

## **Top news stories, events from 2010 highlighted**

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### **Jan. 7**

Jeff and Tricia Michael prepare for a two-week mission trip to Uganda, Africa.

Tillie Fisbeck earns Master Municipal Clerk designation from International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

### **Jan. 14**

Jeremy Perez Ortiz, born Saturday, Jan. 9 becomes the first baby of 2010 born at MMH. Parents are Luis and Dalia Perez.

City Council members vote to turn off daily whistles at the downtown location. The siren will still sound for tornadoes and fires. Daily whistles on the other towers will still sound at 7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.

Holyoke Lions Club members hold bingo games twice a month to help fund events they sponsor.

### **Jan. 21**

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Randy Schafer gets a second chance at life after receiving a double lung transplant.

First United Methodist Church pastor Paul Sung shares his views and a unique tie to the area. 100 years ago a pastor from the Venango, Neb. area traveled to Korea, Sung's homeland, as a missionary.

Madelaine Lamm opens Maddie's Shear Magic Salon and Scrapbooking store at 245 N. Interocean Ave.



**Phillips County Relay for Life celebrated birthdays during the 12-hour birthday bash event June 4-5. Cancer survivors, pictured above, release balloons following the event's survivor lap. Relay teams raised over \$39,000 for the American Cancer Society.**

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—June 10, 2010 Enterprise file photo

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Leon Atkins shares his story about a 1997 trip to Haiti. The hospital where he spent time was untouched by the Jan. 12 7.0 earthquake that leveled much of the country.

School studies attendance policy change. Current policy of reducing student grades due to attendance to be eliminated.

City Council discusses options for daily whistles and plan on placing the issue on the ballot.

Alternative High School reports on move from E. Denver location to HHS.

1986 Challenger Explosion remembered by Holyoke residents.

Trae McCallum captures a calf during the catch-a-calf competition at the National Western Stock Show in Denver.

### **Feb. 4**

Operation PC Cares sends packages of supplies and toys to soldiers currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Phillips County is awarded \$2.5 million energy grant. NECO Wind plans to build a 650 MW wind turbine-based renewable energy project in Phillips, Sedgwick and Logan counties.

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Ashley Sullivan joins staff at The Holyoke Enterprise as a receptionist. Her duties will include handling classified ads as well as other front office jobs.

Rep. Cory Gardner keynotes Phillips County Lincoln Day luncheon held at the new Event Center in Holyoke.

HHS FBLA partners with Computers Etc. to form a new business venture called the Cartridge Connection. They sell printer cartridges for profit.

Beatlemania is remembered by community members 46 years later.

### Feb. 11

Boy scouting celebrates 100th year anniversary. Knight family is remembered for their many years of service.

Young Americans visit Holyoke and perform concert with 139 students of which 104 are from Holyoke.

HHS swimmers Amy Krogmeier and Jordan Zeiler prepare for state swim meet.

**Feb. 18**

Gene Daise shares his story about trying out for the Olympics in 1948. He also recalls being the one involved with starting the wrestling program at HHS in 1953.

The Holyoke Enterprise announces it will offer a new E-edition for customers to subscribe to.

Alec and Gage Sprague audition in Denver for chance to perform in Disney talent show at Disney World in July. They were notified both boys made the cut and will travel to Orlando for the big show.

Music Parents keep music alive in Holyoke schools. The group purchases new lap tops, projector and a wireless microphone. They also purchased a CD player/tuner/microphone combos for both the elementary and high school music rooms.

Holyoke Community Federal Credit Union holds annual meeting and reports positive year.

HHS wrestlers Chad Stroh, Mark Edmonds, Skyler Dittmer, Luke Garrett and Cade Garrison qualify for state wrestling tournament at the Pepsi Center.

**Feb. 25**

Chad Stroh brings home his third state wrestling championship. Sophomore Mark Edmonds

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also brings home gold. Luke Garrett and Cade Garrison earn third-place medals while Skyler Dittmer places fourth. The team finished in fourth place.

City Council members decide not to include daily sirens on the upcoming ballot. The sirens will remain the same as they are now.

Holyoke Re-1J announces plans for new communication tool that will be capable of sending out mass messages to students and parents.

MV Equipment customers meet new owner, Jerry McArthur at the customer appreciation breakfast.

