

### **Five Years Ago**

**Feb. 5, 2009**

Phillips County and Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation have been recognized by NECALG, for the second year in a row, as making the highest total contributions through the Northeastern Colorado Enterprise Zone.

2009 marks Heginbotham Library's 40th birthday, and Friends of the Library celebrated with a "Happy Birthday, Dear Library" theme at their annual salad luncheon on Feb. 2.

Melissa Memorial Hospital is taking steps to bolster the services it offers in obstetrics after more women are turning to MMH and Family Practice Clinic of Holyoke for care.

### **Ten Years Ago**

**Feb. 5, 2004**

Phillips County Commissioners gave the final nod to granting a conditional use permit to Ace Compost of Yuma for the purpose of developing a composting site for hog mortalities within the county.

HHS sophomore Ben Kafka became the latest Boy Scout from Holyoke's Troop 32 to earn his Eagle Scout rank at a special Court of Honor on Jan. 24.

East Phillips County Hospital District's Master Facility Planning committee is looking into obtaining conceptual drawings to consider expansion/remodeling plans for Melissa Memorial Hospital.

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### **Twenty-Five Years Ago Feb. 9, 1989**

Natasha Anne Burch, Holyoke's First Baby of the Year, was born at Melissa Memorial Hospital on Jan. 30. She is the daughter of Richard and Patti Burch of Holyoke.

From a high temperature reading of 65 degrees on Jan. 31, February entered on a cold spell as temps plunged to a high of only 9 degrees that day. From Feb. 2-4, the mercury didn't even rise above the zero mark in Holyoke.

Greyhound Lines Inc. will discontinue its bus service to Holyoke on or soon after Feb. 20.

### **Forty Years Ago Feb. 7, 1974**

Lions District Governor Wilbur Kipp of Haxtun received word this week that Holyoke Lions Club has been recognized for their outstanding work in the October 1973 Membership Development program.

The mild weather that the area has experienced during the past few weeks was moved aside by an incoming snowstorm that moved into the area Tuesday afternoon.

### **Fifty Years Ago Feb. 6, 1964**

About 3 inches of snow early this week left .21 inches of moisture in Holyoke, while a big storm dumped up to 17 inches of snow on parts of the Texas Panhandle.

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At a business meeting held Jan. 29, First Baptist Church of Holyoke voted unanimously to embark on a program of modernization for the sanctuary. The project will include new chancel furniture, upholstered pews, carpet replacement and loud speaker system. The total project will cost in excess of \$5,000.

The 51-year-old bridge across Frenchman Creek just south of the Pleasant Valley schoolhouse has been replaced with a new structure. The old bridge, quite narrow and with poor approaches, was suitable for the traffic of the era in which it was built but became increasingly hazardous as motor vehicles became larger and faster.

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