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MMH staff members test positive for COVID-19

BY DARCI RODRIGUEZ
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

Three employees at Melissa Memorial Hospital have tested positive for COVID-19, reported CEO Cathy Harshbarger on Monday afternoon, Oct. 19.

She said the first positive case was discovered last Thursday, Oct. 15. The next day, all staff members were tested, revealing two more positive cases.

This is the first time employees have tested positive since the pandemic hit Colorado in the spring.

As of Monday, four staff members were in quarantine because they were showing symptoms and were considered presumed positive, and four others were in quarantine because immediate family members had COVID-19.

Those 11 people make up about 10% of the MMH staff, but Harshbarger said the facility was being resourceful to make sure everything still ran smoothly.

She is thankful for the Families First Coronavirus Response Act that allows employees to still get paid while taking time off for reasons related to COVID-19.

"We use all the protective equipment we can," said Harshbarger; however, she said that with positive cases increasing in the region, MMH employees are just as likely to get a virus as everybody else.

MMH will continue to perform temperature checks on employees every day in addition to asking questions about symptoms. They were also sent reminders about social distancing.

"We've taken it very seriously," said Harshbarger.

She said the plan was to discontinue use of the main doors of the hospital, as was the case earlier in the pandemic. People must wear masks when in the building, and patients are asked to have only one visitor at a time.

Harshbarger said it's a partnership — MMH's priority is to protect people but the community must do its part as well.

The CEO has been monitoring the uptick of positive COVID-19 cases in the county so that MMH can be prepared with a plan if they need to treat more patients.

She noted that when she talked to health department officials, they indicated that they are no longer doing contact tracing and they have been backlogged in updating the number of positive cases.

Harshbarger encouraged community members who have COVID-19 symptoms to call their provider. MMH offers curbside testing, and those who are very ill can go to the emergency room. She noted that insurance should pay for the testing, and results from the rapid test are available in only 15 minutes.

In addition to COVID-19 cases, MMH recently reported the season's first case of influenza B.



SOURCE: HISTORY OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO, VOLUME II

Holyoke Cooperative Association is pictured as it was in 1959. In that same year, a propane plant and delivery equipment were purchased. The co-op, which is now CHS Grainland, hit the century mark earlier this year.

Cooperative serves community for century

BY ANDREW NYGAARD
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

This past May marked the 100-year anniversary of CHS Grainland. Though not always under that name, and through many other changes over the years, the cooperative has served farmers in the area for a over a century.

Evan Fust, who became general manager in 2018, said his goal is to manage in a way that ensures the co-op's longevity and success for the next 100 years and beyond.

He said it is a privilege and an honor to carry on the principles of the co-op's founding in adapting to members' changing needs.

When the cooperative first started, coal, wheat and millet were the main products handled.

Though there are currently no celebration plans for this anniversary due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it's clear that the co-op has always been important to Holyoke and the surrounding area.

According to "History of Phillips County, Colorado, Volume II," Holyoke Farmers' Cooperative Elevator Company was chartered May 25, 1920, with the purchase of the properties of the Holyoke Equity Mercantile Company. These properties included a crib elevator near the railroad tracks and a flour mill with its equipment.

When the cooperative first started, coal, wheat and millet were the main products handled.

Members of the cooperative often took their supply of fence posts, coal and fruit directly off the railcars that

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COVID-19 touches Holyoke Alternative School

BY ANDREW NYGAARD
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

A student or staff member in Holyoke Alternative School has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was last in the district Monday, Oct. 12.

Each case is reviewed by public health, and as part of the investigation:

— The person diagnosed with COVID-19 is being kept home from school until they are no longer infectious.

— The person's activities when they could have spread COVID-19 were assessed.

— The people who were close contacts of the person with COVID-19 have been instructed to stay home from school for a 14-day quarantine.

Close contacts are considered all classroom members who were within 6 feet of the person with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes.

Students considered close contacts have been notified that during the quarantine period, they will not be allowed on campus or to attend any school functions.

The students who need to quarantine and their families were contacted by phone and were also sent letters outlining the situation.

The Alternative School,

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Rodeo in town this weekend

BY BRENDA JOHNSON BRANDT
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

Close to 65 contestants will enter the rodeo arena at the Bank of Colorado Pavilion at the Phillips County Fairgrounds in Holyoke on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24 and 25.

It's the Southern Colorado Little Britches Rodeo Association coming to town with kids ages 5-18 competing.

Starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, the outdoor arena will be utilized, with the remainder of the rodeo moving inside around 9 a.m.

A second round of action will follow the first on Saturday and is anticipated to begin inside around 2-2:30 p.m.

All of Sunday's rodeo events will be inside the pavilion, beginning at 10 a.m.

Cowboy church will start the day off Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the pavilion. Trent and Lindy Sharon and their five boys from La Junta will be leading the service, and the whole community is invited to attend.

A total of 15-20 events are included in the rodeo competition, including such things as rough stock, roping, and speed events like barrels, poles and flags.

Rodeo coordinator Mindy Richards noted that the Southern Colorado Little Britches Rodeo Association is a franchise of the National Little Britches Rodeo Association.

Kids in the southern Colorado group compete in rodeos all over the state, and some also travel to other states including Texas, Missouri, Wyoming and more.

Registrants for this weekend's rodeo in Holyoke are coming from the western and southern parts of Colorado, as well as Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Richards said they're hoping to return to the Phillips County pavilion on a regular basis with the Little Britches events.

She added that they appreciate the solid sponsorship support from the Holyoke community. "The community has been fabulous," Richards added.

Dockins ready for a merry Christmouse

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of a series about local residents and their unique collections.

BY DARCI RODRIGUEZ | THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

But the same cannot be said of Penny Dockins' house, where the mice have been plenty busy stirring up their own Christmas charm.

From a tradition that started 40 years ago, Dockins has collected nearly 90 Christmas mice and is always looking to add more to her collection every year.

While many people have their own Christmas collections, the fact that this one is mice makes it "something different," said Dockins.

It all started around 1980 when the three girls in Dockins' household, including daughter Misty, got to pick out something special for the holiday. All three picked Christmas mice, and the collection has snowballed ever since.

Most of the mice are small figurines or ornaments, making them easy to get out of storage every year in anticipation for the Christmas season. Dockins unpacked them last week at her new home at SunSet View in Holyoke,

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Penny Dockins' collection of nearly 90 Christmas mice recently scurried out of storage and is ready for the upcoming holiday season.

AROUND TOWN

Halloween activities set for Oct. 30

With no school the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 30, Holyoke is giving kids some Halloween activities to keep them entertained.

The Peerless Theatre is sponsoring "Hocus Pocus" at 1 p.m. (The movie will also be sponsored Saturday, Oct. 31, at 2 p.m.)

From 2-5 p.m. Friday, Holyoke Chamber of Commerce is planning a Trick-or-Treat the Town event. Look for a list of participating businesses in next week's Enterprise.

While Melissa Memorial Hospital decided to cancel its Trunk or Treat event, the chamber is hoping to be able to proceed with its event.

Harvest party is Oct. 28 at First Baptist

First Baptist Church is hosting a harvest party for kids in grades K-6 and their parents next Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 6:30-8 p.m. The free evening will include hay rides, games, face painting, a hot dog meal and more. Attendees should wear masks and social distance.

Concert series to start in fall of 2021

Phillips County Arts Council recently announced it will not be starting a concert series until fall of 2021. The decision was made based on COVID-19 regulations and precautions.

Sign up for Nov. 22 gingerbread contest

Colorado State University Extension is hosting a Deck the House gingerbread decorating contest Sunday, Nov. 22, from 2-6 p.m. Teams of two (12 years and up) will be competing for two tickets to the Gaylord of the Rockies' Dec. 12 theatrical display.

Gingerbread villages will be provided along with white fondant, icing and limited candies. Contestants may bring edible decorations and 2-foot-by-2-foot backdrops. Twenty spots are available. Register by Monday, Nov. 9, by calling 970-854-3616. Location will be determined based on number of teams.

WEATHER

Oct. 13-19

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Oct. 13	71	31	—
Oct. 14	63	28	—
Oct. 15	53	23	—
Oct. 16	64	24	—
Oct. 17	72	29	Trace
Oct. 18	36	25	—
Oct. 19	58	25	—

Log on to www.weatherbug.com for up-to-date weather information.

MARKETS

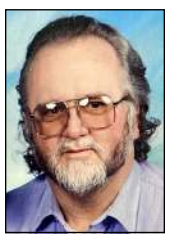
Oct. 20, 2020

Wheat	$5.03 (bu.)
New Crop	$5.18 (bu.)
Corn	$3.99 (bu.)
New Crop	$3.64 (bu.)
Millet	$22.00 (cwt.)
Milo	$4.36 (bu.)

OBITUARIES

Wayne Rasmussen

Wayne Elroy Rasmussen was born Oct. 8, 1941, to Orval and Ruby (Wasson) Rasmussen in Stratton. He died and entered eternal life at the age of 78 on Oct. 5, 2020, at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray.



Wayne grew up on the family farm south of Stratton, the oldest of three boys. He helped with chores, feeding calves, chickens and pigs. He attended school in Stratton, and when he was 15 the family moved to Holyoke. He attended Holyoke High School, lettering in basketball and track. He graduated with the class of '61.

In 1962, he entered the United States Navy and served four years on the USS Forrestal at Portsmouth, Virginia. In 1966 he transferred to Naval Reserve in Bainbridge, Maryland. Wayne was honorably discharged in 1968.

In 1965, he met and married Jan Myers, and to this union four children were born: Terri, Kathy, Wayne and Roxanna. They raised their family in the Wray area, later separating. Wayne worked for Safeway and the bowling alley, where he had a love of the sport. He bowled on many men's teams and even had trophies for some Colorado championships he won. In 1977, he began working for the Deschampses west of Wray as a farmhand.

In 1986, he met and married Virginia (Banaka) Holland in Holyoke and added her daughters, Shawn and Teresa, to his family. They moved to the farm west of Wray, and he continued working for Deschampses while raising all sorts of animals — sheep, pigs, horses, cattle and many different birds.

In 1994, he went to work for Monfort as a night watchman unloading cattle and continued through the ownership changes with ConAgra and then JBS. They sold their farm in 2000 and moved to town to slow down a bit, and in 2005 Wayne retired from JBS.

After retiring, he enjoyed fishing, garage sales and all the auctions. He also enjoyed watching all his grandkids in school programs and sporting events.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Rasmussen; his parents, Orval Rasmussen and Ruby Rasmussen-McCallum; daughter-in-law, Janet Rasmussen; and son-in-law, Brad Sharp.

He is survived by his children, Terri and Clifford Russell of Wray, Kathi and Eric "Whitey" Anderson of Vernon, Wayne and Kim Rasmussen of Cleveland, Oklahoma, Roxanna and Juan Chavez of Sterling, Shawn Holland and partner Robin of Centennial, and Teresa and Craig Kramer of Holyoke; son-in-law, Sid Lindley of Wray; brothers, Alvin and Ruth Rasmussen of Bagley, Minnesota, and Richard Rasmussen of Grass Valley, California; 19 grandchildren, Cody and Jessica, Rodney, Johnathon and Payten, Jose and Elaina, Ashley and Derek, Samantha and Christy, Amanda and Rhett, Tyleler and Kailee, Alexis, Janessa, Brendon, Paedon, Gage, Landon, Brittney, Chloe, Caitlyn and James, Kelsey and Joe, and Cavin and Olivia; and 18 great-grandchildren, Alexis, Junior, Bradley, Ariya, Octavia, Greyson, Bexley, Dante, Nova, Asher, Renesnae, Kynzlee, Kemptyn, Kailoni, Abby, Clyde, Owen and Maeve, and one on the way.