### March 4

Kimberlee Bennett and School District prepare for CSAP testing. Bennett shares process is much more than just testing.

Shari Cagle announces intent to run for Phillips County Treasurer.

Holyoke Enterprise brings home five awards from Colorado Press Association Convention. Awards included three advertisements, photography and best series awards.

Third annual Taste of Agriculture a success after 17 vendors in Phillips County showcase their wares.

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HHS boys' basketball team wins third-straight district title.

### March 11

Phillips County Sheriff's Office begins process of adding a K-9 program.

Heidi Black joins staff at Brandt Chiropractic.

Thirty organizations and businesses participate in 27th Annual Community Night at HHS.

Both boys' and girls' basketball teams advance to state tournament. The boys enter as the No. 2 seed while the girls earn the No. 8 seed.

Jaydin Goldenstein earns spot on the 15 and under USA baseball team and will travel to the Dominican Republic in August to play in the Latin American Baseball Classic.

### March 18

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HHS boys' basketball team wins the Class 2A State basketball championship after wins over Hayden, Sanford and Ignacio.

HHS girls' basketball team falls to Paonia and Sedgwick County to close out season at the state basketball tournament.

A new message system being used within the school district is deemed a success after the first message was sent out without any issues.

### March 25

Gloria Heinitz is a regional finalist for the Nightingale Award. Joni Taylor was also recognized at the dinner for efforts in nursing.

Phillips County Economic Development holds annual meeting and recognizes Phillips County Commissioners and NECO wind with collaboration awards.

HHS senior Marissa Smith signs letter of intent to run track at Colorado State University.

HHS senior Shelby Beavers signs letter of intent to be a hurdler with Chadron State College in Chadron, Neb.

"Breaking Up is Hard to Do" hits HHS stage March 26-27.



**April 1**

Harlan Stern fills the vacant seat on East Phillips County Hospital Board. The seat became open after Ray Malleck announced his resignation.

JC Peckham, Brian Akey, Steve Moore and Frostteana Elmquist vie for three Holyoke City Council seats.

Joe Kinnie enters Phillips County Dist. 1 commissioner race after Susan Roll Walters withdraws her name during the Republican County Assembly.

**April 8**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Amherst prepares for 100th anniversary celebration.

City elects JC Peckham, Steve Moore and Brian Akey to Holyoke City Council.

HHS senior Marissa Smith is named outstanding female athlete at Ogallala, Neb. track meet.

## April 15

Large crowd helps St. Paul's Lutheran Church celebrate 100th anniversary.

HHS senior Kyle Carper and boys' basketball head coach John Baumgartner are named Class 2A player/coach of the year by the Denver Post.

HHS wrestlers Cade Garrison, Mark Edmonds, Skyler Dittmer, Chad Stroh and Luke Garrett are named to the Denver Post's All-State list.



**Hundreds of people gathered at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Amherst for the 100th anniversary celebration April 11. —April 15, 2010 Enterprise file photo**

## April 22

Holyoke, Mass. couple stops in Holyoke on way home along the historic Route 6.

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Inaugural Emerald Award winners Lynn Schneider, Nancy Pillard and Nancy Kennedy are honored for their efforts in the Holyoke school district.

HHS juniors Preston King, Brian DeBoer, Seth Baker, Kaylee Groshans, Heather Duester and Sydney Nelson selected as prom candidates.

Chad Stroh wins high school wrestling Colorado State excellence award.

### **April 29**

Junior high social studies teacher Kevin Asbury resigns and faces sexual assault charges.

Holyoke City Council discusses truck parking on city streets.

Weather puts a damper on Colorado U.S. 6 Heritage Corporation presentation.

Brian DeBoer and Heather Duester crowned king and queen at 2010 HHS prom.

HHS senior Logan Krueger signs letter of intent to play baseball at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

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HHS Dragon tracksters set numerous records at Chase County track invitational.

Peerless Theatre and movie industry recalled by Holyoke residents.

### May 6

Pepsi Refresher project could net \$25,000 in Holyoke area projects. Residents are urged to cast online votes.

Schlachter family prepares for Landon's Hope walk in Windsor.

HHS senior Nora Roth signs to play volleyball at Colby Community College in Colby, Kan.

### May 13

Thirty-two HHS seniors prepare for 2010 commencement.

A large crowd gathered at the new Phillips County Event Center for the Cinco de Mayo celebration.

