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Pursuit, shooting under investigation

On Monday, Dec. 28, at approximately 10:44 p.m., officers of the Holyoke Police Department attempted to stop a vehicle driven by a suspect who had an outstanding felony warrant at the intersection of South Sherman Avenue and Phillips County Road 20.

According to an HPD press release, the

vehicle immediately fled from officers at a high rate of speed on County Road 20. Officers initiated a pursuit of the vehicle with the assistance of a Phillips County Sheriff's Office deputy.

The vehicle began traveling through open fields and ended up getting stuck in a snow-filled creek bed between County Road 37 and

County Road 35, south of County Road 22.

The press release said that as officers approached the vehicle, several shots were fired. Officers rendered immediate aid to the suspect, but the subject was pronounced deceased on scene. No law enforcement officers were injured during the incident.

HPD said the subject's name will not be released until notification of next of kin. This is an ongoing investigation by the 13th Judicial District Attorney's Office as well as the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. Details of the incident will be released at the completion of a thorough investigation.



A firsthand (foot) approach to Holyoke

BY DARCI RODRIGUEZ | THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

How well do you know Holyoke? Maybe you know the downtown businesses that spread out from the stoplight.

Maybe you know the street where you grew up and the places where your friends live.

Maybe you have well-worn routes to and from schools, parks and churches.

But do you know the nooks and crannies of Holyoke? Do you know the far edges of the city limits? The neighborhoods across town? The undisturbed streets tucked away in the corners?

Earlier this month, Sarah Lake learned more about Holyoke, bit by bit, step by step, as she ran down the streets of town.

Every. Single. Street. "I enjoyed seeing there was more to Holyoke than I had experienced," said Lake.

She and husband Jared Sullivan live in the Denver area but were in Holyoke for three weeks to visit family for Christmas.

Lake was inspired by a friend named Rickey Gates. After this ultra runner finished a run across

America, he took on the challenge of running down every single street in his adopted hometown of San Francisco, California.

Now, people across the globe are following in his footsteps and running down the streets of their own cities, using the hashtags #eversinglestreet and #ESS.

On Gates' website, he said that when he passed through a city on his cross-country run, it was like look-

In all, Lake logged just over 30 miles in her trek down each street in the city limits of Holyoke.

ing at a single page of a book. This time, he wanted full immersion.

"To walk across a place is to observe and participate in a vast, intricate and complex web of infrastructure. It is to experience the history of that place in a very real and personal way. It is to have a better understanding of what that place is. Where that place is. Who that place is. Why that place is. To walk across

a place is to truly know a place," said Gates.

Lake said he also mentioned that the Every Single Street movement is a good way to resist quarantine. It gets people outside during a pandemic and gives them a purpose.

"It forces you to slow down a bit," said Lake, and she's not just referring to the days when she ran on the ice-covered streets of Holyoke!

The 35-year-old ran pretty much every day she was in Holyoke this month, and some days were certainly warmer than others. "I regretted doing this in December!" Lake said with a laugh.

She used a map from the phone book to plan her route each day, setting out from her house to run about 2-3 miles at a time with some walking sprinkled in here and there.

Her strategy varied day by day. Sometimes she aimed to mark off a chunk of town, then she would pick an end point to shoot for, and other times she calculated the most efficient loop to hit places in Holyoke she hadn't made it to yet.

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Hindsight is 2020

Top stories of the year recapped

It's undeniable that 2020 was an exceptional year with the effects of COVID-19 spreading far and wide. The Enterprise takes a week-by-week look at Holyoke's top headlines of 2020.



Jan. 2, 2020
Officials investigate mysterious drones.

Gustavo Almanza Pena of Windsor taken into custody after high-speed chase in Holyoke.

CHS Grainland grain merchandiser Steve Young steps down after 29 years.

Semi-pro football team 76ers being formed in north-east Colorado.

Jan. 9, 2020
Community paramedic Lisa Werts begins service.

New Year's Eve celebrated at Because fundraiser.

MMH physical therapy department sees significant growth.

Emergency responders participate in Machinery Rescue

and Streetsmarts Rescue training.
Bench outside Phillips County Court House honors longtime county clerk/recorder Mary Louise Evans.

Jan. 16, 2020
Survey outlines county's need for additional housing. FBLA runs H.E.R.O. Program at Regent Park and Carriage House.

Heginbotham Trust contributes \$50,000 for library maintenance.
Alex Salas taken into custody after attempted robbery of Family Dollar.

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Local public health order extended through Jan. 23

BY ANDREW NYGAARD | THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

Phillips County will stay at Safer at Home Level Orange on the state's COVID dial with a local public health order in effect.

The Nov. 23 public health order was originally set to expire at 11:59 p.m. Dec. 23 but has been extended through Jan. 23, 2021.

Chairman of the Board of Phillips County Commissioners Terry Hofmeister said the ultimate goal is to continue to reduce the COVID-19 numbers and open up the county.

"I feel very good that we could get the public health order extended," he said, adding that it's important for people to be cautious and to continue to implement the recommended precautions such as masking and social distancing. "We can't afford to lose all this that we worked so hard for."

Hofmeister said the COVID-19 metrics will be reassessed Jan. 23.

History's pandemics can teach lessons today

BY ANDREW NYGAARD
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

As long as humans have lived among one another in communities, disease has been a part of the human condition. Cities became connected by roads as citizens traded with one another and made war against each other, all of which contributed to the spread of disease.

With the COVID-19 pandemic currently coloring nearly all aspects of society, it can some-

times be hard to remember a time that people did not talk about the disease.

Of course, COVID-19 is not the first pandemic humans have experienced and will not likely be the last. The bubonic plague that struck Europe and Asia in the 14th century and the 1918 influenza pandemic are just two of many examples of contagious illnesses shaping history and causing social changes as people tried to prevent the devastation from happening again.

Black Death disrupts Europe
The menacing bubonic plague pandemic that ravaged Europe and Asia in the middle of the 14th century came to be known as the Black Death. Five years after its arrival in Europe, almost one-third of the continent's population was killed by the plague, more than 20 million people in all.

England and France lost so many to the Black Death that the

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Pandemics have occurred throughout history and spread as people lived in communities and connected with others through commerce, war and travel.

AROUND TOWN

New category added to community awards

Holyoke Chamber of Commerce is now taking nominations for its community excellence awards. A new category in 2021 is New Business of the Year. Other categories are Business of the Year, Employee of the Year, Youth of the Year, Outstanding Citizen of the Year and Outstanding Citizen of the Years. Nominations should be submitted by Friday, Jan. 15, with a signed short explanation. Mail nominations to Holyoke Chamber, P.O. Box 134, Holyoke, CO 80734, or email to director@holyokeychamber.org. Winners will be recognized Monday, Feb. 1, either online or in person.

Register for ESL, GED classes

Phillips County Family Education Services' registration for new students in spring ESL and GED classes is Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 5-6, from 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. at Phillips County Event Center. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 11. The after-school homework program begins Tuesday, Jan. 5. For more info, call 970-854-2595.

Sign up for community support pages

The Holyoke Enterprise is coordinating its community support signature pages for

2021. These include sponsored pages in the newspaper for things like post-season sports, holidays, graduation and more. Businesses can commit to all of the pages in 2021 or can choose specific pages to be a part of. For more information and to sign up, contact Brenda Brandt at 970-854-2811 or brenda@jppipapers.com by Thursday, Jan. 7.

Enterprise closed for holiday

The Holyoke Enterprise will be closed Friday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day. The staff is excited to continue covering the community's news in the new year.

WEATHER

Dec. 22-28

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Dec. 22	63	22	Trace
Dec. 23	33	13	Trace
Dec. 24	50	25	—
Dec. 25	60	18	—
Dec. 26	64	22	—
Dec. 27	49	13	0.04
Dec. 28	33	19	0.23

Holyoke recorded 0.6 inch of snow Dec. 27 and 2.7 inches Dec. 28.

MARKETS

Dec. 29, 2020

Wheat	\$5.17 (bu.)
New Crop	\$5.21 (bu.)
Corn	\$4.50 (bu.)
New Crop	\$3.98 (bu.)
Millet	\$24.00 (cwt.)
Milo	\$4.49 (bu.)

OBITUARY

Eric Kipp

Eric Allen Kipp was born May 1, 1971, in Wray to Frank Allen and Mary (Riggs) Kipp. He died Dec. 14, 2020, in Chappell, Nebraska, with longtime girlfriend Lori by his side.

Eric was a lifelong resident of the Pleasant Valley Community in northwest Yuma County. He graduated from Yuma High School in 1989 and furthered his education with two years at NJC in Sterling.

Eric grew up farming and hunting on his parents' farm and developed a love of hunting and raising sheep. He started his sheep flock as an FFA project in high school and continued to expand it for the remainder of his life.

Eric never lost his love for the hunt and enjoyed both bow and rifle season while spending time searching for his deer, elk or pheasant, depending on the time of year. He spent many days and hours hunting with friends and family.

