperative, to serve until July 31, 2022.
- One member who is a commercial farmer, to serve until July 31, 2022.
- One member with experience in seed development and genetics, to serve until July 31, 2022.
- One representative from

a research institution of higher education, to serve until July 31, 2022.

— One representative from the cannabinoid industry, to serve until July 31, 2021.

CDA welcomes nominations from those interested in serving from third party hemp associations. People from diverse constituencies and communities of color are encouraged to apply.


Applications are due Monday, Aug. 31. The nomination form is available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K9eqR4BRRJul6ctmHpVOP3VczrfxmKN/view>.

Please contact [industrialhemp@state.co.us](mailto:industrialhemp@state.co.us) with questions. Learn more about CDA’s industrial hemp program at [www.colorado.gov/agplants/industrial-hemp](http://www.colorado.gov/agplants/industrial-hemp).

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We would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to the Phillips County Fair board, Phillips County CSU Extension, County employees, county commissioners, livestock sale committee, 4-H leaders and volunteers, and so many others we may have missed!! You did an awesome job putting on the fair, despite the regulations and weather! We have such an awesome community we live in!! Thank you again for your dedication and hard work!

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NEWS from NEIGHBORS

**Man flown out after plane goes down south of Imperial**  
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN, July 30 — Plane crashes in both Chase and Perkins counties, Nebraska, happening about the same time Saturday morning, called emergency personnel to the two scenes.

In Chase County, a private plane went down in a cornfield near the intersection of 333 Avenue and 730 Road, a few miles southwest of Enders Lake.

In Perkins County, the pilot of a crop plane died after his aircraft went down in a cornfield 7 miles south and a half mile east of Grant, or about 3 miles north of the Chase/Perkins county line.

A release issued by Chase County Sheriff Kevin Mueller's office said an emergency 911 call regarding a possible airplane crash in rural Chase County was received about 11:49 a.m. Saturday.

The plane, a VANS RV-6 fixed wing single-engine aircraft, with two male passengers, had reportedly gone down in a cornfield shortly after takeoff. It landed not far from the grass airstrip on the property.

Brothers Steve and Tim Leibbrandt were in the plane, according to reports from the scene. Both were transported to Chase County Community Hospital. Steve Leibbrandt, the pilot, was treated for minor injuries and released later Saturday from Chase County Hospital. Passenger Tim Leibbrandt sustained more serious, non-life-threatening injuries. He was eventually transported to another medical facility in Colorado.

Sheriff Mueller said the cause of the accident remains undetermined.

A 31-year-old Tennessee man perished Saturday when the aerial spray plane he was piloting went down in a cornfield south of Grant. Perkins County Sheriff Jim Brueggeman identified the victim as Alex Tuttle of College Grove, Tennessee.

Brueggeman said Tuttle was a contract pilot flying for Aurora Cooperative when the accident occurred. The plane was owned by Aurora Co-op.

The call came in at 12:05 p.m. Brueggeman said another pilot spraying nearby lost sight of the plane and efforts to contact Tuttle were unsuccessful. After finishing the load, the pilot flew over the field and spotted the downed plane. Brueggeman said they believe the plane went down somewhere between 11:40 and 11:50 a.m.

Perkins County Coroner Rick Roberts pronounced Tuttle dead at the scene. An autopsy was ordered since it was an unattended death.

Investigators with the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Bureau were on the scene Sunday, according to the sheriff.

**Flash flooding occurs as torrential rains recorded**

WRAY GAZETTE, July 29 — A summer season featuring blazing heat and worsening drought conditions was interrupted at least temporarily last Thursday evening by torrential rainfall, microburst winds and some small hail in a small slice of eastern Colorado and portions of Nebraska and Kansas.

An area from roughly 6 miles west of Wray to just east of Benkelman, Nebraska, and south to nearly St. Francis, Kansas, received a deluge of rainfall totaling between 6-10 inches, causing localized flash flooding that continued all day Friday throughout much of the area.

Crews from the City of Wray were among those up all night monitoring the increasingly dire situation along the Republican River as raging runoff, captured by the City's extensive flood

control system, in place since the mid-1950s, began to filter into the increasingly flood-ravaged Republican.

Due to concern over the possible devastation of the ongoing flooding to the three bridges along Highway 34 that are under construction, the decision was made to detour westbound traffic at Highway 385, where it would travel south to 7th Street, then west to near County Road FF where it would rejoin Highway 34.

**Expanded facility is ready**

YUMA PIONEER, July 30 — The first phase of the Ag Innovation Event Center is completed in time for the 2020 Yuma County Fair & Rodeos, which will be at the Yuma Count Fairgrounds beginning this weekend.

Unfortunately, not much of the general public is going to be able to see it utilized this year. It will be used; however, the new pens for hogs, sheep and goats will be limited as only sale animals and/or those in the round robin are being allowed to stay at the fairgrounds this year. The same goes for the beef entries.

"I think the flow is going to be a lot better," said Dave Blach, one of several Yuma County residents who has spearheaded the vision and fundraising for the Ag Innovation Event Center at the fairgrounds.

The first phase involved expanding the beef barn/show ring building 100 feet to the east.

