Knode Realty and Auction opened its Holyoke branch last Wednesday, June 17. The office is located at 111 W. Emerson in Holyoke.

Owners Tyler and Laura Knode of Haxtun have been in the realty business for over a decade, helping many in and around Haxtun buy and sell. Working with the couple in the Holyoke office will be Kristin Hadeen.

On the realty side of things, Laura Knode noted they work with residential, commercial and some farms. In auctions, their specialty is farm equipment and land auctions. They have also handled some estate auctions.

Tyler, a long time resident of Haxtun, started his auction company in 1999. He received his realtor license in 1996. After he and Laura were married, Laura decided to earn her license as well. To this day, Tyler focuses more on the auction aspect of their company, but both he and Laura have an extensive background in realty.

Before starting Knode Realty and Auction, both worked at Smith and Company Realty. Before long, they bought out the company and made it their own. There they have been serving Haxtun's buying and selling needs since 2002.

Being based in Haxtun, most of their work has been done there. They have, however, served some people in Holyoke. The town's interest, said Laura, was the reason they wanted to open a Holyoke branch. "People kept asking us to," she said. So Laura and Tyler began the process of adding another office.

With just the two of them, said Laura, they couldn't manage two locations. Fortunately, Hadeen earned her licence in April, making a Holyoke branch a possibility. Hadeen had been working with the company for a year already as an assistant before making the transition to a realtor.

The three truly enjoy their jobs as realtors. Laura noted she loves meeting so many different people and seeing the houses. You never know what kind of taste a person will have or what kind of homes you will see until you get there, she said.

As they begin working with the Holyoke community, Laura stated she looks forward to being a useful service for people. Their goal is to make the process of buying or selling as easy and hassle-free as possible. They don't want there to be any surprises.

Knode Realty and Auction has had some of the largest sales in northeastern Colorado. Through the company, listings are advertised nationwide, including on their website www.knode-realtyauction.com.

For those looking to buy a house, Knode said she can show all homes that are on the market, and they work with many lenders to find the right one for their customers.

Even for auctions in the fall, it's not too soon to start looking into Knode. The sooner people come in, the sooner Knode can make arrangements for an auction, said Laura. She encourages anyone who is curious about buying or selling to stop by to see what Knode can do for them.

Tyler, Laura and Kristin will be in their Holyoke office Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They will also be seeing customers on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment. To contact them, call the office at 854-4400.