One of his favorite things to do was to cook up meat from one of his hunting adventures, but he would not tell you what it was until you tried it. Rarely did you see him dressed in anything other than his camo hunting clothes or his work clothes.

Eric worked as a chemical applicator for his adult life, most recently working for Aurora Cooperative. Eric was dedicated to his job and

spent the long hours needed to do the job well. He was a well-respected and highly requested spray applicator in the area.

He was an active member of the Colorado Young Farmers and even served on several officer teams, including a stint as the Colorado Young Farmers president. He was a member of Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church and served on the council in many different positions and was faithful to put up the cross on Old Baldy for every Easter sunrise service.

Eric was a great neighbor, friend and community member and was always ready to help anyone that needed and wanted help.

He is survived by his mother, Mary and Tom Balding; sister, Renee and Mike Taylor; niece, Kelsey and Robert McCall and their son Allen; nephew, Kolton Hansen; his sweetheart of 22 years, Lori Turner, and Seth Turner, Trissa and Matt Webb, and Mathew Webb; and many family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Allen Kipp; and his grandparents, Leon and Dorothy Riggs and Frank and Ella Kipp.

The memorial service was held Dec. 18 at Yuma United Methodist Church, followed by interment at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Services were livestreamed on Baucke Funeral Home and Monuments' Facebook page.

Baucke Funeral Home directed the service.



BIRTHS REPORTED IN 2020

James and Caitlyn (Kramer) Barton, Holyoke, a daughter, Maeva Teresa Barton, Jan. 1. Jared and Nicole (Brackhan) Moore, Longmont, a son, Theron Bradley Moore, Jan. 2. Ben and Kurstin (Mays) Sherman, a daughter, Layla Jean Sherman, Feb. 10. Nicholas and Kaytelyn Rowan, Holyoke, a daughter, Kingsley Catherine Dawn Rowan, March 3. Aaron and Amanda Peintner, a daughter, Ava Amari Peintner, April 2. Matt and Kelly Farrell, a son, Jeremiah Matthew Farrell, May 14. Brandon and Brittany Wade, Arvada, a daughter, Brooklyn Samantha Wade, May 17.

Andrew and Kourtney Wailes, Arvada, a son, Lane Michael Wailes, May 25. Steven and Rachel Ortner, Clinton, Utah, a son, Jack Andrew Ortner, June 14. Austin and Jennifer Halligan, Holyoke, a son, Xander Tosh Halligan, July 25. John and Natalie (Kramer) Oborny, Hays, Kansas, a son, Ian Jacob Oborny, Aug. 12. Trae and Brittany McCallum, Holyoke, a son, Grayson Wayne McCallum, Oct. 12. Landon and Chasity (Pelle) Shaffer, Holyoke, a daughter, Sawyer Jean Shaffer, Oct. 29.

DEATHS REPORTED IN 2020

Harold Harmon, Nov. 28, 2019. John Angeli, Fort Collins, Dec. 18, 2019. Harry Blecha, Wray, Dec. 26, 2019. Darryl Clubb, Jan. 7. Jim Blake, Holyoke, Jan. 8. Murlena Beard, Imperial, Nebraska, Jan. 21. Doyle Skinner, Holyoke, Feb. 2. Barbara Duddie, Haxtun, Feb. 2. Eunice Krueger, Holyoke, Feb. 5. Geno Smith, Imperial, Nebraska, Feb. 5. Alta Kumm, Holyoke, Feb. 6. Joe Paloucek Jr., Denver, Feb. 11. Donna Rafert, Amherst, Feb. 19. Orville Covert, St. George, Utah, Feb. 23. Lynette Johnson, Imperial, Nebraska, Feb. 25. Ida Murray, Dodge City, Kansas, March 2. Bob Smith, Sterling, March 4. Beverly Sharpe, Haxtun, March 5. Lu Radtke, Holyoke, March 6. Richard Radtke, Kansas City, Missouri, March 10. Barbara Kurtzer, Fleming, March 15. Josh Schroetlin, Woodland Park, March 17. Bob Hansen, Wray, March 26. Bill Smith, Paoli, April 4. Carole Blomme, Amherst, April 11. Gwen Field, April 12. JoAnn Deremo, Dove Creek, April 12. Larry Killin, Holyoke, April 13. Bud Brewer, Holyoke, April 26. Wayne Austin, Longmont, May 6. Naomi Jenkins-Heermann, Holyoke, May 9. Christine Heermann, Evergreen, May 12. Sue Schroetlin, Yuma, May 17. Carol Koontz, Holyoke, May 21. Jane Krueger, Longmont, May 28. Joan Starns, Haxtun, May 29. Wilbur Salyards, Julesburg, May 31. Chuck Steward, Longmont, June 20. Rich Bahler, Holyoke, June 30. Merl Davidson, Holyoke, July 2.

Kathryn Debus, Haxtun, July 4. Sandra Bowers, Windsor, July 8. John Brandt, Ogallala, Nebraska, July 14. Roger Milner, July 17. Arlen Debus, Haxtun, July 19. Rae Belle Sicka, Arvada, July 20. Rex Hadeen, Haxtun, July 27. Glen Michael, Holyoke, July 30. Dean Wilkins, Holyoke, Aug. 8. Ron Hart, Aug. 17. Bob Thompson, Holyoke, Aug. 18. Esther Poe, Holyoke, Aug. 30. Howard Einspahr, Holyoke, Sept. 2. Lucia Dominguez, Holyoke, Sept. 4. Mary Allen, Holyoke, Sept. 8. Katee Barreras, Greeley, Sept. 15. Adam Powell, Holyoke, Sept. 21. Janice Beck, Holyoke, Sept. 22. LD Walker, Ogallala, Nebraska, Sept. 22. Bill Spohn, Sept. 23. Wayne Rasmussen, Wray, Oct. 5. Marlon Prottzman, Imperial, Nebraska, Oct. 9. Detta Bjorklun, Holyoke, Oct. 10. Marcia Cogburn, Holyoke, Oct. 16. Ron Korf, Yuma, Oct. 19. Mary Harmon, Imperial, Nebraska, Oct. 21. Jerry Mussman, Montrose, Oct. 21. Helen Knight, Holyoke, Nov. 7. Clark Ginapp, Holyoke, Nov. 9. Adam Wirges, Brush, Nov. 9. Wilma Halbert, Holyoke, Nov. 12. Gordon Leben, Holyoke, Nov. 16. Eva Nygaard, Owatonna, Minnesota, Nov. 20. Sonny Ruff, Holyoke, Nov. 22. Darrell Hiatt, Holyoke, Nov. 28. Lonnie Carlstrom, Hastings, Nebraska, Nov. 28. Juan Bazan, Venango, Nebraska, Dec. 6. Eric Kipp, Dec. 14. Dick Fryrear, Haxtun, Dec. 17. Berdine Koberstein, Holyoke, Dec. 18. Vincent Razo, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, Dec. 19.

POLICE REPORT

Holyoke Police Department recently performed the following activities:

DEC. 21
Investigated an animal complaint at Holyoke Lions Club Fishin' Hole. Completed a VIN inspection at Golden Plains Motel.

DEC. 22
Investigated a motor vehicle crash at Holyoke Marketplace.

DEC. 23
Responded to a fight on S. Sherman Ave.

DEC. 24
Investigated two traffic complaints on S. Sherman Ave. Assisted Holyoke Volunteer Fire Department on W. Denver St. Investigated a disturbance on E. Carnahan St. A warning was issued.

DEC. 26
Stopped a vehicle at Inter-ocean Ave. and Bignel St. Stopped a vehicle at Kellogg St. and Inter-ocean Ave. A warning was issued. Stopped a vehicle at Denver St. and Reynolds Ave. Completed an attempt to locate on E. Kellogg St.

DEC. 27
Investigated a suspicious incident/vehicle on W. Furry St. Stopped a vehicle at Denver St. and Reynolds Ave. A warning was issued. Stopped a vehicle at Baxter Ave. and Furry St. Stopped a vehicle at Inter-ocean Ave. and Kellogg St. Stopped a vehicle at Morlan Ave. and Furry St. A warning was issued.

In addition, HPD assisted three citizens, completed two follow-ups, took information twice and responded to one medical emergency.

HVFD REPORT

On Dec. 24 at 6:05 a.m., Holyoke Volunteer Fire Department was called to assist with a downed power line on the west side of town.

FROM THE RECORD

QUITCLAIM DEEDS
Bar R Enterprises LLC to Laurie L. Baucke; Bar R Enterprises LLC to Curt A. Lebsack.

WARRANTY DEED
Bryce Bivins to Trey Bivins.

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Dinner & A Movie
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Sunday, Jan. 3, 4 p.m. Spanish Subtitle, 7 p.m. English

Concession Specials: Soft Pretzel and Cheese \$2;
Cookies and Cream or Peaches and Cream
Smoothie \$2.25 Small, \$3.25 Large

Coming Next Week: Half Brothers

Community Excellence Nomination
Holyoke Chamber of Commerce will be recognizing excellence Feb. 1 online or in person — yet to be determined. Nominations are being requested from the community for the following.
(Please, attach a short explanation for each nomination to aid in the selection process, and ensure all nomination explanations are signed.)