It includes more than 200 pens for hogs, sheep and goats at the east end, and the show ring was moved to the center of the expanded open-sided structure. The home for the beef entries is west of the centralized show ring.

The expanded structure also includes new restrooms at the northeast corner and new wash racks.

The pens for the smaller animals eliminates the need for the pen buildings located to the south. That location caused access issues when hogs or sheep, with their owners, were lined up to enter the show ring. Now they can go right down the alleyways to the show ring.

The buildings also include several big fans hanging from the rafters that will improve airflow and cool the building.

Blach said windscreen/sun-screens were being installed earlier this week, and electricians were finishing up final details.

The first phase — the expansion and the restrooms, cost more than \$500,000. Local fundraising events generated well above \$100,000. There was a \$350,000 grant from Great Colorado Outdoors. DeKalb provided a grant. Smaller grants from Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad and the Department of Local Affairs went toward the pens and a feasibility study for the rest of the planned Ag Innovation Event Center.

Several locals also stepped up to donate to the purchase of the pens, which cost about another \$100,000. Blach said those sponsors will be recognized on signs put up at the facility, adding the hope was the signs would be done in time for the fair.

This is just the first part of a much bigger facility that the Ag Innovation Event Center group envisions at the fairgrounds. The second phase, the major project, calls for a center that will be a regional hub for agricultural research and many other ag-related activities.

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**Corona** means crown. When you look at coronavirus under a microscope, part of it looks like a crown.

## Fast Traveler

The coronavirus is very **contagious**. That means it can spread from person to person very easily. It travels through the air when people sneeze or cough. It also spreads when people touch something the virus has been on, like other peoples' hands or door handles.

## What If I Get Coronavirus?

Coronavirus often causes a fever, tiredness, a cough or difficulty breathing. Most people, especially kids, only feel a little sick and get better quickly. It feels a lot like a cold or the flu.

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## How to Stop the Coronavirus

**Wash your hands.** When you wash your hands with soap and water you kill viruses like the coronavirus.

**Keep your hands away from your mouth, eyes, nose and face.** This is important just in case your hands touched a virus somewhere like a door handle or countertop.

**To keep others safe, sneeze or cough into a tissue or your elbow.** Wearing a mask helps as well.

## Keep the Community Healthy

Some things you like to do have probably been cancelled. When people stay apart, the virus can't move from person to person. As people return to their activities, it is recommended to stay at least six feet apart from other people because the virus rarely travels that far before sinking to the ground.

## I'm Worried

It is normal to worry about getting sick or about your loved ones getting sick. A way to help yourself is to talk to others about your feelings and to ask for help. If you read about or hear something that worries you, don't keep your feelings to yourself.

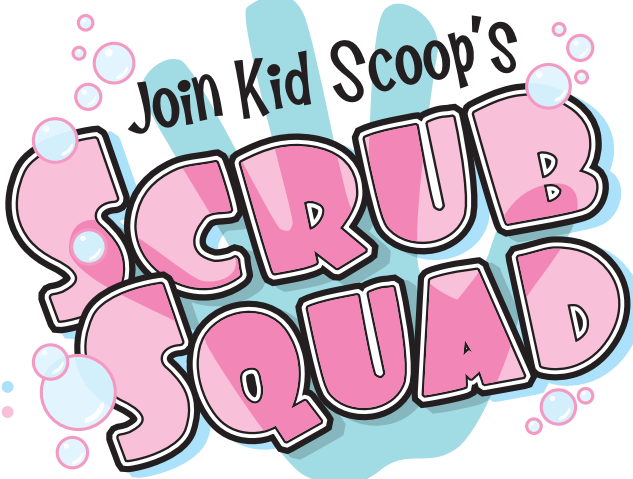
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It was pretty miserable. You sneezed, coughed and had no energy. But there's an easy way to avoid all that: Just join Kid Scoop's SCRUB SQUAD.

Doctors around the world agree that one of the best ways to avoid getting sick and spreading germs is to wash your hands.

**HOW TO JOIN:** You join automatically every time you wash your hands!

**Standards Links:** Health: Know basic personal hygiene habits required to maintain health.



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## Hand Sanitizer vs. Soap & Water

Using hand sanitizer shouldn't be a \_\_\_\_\_ for washing your hands with soap and \_\_\_\_\_. While sanitizer does kill \_\_\_\_\_, it doesn't do a very good job of getting rid of \_\_\_\_\_ dirt. Think of hand sanitizer as just a little "touch-up" \_\_\_\_\_ hand washings with good ol' soap and water.

Fill in the missing words.

WATER   GERMS   BETWEEN  
REPLACEMENT   VISIBLE

## THE SCRUB SQUAD 5 STEP PLAN

- 1 RUB:** Rub your hands together under warm running water. Make sure to get wet up to your wrists.
- 2 GET SOAPY:** Use a generous amount of soap. Liquid soap, powdered soap or bar soap are all great.
- 3 SCRUB:** Scrub the palms, back of your hands, wrists, under your nails and between your fingers for at least 20 seconds.
- 4 RINSE:** Rinse your hands to get rid of the soap (and dirt and germs).
- 5 DRY:** Air dry your hands or use a clean towel, either cloth towel or a paper towel.

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