A memorial service was held Oct. 16 at Schmidt-Jones Funeral Home in Wray, with Pastor Timothy Davis officiating. Cremation was requested, and a private family inurnment was held at Grandview Cemetery in Wray.

Memorials may be made to Wray Vets Club, 119 E. 3rd St., Wray, CO 80758.

Schmidt-Jones Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

Marcia Cogburn

Marcia Karen (Ewald) Cogburn was born Feb. 25, 1947, in North Platte, Nebraska. She died and left this life on Oct. 16, 2020, at her home in Holyoke, with her husband Steve by her side.



Marcia began her life with her twin sister Martha in Dickens, Nebraska. Her father Henry Ewald and mother Hazel (Smith) Ewald moved them from Dickens to Stoneham when they were small.

Henry worked for Burlington Northern Railroad, so their lives were interesting, to say the least. She told stories of living in a boxcar in Stoneham for a time while her father worked the railroad.

Marcia and her sister Martha started grade school in New Raymer and never missed a Sunday at First Baptist Church in Sterling unless the weather prevented them from driving that far — then they would still go to services in Stoneham.

She told many stories of she and her sister catching lizards and turning them loose on people's porches (or in their houses) and riding bicycles down the cow trail to the pond or wandering down the bar ditch with their red wagon.

Marcia was diagnosed with polio when she was a baby but never let it hold her back. She started walking when they said she could not and continued to strive even when the curvature of her spine said she should not.

The memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Holyoke, with Pastor Rick Reitz officiating.

Baucke Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Marlon Prottsman

Marlon Jay Prottsman was born Sept. 20, 1954, in Grant, Nebraska, to Wayne and Eunice (Behrens) Prottsman. He died Oct. 9, 2020, at his home in Imperial, Nebraska. He was 66 years of age.

He grew up and attended school in the Venango, Nebraska, area, graduating from Venango High School in 1972. He continued his education at Mid-Plains Community College in their welding program.

Marlon was inducted into the U.S. Navy in August of 1973, serving in the Seabees. After his discharge in May of 1976, he returned to the family farm south of Venango, assisting his family in the farming operation. Marlon joined the Peace Corps which took him to Swaziland, Africa, where he served for three years. He then returned to Venango and bought the local bar, naming it the Swazi Bar, after his service in Africa, which he owned for 10 years.

Marlon gained employment with the U.S. Postal Service as mail carrier, serving Grant and Venango for over 10 years. He really loved his position, driving around the three counties he covered.

On Feb. 20, 2003, Marlon married Barbara Kay Jensen in Las Vegas, Nevada. The couple made their home in Venango until moving to Imperial in 2014.

Marlon was a man who loved to meet people and to hear their stories. He had the most infectious laugh and smile. He wanted to hear strangers' stories everywhere he went and made friends usually with a Heineken in his hand.

Marlon was the kind of guy that would tell you exactly what he felt, and if you listened to him he would tell you about his love for the freedom we have in America and how thankful he was for that. He would always listen to you and have a chuckle at the end.

He was the type to find joy in life and enjoyed little kids — if they smiled and laughed at him, it would make his day. He found commonality with the tribe he served in Swaziland during his Peace Corps years. He loved connecting with people and ideas.

Survivors include his wife, Barb of Imperial; stepsons, Jason and Kayla Jensen of North Platte, Nebraska, and Jonathan Jensen of Phoenix, Arizona; step-grandchildren, BlakeLee Jensen, age 8, of Phoenix and Rogan Jensen, age 1, of North Platte; sister, Linda and Dan Winchell of North Platte; brother, Ron and Mary Fran Prottsman of Panama City, Florida; niece, Tonya and Chris Warneke and family of York, Nebraska; and nephews, Jeremy Reiner of Silverthorne and Whit and Laura Prottsman of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Marlon was preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; brother, Rory Prottsman; and nephew, Wesley Prottsman.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be left at liewerfuneralhome.com.

Liewer Funeral Home in Imperial has been entrusted with the arrangements.

BIRTH

Grayson Wayne McCallum

Trae and Brittany McCallum of Holyoke are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Grayson Wayne McCallum, born Oct. 12, 2020, weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces and measuring 19 inches.

Big sister is Bristol McCallum, age 4.

Maternal grandparents are Kelly and Lona Custer of Parks, Nebraska. Maternal great-grandparents are Jean Kier of Benkelman, Nebraska, and Stan and Janet Custer of Columbus, Nebraska.

Paternal grandparents are Glen and Ranae McCallum of Holyoke. Paternal great-grandparents are Troy and Mary Jo Funk of Holyoke.

POLICE REPORT

Holyoke Police Department recently performed the following activities:

OCT. 12

Stopped a vehicle at Gordon St. and Worley Ave. A citation was issued.
Stopped a vehicle at Coleman Ave. and Gordon St. A warning was issued.
Investigated a suspicious incident/vehicle on S. Sherman Ave.
Stopped a vehicle at Denver St. and Lewis Ave. A warning was issued.
Stopped a vehicle at Denver St. and Belford Ave. A warning was issued.
Investigated a sexual assault on E. Johnson St.

OCT. 13

Conducted a civil standby on E. Gordon St.
Stopped a vehicle at Phillips County Event Center.
Investigated a suspicious incident/vehicle on E. Kellogg St.

OCT. 15

Investigated an animal complaint at Highway 6 and County Road 37 but were unable to locate it.

OCT. 16

Stopped a vehicle at Denver St. and Bowman Ave. A warning was issued.
Investigated an animal complaint on S. Coleman Ave.
Investigated a suspicious incident/vehicle on S. Phelan Ave.
Stopped a vehicle at Interocean Ave. and Carnahan St. A warning was issued.
Stopped a vehicle at Kwik Stop. A warning was issued.
Stopped a vehicle at Highway 385 and County Road 18. A citation was issued.
Stopped a vehicle at Sherman Ave. and Denver St. A warning was issued.

OCT. 17

Stopped a vehicle at Denver St. and County Road 41. A warning was issued.
Stopped a vehicle at Johnson St. and County Road 41. A warning was issued.
Stopped a vehicle at Denver St. and High School Ave.
Stopped a vehicle at Belford Ave. and Denver St. A warning was issued.
Stopped a vehicle at Denver St. and Interocean Ave.

OCT. 18

Investigated an animal complaint on W. Kellogg St.

In addition, HPD took information 12 times and assisted one citizen.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

OCT. 13

Investigated a suspicious incident/vehicle at Highway 6 and County Road 35.

OCT. 15

Stopped a vehicle at Highway 6 and County Road 29.
Stopped a vehicle at Seaboard Foods.

OCT. 16

Took custody of a prisoner on S. Interocean Ave.
Responded to a traffic complaint on Malden Ave. in Amherst.

OCT. 17

Responded to a motor vehicle crash on Highway 6 and County Road 29.

OCT. 18

Stopped a vehicle at Highway 6 and County Road 55.
Stopped a vehicle at Highway 385 and County Road 18.

In addition, Phillips County Sheriff's Office served civil papers four times, took information once and assisted one citizen.

FROM THE RECORD

QUITCLAIM DEED

Janet Davis Trust, Janet R. Davis trustee to Keith A. Davis, Rachelle R. Davis.

WARRANTY DEEDS

Fabian A. Basurto, Sara J. Basurto to Carl H. Failla; Le Plains Leasing Company to Eduardo Marroquin; Gerald A. Whipple II to Charles Ferguson, Lynne Ferguson; Janet L. Jubenville to House Dr. LLC; Prairie Ventures LLC to Nicholas Alan Bellendir, Kara Marie Bellendir, Dennis A. Berg.

PERSONAL REP. DEED

Patricia E. Rahe PR, Estate of Rodney Kent Rahe aka Rodkey K. Rahe aka Rodney Rahe to Mitchell Mull.

SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

Wyatt Thomas Bishop, Katlin Elizabeth Bishop to Margarita Olivares, Verenice Fuentes.

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Saturday, Oct. 24 ..... 7:00 English
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CO-OP: 100-year history sees many changes, growth for local farm economy

FROM PAGE 1

were shipped from western Colorado.

A petroleum plant with tires and automotive accessories was built in 1924. A brick service station was added in 1927, with a grease room and additional storage added later.

In 1928, a produce department opened in the ground floor of a building east of the service station. It was used as a market for eggs, cream, poultry and hides that were common on most farms at the time.

A feed mixing machine and hammer mill grinder were placed in the mill in 1931,

Under all of its names and through all the changes time has brought, the co-op has been a crucial part of the community.

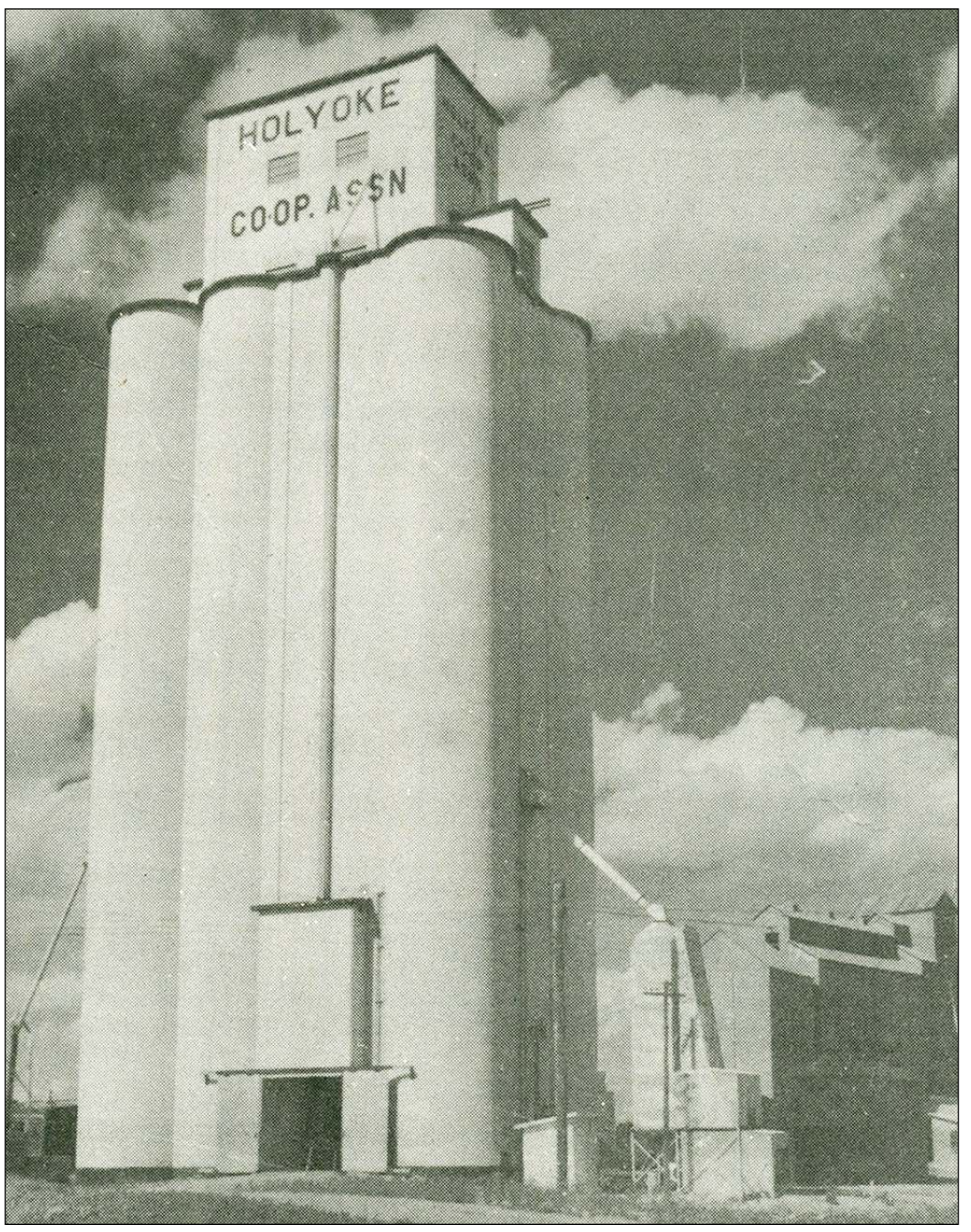
and in 1933, the cooperative became a member of Consumers Cooperative Association, which was a regional farm supply cooperative.