New Business of the Year _____
Business of the Year _____
Employee of the Year _____
Youth of the Year _____
Outstanding Citizen of the Year _____
Outstanding Citizen of the Years _____

Return to Holyoke Chamber, P.O. Box 134, Holyoke, CO 80734
director@holyokechamber.org
Deadline—Friday, Jan. 15

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

DEC. 21
Responded to a fire on County Road 2 between County Road 21 and County Road 23.

DEC. 23
Investigated two crimes against persons on S. Inter-ocean Ave. Completed two civil standbys on County Road 23. Assisted another agency on S. Sherman Ave. Responded to a fight on Highway 6 by Seaboard Foods.

DEC. 24
Stopped a vehicle at Inter-ocean Ave. and Emerson St.

DEC. 25
Investigated a suspicious incident/vehicle at Highway 6 and County Road 43.

DEC. 26
Assisted another agency on E. Kellogg St.

DEC. 27
Stopped a vehicle at Highway 6 and County Road 13.

In addition, Phillips County Sheriff's Office took information twice and served civil papers five times.

Phillips County Department of Human Services will be kicking off their Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) on Nov. 1 through April 30.

LEAP is a federally funded program that helps eligible hard-working Colorado families, seniors and individuals pay a portion of their winter home heating costs. Our goal is to help bring warmth, comfort and safety to your home and family by assisting with heating costs. For more information or to see if you qualify for LEAP, please call 970-854-2280 or stop by our office, 127 E. Denver St., Holyoke, CO, between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Applications are available Nov. 1.

El Departamento de Servicios Humanos del Condado de Phillips comenzará su Programa de Asistencia Energética para Bajos Ingresos (LEAP) del 1 de Noviembre al 30 de Abril.

LEAP es un programa financiado por el gobierno federal que ayuda a las familias, personas de la tercera edad e individuos elegibles de Colorado que trabajan arduamente a pagar una parte de los costos de calefacción de su casa en invierno. Nuestro objetivo es ayudar a brindar calidez, comodidad y seguridad a su hogar y familia al ayudar con los costos de calefacción. Para obtener más información o para ver si califica para LEAP, llame al 970-854-2280 o pase por nuestra oficina; 127 E. Denver St., Holyoke, CO, entre las 8 a.m. y las 4:30 p.m. Las solicitudes están disponibles el 1 de Noviembre.

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Happy Holidays from the Northeast Colorado Health Department!

While we are enjoying some of the best and most comforting sugary treats during the holidays, we would like to remind you of the importance of oral health care during this holiday season.

Although everything is fine in moderation, it helps to eat sweets and other sugary foods with meals or shortly after mealtime. Saliva production increases during meals and helps cancel out acids produced by bacteria in your mouth and helps rinse away food particles.

Be picky if it's sticky. Some candies are more problematic than others. Hard candies can put your teeth at risk because in addition to being full of sugar, they've also been known to cause broken or chipped teeth.

For more tips on oral health care or to find a dental provider specific to your needs, please call the Northeast Colorado Health Department at 877-795-0646.

Northeast Colorado Health Department



THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE | JOHNSON PUBLICATIONS

Powerful winds howl 'Timber!'

High, cold winds whistled through Holyoke Wednesday, Dec. 23, blowing a tree down on the north side of Denver Street near Worley Avenue. The falling tree damaged the chain-link fence that

separates the trailer park from the highway. The tree and debris have since been removed, repairs have been made, and a fence is back up at the location.

STREETS: Lake takes on Every Single Street challenge

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miles in her trek down each street in the city limits of Holyoke.

"You don't have to be a runner to do it," she said, encouraging others that they can jog small portions, walk or even ride a bike.

Lake came to appreciate the outgoing people who passed by, the way people dutifully shoveled their sidewalks after it snowed, the lack of litter on the ground and the (mostly) friendly pets she met along the way.

She liked how she could still see sunsets from inside city limits, and the wide variety of yard signs — both welcoming and nonwelcoming — were a source of entertainment.

Lake explored neighborhoods she didn't know existed, found some lovely homes tucked away by the golf course, discovered new

apartment buildings and came to realize just what it is and isn't in the city limits.

She witnessed many outdoor family gatherings, kids playing with new Christmas gifts and even a man using his car mirror to trim his eyebrows.

"It was really great to see the different cultures," said Lake, noting that for years to come she will vividly remember the half-American, half-Mexican flags sewn together, a picture of what it's like to meld two cultures together in one community.

Along the way, Lake documented her experiences with pictures on her Instagram page. Now that she's marked Holyoke off her list, she is intrigued to see what it would be like to do the Every Single Street project in Denver — or a small part of it, anyway.

Every person is going to have a different reason for

running down every single street in their town, but here are some reasons why Gates is recommending it to others:

1. It's a sneaky way to train. You become so focused on this weird project that you don't ever really realize you're training.

2. It's a great way to get to know your home. Even if you think you know it, you will always discover new things.

3. This project creates a pathway toward empathy. Knowing how other people live is a firsthand (foot) approach toward popping the bubbles we live in and appreciating our differences for what they are.

4. It exercises your brain as well as your body.

5. It's right out your front door. And your back door.

For more information on how you can be part of the Every Single Street movement, visit everysinglestreet.com.

County sees 52 new cases

Phillips County recorded 52 more positive COVID-19 cases for a 23.4% increase this week, compared to 5.2% the previous week and 3.9% the week before that. Northeast Colorado showed a 4.5% increase in positive COVID-19 cases since last week's report.

Colorado has recorded a 5% increase in positive COVID-19 cases in the past week, compared to 6.8% the previous week and 10% the week before that. As of Monday, Dec. 28, a total of 67,047 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Colorado.

The Northeast Colorado Health Department reported Morgan County with 75 deaths, Logan County 53, Washington County 10, Yuma County 10, Phillips County seven and Sedgwick County two.

Positive COVID-19 cases were reported Monday, Dec. 28, as follows:

— Northeast Colorado: 6,631 cases (increase of 287 in the last week), including Morgan County, 2,111; Logan County, 3,227; Yuma County, 543; Washington County, 349; Phillips County, 274; and Sedgwick County, 127.

— Colorado: 326,668 cases in 64 counties, according to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Among people in Colorado who tested positive for COVID-19, 4,631 have died, and 3,717 have listed COVID-19 as the reason of death on a death certificate.

— United States: 19,055,869 cases for a 7.1% increase this week and 332,246 total deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

— The world: 79,931,215 cases for a 5.1% increase this week and 1,765,265 deaths for a 4.2% increase this week, according to the World Health Organization.

HISTORY: Bubonic plague, influenza turn deadly

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countries called a temporary halt in their war with each other.

According to a history.com article, the Black Death reached Europe in 1347, when 12 ships from the Black Sea docked in Sicily.

Many of the sailors on the ship were already dead, and those who were still alive were covered in the boils that were telltale signs of the plague.

The Black Death was notoriously contagious. It was spread person to person through the air as well as from bites from infected rats and fleas, both of which were plentiful in Europe at the time. Rats and fleas were also frequent uninvited passengers on ships, allowing the plague to spread more easily.

Medieval doctors tried to combat the plague by employing techniques such as lancing boils and bloodletting, but these were not effective. At this time, doctors also wore plague masks, which had a large beak-like structure in the front part of it.

Many people at this time believed the miasma theory, which claimed that bad-smelling air was caused by disease that polluted the air. The long beak part of the mask could be filled with herbs and other items that produced pleasant smells in an attempt to protect the doctor from the foul air. Additionally, these long beaks also created physical distance between doctor and patient.

The labor shortage that the bubonic plague caused helped to lay the foundation for the removal of the serf system used in Europe at the time.

Workers were able to ask for better pay and working conditions, and sanitation in the cities improved.

The plague reappeared every few generations for many centuries, and there are still cases around the world each year, though these can typically be easily treated with antibiotics and standard preventative measures, according to the World Health Organization.

Influenza and world war take 1918 by storm

Sometimes called a forgotten pandemic since it coincided with the end of World War I, the influenza pandemic of 1918 killed 20 million to 50 million people worldwide. It is thought to have infected an estimated 500 million people, which was about one-third of the world population at the time.

It is often called the "Spanish flu," which is a misnomer. While it did not originate in Spain, the country was one of the first to cover the disease in its news media.

In response to the pandemic, schools and businesses were closed and people asked to wear masks to slow the spread of the disease. Some communities ordered quarantines. People were advised to stop shaking hands, and regulations were passed banning spitting.

Those who were ill experienced typical flu symptoms such as fever, fatigue and chills. The first wave in the spring of 1918 resulted in generally mild symptoms and a low number of reported deaths.

The second wave appeared in the fall of that same year, and people began dying within days or even hours of

developing symptoms, greatly increasing the death count.

The 1918 flu was unusual in that it killed many people who were young and otherwise healthy, many of whom were between 20-40 years old. This meant that children sometimes lost both parents to the disease.

