

January

Vehicle registration is now offered online. The Perkins County Treasurer's office will help troubleshoot.

Sen. Mark Christensen headed back to Lincoln for the start of a new session.

Elected in December, Wade Rahn officially became Grant's new fire chief the beginning of January.

A pipe break during the holidays damaged the old gym floor at Perkins County High School.

Southwest NE RC&D elects officers. Ted Tietjen is vice-chairman.

An ag technology fair was set for Jan. 15 in Imperial.

Answers are still awaited in fatal beating of Corrie Wood.

Girl Scout Cookies sales to begin soon.

The first baby of 2009 was born to Jon and Lindsey Feuerborn on Jan. 8 at 8:27 a.m. His name is Jacob Corbin Feuerborn.

Sid Colson takes oath as new Perkins County Commissioner.

Rodney Cornelius was elected president of the Perkins County Schools Foundation.

The HomeTown Agency, Burge Auction and Realty, Jeff Olsen, CPA and Pritchett Insurance relocated to 118 Central Avenue.

The biggest fire in years burned 600 acres southwest of Grant.

Auditor gives Grant excellent rating.

The Hastings Memorial Library received a book grant from the Libri Foundation.

A newly formed grief support group to begin in February.

Imperial resident Heidi Wheeler became the new emergency response coordinator for Southwest Nebraska Department of Health.

The Obama inauguration was witnessed by local residents—Eric and Tori Gengenbach.

The sheriff's office was investigating acts of vandalism to vehicles within the city limits of Grant. (shooting windows out with pellet gun)

Valley Bank and Adams Bank were affected by credit/debit card breach.

February

An early morning blaze destroys vacant house southwest of Madrid.

South Fork Vineyard owners, Jackie and Rod Hopken, are new members of Perkins County Chamber.

Dan Wallin, Diana Maupin, and Nita McGreer are appointed to Perkins County Health Services board.

New U.S. Cellular site goes into service in Grant.

A cut in mail service is proposed.

New physician assistant, Brandon Fraley, begins practice at Grant Medical Clinic.

City of Grant builds shed to house new pool heater.

CodeRED offers county residents emergency notification via telephone.

National Resource District board plans another special meeting on water transfer proposals.

Property tax in LB 701 ruled unconstitutional by Supreme Court.

City of Grant awards park bid for maintenance to Uehling's Total Turf.

Four newborn lambs (quadruplets) made their debut at the Jerry and Shirley Stickley farm.

Pheasants Forever in Perkins County was launched with a banquet.

Don Softley was honored for 10 years of outstanding service to the Perkins County High School Foundation Board.

Grant volunteer Fire Department now has high visibility vests to be worn overtop of their bunker gear.

Coach Larry Pritchett to end 45-year career.

February marks 30-year milestone for Colglazier Clinic. Cliff Colglazier turns 60 years old.

Former Ogallala lawyer, Deb Gilg, is running for U.S. Attorney.

Perkins County gets financial return.

March

Longtime area journalist Jack Pollock dies.

New ordinance prohibits truck parking on side streets.

Valley Bank & Trust offers ways to fight identity theft at recent workshop.

City attorney, Phil Pierce, opens office in Imperial.

Burn permits dependent on red flag alerts.

Perkins County School and Wallace send speech students to state competition.

\$100,000 was awarded to Southwest Nebraska Community Betterment for home buyer assistance.

New shelter nears completion at the golf course.

Grant among housing authorities receiving HUD grants.

GVFD personnel and guests gather for annual banquet.

April

Influenza outbreak in Perkins County Schools. (school closed Thursday and Friday.)

Driver's license processing to be done differently. Licenses will now be mailed within five to seven days.

Postal officials along Highline not yet worried about national downturn.

Nebraska to get stimulus funds.

Hospital's health fair was one of the best yet.

Arborist to present workshop for care of community trees.

Schools to get stimulus funds.

Perkins County Schools playing the waiting game on state aid.

GVFD aids Brule at a fire on Saturday, March 28, at Northwest Cattle Feeders near Brule. Nearly 500 bales of hay and two four-wheel drive tractors were destroyed.

Residents cautioned on phone scam.

Agro terrorism training planned for local personnel.

SourceGas announces start of 2009 supplier selection period.

Child care stimulus funds available.

Celebrate National Library Week April 12-18.

Bremmer opens first hypnotherapy clinic in area.

Dr. Kristi Kohl begins family medicine practice at PCHS.

PCS students to reap benefits of laptop initiative.

Tribune favored in two award categories.

Connie Pofahl returns as parks and rec director.

Postage goes up two cents May 11.

Doctors, public urged to watch for swine flu.

Solution found for returning unconstitutional NRD taxes.

Study says pumping depleting Lake McConaughy.

May

Swine flu cases confirmed in Nebraska.

State's residents get to pick new plate.

Perkins County Sheriffs Office makes several arrests.

Nebraska going smoke free June 1.

"Click It Or Ticket" campaign in effect.

State chooses license plate.

Wrong license plate announced by state.

Council considers adoption of new nuisance ordinance.

Bill would prevent drug users from driving big rigs.

Storm chasers stop at Ogallala.

June

Hospital lot renovation adds much parking.

Summer activities underway.