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HHS juniors Becca Brandt, Ella Stewart and Catrina Krueger selected to attend Colorado Girls State.

Glen McCallum opens new mobile diesel repair business.

Preston King and Brian DeBoer selected to attend Colorado Boys State.

HHS baseball team wins District title and receives bye in the first round at regionals.

Richard Brown visits WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. and tells emotional story.

Re-1J board decides to move sixth grade classes back to elementary school building after thorough evaluation.

### **May 20**

New search dog utilized by Phillips County Sheriff's Department is showing promise.

Colorado Preservation group is researching rural historic places in Phillips County.

Nicole Brandt is in national top 10 in essay contest.

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Twelve Dragon tracksters prepare for state meet.

HHS baseball falls in second round of regional tournament.

Agenda Club hosts annual senior breakfast for the final time.

### May 27

HHS senior Marissa Smith wins four gold medals at the class 2A state track meet. Girls' 4x200 meter relay sets new state record. Both the boys and girls' teams take third place.

Thirty-seven people compete in annual Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation Amateur Triathlon.

Race season gets underway at Phillips County Raceway.

Cierra Sullivan prepares for summer internship in San Francisco, Calif.

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### June 3

Memorial Day observed with program at Memorial Park at the Holyoke Cemetery.

New hospital board members Steve Young, Steve Deaver, Sheryl Farnsworth and Harlan Stern take oath of office.

Numerous HHS classes gather for reunions.

### June 10

Relay for Life raises \$39,000 during 12-hour birthday bash at Phillips County Courthouse lawn.

HHS music teacher Pat Wiebers retires after 30 years.

Video technology is now being used in Phillips County courtroom.

Whitni Redman prepares to travel to California to explore medical field.

**June 17**

The Dominator vehicle from Discovery Channel's Storm Chasers show stops in Holyoke.

Holyoke prepares for junior rodeo. Carolyn Koberstein and Gale Wiebers share rodeo stories and talk about event.

Meet and Eat program looks to increase numbers at lunch program.

Grainland holds annual meeting and reports strong year and looks to future.

**June 24**

Peerless Theatre plans to host Fathom Events in near future.

Janna Smith is crowned as Phillips County Fair Lady-in-Waiting.

Emma Adams earns State FFA degree at state convention.

Nicole Brandt completes final New Way tour.



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The history of baseball in Holyoke is uncovered and remembered.

HHS juniors recall experience at Boys and Girls State.

### **July 1**

Leo and Elsie Fisbeck are announced as 2010 Phillips County Fair Parade Grand Marshals.

Dan Goddard tells his story about living with paranoid schizophrenia.

Holyoke Lions Club members talk about taking time to work at the ballpark burger stand during the summer.

Holyoke Swim Club completes regular season.

Hoyoke Babe Ruth team earns runner up spot at Border League tournament.

### **July 8**

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Spencer Kimble begins duties as new pharmacist at Pamida.

Jordan Zeiler attends HOBY leadership seminar.

A behind the scenes look into a day in the life of a Holyoke Police Officer is offered.

### **July 15**

World War II Japanese American evacuees embraced in Colorado at Amache Internment Camp.

Heidi Budd recovers after receiving a functional hemispherectomy.

Kindra Plumb begins as new Extension Program Associate and 4-H Youth Development coordinator.

Three HHS teams earn gold medals at National FCCLA Convention.

### **July 22**

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The history of Phillips County Fair is outlined.

Megan Colglazier attends Mike Beaty Model and Talent Expo in Dallas, Texas.

Longtime resident Melvin Moon recalls 64 years of riding horses through Phillips County Fair Parade.

Jolly Dozen FCE members Marianne Sullivan and Clara O'Connor receive awards at the state convention.



**Brooke Parker takes the cover off to unveil the clock atop the tower located near Melissa Memorial Hospital during the 50th anniversary celebration July 22.** □□□□ □□□ □□□

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—July 29, 2010 Enterprise file photo

**July 29**

Velma Biddle celebrates her 101st birthday with family and friends. She is also presented with a Girls State flag from Becca Brandt who was part of the Biddle Naval Base while at Girls State.

Danny Vernon shares his story about living with Cerebral Palsy and blood drive will be held in his honor.

Melissa Memorial Hospital celebrates 50th anniversary and FBLA unveils new clock tower in southwest corner of MMH parking lot.

