

## **Peekin' into the Past**

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### **Five Years Ago April 26, 2007**

With over 50 years of combined teaching experience in Holyoke, first-grade teacher Karen Scott and second-grade teacher Jan Stoddard will be retiring from Holyoke Elementary School after the 2006-07 school year.

Through a grant process to the Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program, Highline Electric Association received a loan of \$740,000 and an additional grant of \$300,000. The initial loan and grant proceeds will go directly to Melissa Memorial Hospital in the form of a zero-interest loan for the new hospital project.

### **Ten Years Ago April 25, 2002**

A playground is being constructed next to the Amherst Community Center. The playground is being built with a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado.

A request from KBC Trading & Processing Company for an exemption to the city's subdivision regulation was granted by members of the Holyoke City Council at their April 16 meeting.

Phillips County Economic Development Corporation was recognized at the state level as PCEDC director Michelle Finley received the Rookie of the Year award from the Economic Developers Council of Colorado.

### **Twenty-Five Years Ago April 30, 1987**

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A structural engineer determined last week that the north wall of the Jack & Jill grocery store would have to be replaced as a result of the April 7 fire next door.

Tim and John Sullivan are constructing a greenhouse east of Holyoke on The Farm Store property. The entire Sullivan family is involved with the new venture, which Tim described as a modified hydroponic greenhouse system.

Orville Tonsing, a member of the Holyoke Volunteer Fire Department for over 20 years and a past president of the State Firefighters Association, announced his retirement from the local VFD in early April.

### **Forty Years Ago April 27, 1972**

Holyoke Housing Authority has award George Rundel Construction Company of Julesburg the contract to build Holyoke's senior citizen village. The 30-unit, one-bedroom housing project will cost approximately \$400,000 and construction should start around June 15.

Average family income was \$7,561 in Phillips County in 1969, compared with \$9,555 for the state, according to a report on the 1970 census by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

### **Fifty Years Ago April 26, 1962**

The search was called off late last week for more than \$13,000, part of \$22,863 taken from the Enders, Neb. bank on Saturday morning, April 14, in a bold robbery by three men.

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The temperature soared to 92 degrees yesterday in Holyoke as hot, dry weather continued across the plains region.

April 28-May 5 will be Seat Belts for Safety Week in Holyoke, and the Lions Club will offer high-quality seat belts at a special price.

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