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Five Years Ago March 5, 2009

Grainland Co-op has installed a new liquid fertilizer system at the plant northeast of Holyoke that will increase the speed and efficiency with which farmers receive their fertilizers.

Mike Munn is honored at a community retirement reception at Grainland's Amherst Elevator office on Feb. 24 for 17 years of service to Grainland members.

Ten Years Ago March 4, 2004

What started as a pleasant rain shower on Sunday morning, Feb. 29 grew into a raging blizzard by day's end, causing power outages for city and county residents and stranding motorists throughout the area.

East Phillips County Hospital District is looking for a quick-fix solution for the district's plaguing space crunch, and modular buildings are one possibility they are considering.

Debbie Brandt opens a new tanning business in Holyoke, The Tan Zone, located in the Brandt Chiropractic offices.

Twenty-Five Years Ago March 9, 1989

Roughly 100 electric poles were downed in the Highline Electric Association area during the

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early-March storm. Ice built up on power lines, and when the wind came up, many lines broke and poles fell.

D&D Farms, Inc., of Pierre, S.D., has options to purchase four land sites east of Holyoke for their hog operation expansion. The options will be exercised if conditional use permits for the land are approved.

Forty Years Ago **March 7, 1974**

The Holyoke Bean and Seed Co., which is located at the old Denver elevator site, has announced plans for expanding their plant with a metal building to be added to the east of the present elevator. The new building will be used for bulk bean storage.

USDA food economists regretfully predict the passing of a faithful friend, the 10-cent candy bar. The dime snack appeared in 1968 when its 5-cent predecessor went into a fatal decline. Costly cocoa, spiraling sugar prices, expensive peanuts and higher labor costs herald the arrival of the 15-cent bar.

Fifty Years Ago **March 5, 1964**

Plans are under way for the organization of a drag racing club in Holyoke. This will be discussed Monday evening at the Rainbow Cafe, and a district representative of the National Hot Rod Association will be present.

Holyoke's new nursing and retirement home, Sheridan Manor, received its first guests on Monday morning, March 2. The first patients to be admitted were Jess Hansen and C.P. Rothenberger, both of Holyoke. Winona Rouze is the nursing supervisor, while Walter Lutze is the nursing home administrator.

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