Troops in World War I who were traveling the world in ships and trains helped spread the disease, and about 45,000 U.S. soldiers died of the flu by the end of 1918. An estimated total of 675,000 Americans died of influenza in 1918, which would be equivalent to over two million deaths in today's population.

The deadly pandemic finally came to an end by the summer of 1919, and researchers feel that this was due to the fact that those who had been infected had either died or developed immunity.

After the 1918 flu pandemic, many governments and scientists across the world studied the conditions that promote illness for insight into ways to prevent it rather than just reacting to a disease's symptoms.

Governments began to look into housing situations and pass laws regarding overcrowding, and many saw these laws as a direct attempt to counteract the spreading of the disease that occurs when many people are in close quarters.

Humans have come through plagues and pandemics before, and their similarities to and differences from the current pandemic can be instructive on how to overcome these sad chapters and build an even stronger and better future.

All Are Welcome
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 Thursday, Dec. 31, 5 p.m., St. Peter the Apostle, Fleming
 Thursday, Dec. 31, 7 p.m., Christ the King, Haxtun
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No matter what's happening to you and around you, he says, 'Come'

I'd been one of those days recently — the kind you wish you could stay in bed longer and not face the realities of life, kids, dishes, bills, work, responsibilities and more. The saying "when Mama ain't happy, nobody's happy" was my theme song.

SAMANTHA'S SALT



Samantha Krieger

I was irritable, moody, exhausted and needed quiet. Between getting BLTs on the table, breaking up fights, one unhappy child, meeting deadlines and ensuring the kids were doing their online schooling assignments, I yelled and screamed at my kids from yet another heated argument they got into over someone breathing on them.

I needed to press the restart button to the day, and it wasn't even 10 a.m. The dog and cat even looked at me like I was slightly crazy. The load was so heavy that day, I couldn't carry it. I'd been handed more than I could chew.

Perhaps, you've been there before or are presently bogged down in your overwhelming circumstances — maybe not with raising young children but with caring for a loved one, waiting for a new job, watching a friend suffer, strained relationships, dealing with a difficult spouse, feeling unstable in today's world and more.

I don't know about you, but unstable circumstances sure reveal my brokenness and need for Jesus. My sinful nature that creeps in so ugly sometimes reminds me of my humanity. I can't do life alone. I can't make it without Jesus or others by my side.

I realize my utmost need for Christ is what Christmas is all about. Christmas shouts to you and me, "Come." To those who are needy,

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and that's all of us no matter how good we look on the outside or the raw emotions hiding behind a smile. God sent his son Jesus into the world knowing exactly our poor condition. He knew you and I were broken and needed rescuing, a complete regeneration of our hearts. He knew the world was dark. Yet, he came anyway. He came for the unfaithfulness, insecurity, bitterness, fear, doubt and more that invade our hearts more than we like to admit.

He came right into the mess of our lives to reveal the mystery of his great love. He came into the darkness as the light — as your light today. Trust him when he says, "Come." He will be everything you need in life's struggles. He will be all you need when your heart is hurting.

*"O come, all you unfaithful
Come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone
O come, barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying, come
See what your God has done
Christ is born for you
O come, bitter and broken
Come with fears unspoken
Come, taste of His perfect love"*
—Sovereign Grace Music

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LETTER to the EDITOR POLICY

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LETTER to the EDITOR

Hats off to The Holyoke Enterprise

I received the electronic version of the Enterprise (something I decided to subscribe to this last year) just before Christmas. The "2020 Christmas Edition" provided yet another wonderful edition of the paper. The Christmas stories by the kids, the poems, even the artfully constructed ads by the businesses in Holyoke were all very special and brought back many memories of the Christmases I celebrated growing up in Holyoke. What a joy it was to read from front to back.

I consider myself fortunate to have been raised in a small town that has wide streets, clean neighborhoods, wonderful neighbors, hard-working farmers, dedicated business owners, excellent front line workers, superb schools and much more.

Ironically, I have also had the opportunity to manage a newspaper about the same size as the Enterprise when I was assigned for a little over two years as the public affairs officer for an Air Force base in Texas. I soon learned that publishing a weekly paper was not easy.

I fully understand the challenges faced by the publisher, editor and staff of a newspaper. Week after week, decisions must be made as to what should and should not be printed, how some things should be edited, how to artfully lay out the paper so that the paper is enjoyable to read and much more. Having lived in a dozen states during two aviation careers, I can say, without any reservation, that the Enterprise is the

best small town newspaper I have ever seen.

Of course, I am a tad biased, since the staff has printed nearly everything I have sent to the paper — some serious articles and some tongue-in-cheek writings. I am very thankful for that, and I hope to offer some other articles in the years to come.

Hats off to the hard-working staff of the paper for their weekly efforts in producing a quality paper. Amid the challenges of the new year, including the pandemic we are in, I am sure that the Enterprise will continue to be excellent in every aspect.

Bob Russell
Aledo, Texas



SOURCE: PHILLIPS COUNTY MUSEUM

The home of John Gansemer is pictured in 1918, along with John's brother Alfred Gansemer's family and car. The house was located 3 miles south and 1 mile west of Paoli.

PEEKIN' into the PAST

Five Years Ago Dec. 31, 2015

In December, PC Telcom was the first in Colorado to be recognized as a certified gig-capable provider for delivering gigabit broadband speeds and enabling technological innovation in the Holyoke and Amherst communities. The certification came from the National Telephone Cooperative Association — The Rural Broadband Association — the premier association representing nearly 900 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America.

For the 400,000 people who were expected to find drones under their Christmas trees this season, a new rule is now in effect. Beginning Dec. 21, anyone who owns a small unmanned aircraft of a certain weight must register with the Federal Aviation Administration Unmanned Aircraft System registry before they fly outdoors.

Hoverboards, or "self-balancing electric scooters," are making their debut in Holyoke.

Ten Years Ago Dec. 30, 2010

A crew with Doug Sessions Construction of Wray began the demolition of the Baldwin building, located on West Denver Street on Dec. 21. The building was constructed in 1929 and first housed Garland Auto Company.

An Eastern Plains Internet Crimes Against Children program was recently started in the area.

The Federation of American Consumers and Travelers, under its Visions to Ventures Community Grants Program, has awarded \$1,100 to Phillips County Family Education Services for their pilot after-school homework program to provide students in grades 1-12 a productive, safe and comfortable place to work on their homework, study and read.

HHS senior Briar Bergner started Bri's Tie Dye in July with the goal of raising enough money to attend World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain, in August 2011. She's stayed busy designing over 1,000 shirts in the last six months, surpassing her goal of 600.

Twenty-Five Years Ago Jan. 4, 1996

What began as a hobby has turned into a thriving new business for Jim and Betty McBee of Paoli. They own the Paoli Glass Station, a stained glass and pottery shop. The new business is located on Highway 6 in Paoli.

A successful rodeo team is retiring from barrel racing on a high note. Judy Lamb of Holyoke and her horse Thumper qualified this season for the Mountain States Circuit Finals for the fourth — and final — time. They won't be competing at the finals though, as Lamb has decided that Thumper is done with barrel racing for now.

Upon the end-of-year retirement of State Farm agent Bud Colver, Mike Neill opened a local insurance office for the

company on Jan. 2, located in the west half of the former Jack & JoAnne's building at 201 E. Denver St.

Fifty Years Ago Dec. 31, 1970

Surface soil moisture is becoming very short in Phillips County due to the lack of precipitation which during the month of December has amounted to only 0.18 of an inch. Temperatures during the past week ranged from a nighttime low of 1 degree below zero to a daytime high of 56.

1971 is the year the Uniform Monday Holidays law takes effect, changing dates that Washington's birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day fall from their traditional day to specific Mondays, thereby providing, with Labor Day, at least five three-day weekends for workers in 45 states. The law itself applies only to the District of Columbia and federal employees. Almost immediate acceptance of the idea by various state governments led to rapid enactment by every state except Louisiana, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Seventy-Five Years Ago Jan. 3, 1946

A preliminary hearing to secure depositions for a case in district court having been held last month in which Arthur Claymon seeks to renew his license to sell liquor in Holyoke at his Star Liquor Store, which renewal was refused by the town board, the court will hear the case on Jan. 9.

The management of the Paoli State Bank decided to discontinue that institution and therefore arranged for a new home for that bank's deposits. The Community Bank, Haxtun, accepted the deposits without obligation and purchased the bank fixtures.

The recent plane trip by President Truman to Missouri to be with his mother and other relatives on Christmas was considered too risky by many editors. One said the act was "foolhardy," and others censored the trip as indicating the president did not realize his value to his country. We have not heard that President Truman enjoys breaking precedents as was said of his predecessor. In this case his lack of regard for his personal safety may be breaking some kind of a record. We do wish the president would take reasonable precautions for his own safety, and also, lest inadvertently for the first time a secretary of state be precipitated into the office.