Extra storage capacity was added to the elevator with the coming of the Commodity Credit storage program. By 1945, total storage capacity was 170,000 bushels.

Harlan Stern, general manager of the co-op from 1978-2009, said storage capacity was about 2.2 million bushels when he started as general manager. Storage capacity increased to 4 million bushels by 1988, and it is just short of 8 million bushels today.

Stern said some of the biggest changes he saw in his time as general manager involved making necessary adaptations to better technology, which allowed the grain yield curve to increase over time.

The name of the cooperative was changed to Holyoke Cooperative Association



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The first concrete elevators for Holyoke Co-op were built 1947. This picture appeared in the Aug. 10, 1995, edition of The Holyoke Enterprise, celebrating the Holyoke Cooperative Association's 75th anniversary.

in 1940 and continued to expand, adding the first concrete elevator in 1947 and west storage in 1952. A new station and the east storage annex were completed in 1953.

The first bulk dry fertilizer plant was built in 1954, and a new office building was completed in 1956, along with a 60-foot 50-ton platform scale. In the same year, the original crib elevator became the feed mill.

The first anhydrous ammonia tank was built in 1957. The south elevator and storage were built the following year where the railroad stock yards once stood.

In 1959, a propane plant and delivery equipment were purchased. Until that time, members received their propane through cooperative services in Haxtun.

In 1971, the office building was expanded. Six years later, the last concrete storage annex was built. Also in 1977, an anhydrous plant was built at the Nebraska state line.

In 1982, a steel elevator, known as the east elevator, was built 1 mile east and 1 north of Holyoke on the site of a proposed ethanol plant that was not built.

In 1984, the Country Shoppe opened south of the service station across West Denver Street. Services offered included pumps for refined fuel, a car wash and a convenience store. The store was remodeled in 1997, and its name changed to Ampride. In 2020, it was changed to Cenex Zip Trip.

In the mid 1980s, cooperatives in Holyoke, Paoli, Amherst, Haxtun, Fleming, Venango, Nebraska, and Grant, Nebraska, formed the Hyline Seven and pooled resources for an advantage in the markets.

The cooperative acquired a fertilizer plant southeast of Holyoke in 1988 and purchased the Reimer Smith elevator in 1992.

In 1998, the crop production department was moved from its location west of the main office to County Road 41, next to the east elevator. In the same year, the feed mill burned down.

In 2007, Grainland Co-op consisted of the Haxtun and Fleming co-ops, and that year they merged with Holyoke and Amherst co-ops to form Grainland Co-op, which then merged with CHS in 2011.

Under all of its names and through all the changes time has brought, the co-op has been a crucial part of the community.

The Aug. 17, 1995, edition of The Enterprise describes the community day hosted by the Holyoke Cooperative Association at City Park the prior Saturday, Aug. 12. The festivities were held to celebrate the co-op's 75th anniversary.

A tennis and sand volleyball tournament were held, and participants were treated to an evening meal and live music. Swimming, kids' games, bingo and other activities were also offered.

The Enterprise reported that participants "appeared to be having a great deal of fun, and many noted appreciation to the Co-op for their efforts in coordinating the community event."

As times continue to change, the co-op will continue to adjust to meet the needs of the area farming community, just as it has done for the past century.



SOURCE: PHILLIPS COUNTY MUSEUM

The co-op's mill received a feed mixing machine and hammer mill grinder in 1931. In 1936, the milling of flour was discontinued at the location.



SOURCE: PHILLIPS COUNTY MUSEUM

The local cooperative's produce department opened in a building east of the service station in 1928. It was used as a market for eggs, poultry, hides and furs. It is pictured here about 1935.

WHERE TO WORSHIP

CNE at FCC
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970-854-3438 (English)
970-630-6236 (Spanish)
2nd Saturday Worship 7 p.m.

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Peerless Theatre, 212 S. Interocean
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

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

Fairfield Covenant Church
N of Paoli on Rd 40 between Rd 17/19
Jim Crist, Pastor
970-520-4841
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church
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Rick Reitz, Interim Pastor
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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The importance of noncandy treats for trick-or-treating

EXTENSION CORNER



Deeona Johnston, RDN
Phillips County FCS Agent

Soon kids will be out walking the streets in costumes and enjoying the reward of trick-or-treating! For many kids, the anticipation of trick-or-treating is lessened due to food allergies or intolerances. It is important to offer noncandy or nonfood items during Halloween for those kids who may not be able to eat certain candies.

Although it's hard to imagine Halloween without candy, especially since companies can make specific shapes or colors for the holiday, candy has only been linked to Halloween since the 1950s. Candy was found to be more affordable and more convenient than the traditional toys, cake, cookies or fruit that was previously given out. Candy eventually became the only acceptable option in the 1970s when parents feared that unsealed and nonstore-bought items could be tampered with.

Now, although it is unlikely that items like homemade cookies or cakes would be poisoned, there are other reasons to be weary of these items. For example, if your child has food allergies, these food items could still contain allergens, or they could have had cross-contact in the kitchen. Another reason is food safety. Sadly, we don't know if anyone has licked or dropped the spoon, or maybe their hands weren't properly washed.

Candy has only been linked to Halloween since the 1950s.

If you want to only offer one option, noncandy or nonfood items can be enjoyed by all. Thankfully with online shopping, it's easy to get Halloween-themed packs of goodies! Some options include:

Noncandy:
— Boxes of raisins.
— Cuties or small apples.
— Honey sticks.
— Mini bottles of water.
— Drink packets (apple cider, hot chocolate).

Nonfood:
— Bouncy balls.
— Magnets.
— Bubbles.
— Play-Doh.
— Temporary tattoos.
— Toys (vampire teeth, spider rings).
— Stickers.
— Bookmarks.
— Activity pads.

If you are interested in more information about food allergies, check out www.foodallergy.org and their Teal Pumpkin Initiative. Let's make this holiday safe for everyone this year by providing at least one noncandy item for trick-or-treaters!

LETTER to the EDITOR

Newspapers offer insight into local communities

I enjoyed the articles about the newspaper industry in my Oct. 8 Enterprise subscription copy today. Dean Ridings in his feature endorsed America's need for journalists for their insight into community interests and local attention. His example about one-third of Alaska's villages having no police protection gives merit to the printed word. Readers' viewpoints reflect what people are thinking about, regardless of opinions included.

Newspapers are a business, as noted in the merging of the Imperial, Nebraska, and Wauneta, Nebraska, papers. As a consumer, I do business in both Holyoke and our neighbors in Imperial.

Last year I never would've known about the stroke-artery screenings offered at the Imperial senior center without the pink/purple insert. Bravo! The upcoming flu shot clinic, Phillips County commissoners' activities, rural electric information and a new feedlot proposal all cannot be found on a Google search — you have to know about a subject or event to initiate the search in the first place!

It's too bad the big dailies like The Denver Post, The Boston Globe or The New York Times take the joy away from reading a good newspaper! Like TV news sound bites and journalism distorted as editorials, the big news giants like Scripps Howard, Gannett, Hearst and others push their political agenda for readership in subways, airports and office water bubblers. I miss The Rocky Mountain News for its tabloid format, Gene Amole's folksy columns and Woodrow Paige's humor in sports. But I digress.

Good photojournalism and features about local personalities collecting buttons or raising livestock is a must for newspapers to keep readership and sales. Good job.

Chris Daley
Haxtun



SOURCE: PHILLIPS COUNTY MUSEUM

This "4-H Club gang" includes Phillips County champions who earned a trip to the 1936 Colorado State Fair in Pueblo. They are pictured from left, front row, Lorraine Naggatz (Buchleiter) of Amherst and Rupert Johnson of Haxtun; and back row, Maxine Miller (Davis), Myrtle Elfeldt and Alice Taylor (Bamford), all of Paoli.

PEEKIN' into the PAST

Five Years Ago
Oct. 22, 2015

In keeping with Holyoke JR/SR High School's push for real-life application of content and encouragement of critical thinking, junior high mathematics teacher Rebecca Brandt is gearing up to start the school's very first junior high robotics club.

Ballyneal Golf Club expanded its Turtle Bar to a full-scale restaurant this season, adding a new kitchen as well. It has relocated from the previous restaurant area in a different building at the world-renowned golf club located about 14 miles southeast of Holyoke. And now, during the golfing off-season, dining and lodging at Ballyneal will be open to the public from Nov. 1 through the end of April.

Ten Years Ago
Oct. 21, 2010

The Lady Dragon softball team members carved a notch in HHS history Oct. 16 when they qualified for the 3A state softball tournament with a decisive 19-6 win over Yuma. This marks the first state appearance for an HHS softball team.

Five-year-old Savannah McClellan of Holyoke entered National Pedal Tractor Pull competition Sept. 25 in Mitchell, South Dakota. She is the daughter of Steve and Danielle McClellan of Holyoke.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
Oct. 26, 1995

Nine inches of snow blanketed the Holyoke area last Sunday night, Oct. 22, and Monday, Oct. 23. It didn't stick around long though, as temperatures warmed up on Tuesday. According to weather observer Dale Anderson, the snowfall resulted in 1.24 inches of precipitation Sunday and Monday.

After visiting at length with physical therapist Jerry Huggins, East Phillips County Hospital District decided at its Oct. 17 meeting to purchase Physical Therapy Clinic of Holyoke. After announcing his decision to relocate, Huggins gave the district the first opportunity to purchase the clinic.

Golden Plains Recreation Center recently announced the receipt of a grant which will enable the organization to put a full-time director in place. Funds in the amount of $22,730 were awarded to GPRC through the Youth Crime Prevention and Intervention Grant Program.

Plans for an assisted living facility in Holyoke have thrown a new twist into the debate over zoning in the Heginbotham Trust First Addition. After weeks of discussion and several public hearings, the zoning issue was tabled at the Oct. 17 meeting of the Holyoke City Council.