Bike and Build group rides through Holyoke and spends the night at the new Phillips County Event Center.

Theresa Tharp is inducted into Limon High School's Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Aug. 5**

Phillips County Fair Board members are pleased with the number of people that turned out for the 2010 county fair.

New law requires children under the age of 8 to be in child safety seat.

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Zion Lutheran Church youth group travels to New Orleans, La. for youth gathering.

### Aug. 12

Mayor David Nygaard announces his resignation.

Japanese exchange students spend three weeks in Holyoke and Phillips County Fair.

Re-1J Board of Education gets closer to finalizing mill levy override question for the November ballot.

Family Practice of Holyoke implements Electronic Medical Records and will begin using computers in exam rooms.

Trisha Herman named as the new director of Phillips County Family Education Services.

Colorado Bombers win state title. Holyoke players on the team include Austin Tharp, Steven Ortner and Zach Krueger.

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### Aug. 19

Eight new teachers are introduced and prepare for new school year.

Jeff and Tricia Michael recall recent mission trips to Africa.

Amherst Fire Department hosts fun day offering many activities.

### Aug. 26

Students head back to school. First day student count drops by 19.

Orville Tonsing is named mayor by Holyoke City Council. Kevin Scott is named mayor pro tem.

Holyoke is not affected by nationwide egg recall. Salmonella is still a concern nationwide.

2010 CSAP results are reviewed by Re-1J Board of Education.

Phillips County Event Center gets facelift with new gardens made possible by grant from Colorado Garden Show Inc.

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Handicap accessible playground concept is proposed to replace structure at Homesteaders Park.

90-year-old twins Elton and Milton Oltjenbruns celebrate their birthday.

Jaydin Goldenstein's USA 15 and under team finishes as runner-up at the Latin American Baseball Classic.

### Sept. 2

Peerless Theatre plans Rolling Stones event as part of the kickoff of Fathom Events.

Amitie schoolmates gather at Regent Park and Carriage House for an impromptu school reunion.

Milton and Leona Oltjenbruns donate large amount of depression glass to the Phillips County Museum.

Seven foreign exchange students are introduced as they begin the school year in Holyoke.

**Sept. 9**

El Dairy King opens doors under new ownership.

Jim Tomky shares his love of farming and teaches Holyoke newcomers the ins and outs of the business.

First United Methodist Church pastor Paul Sung travels to Africa for Every Home for Christ project.

Wrestling club's first annual mouse races are a big hit.

**Sept. 16**

Harlam Ambassadors beat the Dragon Slayers and entertain crowd with humor and fun.

Re-1J mill levy explained as necessary, reasonable and accountable.

Highway 6 walker Joe Hurley returns to Holyoke for short visit.

Deane Anderson, 85, starts a website to help promote his book.



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### Sept. 23

Every 15 Minutes program opens eyes of students regarding drinking and driving.

Blye McCallum and parents Gary and Andrea, begin the process of raising funds for a trip to Germany for stem cell treatment.

### Sept. 30

David Churchwell is appointed to the vacant seat on Holyoke City Council.

City Council and Re-1J Board of Education are two more entities to oppose ballot measures 60, 61 and 101.

A benefit is planned for cancer survivor Phil Enterline.

HHS alumni recall homecoming memories as the 2010 homecoming nears.

MV Equipment expands service department and adds onto current building.

Preston King, Cody Fricke, Seth Baker, Marci Vasa, Mallory Bennett and Sydney Nelson named

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homecoming royalty candidates.

Keaton Arkulari qualifies for state golf tournament in Estes Park.

### Oct. 7

Holyoke area hit hard with check scams. Elderly people see increase in scam phone calls and mail.

Linda Statz and Shari Cagle vie for County Treasurer and make up the only contested county race on November ballot.

Regan Murray shares his story after being diagnosed with stage 3 esophageal cancer.

### Oct. 14

Public meeting is held to discuss amendments 60, 61 and proposition 101.

Bob Brandt, Sherry Simms and Dana Warren are named the new management team at the Peerless Theatre.

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Linda Jelden receives McGuffey Award.

HHS softball is the No. 2 seed in District Softball tournament.

### Oct. 21

Toby and Jackie Thompson enjoy second year of operating their pumpkin patch, Pumpkins and More.

