

Around Town

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

Fair queen/princess apps due June 30

Applications for fair queen and princess must be turned in by June 30. The forms can be found online at www.phillipscofair.com or call Pam Haynes at 970-854-5700. Mail completed applications to Phillips County Fair Board, P.O. Box 484, Holyoke, CO 80734.

Beecher Island presentation is Sunday

Phillips County Historical Society is hosting an informative presentation by Dave Belke on the historical Beecher Island battle Sunday, June 23 from 2-4 p.m. at Phillips County Museum.

On a little sandbar on the Arickaree fork of the Republican River was fought the hardest battle between the white men and the plains Indians in the annals of the West.

Fifty-one scouts and frontiersmen under the command of Lieutenant George A. Forsyth stood off the combined forces of the Northern Cheyenne, Arapaho and Oglala Sioux for nine days in September 1869. Known as the Battle of Beecher Island, this battle had a wide influence on the era's history.

HVFD responds to many sirens

Holyoke Volunteer Firefighters were busy this past week, tending to four separate scenes.

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At 9:10 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, an electrical panel box at 730 S. Baxter Ave. started on fire. The fire was out when HVFD arrived but they still had to ventilate the house to get rid of the smoke.

Thursday, June 13 at approximately 7:07 p.m. lightning caused a grass fire near Phillips County Roads 2 and 23.

An hour later HVFD responded to a fire caused by a tree falling on power lines at 227 S. Belford Ave.

Saturday, June 15 at 9:30 p.m., a microburst broke off a power pole near Phillips County Roads 8 and 45. HVFD secured the scene until Highline Electric Association arrived.

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