Fifty Years Ago
Oct. 22, 1970

Homecoming activities will start tonight with a bonfire rally to be held at the practice field. For the past several weeks, freshman-sophomore and junior-senior teams have been storing boxes and other materials for the bonfire. Boxes have been fairly easy to find, but finding a safe place to hide the loot from each other has been a major problem for the two teams.

Federal, state, county and local officials join with residents of northeastern Colorado and western Nebraska in celebrating the opening of a 15-mile stretch of Interstate 80 S between Sedgwick and Julesburg, making a divided highway available from Denver to Omaha, Nebraska.

There are now about 12,000,000 drug abusers doing their thing in the United States today, and only one-fourth, 3,000,000, are on LSD, heroin or speed. The rest are hooked on that other common drug, alcohol, which is today's No. 1 health problem.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
Oct. 25, 1945

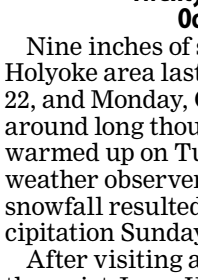
The arrival of the first new 1946 Ford car and truck was announced today by Leslie L. Kunkel of Holyoke Motor Co. They are now on display in the company's showroom.

Congress is very representative of the people of the United States in one thing. It is not talking much about the national debt, and we do not like to think of it either. The near $300 million of debt which we now carry is going to be with us a long time.

On the morning of Oct. 22, the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad was to start a 16-car train over its rails on a trip that covered all of its broad gauge lines, in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the day when the first train ever passed over the D&RG rails.

The seeds you plant matter

SAMANTHA'S SALT



Samantha Krieger

It was a typical day when my daughter planted her first pumpkin seeds in our yard. I'm pretty sure the wind was blowing and the sun was shining. Rebekah's nails were dirty from the soil as she carefully dug each hole to place her chosen seeds. I could see the delight on her face when she finished.

More ordinary days passed since the day she planted. We didn't always think about our seeds due to life's busyness. But then one day we saw the large prickly green vines and yellow flowers revealing themselves. Weeks passed, and Rebekah was thrilled to see the baby pumpkins taking shape in the colors of green and orange.

In the mundane, darkness of the soil where you don't always see much happening, miracles grow. A minuscule seed transforms into a harvest of ripened crops we get to enjoy. Harvest reminds us of the power of the mundane — as our farmers faithfully plot — day in and day out — waiting patiently.

Putting your faith in Jesus can work in a similar way. You don't always see the fruit of your investment in the life of another person, the discipline of Bible study, your prayers for a prodigal child, serving in your local church, trusting God for his promises, applying yourself to wisdom, allowing suffering to shape your character and more.

You don't always know what you're doing either, but God does. In due time, the seeds of faithfulness and obedience planted will begin to sprout through the ground. And soon enough, a harvest of miracles shines before your eyes, and you're in awe.

If you're discouraged from not seeing the harvest yet, don't give up. Seeds grow in darkness. Your reward will come at the proper time.

Rebekah's pumpkins are now round, large and bright orange. She proudly displays them on the porch. When I see them, I'm reminded of the power of one tiny seed.

If you're discouraged from not seeing the harvest yet, don't give up.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

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The company tank

IT'S THE PITTS



Lee Pitts

At the ripe old age of 21 I went to work for a leading livestock newspaper as a field editor. This was at a time when most of the other field editors and breed reps qualified for the senior citizen's discount at Denny's. As the youngest person in the trade at the time, I was walked on, stabbed in the back and even punched in the face.

Really.

I was given a company car and an expense account but those costs were subtracted from any commission I made selling advertising in my territory. Unknown to me, my colleagues referred to my territory as the Great Advertising Desert because it was nearly devoid of cattle. It consisted of Southern California, the southern tip of Nevada (which had more endangered turtles than it did cattle), Arizona and Utah. The amount of my speeding tickets in Utah exceeded my ad sales in that great state.

While most of the field men drove Lincoln Town Cars, which was the greatest road car ever built, I, on the other hand, drove a German tank. Or at least it felt like it. It had the turning radius of a Carnival Cruise ship and I never knew how fast I was going because the speedometer was broke, as was nearly everything else in, or on, that poor excuse for a car we lovingly called "The Tank."

I've only run out of gas three times in my life and all three were in The Tank because the gas gauge didn't work either! You could see asphalt through holes in the floorboard, it got 2 gallons of gas per mile and the tires were balder than my uncle Charles. It had a V-5 engine (a V-8 with three bad pistons), and the air conditioning consisted of rolling down the windows ... by hand. There was evidence in the glove box that The Tank had been totaled by at least three insurance companies.

Worst of all, the car reeked of cigarette smoke. A used-car salesman told me once that if he turned on a car's radio and it blared rock and roll he knew the transmission was shot, but if all the ash trays were full and it smelled like smoke it was a rental car. I complained about the car to my boss but he said, "Quit complaining. Back when I began my career we had to start our cars with a crank. Just be thankful you've got power steering and power brakes. Sometimes, anyway."

You could see asphalt through holes in the floorboard, it got 2 gallons of gas per mile and the tires were balder than my uncle Charles.

I was at the Arizona National Livestock Show one year when a breed field man asked if he could borrow The Tank to go snap a couple bull photos "just down the road." I hesitated because I didn't feel right loaning out the company's car. But he promised to buy my supper, and what could he do to The Tank that had not already been done to it? So I handed him the keys and asked him to be careful. I got a little nervous when my friend didn't return in time to buy my supper and I tossed and turned all night. I was extremely relieved the next morning when I looked out the motel window and saw The Tank taking up three spaces in the motel parking lot.

When I got home I took The Tank in for a long overdue oil change but the mechanic called later and said he couldn't change the oil because the drain plug was welded to The Tank's heavily scarred oil pan.

WHAT?

I was puzzled at first but then I remembered when my "friend" borrowed The Tank. So I called him up and he came clean. It seems the photo shoot was two hours away and 30 minutes of that was on a dirt road with protruding rocks the size of basketballs, one of which hit the oil plug and shredded the oil pan. Since they couldn't get parts for at least two days my friend told the mechanic to just weld it all together.

But my "friend" had somehow forgotten to mention all this to me!

Both The Tank and I quit shortly thereafter. I quit because I was making more money in my previous job as a cowboy ($650 per month). I have no idea why The Tank finally quit, but I suspect the new oil was just too much of a shock to its system.

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New JR/SR high teacher hired

BY BRENDA JOHNSON BRANDT
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

Colbey Stumpf was hired last week for the Holyoke JR/SR High social studies teaching position that will open in January. Approval of his contract was given at the brief Oct. 15 school board meeting which preceded the board/administrator retreat.

Stumpf is currently completing his student teaching at Peetz High School and will graduate from the University of Northern Colorado in December with a degree in social studies with an emphasis in secondary education. He will apply after graduation for his probationary teacher license.

Stumpf is a Caliche High School graduate and has completed numerous education practicum experiences in middle and high schools throughout Greeley.

Stumpf will be assuming the position currently held this semester by Hannah Krening.

Superintendent Kyle Stumpf told the board that he and the new-hire teacher are distantly related, but not closely.

In other personnel action, the board accepted the resignation from Scott Jeppson as the junior high assistant football coach.

New extra-duty assignments were approved for Dusty McConnell, assistant JH football coach; Marc Weber, JH volunteer football coach; and Eva Penzing, JR/SR high volunteer cheer coach.

Board members also voted to approve the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief grant funds from the Colorado Stimulus Funds to Schools.

Special meeting Oct. 28

A special board meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 4:30 p.m. in the board meeting room at HJHS, room No. 216, to approve the lending agreement and contracts for the Performance Energy Contract.

Because nonprofit helps community members in challenging times

BY ANDREW NYGAARD
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

In a year that has posed so many challenges to nearly every aspect of life, community members willing to band together to assist others in need remain forces for good in a difficult time.

The Because nonprofit has been fostering that neighborly spirit since its founding in 1986 and revitalized it with a new board last year.

The board consists of president Mary Fulscher, vice president Gayln Einspahr, secretary/treasurer Karina Davis, and board members Kayla Kafka and Steve Young.

The nonprofit does not assist only with a specific type of need or situation but is available to potentially assist with a variety of needs.

"We are open to any need, whether it's something simple or something large," Kafka said.

Because put on a New Year's Eve fundraiser last year, and they also accept donations throughout the year. Donations can be dropped off at Country Treasures Floral and More in Holyoke.

Kafka pointed out that the funds go straight to the family or person in need without any administrative fees. She also noted that due to the 501(c)(3) status of Because, donations are tax-free for the recipient, who receives the entire earmarked donation.

She said Because seeks to foster a sense of community by being available to serve all Phillips County residents.

A case in point is a family in Phillips County that lost a loved one in July. The financial responsibilities of the funeral costs fell to the family.

A member of that family said she learned of Because after contacting human services. She was provided the Because email address and decided to contact the nonprofit.

"Reaching out by email was an easy process," she said. "I would love for people to know about this nonprofit. Anything helps, and everybody appreciates help now and then."

She further explained that the entire process from initial contact to disbursement of funds didn't take very long.

"We truly appreciate the help," she said, "and the process was easy and not stressful. I want other people to know that this is out there."

Kafka said the best way to get more information about the nonprofit would be to talk to a member of the Because board. They can also be reached by emailing because nonprofit@gmail.com or visiting the Because Nonprofit Facebook page.

SCHOOL: Some in quarantine

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which has undergone numerous extensive cleaning sessions since Oct. 12, is open and operating normally without the individual who has tested positive or those who are now in the 14-day quarantine.

Superintendent Kyle Stumpf said the district still believes that the best education experience is in-person learning, and he expressed his confidence that the staff, administration and district have created plans and processes to allow quality learning to still take place in the event students or staff members need to be quarantined.

"I would like to thank our staff, our students and their parents during these past few months. Their willingness to help support the recommended school protocols as well as the guidelines by Colorado Department of Education, the CDC and our local health departments pertaining to the pandemic allowed for a minimal number of our students to be quarantined instead of our entire alternative school and our entire JR/SR high school."

Students and staff members of both Holyoke Elementary and Holyoke JR/SR High are not affected by this positive case, and normal operations will continue.

Family member of preschool student tests positive

Marcia Walter, director of Dragon's Wagon Preschool, said a family member of a student there has tested positive for COVID-19. That student, and another who may have been in close contact, will now quarantine for 14 days.

Walter was notified of the positive case Thursday, Oct. 15, and the preschool closed for the afternoon for deep cleaning. The school was scheduled to resume normal operations Monday, Oct. 19.

Walter noted that after the 14-day quarantine, and as long as they are symptom-free, the students can return to school.

In the event a student or staff member tests positive, the preschool would be closed for two weeks.

"It's really important for families to be honest with us to help prevent the spread," Walter said.

Walter went on to say that she is working closely with the health department, and they're doing everything they can to keep everyone at the preschool safe.

DOCKINS: Spoon, teapot collections stir up memories

FROM PAGE 1

giving her a chance to look over each one.

Dockins pointed to one mouse in particular — a stuffed animal with a plaid coat and striped scarf — that she says is her favorite. She snatched it from a prize table after getting a strike at a holiday bowling party.

She's also got Santa mice, elf mice, caroling mice, sledding mice and much more.