It is comforting to learn of the success of the recent Big Three discussions in Moscow, and especially that the atomic bomb question has been agreeably settled as a United Nations Organization matter. Taking the atomic bomb from approved war use and placing it under the protection of approved scientists in the UNO seems to us a step in the right direction, and one which may be heralded in future years as an act which saved the world from utter destruction.

'Wonder Woman 1984' is wondrously disappointing

I was stoked for WW84 from the moment I saw the poster at my local movie theater. The colors, the costume and "Stranger Things" had previously made all things 1980s cool again. It was slated to come out right around my wife's birthday; what a treat! Then the pandemic hit.

Once Warner Bros decided to release it on HBO Max, I got excited again. Even though we wouldn't get the full theatrical experience, at least we'd get to see it when it came out. We made popcorn, turned out the lights and settled in to enjoy Gal Gadot's return to the role.

AND NOW OUR FEATURE PRESENTATION



Lincoln L. Hayes

Boy, were we disappointed.

First off, the film is two and a half hours. WAY too long. Why do they keep making these comic book movies so long? The beginning of the film dragged. And dragged.

And dragged. Then we got to the "modern day" 1980s. We meet Kristin Wiig's character Barbara Minerva. She's quirky, she's cute — I see where this is going. Then we meet Pedro Pascal's character Maxwell Lord. I've read some DC comics so I have an idea where this is going. But it just kept going. The pacing is awful; I would love to recut this movie into a tight 90 minutes. Gadot has nothing to do as Diana Prince and spends almost as much of the film in street clothes as she does her iconic costume. Chris Pine's Steve Trevor returns (no spoilers, it's in the trailer), and she spends most of the film being giddy that her boyfriend is back.

The writing isn't great. We spend more time with the "villains" of the film than we do Wonder Woman, which can work well if they are compelling, but being driven by greed and jealousy isn't interesting.

The final fight scene looks even worse than the climactic battle of the first, and that looked pretty cheap.

Wiig and Pascal are fantastic but too much of this movie is about them. Thanos was a monster, but his plan made sense in a super-messed-up dystopian way. The Joker wanted to disrupt society so he could rise to the top as the new leader of chaos. These two are just greedy.

We spend countless minutes on what should be emotional scenes with a swelling score to pull on viewers' heartstrings that fall completely flat and had me doing the "wrap it up" motion on my couch. Steve Trevor's return is clunky and confusing. The second act is a quagmire. Important character development is done in the third act and undercuts the emotionality of the scene.

The effects aren't great. A lot of the computer-generated imagery looks like a video game, which makes no sense considering how much money Warner Bros and DC spend on these movies. The final fight scene looks even worse than the climactic battle of the first, and that looked pretty cheap.

Wonder Woman spends A LOT of time crying about men while sitting on the floor. Who thought that was good writing? This strong, empowering woman is reduced to a heartbroken damsel. Why though? Why did they do this? The fights are few and far between.

Wonder Woman has three fight scenes and one feels like a rip off of "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade."

I try very hard to see the good and bad in movies and other reviewers are favorably comparing this to the Richard Donner Superman films. I guess I can see that, but I'm sure if I watched those now, I'd find them slow, boring and generally lackluster. When we've had 23 Marvel movies and only a handful of DC, the bar is set high by the Marvel Cinematic Universe. I had hoped

WW84 would break DC's streak of "meh" or even awful films (excluding "Birds of Prey," which I LOVED) and follow in the first film's footsteps, but instead they made yet another middling comic book movie with too much fluff and not enough substance. I felt nothing when the film was over, and I'm worried about the future of Wonder Woman on the big screen.

The film is streaming on HBO Max if you want to see it — and you should; support film, but please don't get your hopes up like I did.

Rating: 2 out of 5 Snack Packs

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2020: Legacy Event raises over \$185,000; 2A state basketball canceled mid-tournament; locals start sewing masks

FROM PAGE 1

As part of his campaign for U.S. Senate, John Hickenlooper visits MMH.

Jan. 23, 2020

MMH unveils new CT scanner.

Community warned about dangers of vaping.

Judge Kimbra Killin reminds public that jury duty is compulsory.

Rare quarters minted at West Point entice local coin collector Jerry Brandt.

Scott Jeppson joins MMH physical therapy department.

Holly Ferguson is the new director of the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce.

Phillips County Players stage "The Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery."

Jan. 30, 2020

Brady Ring appointed to school board.

Angela Minter speaks at A Caring Pregnancy Resource Center's annual banquet.

Feb. 6, 2020

Terry Hofmeister elected chair of Phillips County Board of County Commissioners.

Chamber of Commerce's Community Excellence Award winners are Creative Traditions, Business of the Year; Melinda Kent, Employee of the Year; Lauren Bergner, Youth of the Year; Kyle Stumpf, Citizen of the Year; Nancy Colglazier, Citizen of the Years; Peerless Theatre, Star of the Year; and Tiffany Watson, Outstanding Board Member.

Abusive patient sparks security discussions at MMH. Jenny Oberle-Molina and Kelcie Yockey open Jak & Liz boutique at 221 N. Interocean Ave. inside Olde Holyoke Square.

Richard T. Beitz Jr. joins Family Practice of Holyoke for one month.

Kristin Vieselmeyer and Emmanuel Vasquez crowned queen and king at HHS Snowball Dance.



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Swaths of empty seats at the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland during the Colorado 2A girls state quarterfinals March 12 were one of the early signs of preventative measures to come in Colorado. In an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, events are being postponed or canceled across the state, the nation and the world. As of March 15, the recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is that in-person events that consist of 50 people or more be canceled or postponed.



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The top live auction item, which sold for \$8,700, is a Fender electric guitar signed by all five of the Rolling Stones. Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation board member Tina Looka shows off the instrument to the Legacy Event crowd.

sumes ownership of Regent Park and Carriage House.

HHS boys basketball team finishes season at regionals.

March 19, 2020

COVID-19 hits Colorado in earnest.

Restaurants ordered to close for 30 days.

School break extended one week.

Hospital restricts visitors.

Front Range Clinic's new medication assisted treatment mobile unit stops in Holyoke.

FBLA members help prepare fifth graders for Rural AmeriTowne.

HHS girls basketball team makes it to final four of 2A basketball before tournament is canceled due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Slaten Burris and Ethan Johnson earn All-Conference basketball honors.

Emily Jelden, Lauren Herman and Kristin Vieselmeyer earn All-Conference basketball honors.

Luis Chafino named to All-State wrestling second team.

Legislative session interrupted by COVID-19.

March 26, 2020

Yuma County has north-east Colorado's first reported COVID-19 case.

Holyoke schools transition to online teaching due to coronavirus restrictions.

School provides free breakfast and lunch for pickup while schools remain closed.

Sgt. Mark Werts resigns from Holyoke Police Department.

Phillips County Sheriff's Office vehicles damaged in crash.

April 2, 2020

Trust Quietly group formed to make face masks amidst shortage.

Help Holyoke established to aid business owners and employees impacted by the coronavirus closures.

SEE 2020, P7

Feb. 13, 2020

Sixty-second shopping spree benefits local food pantries.

Tenth annual MMHF Legacy Event raises \$185,800.75.

Aly Brinkema named high school girls swimming coach of the year for the Tri-Valley Conference.

HHS knowledge bowl team wins regional contest.

Baby Bear Hugs hosts Q&A with MMH Family Dental for National Children's Dental Health Month.

Feb. 20, 2020

FCCLA serves breakfast for first responders.

Author Shirley Hethcote speaks at Friends of the Library annual luncheon.

National Honor Society inducts eight new members.

Bret Miles named executive director of Colorado Association of School Executives.

Lali Marquez, Traeli Hutches, Haley Van Overbeke and Rylee Schneller compete at the 3A state swim meet.

Feb. 27, 2020

Numerous agencies from Phillips County participate in disaster recovery workshop.

Luis Chafino is state runner-up in 2A wrestling.



Kay Schmidt models one of the Trust Quietly face masks. While they're not approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fabric masks are better than nothing if no other masks are available.

New community garden started by CSU Extension.

March 5, 2020

Local responders complete National Traffic Incident Management training program.

Jeff and Tricia Michael make 10th anniversary mission trip to Uganda.

Homegrown Talent Initiative hosts employment event



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Cowboy boots notwithstanding, Michael Brauer sprints down the aisle in a 60-second shopping spree at Holyoke Marketplace, moving on from meats to cheeses. The three participating shoppers filled their carts with groceries totaling over \$550 in one short minute.

for businesses, students and parents.

March 12, 2020

School holds open house to showcase programs made possible by the mill levy override.

Jessie Stewart is the

county's new CSU Extension 4-H agent.

District Attorney Brittany Lewton accused of soliciting opioids from staffer.

Tamara Durbin named Northeast BOCES executive director.

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Trevor Dalton earns doctorate

Trevor Dalton graduated from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus on Dec. 12 with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

He will be beginning his career at East Morgan County Hospital in Brush as a physical therapist.

Dalton is a 2014 graduate of Holyoke High School. He graduated Summa Cum



Dalton

Laude from the University of Northern Colorado in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science degree in sport and exercise science.