Sheriff Rob Urbach, assessor Doug Kamery, clerk/treasurer Beth Cumming and newcomer Joe Kinnie (commissioner) all running unopposed in upcoming election.

Five area cooperatives come together to celebrate cooperative month by serving community breakfast.

HHS softball team advances to first-ever experience at state tournament.

HHS volleyball team pinks out the gym for pink out game to raise awareness for breast cancer.

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### Oct. 28

Corn and beet harvest near completion much earlier than 2009 harvest.

City Council adopts medical marijuana ordinance prohibiting dispensaries or grow operations within city limits.

Council member Ray Bailey dies.

Holyoke in cooperation with Haxtun, receives new recycling bin. Recycle center near railroad tracks closes doors.

HHS cheerleaders win first place and grand champion awards.

Softball loses to eventual state champions in first round of state tournament.

### Nov. 4

Scholl Oil and Transportation brings new technology to town by way of nitrogen filled tires.

Mill levy override passes and Linda Statz reelected county treasurer.

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Ballyneal recognized as Certified Audubon Cooperation Sanctuary.

HHS volleyball season comes to an end at districts.

Baby Bear Hugs offers group play date every Thursday.

### Nov. 11

Local war veterans John Smith, Max Jinkens and George Thomas share stories from World War II and Vietnam.

City council looks to fill vacancy after Ray Bailey died.

The Enterprise salutes local veterans with special tribute page.

### Nov. 18

Blye's Quest is a huge success with over 700 people attending and fundraising goal met.

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Rod Ellis is doing well a year after receiving a kidney transplant.

Holyoke receives the first snow of the season Nov. 11.

Sarah Heermann, Jordan Zeiler, Catrina Krueger and Cody Fricke win Voice of Democracy contest.

HHS softball player Makenzie Ault signs with University of Nebraska at Kearney to play softball.



**Hoyoke Volunteer Firefighters pose with Blye McCallum during his fundraiser held Nov. 12 at Phillips County Event Center. The McCallums began raising funds for a trip to Germany when they learned Blye was eligible for stem cell treatment. The fundraiser was a huge success with over 700 people attending.**

**—Nov. 18, 2010 Enterprise file photo**

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### Nov. 25

Jessica Cumming appointed to City Council. Boiler at city pool breaks, forcing the closure of the pool.

Phillips County Event Center celebrates with grand opening/thank you celebration.

Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation hosts annual legacy of thanks celebration.

HHS presents Around the World in 80 Days.

MV Equipment holds open house in new addition of building.

### Dec. 2

Daniels Fund grant awarded to Homesteaders playground project.

HHS athletes recognized for efforts during the fall season at awards banquet.

**Dec. 9**

Numerous people gather for annual Country Christmas and the Parade of Lights.

Justin Drescher, grandson of Susanne Drescher of Holyoke, gets opportunity to suit up as the long snapper for the New Orleans Saints NFL football team.

Spencer Heldenbrand graduates from fire training center in Englewood, Fla.

HHS cheerleaders earn 2A state runner-up honor at state competition.

Elvira Krogmeier shares traditions of an Italian Christmas celebration.

**Dec. 16**

City purchases new boiler for city pool and should be installed in seven weeks.

Ulene Sagehorn talks about Swedish Christmas traditions and the “smelly” Lutefisk dish.

Chamber of Commerce is looking for ways to rejuvenate.



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Randy and Joy Schafer enjoying life after Randy's double lung transplant just over a year ago.

Mark Edmonds and Broc Pelle named outstanding wrestlers of the Larry Stroh Memorial Tournament.

### Dec. 23

Dan and Shonna Kafka lose their garage, vehicles and part of the barn in an early morning fire Dec. 16.

JH boys' basketball team captures LPAA league championship.

Re-1J school board introduced to new Promethean boards.

Nelda and Dale O'Neal give back to community by volunteering much of their time to different projects and organizations.

HHS junior Leo Ochoa displays art talent in high school library.

### Dec. 30

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Baldwin building and adjoining buildings to the east are removed.

Jessica Cumming is sworn in as newest member of Holyoke City Council.

Phillips County Sheriff's Department begins Internet Crimes Against Children program.

Darlene Johnson introduced as the new victims assistance coordinator.

HHS senior Briar Bergner talks about her tie dye business.

HHS sophomore Brett Cumming earns honorable mention in the Denver Post's Class 1A All-State football selections.