

## **Peekin' into the past**

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### **Five Years Ago July 31, 2008**

Melissa Memorial Hospital board members met for a special meeting on July 28 to do a walk-through of the old hospital building and to discuss the possible sale of the building, following recent interest from a buyer.

At a special meeting on July 22, Holyoke City Council decided to include a sales tax increase on the November election ballot.

Despite not having an exhibit hall at the Phillips County Fair this year, the fair went fairly smoothly.

### **Ten Years Ago July 31, 2003**

On Aug. 1, Boyce Wernet will be passing on his custom framing and matting business to John and Julie Groshans of Holyoke, who are purchasing the business and will change the name to Jules Part Time Designs.

Two local businesses—Spindler Lumber and Atkins Motors—will be among 50 throughout the state to be featured on the Wall of Fame in the Denver office of the Small Business Administration.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has reported six positive cases of

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West Nile Virus in humans in just one week's time, including a case in Phillips County on July 23.

### **Twenty-Five Years Ago Aug. 4, 1988**

Because the presence of many blackbirds in front of Melissa Memorial Hospital is becoming a health problem, a propane cannon will be used, starting this week, to make noise to scare the birds away.

Runners and walkers from Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas competed in the July 31 Phillips County Fun Run in Holyoke. Events included a 5K, 10K, kids' fun run and adult walk.

An open enrollment policy of Holyoke School District Re-1J was approved by the board at its Aug. 1 meeting. Prior to this year, tuition was required of students from out of the district who opted to attend school in Holyoke.

### **Forty Years Ago Aug. 2, 1973**

The junior rodeo set for Tuesday night at the Phillips County Fair has had three new events added to the competition: team calf wrangle, chicken catch and the greased pig contest.

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Mike Mailander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mailander of Holyoke, was appointed by Governor John Vanderhoof to membership on the Colorado Commission on Children and Youth.

An intra-team pentathlon was held by the Holyoke Swim Club members last Monday at the local pool.

### **Fifty Years Ago Aug. 1, 1963**

The extended drought in Phillips County was broken Friday evening as rain varying from moderate to very heavy moved across the region. Holyoke received 3.21 inches of moisture, and readings up to 5 inches were recorded in Amherst.

A crowd of more than 250 attended the 4-H dress revue at the Holyoke Grade School Monday afternoon, July 29.

Holyoke Swimming Pool is planning a “lifeguards’ special event night” on Aug. 12. This will be a unique event, with only persons 30 years of age or older being admitted—without their children.

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