Soon her mice will be joined by Dockins' extensive Santa collection, something that started around 1990 when her daughter bought her a tall Santa as a Christmas gift.

Hundreds of spoons, teapots on display year-round

Dockins' philosophy on collections is that she doesn't want to collect something if she can't have it out on display. "I want people to enjoy them," she said.

When walking into her home, it's evident she's not just a Christmas collector.

Lining the walls is a collection of approximately 400 spoons. Most of them tell a story, whether it's a souvenir from a fun trip, a history lesson of the 13 colonies or a unique depiction of the U.S. presidents. Dockins' favorite is a spoon set with a different cabin scene for each month of the year.

The collection dates back to Dockins' high school days in the 1960s when her mom and grandma went on a trip to California and brought back something special for Dockins and her siblings. Those three spoons from the Golden State jump-started a hobby that would last a lifetime.

Also dotting Dockins' shelves are teapots — nearly 300 of them.

The collection was actually double that size, but Dockins made the tough, heartbreaking decision to downsize before her recent move. She carefully sorted through the collection, parting ways with the ones that didn't have as much sentimental value to her.



THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE | JOHNSON PUBLICATIONS
Step aside, forks! Approximately 400 spoons are here to stay at Penny Dockins' home.



THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE | JOHNSON PUBLICATIONS
After cutting her teapot collection in half, Penny Dockins still has almost 300 unique pieces.

At the top of the list of special teapots is a wooden one that was a gift from the Methodist church where she used to work. Three more special ones are teapots she inherited from her two grandmas and a great-aunt. Those three are what started her collection in the mid-1980s.

Ironically, Dockins doesn't often sit down to a cup of tea with one of her teapots, but she makes sure her collections stay in pristine condition with a once-a-year deep clean — no easy task with hundreds of items on display.

For all four of her collections, Dockins keeps an eye out for interesting pieces while traveling, at garage sales or in collection catalogs. And part of the fun is that friends and family can help contribute by giving her something special they found on their own travels.









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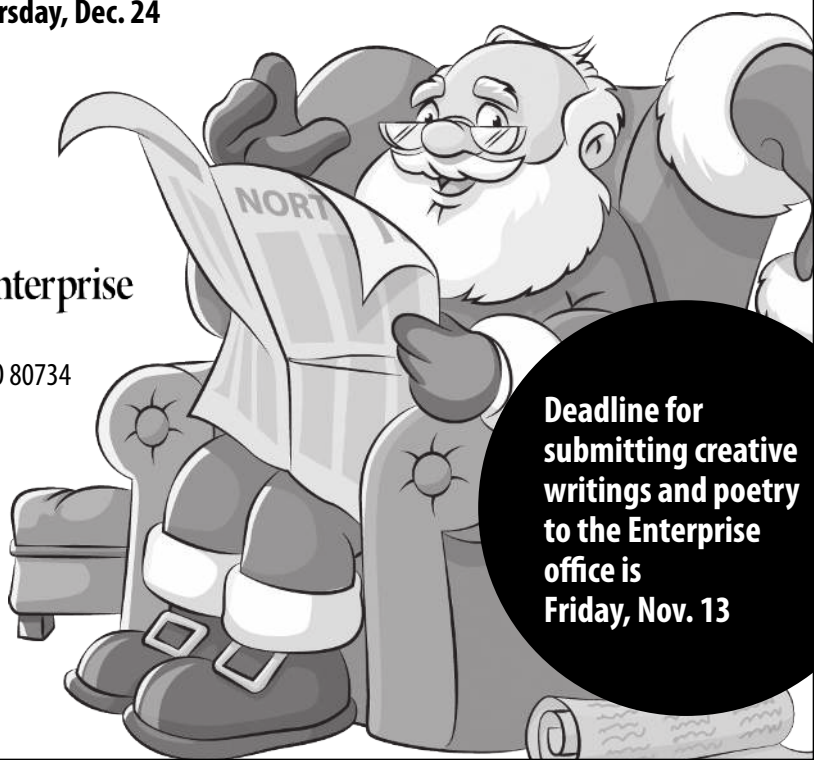

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Ileana Rico has been photographing her family for years and is excited to offer her professional services to others now too.

Ileana's Photography ready to capture memories

BY DARCI RODRIGUEZ
THE HOLYOKE ENTERPRISE

With a new camera in hand and an eye for creativity, Ileana Rico is launching a new business called Ileana's Photography.

Rico is excited to offer portrait photography, including the categories of family, kids, seniors, newborns, maternity, engagement and just for fun.

She said she loves using natural lighting, and she's been exploring the area for places to take photos with beautiful trees, tall grasses, water, etc.

"I love nature," said Rico, noting fall is her favorite season — perfect for colorful photo backgrounds.

While she's only been doing photography professionally for a few months, Rico has been honing in on her photography skills for several years while taking pictures of her family as well as on hiking trips in the mountains.

In fact, the birth of her two daughters — Gizem, age 9, and Anaeli, age 4 — sparked her interest in the hobby. Rico loves to capture family memories for her daughters to look back on, and having beautiful photos to hang on the walls of her home is another added bonus.

Photographs are important, said Rico, because of the memories they preserve. She doesn't have many photos of herself when she was young, so she wants to offer those snapshots of time to her own family and now to other families as well. She's also passionate about photographing older generations, noting how fun it will be for grandkids and great-grandkids to have high-quality photos of their grandparents to look back on someday.

Rico's goal for Ileana's Photography is to pursue a new source of income while also doing what she loves. Since getting a new camera in February — a Christmas gift from husband Oscar — Rico has been practicing and training with online videos and courses.

"I'm ready to go out there and make memories for people," she said. "Let me make your memories an art."

Rico, who speaks both English and Spanish, can be reached at 970-571-7009 or on her Facebook page: Ileana's Photography.

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Breast cancer: Early detection is key

BY JESSICA SKOMP
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and with the installation of our new 3D mammography machine, I wanted to take the opportunity to discuss breast cancer, statistics, symptoms and how it is diagnosed.

In 2020, an estimated 276,480 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in the U.S. as well as 48,530 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer. Sixty-four percent of breast cancer cases are diagnosed at a localized stage, for which the five-year survival is 99%. Breast cancer in men is rare, accounting for less than 1% of the breast cancer cases in the U.S.

Breast cancer is a group of diseases in which cells in breast tissue change and divide uncontrolled, typically resulting in a lump or mass. Most breast cancers begin in the lobules (milk glands), or in the ducts that connect the lobules to the nipple of the breast.

Typically breast cancer has no symptoms when the tumor is very small and most easily treated, which is why screening is vitally important for early detection. The most common sign of breast cancer is a painless lump. Occasionally breast cancer spreads to the underarm lymph nodes causing a lump or swelling, this can occur even before the original breast tumor is large enough to be felt.

Less common signs and symptoms include breast pain or heaviness and persistent changes such as thickening or redness of the skin. Nipple changes can sometimes indicate cancer as well and include spontaneous discharge (especially if bloody), scaliness or retraction. Any persistent change in the breast should be evaluated by your primary care provider.

The American Cancer Society recommends that women should have the opportunity to begin annual screening between the ages of 40-44. If there is a first-degree relative that has had a breast cancer diagnosis, an individual would then need to begin screening 10 years prior to the age that their relative was diagnosed.

Breast cancer is normally detected during a screening before symptoms have developed or after a lump is noticed. Mammography is a low-dose X-ray image of the breast tissue. Although early mammographic images were on X-ray film, digital technology in which a 3D image of the breast tissue is captured electronically and viewed on a monitor has replaced screen film mammography.

Digital mammography has improved sensitivity for women under the age of 50 and those with dense breast tissue.

Most masses seen on a mammogram and most breast lumps turn out to be benign or noncancerous. When cancer is suspected, tissue for microscopic analysis is usually obtained from a needle biopsy and less often obtained through a surgical biopsy. Selection of the type of biopsy is based on multiple factors, including size and location of the mass, as well as patient factors, preferences and resources.

Early detection is key. Contact your primary care provider today at the Family Practice of Holyoke or Megan Garrett in the radiology department to schedule your 3D mammogram. If you are not having any issues, you do not need a doctor's order to have your screening mammogram.

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Colorado agriculture 2020 photo contest now open

Photographers of all skill levels are invited to participate in Colorado Department of Agriculture's "Best in Show" Photography Contest, celebrating the spirit of Colorado agriculture.

Images representing the diversity of Colorado agriculture are welcome and encouraged, including crops, livestock, farmers' markets, people, harvest, urban agriculture and drone/overhead shots.

Entries must be submitted by Thursday, Dec. 31, to the Colorado Department of Agriculture by emailing cda_info@state.co.us. The email must include an official online entry form, which can be found at www.colorado.gov/pacific/agmain/best-show-photography-contest.

All photographs must be taken in the 2020 calendar year and should relate to Colorado agriculture in some way. Entries will be reviewed by professionals in the fields of communications and agriculture and judged on theme, creativity and technical quality.

Three prizes will be awarded annually: first place,$175; second place, $150; and third place, $100. Other awards and honorable mentions may be awarded as determined by the contest judges. Winners will be announced in January 2021.

For more than 20 years, the Colorado Department of Agriculture has widely shared images submitted by photographers of all skill levels.

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VOTER GUIDE
2020
Phillips County Republicans Committee Position

Constitutional Amendments
Amendment B - Repeal Property Tax Assessment Rates ..... **NO**
Amendment C - Charitable Gaming..... **YES**
Amendment 76 (D) - Citizenship of Qualified Voters..... **YES**
Amendment 77 (E) - Local Voter Approval of Casino Bets ..... **NO**

Statute Amendments
Proposition EE - Taxes on Nicotine Products..... **NO**
Proposition 113 - National Popular Vote (Bypasses the Electoral College)..... **NO**
Proposition 114 - Restoration of Grey Wolves..... **NO**
Proposition 115 - Prohibition on Late-Term Abortions..... **YES**
Proposition 116 - State Income Tax Reduction..... **YES**
Proposition 117 - Approval of State Enterprises..... **YES**
Proposition 118 - Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance ..... **NO**

NOTE: Constitutional amendments cannot be changed by the Legislature, only by a vote of the people, so if they don't work as advertised, it's really tough to make corrections. Statutes can be amended by the Legislature.

For more detailed information on ballot issues, visit https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Initiatives/ballot/contacts/2020.html

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Finch claims hole-in-1

Former Holyoke resident Weston Finch got his first hole-in-one Saturday, Oct. 17, on hole 15 from 208 yards away at Ballyneal Golf Club. Witnesses were Curtis Finch, Dennis Stengel and Rusty Triplette.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 22
No school.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23
No school.
HS football here with Wiggins, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24
Little Britches Rodeo, 8 a.m., Bank of Colorado Pavilion.

SUNDAY, OCT. 25
Cowboy church, 8:30 a.m., Bank of Colorado Pavilion.
Little Britches Rodeo, 10 a.m., Bank of Colorado Pavilion.
Lions Club Bingo, 6 p.m., Lions Den.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27
JH football, first-round Border League, 4 p.m.
East Phillips County Hospital District board meeting, 7 p.m., Melissa Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28
Re-1J School Board special meeting, 4:30 p.m., HJHS Room 218.

DID YOU KNOW?

Many sports fans are well acquainted with Movember®, a grassroots effort that aims to raise awareness about men's health.