He is the son of Shawn and Marcia Dalton of Holyoke.

MEET & EAT MENU

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, meals will only be available for pickup or delivery.

The meal is available each day at noon in the large community room at SunSet View. Please make reservations and cancellations no later than 8 a.m. the day of the meal. If choosing a choice entree, please make the reservation one day before the meal. Call 970-854-2646 and leave a message for reservations or cancellations.

Menu may change due to availability of food items or conditions that cause the kitchen to close.

Friday, Jan. 1: New Year's Day.

Monday, Jan. 4: Sweet and sour pork, brown rice, California vegetables, whole-wheat roll, pear slices, nature cookie.

Tuesday, Jan. 5: Barbecue beef sandwich, potato salad, brown butter and dill Brussels sprouts, fruit cup.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: Beef and noodles, creamy coleslaw, parslid carrots, apricot halves, cinnamon crispies, roll.

Thursday, Jan. 7: Baked fish or hamburger steak, baked potato, country mix vegetables, bran muffin, cherry banana surprise.

Friday, Jan. 8: Brunswick stew, green beans with tomatoes, onion roll, winter fruit cup, raisin cookie.

Monday, Jan. 11: Spanish rice with ground beef, tossed salad with dressing, roll, peach slices, nature cookie.

Tuesday, Jan. 12: Swiss steak, boiled potatoes, Italian vegetables, bran muffin, sliced bananas.

Wednesday, Jan. 13: Chicken tetrazzini, marinated vegetable salad, onion roll, pear orange fruit cup.

Thursday, Jan. 14: Barbecue pork chops, scalloped potatoes, cabbage, caraway roll, fruit cup, nature cookie.

Friday, Jan. 15: Oven-fried liver or hamburger steak, parslid potatoes, stewed tomatoes, whole-wheat roll, strawberry applesauce.

Monday, Jan. 18: Chili with beans, cornbread, pineapple coleslaw, apricot halves.

Tuesday, Jan. 19: Hamburger on a bun, baked beans, country mix vegetables, mandarin oranges.

Wednesday, Jan. 20: Barbecue chicken, potato salad, stir-fry vegetables, bran muffin, tropical fruit cup.

Thursday, Jan. 21: Roast turkey, yam apple bake, country mix vegetables, whole-wheat roll, pineapple mandarin orange compote.

Friday, Jan. 22: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, winter mix vegetables, onion roll, fruit cup.

Monday, Jan. 25: Spring garden chicken, green beans, apple muffin, Oregon berry compote.

Tuesday, Jan. 26: Teriyaki beef, rice, oriental vegetables, whole-wheat roll, peach slices, cinnamon crispies.

Wednesday, Jan. 27: Ham potato omelet, bean medley, bran muffin, cherry banana surprise.

Thursday, Jan. 28: Beef stew, Carolina salad, cornbread, fruit cup.

Friday, Jan. 29: Chicken and spinach lasagna, green beans, tossed salad with dressing, French bread, fruit cocktail.

MMH specialty clinic announces 2 new docs

Two new providers are now available locally through the specialty clinic at Melissa Memorial Hospital.

Lawrence G. Davis, M.D., FACS, will be providing services in general surgery.

Davis earned his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine and completed his residency at San Joaquin General Hospital in California.

Davis said, "The patient's needs are my first priority in every decision about their health care. I like to be open and honest and build trust by providing the most accurate information possible about their condition and diagnosis."

When he's not in surgery, Davis enjoys spending time with his wife and four kids by biking, fishing, boating and playing sports.

Jeffrey A. Schopp, M.D., will be coming to MMH for orthopedics.

After playing college football at Millikin University in Illinois, Schopp attended Southern Illinois University



Davis



Schopp

in Springfield for his medical degree and orthopedic residency.

Schopp's specialty is total joint replacement, with interests in arthroscopic, sports medicine, fractures, work injuries, overuse syndromes, nerve entrapments and arthritis.

Schopp said, "I truly believe in helping people return to their daily activities, and there is no reason people should have to travel away from home when there is quality health-care available to them right here."

He moved from Illinois to Denver to be closer to family and to enjoy the outdoors. Schopp has a passion for personal fitness and understands the importance of whole body health.

For more information, call MMH at 970-854-2241.

Youth mental health first aid course to be held virtually

Centennial Mental Health Center will be hosting a cost-covered youth mental health first aid course virtually Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. via secured Zoom. Similar to first aid and CPR, mental health first aid teaches individuals how to help youth experiencing mental health challenges or crises.

This course is ideal for adults who interact with youth. Participants will be required to complete a two-hour self-paced module prior to the four-hour instructor-led portion. Each participant will receive instructions on how to access each portion of the training.

For more information or to register, please contact Maranda Miller at events@centennialmhc.org by Jan. 4, or call 970-520-5603.

Centennial Mental Health Center provides behavioral health services to individuals in Cheyenne, Elbert, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma counties.

Services include a variety of behavioral health service programs, outpatient therapy, community support programs, crisis intervention, emergency response, substance use disorder treatment, and child, adult and family counseling.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 31
Phillips County commissioners, 9 a.m., Phillips County Event Center.

Melissa Memorial Hospital. Holyoke City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Re-1J School Board, 7 p.m., HJHS Room 218.

TUESDAY, JAN. 5
School resumes.
East Phillips County Hospital Dist. board meeting, 7 p.m.,

To submit calendar entries, email editor@jppapers.com.

Better with Beef Happy Hour goes virtual on Thursdays

Colorado State University Extension, with the help of Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education, is providing a beef producer education series called Better with Beef Happy Hour via a virtual format on Thursday evenings from Jan. 7-Feb. 11. All sessions will start at 5:30 p.m.

Topics to be discussed include beef market outlook with Dr. Steve Koontz, heifer development with Dr. Rick Funston, calving to 90 days with Dr. Tim Holt, getting ready for breeding season with Dr. John Hall and herd health plans with Dr. Frank Garry.

Participants can register for free at <https://betterwithbeefhh.eventbrite.com>, and they will receive the information to join in from the comfort of their own homes via the Zoom platform. With the notification they will receive a quick beef recipe paired with a cocktail/wine/beer selection to enjoy with the presentation.

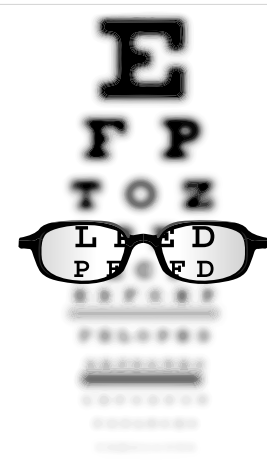
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2020: Churches go online; locals celebrate with cruises and parades; rare derecho causes damage; fair still a success

FROM PAGE 5

Coloradans ordered to stay at home to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. Commissioners declare local disaster emergency. Chamber offers meal delivery to support local restaurants. Churches turn to online services. Kristin Vieselmeyer, Emily Jelden and Lauren Herman on All-State basketball list. Ethan Johnson earns All-State basketball honorable mention.

April 9, 2020

Holyoke sees COVID-19 cases. Families adjust to having kids at home during remote schooling. Coloradans asked to wear face coverings when leaving the house. Shianne Willmon earns Daniels Scholarship. Food bank sees record number of people in drive-thru service. MMH turns to furloughs and reductions to reduce spending. Pastors share Easter messages from a safe distance. Jerry and Sue Cooper make regular mission trips to Mexico to help build homes. MMH receives Make4Covid face shields.

April 16, 2020

College students cope with a semester interrupted by the coronavirus. Citywide cleanup among things canceled in the wake of COVID-19. Social distancing can take a toll on mental health. Holyoke Fitness Club begins online Zoom classes while closed. Chamber food drive helps restock local food pantries.

April 23, 2020

Christie Winckler offers perspective of COVID-19 from New York. Schools to remain closed through the rest of the semester. Corey Koberstein and his family witness a rare birth of a white male bison on their farm. Phillips County activates long-term recovery team. Hospital district declares local disaster emergency.

April 30, 2020

William "JR" Myers hired as commander for HPD. Angela Powell named Holyoke JR/SR High principal. Colorado transitions to Safer at Home; businesses reopen with restrictions. MMH's new Londa Wernet Bradford Cancer Center brings treatments closer to home. Survey says 45% of Phillips County businesses highly impacted by COVID-19. Jon King opens Tree King. Chase Beckner sets up headquarters for Beckner Enterprises at 127 S. Inter-ocean Ave.

Northeast Colorado sees a huge jump in COVID-19 cases. Locals make generous donations to Methodist food pantry during pandemic.

May 7, 2020

Cathy Harshbarger is offered CEO position at MMH. MMH receives nearly \$4.6 million in federal funding to help cope with COVID-19 crisis. Holyoke receives \$25,000 from Colorado COVID Relief Fund. Two massive trees cut down at the courthouse square. Family Practice of Holyoke looks to telehealth during pandemic. Experience with home schooling and online schooling gives parents unique perspective amidst "crisis schooling."

