Five Years Ago
Jan. 3, 2008

Feb. 8 has been set as day one for admitting patients at the new Melissa Memorial Hospital facility located at 1001 E. Johnson St. in Holyoke.

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission has scheduled a series of statewide meetings during January on the proposed new rules for oil and gas development in Colorado.

Ten Years Ago
Jan. 2, 2003

Mary Louise Evans will be retiring from her 40-year role as Phillips County clerk and recorder, and Mary Belle Rafert will be retiring after serving 18 years as Phillips County assessor.

Phillips County's total assessed valuation climbed $30,450 to $43,329,850 for 2002.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
Jan. 7, 1988

Preston Lee Bornhoft, son of Joe and Sheryl Bornhoft of Holyoke, was the first baby born at Melissa Memorial Hospital in Holyoke in 1988.

Rev. Scott Hood, pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Holyoke, was recently notified of his selection to the Academy for Preaching, a new United Methodist program started this year.

Forty Years Ago
Jan. 4, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald D. Brewer have purchased Smythe's Department Store from Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Smythe and will open for business under their ownership tomorrow.

REAP, the Rural Environmental Assistance Program, and the Water Bank Program have been discontinued by the federal government.

Fifty Years Ago
Jan. 3, 1963

Harry Clements of Holyoke retired Dec. 31 after a long period of law enforcement in Phillips County, including 22 years as Phillips County sheriff, three years on the Holyoke police force and the past four years as Phillips County undersheriff.

The Holyoke Lumber Company office and warehouse were heavily damaged by explosion and fire early Sunday morning. Alvin Teel, owner and manager of the business, estimated the loss at $22,000. A car evidently struck the natural gas line along the alley, breaking the line inside and allowing gas to escape into the building.

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