Movember® participants, the most famous of which may be Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, grow mustaches each November to raise awareness about mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

Since the campaign's inception in 2003, Movember® has funded more than 1,250 men's health projects around the world.

Prospective participants should know that there are rules they must follow to be true men of Movember®.

Once they register at Movember.com, participants must begin the month of November with a clean shaven face. Over the next 30 days, each participant, or "Mo Bro," must grow and groom his mustache. Beards and goatees are forbidden, as are fake mustaches.

Mo Bros must use their budding lip brushes to create conversation and raise funds for men's health. Finally, each Mo Bro must conduct himself like a true gentleman.

FB at Burlington canceled

HHS football was scheduled to play game two of the season in Burlington Friday, Oct. 16, but the game was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns in Burlington.

The Dragons will host the Wiggins Tigers Friday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m.

SCHOOL MENU

BREAKFAST

Monday, Oct. 26: Strawberry Nutri-Grain bar breakfast kit, Apple Jacks breakfast kit, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Oct. 27: Skewered sausage pancake, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Oct. 28: Sausage and egg on English muffin, mini French toast, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Oct. 29: Banana chocolate chunk BeneFIT bar, oatmeal chocolate chip BeneFIT bar, fruit, milk.
Friday, Oct. 30: Strawberry Nutri-Grain bar breakfast kit, Apple Jacks breakfast kit, fruit, milk.

LUNCH

Monday, Oct. 26: Dutch chicken pot pie, fresh baked biscuit, glazed carrots, fruit and vegetable bar, milk.
Tuesday, Oct. 27: Spaghetti with Italian meat sauce, breadstick, seasoned corn, fruit and vegetable bar, milk.
Wednesday, Oct. 28: Beef, cheese and red bean enchilada, steamed rice, seasoned carrots, fruit and vegetable bar, milk.
Thursday, Oct. 29: Swedish meatballs, penne pasta, dinner roll, seasoned peas, fruit and vegetable bar, milk.
Friday, Oct. 30: Manager's choice.

LETTERS to the EDITOR
Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m.

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This week on Star 92.3
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Friday, Oct. 23
Wiggins at Holyoke

Ballyneal Turtle Bar & Restaurant
Open to the Community Starting with Date Night Friday, Oct. 23
Fridays & Saturdays 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sundays 11 a.m.-end of Broncos game
Special Events
Friday, Oct. 30: Costume Contest
Saturday, Nov. 7: Cooking Class
Nov. 12-15: Masters Watch Party
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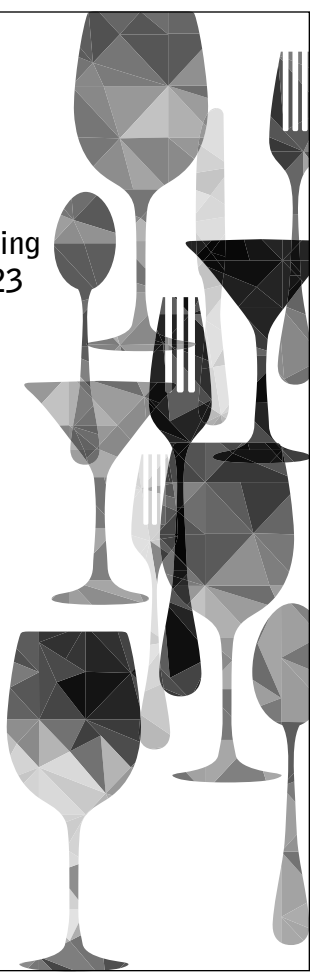
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SAMPLE
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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED — Holyoke Fitness Club open hours assistant, Monday-Thursday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Send questions or resume and cover letter to holyokefitnessclub@yahoo.com by Oct. 30. 36-1tc

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TO PLACE AN AD

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NOTICES

NOTICE — Join us for the Annual Patrons Meeting of the Golden Plains Recreation Center Board of Directors/Peerless Theatre. Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. in the theater auditorium. GPRC will be electing board members and offering a report from the GPRC board of directors. Anyone that patronizes the theater, has donated or otherwise supports the Peerless Theatre is welcome and eligible to serve on the board of directors and to vote in the election. 36-4tc

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Mark Lutze and crew c

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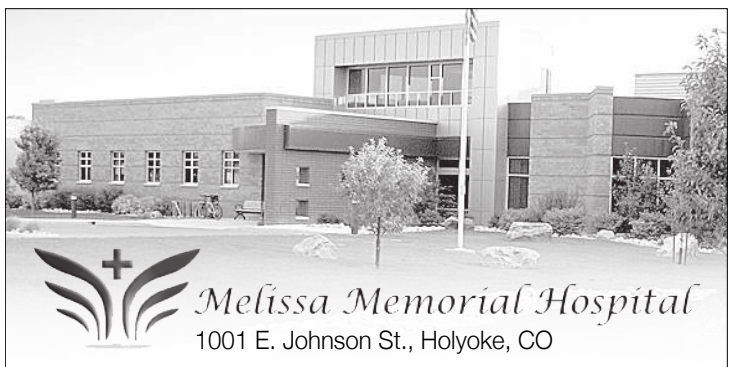
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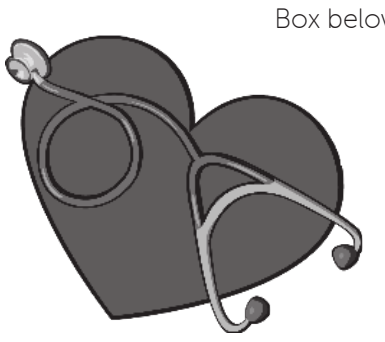
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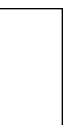
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NE Colorado records 3 more COVID deaths

Northeast Colorado counties have seen three more COVID-19 deaths this past week, all in Logan County, raising the total number of deaths in the area to 60.

The Northeast Colorado Health Department reported Morgan County with 48 deaths, Logan County 10 and Sedgwick and Yuma counties one each.

Northeast Colorado showed a 12.1% increase in positive cases, with Sedgwick County recording 18 more for a 120% increase since last week's report.

Colorado has recorded a 9.3% increase in positive COVID-19 cases in the past week, compared to 4.6% the previous week and 8.7% the week before that.

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

— Northeast Colorado: 2,275 cases (increase of 246 in the last week), including Morgan County, 826; Logan County, 1,106; Yuma County, 192; Washington County, 79; Phillips County, 39; and Sedgwick County, 33.

— Colorado: 86,374 cases in 64 counties, according to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Among people in Colorado who tested positive for COVID-19, 2,180 have died, and 2,051 listed COVID-19 as the reason of death on a death certificate.

— United States: 8,128,524 cases for a 5% increase this week and 218,986 total deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

— The world: 40,114,293 confirmed cases for a 6.7% increase this week and 1,114,692 deaths for a 3.4% increase this week in 235 countries, areas or territories, according to the World Health Organization.

NEWS from NEIGHBORS

Aurora Dairy plans put on hold

IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN, Oct. 15 — The conditional use permit for a 2,880-head organic dairy northwest of Imperial, Nebraska, has expired. A spokesperson for Aurora Organic Dairy said last week their plans remain on hold for now.

The company received a conditional use permit in June 2018 for the facility to be located on the west half of Section 11, Township 7 North, Range 39 West.

In February 2019, the company requested a 15-month extension to the permit, which was granted by county commissioners. That extension expired Sept. 1.

Spokesperson Sonia Tuitele said their plans for a dairy in Chase County, Nebraska, haven't changed but said they remain in a holding pattern right now. She said the COVID-19 pandemic has made an impact on their timeline, as well as the current volatility in the dairy industry as a whole.

Since the conditional use permit expired, she said they would re-apply when they have a better idea when to move forward.

Pace reports Haxtun Health's purchase of old Smith Hardware building in downtown Haxtun

HAXTUN-FLEMING HERALD, Oct. 14 — With significant growth in many of the services now offered at Haxtun Health comes the possible need for expansion. While exact plans for the new space is still unknown at this time, Haxtun Health has purchased the old Smith Hardware building in downtown Haxtun, which gives the organization potential opportunities for future growth.

According to information provided by CEO Dewane Pace, Haxtun Health purchased the building along the 100 block of South Colorado Avenue for $78,500 in mid-September.

"We have seen significant growth in many of the services that we offer our community and need more space. We also would like to help the town of Haxtun by possibly opening another business on Main Street. What that business looks like and what it would be is still under discussion, and we would like to solicit as many ideas and opinions as possible before proceeding with a plan," said Pace.

Cameron Peak fire now largest in Colorado history after winds fuel explosive growth

DENVER POST, Oct. 14 — Wind gusts as high as 76 mph fueled explosive growth of the Cameron Peak fire west of Fort Collins on Wednesday, helping push the 2-month-old wildfire across nearly 23,000 new acres and making it the largest in Colorado's recorded history.

The wildfire, which ignited Aug. 13 and survived more than a foot of early September snowfall, grew to 158,300 acres, or about 247 square miles, on Wednesday, firefighting officials reported in an evening briefing.

The fire remained 56% contained, sending towers of smoke billowing over Fort Collins and much of the northern Front Range throughout the day.

Wednesday's growth led to new mandatory evacuation orders in the Larimer County foothills, affecting mainly recreational properties — including hundreds of mountain cabins — in and around the communities of Glen Haven and Drake east of Rocky Mountain National Park.

The fire's growth Wednesday pushed it from No. 3 on the list of Colorado's largest wildfires straight to No. 1, surging past 2002's Hayman fire, which burned 137,760 acres, and this summer's Pine Gulch fire, which scorched 139,007 acres on the Western Slope north of Grand Junction.

The giant wildfires across Colorado this season come amid a changing climate, with record temperatures, low relative humidity and statewide drought combining to fuel fire growth — part of a 20-year cycle of aridity that's led to more expansive wildfires, including all 10 of the largest fires in the state's recorded history.

Wanted man shot after foot chase

STERLING JOURNAL-ADVOCATE, Oct. 8 — A man the Sterling Police Department has been searching for in connection with a shooting incident last week has been identified as the man shot by a Sterling police officer Tuesday night.

According to a release from SPD, officers received a report that Douglas Sanchez, 54, of Sterling, was at the Eagle convenience store in the 900 block of West Main Street. Sanchez was suspected of shooting at another man on Sept. 30 in the 800 block of North Sixth Street; the victim was uninjured.

As a result of that incident, Sanchez was wanted on felony charges of attempted first degree murder, menacing and possession of a weapon by a previous offender, as well as misdemeanor reckless endangerment and driving with a revoked license.

While responding to the sighting of Sanchez, officers were advised he was leaving, with a description of the vehicle and license plate number provided. They located a vehicle matching the description and an officer stopped it in the 400 bock of South Sixth Avenue.

The officer recognized Sanchez, the passenger, when he exited the vehicle and ran west in an alley. The officer gave chase on foot for a short distance. According to the release, Sanchez then "stopped, turned and confronted the officer. Mr. Sanchez brandished a weapon and was shot by a Sterling Police Officer."

Sanchez was transported to Sterling Regional MedCenter and later flown to a Denver-area hospital; his condition is unknown, SPD said. No officers or bystanders were injured in the altercation.

