

Peekin' into the Past

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

Five Years Ago

Feb. 7, 2008

This past month, the Board of County Commissioners received word that the Phillips County Courthouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior on Dec. 26.

Office headquarters for Wolf Auto Center and United Country Choice Real Estate are moving this week to 444 E. Denver St., according to manager Casey Blake.

A Friday, Feb. 1 fire at the corner of Phillips County Roads 40 and 19 took around 1,600 tons of hay products owned by Anderson Alfalfa.

Ten Years Ago

Feb. 6, 2003

Lincoln Hayes earned third place in the state Voice of Democracy contest after winning first place at the local and district levels earlier this year.

Bret Kramer has been hired to work in the county assessor's office, while Sheila Gift and Diane Rahe have started work in the county clerk's office.

A farewell reception is being held Feb. 7 in honor of Deanna Deselms, who has served as the elementary school secretary for the past 16 years.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

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Feb. 11, 1988

After 43 years of service at the First National Bank of Holyoke, Josephine McWilliams retired Dec. 31, 1987.

Warren Snyder of Holyoke, who has served as a wildlife researcher with the Colorado Division of Wildlife for 27 years, was honored recently when he was named the 1987 Colorado Wildlife Federation's "Wildlife Professional of the Year."

Elmer Rowe, Clarence Kuhnke and Charles Hassler were recognized as 50-year members of Holyoke Community Federal Credit Union at the appreciation banquet held Feb. 3. All three were charter members of the Credit Union, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Forty Years Ago Feb. 8, 1973

B-52s and F-111 bombers of the Strategic Air Command will begin bombing runs near Holyoke immediately. These bomber runs will continue for a period of one year and will be day or night. No bombs will be carried, and the only disturbance from the low-flying bombers will be the noise as they pass over.

Carl and Keith Schneller of Holyoke were named the top sugar producers in the Sterling factory area of the Great Western Sugar Company at the growers' annual banquet held in Sterling last week.

Selected by score in a written knowledge and aptitude examination taken by both senior boys and girls on Dec. 5, Tony Kafka received a specially designated award from General Mills, which was presented to him at the last Holyoke High School pep assembly.

Fifty Years Ago

Feb. 7, 1963

The mercury soared to 78 degrees here on Tuesday, and Holyoke is believed to have had the highest temperature in the state that day.

Another new business was opened in Holyoke this week—John's Phillips 66 station, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Highway 6 and Highway 385. Manager of the new station is Francis Taylor, who moved here two weeks ago from Wray.

Razing of the former Presbyterian Church building to clear the site for a proposed new Christian Church was completed Tuesday. On Monday, workmen discovered a tin box containing interesting information and history of the church fastened to joists beneath the floor.

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