May 14, 2020

Cruise night gives residents a chance to socialize from a safe social distance. Local businesses receive \$9,500,000 in Paycheck Protection Program loans. Michael Beard is hired as undersheriff. Kylie Purkeypile elected to FBLA state officer team. Lori Lundgren hired as director of Phillips County Department of Human Services. School's 1:1 Chromebooks help students and teachers transition to e-learning. Karen Ortner earns FCCLA district consultant award. Students and teachers see each other from a distance in drive-by teacher appreciation event.

May 21, 2020

Senior parade honors students whose graduation was postponed. MMH starts COVID-19 community testing site with 100 kits from the state. Businesses navigate mandates and safety protocols for reopening. Memorial Day program canceled, but service members are remembered nonetheless. Polly Skinner is back in Holyoke after being hit by vehicle. Enterprise wins 16 awards in the Colorado Press Association 2019 Better Newspaper Contest.

May 28, 2020

Only 10 participate in Holyoke's first drive-up COVID-19 testing event. Help Holyoke disburses \$68,100 in first round of giving. Phillips County receives waiver to reopen businesses ahead of the state timeline. Chamber does much more than some people realize. Ballyneal ranked top golf course in Colorado. E-learning builds relationships in ESL and special education. When food supply chains are disrupted, locals are thankful for homegrown food. United States nears 100,000 COVID-19 deaths.

June 4, 2020

Drive-thru parade replaces Dragon's Wagon Preschool graduation program.



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Perched in the passenger-side window, Reagan O'Keef makes sure teachers know they're appreciated and missed during this period of remote learning.

UTV racing debuts at Phillips County Raceway. 2020 is a big year for miller moths.

Protests sparked by the death of George Floyd delay debate at the state Capitol. Summer activities modified because of the pandemic.

June 11, 2020

Phillips County experiences 80-mph wind gusts in rare derecho weather event. Regional unemployment rate jumps to 4.56%. Seven individuals share their tips for learning a new language. Time spent in cyberspace is a reminder of the perks of meatspace. Rental house owned by Steve and Cherrie Brown is badly damaged in a fire.

June 18, 2020

Paul Brunner publishes his debut novel, "Wounded Birds." The Okee Dokee Brothers release "Songs for Singin'." After 27 years, Deb Williamson retires from Bank of the West. Central Plains Equipment is recognized by Case IH for achieving Pinnacle Excellence status in all six areas of its business. Ring theory can be a helpful tool when navigating a crisis.

June 25, 2020

HHS graduates 45 students in ceremony that was postponed and moved outdoors due to COVID-19. Wyatt Bishop is Holyoke Police Department's newest officer. New farmers market started.

July 2, 2020

Unidentified body found in an abandoned building in northeast Phillips County. Melissa Memorial Hospital decides to close dental and optical clinics permanently. Lightning strikes cause numerous fires and hit one home. Chamber of commerce purchases ice cream truck. Holyoke EMS receives new LIFEPAK monitor/defibrillators. Amber Marcum is the new branch manager at Bank of the West. Colorado law aims to increase childhood vaccination rates. New garden club is started.

July 9, 2020

Back-to-back pasture fires burn southeast of town.



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Keeping toilet paper, hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies on the shelves has been a challenge for retailers nationwide. Holyoke Marketplace is no exception, as people stock up on items they may need if they end up quarantined.



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Lola is now the proud mama of a white male bison, Leonidas. The rare birth took place April 18 on Corey Koberstein's farm.

Pat and Gale Wiebers are Phillips County Fair parade grand marshals.

Public hearing planned for a proposed dairy heifer grow lot 2 miles from the west edge of town.

Emerald Award winners are Lynn Schneider, Heart Award; Christy Shafer, Leader Among Us; and Nic Balog, Innovator of the Year.

Tammy Kelley opens Kelley Law Ltd. at 216 S. Inter-ocean Ave.

Phillips County receives second COVID waiver that allows outdoor gatherings of up to 250 people.

July 16, 2020

A total of \$93,592 was distributed to 19 businesses and their employees in the HELP Holyoke campaign. Landsport tornado touches down in Sedgwick County. Phillips County Arts Council fall concerts canceled due to COVID-19. Whitni Redman is on the front lines of COVID-19 testing at Texas Tech. Max Kleve places ninth in virtual FCCLA national leadership conference. Emily Jelden earns full-tuition scholarship in UNK Teachers Scholars Academy. Phillips County gun range reopened after improvements made using POST grant.

July 23, 2020

Amherst native Bob Leben photographs Comet NEO-WISOF.

Todd Waln taken into custody in relation to a shooting. Suicide ruled as cause of death for the previously unidentified man found in northeast Phillips County in mid-June. Coloradans ordered to wear masks in public indoor spaces.

Glen and Kyra Fricke open High Plains Diesel Repair at 280 Malden Ave. in Amherst.

Holyoke named outstanding chapter in virtual FBLA national conference.

July 30, 2020

Large crowd hears from Aurora Organic in a public hearing on a conditional use application for a proposed commercial feedlot southwest of Holyoke.



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After a few seconds of riding, a wild sheep tosses Montana Benson into the mud during the mutton bustin' portion of the ranch rodeo at the Phillips County Fair.



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Clarissa Ruiz is the first stop in the May 17 senior parade in which families and friends got creative in congratulating the Holyoke High School class of 2020.

In-person learning, as well as two online options targeted for Holyoke schools re-entry plan this fall.

Amid the pandemic and wild weather, the Phillips County Fair is still a success.

Commissioners from 10 eastern Colorado counties send letter to Gov. Jared Polis requesting local control in pandemic response.

Tristen Roll earns FFA State Star in Ag Placement honor.

Lauren Bergner, Janessa Lutze, Tristen Roll and Seth Watson earn their state FFA degrees as announced in the virtual state FFA conference.

Browning Home Services relocates to Holyoke, specializing in interior/exterior window cleaning for residential customers.

Aug. 6, 2020

Center of Innovation for Homegrown Talent Initiative planned in former high school library.

Dragon pride leads Angie Powell to Holyoke JR/SR High principal role.

Russell Haynes relocates Sandhills Accounting & Tax LLC offices to 216 S. Inter-ocean Ave.

Jody Fiscus announces she will close The Oak Tree Aug. 29, after 31 years.

New Phillips County benefit allows exempt employees to earn comp time.

Aug. 13, 2020

A century with women's right to vote: Remembering the 19th Amendment.

Phillips County abandons Protect Our Neighbors certification due to governor's amendment requiring enforcement of COVID guidelines.

City now in collaboration with child care initiative, taking ownership of the land for a proposed facility.

Angel Flight delivers masks for rural airports.

Scholl Oil & Transportation Co. sells communications department to Absolute Solutions.

Andrew Nygaard is new reporter for The Holyoke Enterprise.

CHSAA designates four seasons for 2020-21 sports. Holyoke fall sports include boys golf and girls softball. A participation moratorium is set for Oct. 16-Jan. 3. Football and volleyball are moved to Season C (March 1-May 1).

Buckley Bombers compete at World Series in Mobile, Alabama, for second year in a row.

Aug. 20, 2020

Gov. Polis extends mask-wearing mandate to Sept. 12.

Four new teachers in Holyoke School District include Amanda Brown, JR/SR high science; Jordan Gerke, elementary special education; Micah Mehl, JR/SR high social studies; and Megan Parker, first grade.

Local hunters and dogs participate in retriever test.

Local church leaders and others participate in active shooter training session.

Sharlene Gordon is student teaching in Melanie Wheeler's fourth grade classroom.

HHS senior Amy Mackay is a voice for Colorado students in virtual panel discussion during the pandemic.

Aug. 27, 2020

First-week student count drops slightly from a year ago as school year begins.

Physical therapist Ashley Sells joins MMH rehab department including physical therapists Daniel O'Keef and Scott Jeppson, and occupational therapist Amanda Wycarver.

Sept. 3, 2020

Nearly 100 walkers participate in annual MMH cancer walk Aug. 29.



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Two large trees, one on each side of the front of the Phillips County Court House, have been an iconic part of the courthouse square for decades. With recent concerns that the trees were leaning toward the courthouse and were too close to the foundation, the tough decision was made to cut them down. Crews from Tree King were on site May 5 to get the job done.



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Widespread straight-line winds Saturday evening, June 6, caused the collapse of this Jablonski Diversified building. The 1-year-old structure that displayed a large Channel seed logo stood west of Paoli on Highway 6.



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Card of Thanks

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2020: Mask mandate continues; livestock issues ruffle feathers; election held

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Emergency food program provides 28,523 meals to children age 1-18 from March 23-Aug. 16.

Zip Trip to manage Holyoke Ampride and Haxtun C-Store. PC Telcom receives certificate of appreciation for providing livestreaming capabilities to a local family that was unable to attend an out-of-state memorial service for their loved one.

Sept. 10, 2020

City council votes unanimously to reopen swimming pool. Dr. Craig McCarty is excited to continue practicing in rural health facilities at Family Practice of Holyoke.

Demolition begins on century-old Reimer-Smith elevators currently belonging to CHS Grainland.