Health officials offer tips and tricks for Halloween

Have fun while minimizing the risk of catching COVID-19

Celebrating Halloween is a cherished fall tradition for many people across Colorado, and during the COVID-19 pandemic, there are ways to minimize the risk of catching or spreading the virus while still having fun.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment advises Coloradans to think carefully about how they can lower the risk, not only for themselves and their families, but for their communities.

It is still very important to follow best practices to help prevent the virus from spreading. Coloradans should wear masks that fully cover their nose and mouth, wash hands frequently and maintain 6 feet of distance from people outside their household.

The department also reminds Coloradans that parties with alcohol and drugs can cloud judgment and increase riskier behaviors.

Tips and tricks for Halloween festivities include:

— Follow local guidance. COVID-19 risk varies depending on the spread in specific communities, so follow the guidance of the local public health department. Use Colorado's COVID dial framework (covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial) to help determine how to celebrate Halloween in your community this year, especially when considering group sizes.

— Protect yourself and others. Regardless of your community's level on the dial dashboard, people should not participate in any in-person activities, including handing out candy, if they are sick, especially with COVID-19 symptoms; have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and are currently in the quarantine period; or have recently tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently in the isolation period. People at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 should think about the risks and benefits of activities they are considering.



It's possible to stay safe and still have fun when trick-or-treating this year with these tips from health officials.

— Choose the safest options. Outdoor gatherings are generally safer than indoor gatherings. Smaller groups are generally safer than larger groups.

The department encourages alternatives to traditional, door-to-door trick-or-treating this year to limit the potential spread of COVID-19.

Door-to-door trick-or-treating involves mixing a lot of different households at close range over a short period of time. Many short interactions like this could raise the risk of COVID-19 spread. Communicate with neighbors to plan trick-or-treating this year.

Get creative, and figure out ways to hand out candy while keeping appropriate distance. For example:

— Line up individually wrapped treats at the end of the driveway or yard's edge. Watch the fun, and enjoy the costumes from a distance.

— Use a plastic slide, cardboard tubes or plastic pipes to deliver candy from a distance.

— Take kids on an outdoor, distanced scavenger hunt to look for candy or Halloween-themed items.

Whatever form your trick-or-treating takes, it's safest to:

— Stay in your own neighborhood.

— Have adults accompany trick-or-treaters to help them follow precautions.

— Stay with household members. Avoid mingling with groups from other households, and stay at least 6 feet away from non-household members.

— If going door-to-door, limit the time you spend at doorways.

— Whether trick-or-treating or handing out candy, keep your COVID-19-protective masks on — save the candy eating for when you return home!

— Follow regular Halloween safety tips, such as decorating costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and carrying glow sticks or flashlights to help increase visibility among drivers.

The department's guidelines include a note about costume masks vs. COVID-19-protective masks. Costume masks are not a substitute for cloth face-coverings unless they are made from two or more breathable fabric layers that cover the nose and mouth, with no gaps around the face. It is important to wear non-costume masks when indoors around other people and outdoors whenever 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained.

See all the guidelines online at covid19.colorado.gov/halloween-tips-and-tricks.

Quilters showcase over 50 projects

This year's High Plains Heritage Quilters' quilt show had 33 finished quilts, 12 unfinished quilt projects and nine quilts for display only Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Haxtun Community Center.

The displayed quilts were from two different charity groups. Haxtun Sew Giving is a group of ladies who put together lap quilts for the nursing home, quilts for cancer patients and whatever else is needed. The second charity group is Quilts of Valor.

A total of 142 people attended this year's quilt show, which is close to the number from last year.

The People's Choice quilt winner was Janice Everitt's elephant quilt. The People's Choice quilt block went to Lennette Hutt, who was also the lucky winner of the raffle.

The Ann Olson Award goes to a quilter who has used at least 50 different fabrics in one quilt. This year's recipient of this plaque was Lavonne Hart for her quilt titled Hart Family.

Newsletter addresses mental health challenges

With the collective experience of a global pandemic among people, in addition to other daily stressors, Centennial Mental Health Center's community-based Prevention Team has developed monthly newsletters to continue to increase the awareness of community resilience and break the stigma associated with mental health challenges.

Each month, the Prevention Team develops a themed newsletter. Past topics have included motivation, stigma, Suicide Awareness Month, and mindfulness and time management, among others. The October 2020 newsletter addresses the subject of trauma and how people can embrace faults through a Japanese tradition called kintsugi.

To access the Prevention Team's newsletters and other great resources, visit www.centennialmhc.org and go to Services, then click Prevention & Early Intervention. Alternately, simply type "newsletter" in the search bar. Then scroll down to Mental Health/Suicide Prevention to find the current and past newsletters.

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To learn more about Aurora Organic Dairy and our commitments to our animals, people and planet, please visit www.aodmilk.com

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF COORDINATED GENERAL ELECTION
by Mail Ballot

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a coordinated mail ballot election will be held, in part, for the City of Holyoke, Colorado, on Tuesday the 3rd day of November, 2020, including the election of the mayor, three council members and a referred ballot issue for the city of Holyoke.

Election of the mayor for a term of four years. Election of council members — three council members for a term of four years. The three persons receiving the highest number of votes will serve the four-year terms.

Drop-off locations:
Phillips County Clerk's Office
221 S. Interocean Ave.
Holyoke, CO 80734
M-F, Oct. 19-Nov. 2, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturdays, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-noon
Tuesday, Nov. 3, Election Day, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Phillips County East Parking Lot
221 S. Campbell Ave.
Holyoke, CO 80734
24/7 up till 7 p.m. election night

Qualifiers of electors: Shall have attained the age of 18 years, shall be a citizen of the United States, is a resident of the municipal precinct and has resided in this state for 22 days immediately preceding the election and is registered to vote.

Candidates for the regular municipal election whose petitions have been certified and filed in the office of the city clerk/treasurer are:
For mayor:
Jes-c French
Roger Hogan
Orville H. Tonsing
For council member:
Jimmy French
Hannah L. Goodman
Kevin Scott
John Schneider
Catherine R. Edge
Ashley Sullivan

City of Holyoke Ballot Question 2A:

Without raising taxes, shall the city's lodging tax of two and one-half percent (2.5%) on the leasing or renting of rooms or other accommodations in commercial lodging facilities by short-term visitors and guests for the expenditures of the recreation programs of the city of Holyoke expiring on Dec. 31, 2021, be extended to Dec. 31, 2026.
Yes: _____ No: _____
Dated this 20th day of October, 2020.
Kathleen L. Olofson, CMC
City clerk/treasurer
Published Holyoke Enterprise
Published Oct. 22, 2020

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget for the Phillips County Recreation District Board for the ensuing year of 2021 has been filed in the office of County Administration, 221 S. Interocean Ave., Holyoke, CO, where same is open for public inspection.

Any interested person within such Phillips County may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to final adoption on Oct. 30, 2020.
Richard Starkebaum
Chairman
Published Holyoke Enterprise
Published Oct. 22, 2020

NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Phillips County Commissioners for the ensuing fiscal year 2021. That a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the Office of the County Commissioners where same is open for public inspection. That such proposed budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to be held at the Phillips County Courthouse, 221 S. Interocean Ave., on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020, at 10 a.m. Any interested elector of Phillips County may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
Board of County Commissioners
Phillips County, Colorado
Published Holyoke Enterprise
Published Oct. 22, 2020

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget for Region One Translator Association for the ensuing year of 2021 has been filed in the office of the County Administration, 221 S. Interocean Ave., Holyoke, CO, where same is open for public inspection.

Any interested person within such Phillips County may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to Oct. 30, 2020.
Richard Starkebaum
Chairman
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Janice Beck, also known as Janice E. Beck, Deceased
Case Number 2020PR030010

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Phillips County, Colorado, on or before Feb. 8, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.
Russell J. Sprague, Attorney for Personal Representative
131 W. Emerson St.
Holyoke, CO 80734
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Gilbert's Grove is remembered by many as a popular hangout from days gone by. It was named after George Gilbert, who died 100 years ago, but from there, information was scarce and one haunting question remained.

Where is George?

BY DENNIS BURCHETT

This past March, I happened to read a post on the Holyoke page on Facebook. The post was another that made mention of Gilbert's Grove, certainly a famous spot from my days in Holyoke, having graduated from there in 1961.

It was mentioned that the grove, west of town, was named after George Gilbert, but from there, information was blank and people were wondering about him. The big question: Where is George?

Lots of rumors existed in my day and certainly many years before and after. I am one of those who wonders, but I think the answer may be close. It may not be definitive, but likely more probable than what currently seems to be the belief.

I will begin by saying I have spent a decent number of years doing the research into the Burchett name and the many relatives tied to the name. After some 15 years, I was finally able to put it all to print and kind of closed the door on genealogy — until George Gilbert.

What follows is a quick review of facts on the gentleman as well as some with close ties to his life. This is the most basic information and could easily be expanded upon by anyone wanting to take more time. I know there is a great deal more information out there if someone wants to take the time.

A few of the items, I believe, are the clues that helped "find" George. Please note that many of the dates are approximate. Sometimes, when records were filled out, the individual (George) was not sure of the exact date or place or the recorder did not care to be exact. I found that George, over time, gave his birth date at +/- two years, so dates are most always approximate.

It is also most important to note that this short Gilbert article would not have been possible without the assistance of Marvin Skipworth, a true history bloodhound; Eldene Hinde, for never giving up; and Larry Poos, for use of his special talent. A special thanks for the assistance of others from the Phillips County Museum and help with county and Holyoke records, especially cemetery, property and court records.

Gilbert is born in Ireland

George Gilbert was born March 1, 1827 (+/- two), in Larne, County Antrim, in present-day Northern Ireland. His parents were John Gilbert (1796-1848) and Anne (McMullen) Gilbert (1795-1857). Both John and Anne were 31 when George was born. John died in 1848 and Anne in 1857, both being buried in Iowa.

A quick review of records shows that around 1840 John and Anne immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Iowa. Records indicate that George immigrated to America about 1845. His record says he was naturalized, but that record was not found.

One would wonder if George ended up in the Civil War, but the record is not clear. It shows there were one and possibly two George Gilberts in the war from Illinois, but there is not enough information to say for sure. It is my belief that he was not in the war.

Trying to uncover facts from the 1800s is always a hit or miss, and such is the case for George between 1850 and 1860.

Reading between the lines and filling in the blanks, it appears that around 1853, George married a lady named Permelia J. Guthrie (born in 1827 in Ohio and died 1891). Permelia's parents were James Guthrie (1795-1862) and Nancy Corn (1798-1857).

George and Permelia were married around 1853 as that is when their first child, Nancy, was born. Over the next several years, George and

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Permelia had eight children (Nancy, Elizabeth, James, Gilbert, Emma, Leana, Thomas and John).

No record was found as to what George was doing or where he lived after arriving in America. We only know he got married around 1853, and nothing more was found until 1860.

It is interesting that in 1860 he was married, with a family, but the census records show him living in a boarding house in Independence City, Missouri, with 25 other unrelated people (average age of 25) but not with his wife for some reason. One can only speculate, and only some hard research will provide clarity.

By 1870, he listed his occupation as "farmer." He and his family of eight were living in Buchanan, Iowa, and appear to have owned some farm ground. He was some 100 miles or less from where his father lived.

