

Five Years Ago **Dec. 18, 2008**

Damon Ellis has joined the Holyoke Police Department as its first home-grown police officer on Dec. 5.

Following several years of fundraising and rehabilitation work, the renovation of the Villa East Apartments in Haxtun is finally complete.

Ten Years Ago **Dec. 18, 2003**

Thirty-year law enforcement officer veteran Philip Biersdorfer of Gypsum has been hired to serve as Holyoke's new chief of police. He started his new position Dec. 15.

Nick Colglazier, a 1999 graduate of Holyoke High School, recently placed third in the Colorado Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Discussion Meet competition held Dec. 21-22.

Twenty-Five Years Ago **Dec. 22, 1988**

Colorado Highway 176, commonly known as the Amherst angle road, was designated a new number, Highway 23, after a request from the Colorado State Patrol because of confusion between Highway 176 and I-76.

The mercury soared to an unseasonably high 67 degrees Sunday, Dec. 18, and the high

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temperature average for the week of Dec. 14-20 was 50 degrees.

“Meet the New Kids on the Block,” an educational program presented by Colorado State University Cooperative Extension to provide accurate information about various disabilities, was presented to Holyoke students in grades K-6 on Friday, Dec. 16.

Forty Years Ago Dec. 20, 1973

Blowing snow hit the Holyoke area early Tuesday morning, with snow reaching about 4 inches by early afternoon.

The Holyoke Gun Club will hold a turkey and bacon shoot on Dec. 30 at the club grounds.

Holyoke youths who spearheaded FFA and 4-H Great Western sugarbeet production projects in the Sterling factory district and received awards at the achievement lunch last Saturday were Duane Hirsch, David Hirsch and Timothy Ortner.

Fifty Years Ago Dec. 19, 1963

Red's Conoco, operated for almost eight years by Darryl “Red” Sullivan, has changed hands, with Robert “Bob” Thompson and Max Travis as the new lessees as of Dec. 16. The business is now B and M Conoco.

Winona Rouze of Holyoke, a registered nurse with wide experience in the nursing and institutional fields, will be nursing supervisor at Sheridan Manor, the nursing home now under construction here.

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A truck, pickup, many shop tools and a workshop at the Walter Einspahr farm north of Holyoke were destroyed by fire last Thursday night, Dec. 12. The blaze is believed to have been started by a battery charger.

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