

## **Grant Theater a total loss after fire**

### **One Year Ago**

*January 5, 2012*

Grant City Council was seeking ideas, thoughts and concerns from the public at an open hearing being held to discuss the possibility of a city sales tax being placed on the ballot. Council was discussing a sales tax proposal of up to 1 percent as a means of acquiring additional funding that would be spent on community betterment—meaning streets, sewer, infrastructure, a new pool, ball park improvement, or economic development.

### **Ten Years Ago**

*January 2, 2003*

With no snow to sled on and no ice to go ice skating, the children of Grant gathered at the park to play on the jungle gym during Christmas break, temperatures reached the mid forties.

“Extreme drought in state continues” was a headline making front page that week, with the total moisture reading at 16.15 inches locally. Currently for 2012, the total is only at 7.04 inches.

### **Twenty-five Years Ago**

*January 6, 1988*

The court records for 1987 showed an increase in traffic cases handled by the Perkins County Court. A review of 1986 court records showed traffic cases totaled 159, up six from the previous year. Also, a random sampling of the traffic cases showed there were fewer speeding cases of 70mph or greater.

Barry and Janet Deaver welcomed Jerry James Deaver into the world and claimed the title “First Baby of 1988” and all the accompanying prizes.

### **Fifty Years Ago**

*January 3, 1963*

The Grant Theatre was destroyed by fire last Wednesday afternoon, the day after Christmas. Ogallala, Venango, Madrid and Grant Fire Departments all battled the blaze that left four tenants of the apartments upstairs homeless. Firemen fought the blaze all afternoon, in temperatures well below freezing, and continued well into the night on some parts of the structure that continued to burn. The building was a total loss.

### **Seventy-Five Years Ago**

*January 6, 1938*

“A total of eight farmers in Perkins County now have made application for the federal loan of 50¢ on the 1937 produced corn crop. Practically all of the corn has graded well above No. 2.”