

Peekin' into the Past

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

Five Years Ago

Oct. 30, 2008

Pamida Pharmacy holds a grand re-opening ceremony on Oct. 28. Pamida purchased Holyoke Drug Co. in mid-May.

Changes to the lunchtime closed campus schedule for students in grades 6-8 were recommended to the Holyoke School Board by the JR/SR High accountability committee on Oct. 21.

Ten Years Ago

Oct. 30, 2003

Barry Winckler will resign his position as chief of police for the City of Holyoke, effective Nov. 4. He will become the new undersheriff for Phillips County, replacing Bill Hill, who recently resigned his position.

Plans are advancing for a fiber-optic cable services agreement with PC Telcom for service between Haxtun and Holyoke high schools. Both high schools will be equipped with distance learning labs with state-of-the-art digital video, audio and switching equipment.

Ben Kafka of Holyoke recently completed the service project that is part of the requirements for Eagle Scout rank. Because of the dry climate and extended drought in the area, he developed the "guzzler," a device that collects rainwater and dew droplets for storage in a tub to provide water for wildlife.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Nov. 3, 1988

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Kountry Welcome is the name of the new service project of Iota Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Holyoke. Once each month, members of the sorority will visit those who are new to the Holyoke area, giving them a Kountry Welcome bag full of information and coupons.

Holyoke's Mary Fisher, age 103, was one of 10 women of various ages to be interviewed for an Atlanta, Ga., public television program by Jim Carr, which will center around choices made by women in their decades.

A survey pertaining to a community center in Holyoke will be conducted later this month as the result of input received at the Oct. 25 Teen Center project informational meeting.

Forty Years Ago Nov. 1, 1973

The Holyoke chapter of Future Farmers of America received the national Gold Emblem chapter award at the national convention in Kansas City, Mo., on Oct. 17 for their chapter activities during the last year. This is the highest national award that can be bestowed on a chapter.

Velma Biddle of Powell, Wyo., daughter of Mrs. Elsie Biddle of Holyoke, was presented the Gold Key professional award at the Wyoming schools conference in Casper, Wyo., Oct. 4-5 in recognition of outstanding service to the teaching profession.

Fifty Years Ago Oct. 31, 1963

A "Holly-Daze" event, featuring a display of Christmas ideas, will be held Nov. 5 in the Holyoke Scout building. Sponsoring the unusual program will be the Home Demonstration clubs of Phillips County. The participation of anyone having good ideas for making Christmas gifts, holiday foods, etc. is invited.

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Following weeks of controversy, the Colorado Game, Fish and Parks Commission voted unanimously last Thursday at a special meeting in Sterling to cancel the proposed experimental hen pheasant season in Phillips and Sedgwick counties.

The first freeze of the fall came Sunday night—more than three weeks later than normal. It was the latest killing freeze on record for this area, the previous record being Oct. 24, set in 1918.

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