Between 1870 and 1880, there were big changes for George. In 1880, he was living in Little Blue, Nebraska (today's population is 200), and he was divorced. He was farming but living alone; Permelia left him and took the children with her back to Iowa. The exact date of the divorce is unknown. She remained in Iowa and later moved to California. She died on Dec. 12, 1891, and is buried in Manteca, California.

Gilbert leaves Nebraska for Colorado

Most of the 1890 census records were destroyed in a fire, so there is a big data gap in U.S. history. Some information is available, but it is pretty much select state records.

It appears that George decided to leave Nebraska and head west into what will become Phillips County. Some time prior to George moving to Colorado, the records show his daughter, Elizabeth, had already relocated to the area.

There is no record of when he moved, but it was likely around 1885 as that is when he received his homestead patent for 160 acres.

In February 1895, George received a homestead land patent for the SW quarter of Section 9, Township 7, Range 45. Eight months later, in October, he received a timber patent for the NW quarter of Section 9, Township 7, Range 45.

In the case of a timber patent, the owner can have the land if he plants trees on a quarter of the land and can use the remainder of the land however he wishes.

George sold the half section to Whitney Irving for $600 in August 1895 and later bought back the NW quarter for $350. The SW quarter was sold by Whitney and has been resold many times since.

There was a strange twist in the NW quarter, which was sold back to George. The land was sold to George — but not the buildings. However, the document states that he was allowed to live in the dwellings until he passed away — strange and no explanation. Likely they worked this out on the side at a later date.

Whitney was from Illinois, and on the date of sale, he was 28 years old — a very young man to own land.

Whitney moved to town and married Anna Reynolds and sold grain to make a living. By 1910, Whitney was still in Holyoke and had become a real estate agent, but he soon moved on to reside in Denver.

The next significant point of interest was finding George had remarried. The record says he was married by a justice of the peace to Dianthia Jewett on Dec. 18, 1887, in Holyoke.

Although a great deal of time and effort has been expended, the history of Dianthia continues to elude any effort to look into her past. A few logical assumptions have been made, but she remains elusive.

When the town of Holyoke was just two months old, George and Dianthia were farming their property, and all seemed to be fine until

It is believed, with merit, that Dianthia is buried within Gilbert's Grove along with one of her sons from a previous marriage.

August 1897 when Dianthia became ill and passed away.

The record of her actual death on Aug. 3 does not say where she was buried. There is no record of her being buried at the Holyoke Cemetery; however, some believe they know where she is buried.

In rural communities, prior to about 1940, it was not uncommon to be buried in a community cemetery, family cemetery or on one's own property.

It is believed, with merit, that Dianthia is buried within Gilbert's Grove along with one of her sons from a previous marriage. There are a handful of people who truly feel they know precisely where her grave is, but no one will ever know for sure.

Gilbert gives land to daughter for help in return

By 1900, George was still farming on his quarter section. He was then 73.

George continued to farm, but one significant change took place around 1909. By late 1909, George was no longer able to farm the land without help, so he asked his daughter, Elizabeth, to leave her home in Loveland and move to Holyoke to help.

He said that in return for her help (and husband Robert Stewart), he would give her the land when he passed away. Elizabeth agreed and even took out a $500 loan on her home to purchase some items needed to keep the farm functioning.

Elizabeth, Robert and son, George J. Stewart, moved to Holyoke, and in September 1909, a deed to the property was signed over to Elizabeth. There was some form of a contract that went with it to reiterate that she was to care for him in return.

George's home and barn were located in the southwest portion of his property just south of the Frenchman Creek. The buildings were likely dismantled between 1930 and 1960.

As 1920 arrived, George, 92, appeared to have left the property and was listed as a lodger living with Dominik J. Vrba and his wife, Mary. Dominik was 45 and his wife was 44. They had two children living with them and four other boarders, plus George.

Daughter, Elizabeth, sadly was widowed. As is too often the case, the record of Robert's death and where he is buried is not 100%. We only know he died between 1910 and 1920.

Many, many hours have been spent looking for Elizabeth and Robert. It is believed that Robert died on Oct. 14, 1916, and records show he is buried in Boulder. Could it be another, unrelated Robert? Possible, but not likely given what is known.

So, what of George's daughter Elizabeth who was in possession of George's quarter section of land that was deeded to her in 1909? She was listed as living on the property in 1910 and 1920. By 1909, George was 82 and certainly too old to be farming. Records actually imply he was destitute and on county welfare.

With assistance from Eldene Hinde and a review of various records, I've found some interesting events taking place. Even with incomplete records, the "story" shows that in September 1909, George deeded his quarter section of land over to Elizabeth. It appears George agreed to give her the land if she took care of him until his death.

What little property that was farmable, maybe 100 acres, was not enough for Elizabeth to make a living, so in November 1914, Elizabeth deeded the land to Phillips County if the county would pay for the welfare of George and give some assistance to her as well.

Around 1913, George was so upset with his daughter, he left the home and went to live with neighbors (the Vrbas and later Freedom Sprague).

In early 1914, George took the property back saying she did not fulfill her part of the verbal/written contract.

George was very much a very cranky old guy, and at one point, he returned to the home place and decided to take the horses and wagon with him. His nephew, George J., took exception to this, and the fighting began, followed by a lawsuit. The legal proceedings went nowhere apparently, and life went on following the family squabble.

Elizabeth fights with county over land

Around December 1914, George deeded the land to the county. Elizabeth not only lost the land but was not aware her father had deeded it to the county.

There appears to have been an agreement between Elizabeth and the county that she could live there and that George and Elizabeth would receive assistance even though George had vacated the property.

She agreed to pay the county back for its help, and if she paid all the money expended by the county, she could get the land back after George died. The agreement further stated that the amount due, around $4,000, had to be repaid within three years of his death, and if not, the county would take over the property,

It appears George agreed to give her the land if she took care of him until his death.

and she would no longer have any right whatsoever to the property.

Another lawsuit was filed and was finally settled in court in May 1928. Elizabeth lost the property, and her father had passed away as well as her husband. Elizabeth wanted to continue her fight with the county.

It appears she decided to move to Boulder where her attorney's business was located. She took up residence with her daughter, Margaret "Maggie" Hilton. It is believed she left in 1921/1922. She left her son, George, with daughter, Bell, and Fred Coon, who lived in the Grove area if not actually in the original home owned by George.

On Jan, 31, 1923, Elizabeth's son, George, who had been living with sister, Bell, west of town, died. He was 47 and died of asthma and heart failure. He was to be taken to Boulder for burial, but he was actually buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Loveland on Feb. 5, 1923.

His mother, Elizabeth, went on to be buried three lots away on Sept. 12, 1928. Take note that the grave notice says G.G. Stewart, but it must have been an error as it was actually G.J. Stewart. Both graves are unmarked. Interesting that there are still five empty lots owned by Elizabeth of the eight she owned.

Many of Elizabeth's children accounted for

There is not a good place to bring Robert and Elizabeth's children into this article, but a couple of the children are integral players involving Elizabeth.

A little more history on Elizabeth (Gilbert) Stewart is important to the story. Elizabeth is the second child born to George and Permelia Gilbert. By 1880, George's kids had left home and were on their own.

Elizabeth married Robert Stewart, a gentleman from Ireland. Robert was born about 1847 and arrived in America around 1866. They were married about 1870 in Iowa.

By 1880, the couple was in Cedar, Iowa, with their four children. By census year 1900, Robert couldn't be found for some reason, but he was not with Elizabeth who was living in Larimer County with three of her children.

By 1910, Elizabeth and Robert were living with George in Phillips County. It is noteworthy that in 1910, Robert was with Elizabeth, but in a lawsuit already mentioned, Elizabeth said she was widowed before 1909 — can't explain! It is believed Robert died on Oct. 14, 1916, while living with a daughter

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in Boulder. He is buried in the Boulder cemetery.

Of their children, all have been accounted for but two of the girls.

— Margaret "Maggie" (Stewart) Hilton. April 1871-June 1963. She married Charles Hilton. Buried in Boulder.

— Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Stewart) Crimmins. February 1873-May 1943. Married John T. Crimmins in 1897 and a widow by 1930. Died in Nederland and buried in Boulder.

— George James Stewart. September 1875-January 1923. George is buried in Loveland just one space over from his mother, Elizabeth. In noting data from the various census records, George is never listed without being with his mother, so the feeling is he had a mental disability. The only time he appears to have been away from his mother was a few months before his death.

The record says he had been staying with his sister, Bell Coon, 6 miles west of Holyoke (Gilbert's Grove?) and passed away at the end of January 1923. He was then taken to Loveland to be buried "next" to his mother. Like his mother, he has no headstone. The cemetery record states the names as G.G. Stewart, which is a mistake as it is G.J. Stewart.

— Anna Jane (Stewart) Stokes. Born Sept. 29, 1880, in Jefferson, Iowa. Have not been able to locate Anna, but she was not with her siblings or mother in 1900.

— Belle "Bell" (Stewart) Coon. Born July 1882. She was still living with her mother in 1900 in Larimer County. Around 1902, she married Fred R. Coon, and by 1930, she was living in Phillips County with Fred and four children.

The family spent a lot of time in the Phillips County area, but by 1940, Bell was in Boulder and was a widow. Fred is buried in Boulder. At some point, following the death of Fred, Bell moved to Pueblo to spend her remaining years. Bell died on Feb. 20, 1959, and is buried in the Mountain View Cemetery, in an unmarked grave, along with two of her sons.

— Emily "Emma" (Stewart) Clark. Born October 1886 in Jefferson, Iowa. She has not been located since 1900.

— Robert J. "Bert" Stewart. December 1890-October 1970. Bert, which is the name he went by, was the traveler. He never married, but in 1930 he was in Oregon working on the railroad. He remained single and died in Washington. He is buried at Blue Mountain Memorial Gardens in Walla Walla, Washington.

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Gilbert dies in August 1920

With the exception of one major question, the curtain closes on a piece of land that has been talked about for about 100 years. So much mystery with tales that have been discussed around the table and over haunting campfires for many, many years.

Since the 1930s, hundreds of kids have walked Gilbert's Grove, always wondering about their surroundings. The big question was always asked, "Is George Gilbert really buried out here?"

So, what of George Gilbert? It has taken a lot of digging and research by folks already mentioned and how timely for an answer as he passed away 100 years ago this year! August 1920 is the date of his death.

There is far more to the story as there is still the question of "Where is George Gilbert?" which is what started this quest.

Records show that as of March 1920, George was a boarder at the home of Dominik and Mary Vrba and was soon living with the Freedom Sprague family. The feeling is that George got acquainted with Dianthia Jewett via Mr. Sprague as their families lived in the Sedgwick area.

Marvin Skipworth, once again, came through, and found that on Aug. 20, 1920, George passed away in the Sprague home and was then buried in the Holyoke Cemetery.

There is no headstone in the Holyoke Cemetery for him as there is not enough room for one without interfering with traffic. A properly placed stone would end up being run over with vehicle traffic.

It appears by the records that Lot No. 7 was initially purchased by W.W. Worley, one of the Holyoke pioneers, and given to Elizabeth for her use to bury George in Circle A, Lot No. 7.

Now we not only know many of the details of one of the pioneers of Phillips County, but we also know where he is buried. Rest in peace, George.

This article has been a long but fun search to find some answers to questions that are part of Holyoke's history. We have enjoyed the adventure, but we keep asking, "Where is that old hidden diary when you need it most?"

