

### **Five Years Ago** **June 25, 2009**

Howling winds from the west brought with them pounding rain and hail to the Holyoke and Amherst area Thursday night, June 18, resulting in a 27 percent loss to the county wheat crop.

Greg Was officially began his role as CFO at Melissa Memorial Hospital on Monday, June 15.

Knode Realty and Auction opened its Holyoke branch last Wednesday, June 17, at 111 W. Emerson St.

### **Ten Years Ago** **June 24, 2004**

Although nearly 2 inches of rain soaked the area over a one-week period recently, the moisture may have come too late to counteract the drought and freeze that hit this year's winter wheat.

Josh Young of Holyoke recently earned his Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in the Boy Scouts program, at a special ceremony held at Zion Lutheran Church in Holyoke on June 13.

This year's Dandelion Daze will feature an Elvis impersonator. The Culpepper and Merriweather Circus from Hugo, Okla., will be the final event of the weekend-long event, June 25-27.

### **Twenty-Five Years Ago** **June 29, 1989**

The implementation of an HHS baseball team and a change in the spiritleader constitution—to allow individuals to participate in sports during the season in which they are members of the spiritleader squad—were discussed by the Holyoke Re-1J Board of Education at the June 20 meeting.

The East Phillips County Hospital board voted June 20 to lease the former Decorator Lane building at 143 S. Interocean for the purpose of outpatient physical therapy.

A “hidden surprise” should entice visitors to view the Phillips County Historical Society Museum on Sunday, July 2. Two visitors with sharp vision may locate the hidden surprise and claim it.

### **Forty Years Ago** **June 27, 1974**

Art Vollmer of Holyoke retired from his position as rural letter carrier on June 21. He started with the Holyoke Post Office as a sub-carrier in August 1929 and has served under five postmasters.

Winter wheat harvest in Phillips County got started Tuesday, one of the earliest harvest starts in several years.

### **Fifty Years Ago** **June 25, 1964**

A wicked hailstorm roared across much of Phillips County and northeast Colorado Sunday night, leaving ruined crops and damaged buildings and automobiles in its wake. A total of 2.22 inches was recorded between Saturday night and late Monday morning.

Groundwork for Holyoke's new Melissa Memorial Hospital is expected to be started early next week. The \$500,000 structure will be a gift to the community from W.E. Heginbotham, longtime Holyoke banker, and the First National Bank of Holyoke.

Many shoppers were in Holyoke June 18-20, particularly on Saturday, to take advantage of the "Pre-Harvest of Bargains" sales event. The event, set up by the trade promotion committee of the Chamber of Commerce, featured special prices in most business places. Many prizes were given away, including two Shetland ponies.

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