

## January

Spring storm ushers in new year.  
A visiting cardiologist began to care for hearts at PCHS specialty clinic.  
Postage goes up one penny this month.  
Too good to be true, Jan. 6 temperature reaches 71 degrees.  
First baby of 2012 in Perkins County, Jacob Jantzen, life-flighted to Denver.  
Hearing on proposed city sales tax has favorable outcome.

## February

New church in Wallace headed by Hamlet pastor.  
A February blizzard blankets area.  
Newly acquired lawn care, Slammco to begin service in Grant this spring.  
Whitey Shirley set to retire as Veterans Service Officer.  
New deputy, Casey Griffin, joins ranks at sheriff's office.  
The Adams Lumber Co. is Chamber business of the month.

## March

Eight departments battle blaze west of Elsie.  
Auto repair, tire service occupy former manufacturing building.  
Early morning rollover claims lives of two PCHS students.  
New administrator takes helm of Perkins County Services Foundation.  
City council approves Grant Municipal Airport expansion.

## April

Assistant takes helm as Lady Plainsmen basketball coach.  
"Connect Perkins County" kicks off with after-hours gathering.  
Venango Post Office closure still proposed.  
Ross family opens second auto parts store.  
Anderson Lumber in Madrid open with new name, new look.  
Longtime teachers Jonie Johnson and Pennie Reese to retire this spring.  
Study will help determine future of school buildings.

## May

Pheasant Run offers the public a place to stop for food and fun.  
Fifteen Wallace seniors graduate.  
Council approves new fuel farm at the airport.  
Perkins County 125th anniversary putting book together.      Voters approve city sales tax.  
Electric rates to increase on June 1.  
Paxton/Elsie road paving approved.  
Cash Creek used furniture store opening.

## June

New MRI equipment installed at Perkins County Health Services.  
Elsie preparing celebration for 125th.  
Four fire departments fought outbuilding fire near Grafton.  
Torch run goes through on way to state games.  
Fourth of July and 125th celebration events aplenty.  
Harvest harvest was way ahead of schedule in 2012, beginning the middle of June.  
Elsie Day celebrated 125th with parade, festivities.

Hot, dry pattern concerns all-especially farmers.

Beware of fire potential, hot dry weather raises concerns of grass fires during fourth.

### **July**

Four pro-properties were declared a nuisance in the southeast quadrant.

Trish Stever became new director at senior center.

Relay for life luminaria walk held at park.

Larry Kuskie replaces Whitey Shirley as Veterans Service Office

125th Committee sets fair activities. John Long is Grand Marshal. Kevin and Barb Hatch are Good Neighbors.

It's Fair Week—Trey Robertson is peewee horse show winner.

### **August**

Hospital begins MRI services.

Madrid Day Aug. 9. □ PCHS considers building expansion.

Wallace Bank robbery foiled and suspects caught outside of Imperial.

Firefighters assist with wildfires in Keith County. Sunday tied the all time record set 13 years ago in 1999 for most fire calls.

Water and trash rates set to increase.

Perkins County among counties in severe drought designation.

County's time capsule ceremony is Sept 5.

Wallace's tribute to heritage is theme for annual fall festival.

### **September**

Adams Lumber under new ownership of Amy and Chad Leibbrandt in Grant and Imperial.

City of Grant is seeking new superintendant due to Tyson McGreer resigning.

Grant Fire Department has record setting year and there are still four months of the year left to go.

•••Time capsule commemorated.

City Sales Tax to take effect Oct. 1.

### **October**

••••The kindergartners took trip to Post Office.

City Council extended watering by two weeks.

A new restaurant, 310 Central, opened in downtown Grant.

First snow with hard freeze ends beauty but spurs on harvest.

Grant residents asked to trim alley bushes and trees.

Levy slightly down in school district with newly adopted \$11 million budget.

Orthopedic surgeon now serving patients in Perkins County.

••Reminiscent of Dust Bowl days, a dust storm pounds area.

Firefighters assist in wildfires that burned 10,000 acres in Keith and Perkins Counties.

### **November**

Mailing letters to cost one cent more next year.

Voters re-elect Barack Obama.

Vets honored during 56th annual observance in Perkins County.

••••Time capsule buried.

### **December**

Search begins for new administrator at Perkins County Health Services.

••••Venango celebrates 125th with parade of lights.

P.C. Schools are mentioned in Gov. Heineman's letter on state test scores.

New owners of the NAPA store are members of the Mendenhall family.

Grant's siren to become less active because of age.

••••Grant's new superintendent who will start in January appears at December meeting.

First winter storm brings hope of more moisture to end drought.