

Peekin' into the past

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

Five Years Ago Aug. 2, 2007

Close to 700 people took a chance on the new event at the Phillips County Fair, the combine derby. With only two combines competing, it still proved to be a real crowd-thriller.

After working in Holyoke hospitals for nearly 50 years, Bette Lou McCormick has said goodbye to her coworkers and friends at Melissa Memorial Hospital.

Jim and Mary Austin take a three-week trip to Africa to experience the life their daughter Natalie is living as she serves in the Peace Corps in Mombasa, Kenya.

Ten Years Ago Aug. 1, 2002

The 2002 Phillips County Fair was the place to be this weekend as large crowds gathered to enjoy the festivities, including an excellent carnival and welcoming sunny, dry weather.

Authorization for the formation of a boys' and girls' golf club to allow competition in a sanctioned high school golf program in 2002-03 was given by the Re-IJ Board of Education.

Shari Cagle is the new owner of Headquarters Beauty Salon in Holyoke.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago Aug. 6, 1987

Forty runners from Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Tennessee competed in the 1967 Phillips County Fair Run. Events included the 10k run, 5k run, fun run and walk.

Holyoke's synchronized swimming team competed in the summer league finals. Coach Julie Dirks noted that there were 104 girls in the competition.

Holyoke's Mary Fisher, who will be 102 on Aug. 17, was among the Colorado Centenarians recognized when Colorado Gov. Roy Romer proclaimed Monday, Aug. 3 to be Colorado Centenarians Day.

Forty Years Ago Aug. 3, 1972

Five to six inches of rain fell about 12 miles southeast of Paoli. A submerged drill and tractor were the after effects of flooding caused by the overflow of a small creek.

The Re-IJ district school board adopted the student discipline policy that has been under discussion for several weeks.

Holyoke business houses will close Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 9, so that employees may attend the Phillips County Fair.

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Fifty Years Ago Aug. 2, 1962

87 girls modeled 92 garments at the 4-H Dress Revue. The event was held at Holyoke Grade School with the theme "Western Days." Garments ranged from associate's aprons to tailored wool coats.

The Frenchmen Creek east of town was carrying a fair stream of water due to the 1.18 inches of rainfall that fell throughout the week. The heaviest precipitation of the week fell on Monday with .90 of an inch recorded.

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