

Five Years Ago **Aug. 21, 2008**

One percent was the amount chosen for the sales/use tax raise proposed by Holyoke City Council members at a special meeting held Aug. 12. If passed, the increased sales tax added to the unchanged county and state taxes will bring the sales tax total in Holyoke to 6.4 percent.

Gathering community input for a comprehensive health care reform package, U.S. Senator Ken Salazar (D-CO) spoke to a crowd of close to 25 at Melissa Memorial Hospital in Holyoke on Aug. 13.

Holyoke School District Re-1J has created a new website which allows for more interaction between the schools and community, and gives parents more opportunities to monitor their children's educations. The new website can be viewed at <http://holyoke.schoolfusion.us> .

Ten Years Ago **Aug. 21, 2003**

As the number of positive human cases of West Nile Virus continues to grow at seemingly epidemic proportions, two Colorado counties—Weld and Larimer—have declared public health emergencies.

A raging fire in Amherst destroyed a vacant home in the 100 block of Monmouth Ave. and burned several outbuildings to the north on Aug. 13.

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Holyoke School District Re-1J recently recognized two teachers for 20 years of teaching—art teacher Rhonda Mehring-Smith and music teacher Nancy Kennedy.

Twenty-Five Years Ago Aug. 25, 1988

The TRT—a trailer, ramp, tailgate combination that replaces the standard tailgate on a pickup, designed by local inventor Mike McKenzie—is sparking interest across the U.S. and Canada.

The Holyoke City Council voted to offer Don Beckius a contract to serve as Holyoke's building inspector, effective Sept. 1. He will replace Jack Ellison.

The Holyoke centennial time capsule will be buried in the bell display in the corner park by the stoplight Aug. 26. The community is invited to attend this last official event of the Holyoke Centennial.

Forty Years Ago Aug. 23, 1973

Jo Leffingwell will hold a grand opening of her Ceramic Shack, located behind Holyoke Auto and Hardware, on Aug. 25. The Ceramic Shack will handle a complete line of greenware (molded clay), stains, glazes and tools, and will provide free instructions in ceramic work and does have a kiln for ceramic firing.

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The public is invited to share in the open house for Sunset View Homes, Holyoke's new senior housing, on Sunday, Sept. 2. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a tea table in the community room, a model apartment exhibit and a tour of the facilities.

Fifty Years Ago Aug. 22, 1963

The new residential area just north of Highway 6 on the east edge of Holyoke has been named "Frenchman Heights" and is being considered for town annexation.

Ardie Vieselmeyer is completing plans for the opening of Ardie's Beauty Barr in the building recently vacated by the F.W. Nierman family at 142 S. Interocean Ave. The living quarters in the rear of the building will be occupied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Nierman and family are in the process of moving their home and insurance office from their former location at 142 S. Interocean Ave. to the Central Hotel building, property of Katie Webermeier.

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