Former art teacher Rhonda Smith encourages people to discover their inner creativity with her new business, "The Artist Within."

Sept. 17, 2020

Phillips County sees 10 new positive COVID cases for a 50% increase this past week.

Gov. Polis extends mask-wearing mandate another 30 days to Oct. 11.

CHS supports Holyoke Fire Protection District through \$3,000 grant.

Sept. 24, 2020

MMH among first to offer new wide-angle 3D mammography.

Center of Innovation in the former school library unveiled at JR/SR high.

Steve Bahnsen retires after 28 years as Paoli Co-op general manager.

Lebsack (Dirks) farm receives Centennial Farm designation.

Junior Mason Vernon wins playoff to earn All-Conference recognition in boys golf league meet.

High school football status changes, and Dragons will begin play the week of Oct. 9 instead of the previously announced March-April season.

Oct. 1, 2020

Colorado celebrates Frances Xavier Cabrini Day the first Monday of October, replacing Columbus Day, the second Monday in October.

Mayoral candidates introduced, including incumbent Orville Tonsing, Jes-c French and Roger Hogan.

Six candidates seek three seats on Holyoke City Council. Candidates are incumbents John Schneider and Kevin Scott; and challengers Cathy Edge, Jimmy French, Hannah Goodman and Ashley Sullivan.

Josie Schlachter crowned 2021 Phillips County Fair queen at Haxtun Corn Festival.

Ryan and Danyell Horton purchase Five Star Rentals & Equipment from Mike and Deb Woodhead and plan to relocate the business south of Haxtun.

Jared Young and Amanda Houghtelling own and operate Colorado Streamline Gutter Systems.

Oct. 8, 2020

Phillips County commissioners vote 2-1 to accept board of adjustment recommendation to approve a conditional use permit for WeldCo Farms to build its heifer feedlot.

Hospital district donates additional land to child care initiative.

Holyoke Enterprise claims four awards from National Newspaper Association.

David Applewood is introduced as Melissa Memorial Hospital's new chief financial officer.

Gloria Bornhoft Bergner is named Friend of 4-H at the annual Phillips County 4-H achievement program.

Oct. 15, 2020

Gov. Polis extends mask-wearing mandate another 30 days.

City council tables indefinitely a proposed ordinance that would prohibit the keeping of livestock within the city limits.

Haley Van Overbeke, Lauren Herman and Correy Koellner named to All-Conference softball list.

New Spanish service kicks off Oct. 17 at First Christian Church, launched by Pastor Marcos and Lupita Avina.

Holyoke Lions Club ships first box of pill bottles as part of Matthew 25: Ministries, an international humanitarian aid organization.

Oct. 22, 2020

CHS Grainland cooperative serves the community for a full century.

MMH staff members test positive for COVID-19.

COVID-19 touches Holyoke Alternative School. Because nonprofit helps community members in challenging times.

Ileana Rico ready to capture memories in her new business, Ileana's Photography.

Weston Finch claims hole-in-one honors on hole number 15 at Ballyneal Golf Club.

Oct. 29, 2020

Free meals for kids extended through June.



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2020: County records first COVID-19 death; winter sports are delayed; students attend class online; COVID-19 cases surge

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City approves five-year extension of 2.5% lodging tax on a 789-204 vote, according to unofficial results.

Gun Club planning fundraiser for Gary Fiscus, who was injured when he fell from a center pivot sprinkler on Aug. 26.

Commissioners approve two fairgrounds projects: floor improvement at Bank of Colorado Pavilion and lighting upgrade at the racetrack and grandstands.

School district authorizes technical energy audit and energy performance contract with Schneider Electric.

Glass recycling offered at Phillips County landfill.

MMH to increase transparency with new charge master tool.

HHS senior Haley Van Overbeke receives Class 3A All-State softball honorable mention.

Heidi Spitz reopens The Oak Tree as Heidi's Cakes, Decor and More.

Brittany Daniel and Brianna Brauer, along with their grandmother, Patricia Farnes, cite new plans for Olde Holyoke Square and tenant Inklings Bookstore as they announce change of ownership.

Paul Rowe recently brought his business, Rowe Remodeling, to Holyoke.

Brewed Awakening relocates to Pizza p.a.d. site, as Dale Berg moves toward purchasing the building.

Tiffany DiMartino joins MMH as HR director.

Nov. 12, 2020

Holyoke School District passes \$2.2 million bond election in a tight vote to provide matching funds for the \$2.5 million Building Excellent Schools Today grant.



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Melissa Memorial Hospital mammography tech Megan Garrett is excited to now have the 3D capabilities available from the Siemens Healthineers MAMMOMAT Revelation.

Joe Biden was called the winner of the U.S. presidential election when projected electoral college votes crossed the magic 270 mark Saturday, Nov. 7, four days past Election Day.

Artaic Group hired for school construction project.

Holyoke Swimming Pool's control system is set to be reviewed and modernized.

Phillips County records first COVID death.

Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation honors community with Philanthropic Award.

VFW Voice of Democracy local winners are Gianna Swan, first; Brock Miller, second; Correy Koellner and Lauren Herman, tie for third.

VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest local winners are Layna Wear, first; Mikayla Davidson, second; Fatima Nuñez, third; and Ben Kleve, fourth.

Daniel Brown providing local area services through Daniel & Sons Landscaping/Handyman Services.

Nov. 19, 2020

"Labor of Love" is theme of Holyoke Enterprise's Workforce Salute special section featuring area business personnel.

Community plans benefit for Bryan Kroeger, who has recently been diagnosed with ALS.

School moves to online learning for a week, followed by a full-week break for Thanksgiving.

County sees COVID surge, with more restrictions in place in moving to the orange zone: Safer at Home, High Risk.

Denim & Diamonds selected for MMHF's 2021 Legacy Event theme.

Dragons qualify for 1A state football playoffs. As the No. 8 seed, Holyoke will travel to No. 1 Limon on Nov. 21.

Holyoke Lions Club celebrates exercise challenge for World Diabetes Day.

Nov. 26, 2020

Holyoke JR/SR High English teacher Clark Ginapp dies suddenly from compli-



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On Sept. 4, Dave Smith of Kansas-based Smith Construction separates the metal and wood heaped in a pile at the demolition site of the century-old elevators located northwest of downtown Holyoke.

cations of lung cancer and pneumonia.

City council approves request for parks master plan proposal.

Dragons eliminated from football playoffs with 41-15 loss at Limon.

GPRC honors service to the Peerless in recognizing Sherry Simms, red carpet award; Bob Brandt, star player; Cherrie and Steve Brown, spirit award; and Zach Young, employee of the year.

Shawna Mason transitions to general manager role at Paoli Co-op.

Dec. 3, 2020

Phillips County commissioners issue a temporary moratorium on expansion, creation of new livestock facilities.

A new \$300,000 chiller for Melissa Memorial Hospital is approved by the East Phillips County Hospital District board of directors.

Tim Bartels enters retirement as he sells Holyoke General Store to Bryan and Char Herrera of Lamar, who will call the business Home Store at Holyoke. Brenda Daniel is named store manager.

Holyoke's 1995 state football championship celebrates 25th anniversary, remembering Gang Green and an undefeated season.

Dec. 10, 2020

City allots \$70,000 in COVID-19 relief funds to the Phillips County small-business relief fund.

Winter sports delayed again. Practice start date for basketball, girls swimming and wrestling is moved to Jan. 25 from Jan. 4.

Phillips County surpasses 200 COVID cases.

Max and Gina Wear offer mobile mechanic services at Max's Repair.

Pat and Danette Vasa reflect on a dozen years of tasty memories as they sell the Pizza p.a.d. building and fixtures.

Holyoke Golf Club land acquired 75 years ago.

Joe Beckner, Miles Sprague, Aidyn Shafer, Cade Killin and Wyatt Sprague earn North Central All-Conference football recognition, while Ethan Andersen receives honorable mention. Beckner is also named lineman of the year.

Dec. 17, 2020

Area vehicle, property thefts increasing.

Tom and Julie Andersen win Christmas lighting contest, with Jim and Brandy Sharp placing second, and Thom and Julie Elliott third.

Gym renovation timelines addressed by school officials,

with a targeted finish date of mid-March for the six-week project.

Dec. 24, 2020

City receives another round of COVID-19 relief.

Suspects in area vehicle thefts held.

Students face pandemic's mental health challenges head-on.

Local man charged with attempted murder in the second degree.

Season B sports schedule changes once again. Practices may begin Jan. 18, with competition to start on Jan. 25.

Joe Beckner and Miles Sprague named to All-State 1A football first team. Honorable mention recognition earned by Cade Killin, Aidyn Shafer and Wyatt Sprague.

Dec. 31, 2020

Holyoke Police Department pursuit, shooting are under investigation.

A public health order for Phillips County is extended a month.

Sarah Lake completes the Every Single Street challenge by running the streets in Holyoke.

In one week, Phillips County adds 52 new positive COVID-19 cases to its total.

Melissa Memorial Hospital adds two doctors in general surgery and orthopedics.

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