Local responders attend homeland security training.

Sen. Christensen setting sights on occupation tax remedy next session.

State aid better than expected.

Concert to kick off "Thunder on the Hi-Line" cancer drive.

Hospital plans to purchase new ultrasound machine.

Grant and Madrid firefighters save the life of a young deer struggling to get out of an abandoned cistern.

Grant gets new recycling trailer.

"Train the Trainer" workshop draws 28 participants.

Harvest wasn't an option for some area farmers due to hail.

New deputy, Kristopher Larson, joins Perkins County Sheriff's Department.

Benjamin Holmstedt is the new physical therapist at PCHS.

State swine flu cases now at 81.

July

Wallace man, Scott Leatherman, wins \$1 million with his Poweball ticket with a Power Play prize.

Communities along Highline catch brunt of Friday night storm.

Metal detector now in place outside Perkins County courtroom.

Perkins County Health Services Foundation ultrasound project surpasses halfway mark.

Businesses alerted to watch for counterfeit \$100 bills.

James Deaver and Molly Hutchinson open new business, Ride Rite Garage.

Coach Larry Pritchett is inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association hall of fame.

Swine flu confirmed in nearby counties.

Things are slow in the harvest world.

Service of support is set for area responders at the Grant United Methodist Church led by Pastor Rich Savage with assistance from the Perkins County Ministerial Association.

Perkins County Schools and Wallace Schools among Nebraska schools receiving stimulus funds.

Tom Baker home after farm accident last week, still up for 2010 legislative run.

GVFD personnel respond to two of their own in rollover.

Golf ball size hail damaged or destroyed crops.

Multiple storms affect future of corn crop.

Wallace man (Scott Leatherman) wins again—\$20,000 in lottery.

State experiences swine flu death.

Ken Potts chosen as Grand Marshal of the Perkins County Fair parade.

Pastor Kevin Hausman chosen as Perkins County Good Neighbor.

August

Former Keith County Attorney Deb Gilg nominated as state's U.S. Attorney.

Eric and Tori Gengenbach join Dr. Tim Meyer at First Insight Eyecare.

Mid-Plains now offering bachelor degrees through Bellevue University.

Schools in Perkins County begin fall term on Monday, Aug. 17.

Wallace School starts Aug. 17.

Squirrel causes blackout Sunday.

Perkins County Community Foundation sets annual banquet for Friday, Aug. 21.

Four cemetery board members resign citing lack of city support.

Perkins County Community Foundation banquet is this Friday.

Every student gets a laptop.

Early flu shot season will require three injections.

Nebraska's swine flu count tops 400.

Nebraska special ed eligibility approved, schools to receive \$158 million in federal funds.

Husker fans at park for NET TV documentary "Walk Ons; Huskers Edge!"

Mission youth from Scottsbluff help with Perkins County Museum project.

Flu pandemic preparedness underway at Perkins County.

Regier dirt movers take on cement crushing.

September

Rick Dreiling to return as chief deputy in Perkins County on Sept. 14.

Perkins County Community Foundation outlines achievements at annual banquet.

Madrid Days.

Annual CROP Walk is Oct. 4.

New owner, Ellie McCormick, has fresh ideas for Grant Floral.

Perkins County Health Services staff publishes new cookbook.

Hospital's new EKG machine provided by foundations of Perkins County Health Services and Bryan LGH

Two locals, Matt Chandler-Smith and Becky Cooley, win at state fair. Chandler-Smith won for his original song "Passing Through." Becky Cooley won People's Choice in photography.

Ultrasound project complete at Perkins County Health Services.

Council awards water main bid for project this fall.

Fire destroys Steve Thompson's house in Elsie.

County commissioners lower tax rate in newly adopted 2009-10 budget.

School board adopts budget of nearly \$8.8 million for 2009-10.

Murder of Corrie J. Wood remains unsolved one year later.

Chinese trade team visits Perkins County.

Roadside trapping banned in county.

Chamber learns about flu prevention in the workplace

Perkins County Schools takes flu threat seriously.

October

Grant native Lauren (Poppe) Klima wins first place in the women's division of the Omaha Marathon.

Necessary updates factored into newly adopted hospital budget.

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" was presented by the Perkins County High School.

Lear jet service to Grant expands patient care.

New floral and gift shop, Poppe's Posies, now open in downtown Grant.

Motel complex in Grant has new owners, Taren and Ryan Hendricks.

County offices on the move as renovation begins at the Courthouse.

New 4-wheel drive advantageous to Perkins County Sheriffs Office.

First H1N1 nasal vaccines given at school clinic.

The first big snow of the season arrived Oct. 9. Six inches in Grant and nine inches in Madrid.

“Sally’s” (restaurant) in Grant to open soon.

Orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Mark Meyer, coming to Perkins County Health Services twice each month.

Chamber presents first dollar to Ryan Hendricks for Plainsman Inn.

Imperial Republican named top paper in its class in national contest.

Lake McConaughy levels up.

City council raises electric rates, discusses annexation.

Harchelroad fire—Grant provides mutual aid to early morning blaze in Imperial.

Midwest honors individuals for years of service at annual banquet (Craig Clough, Bruce Geisert, Karl Dudo.)

Perkins County Schools offers guidance on preventing flu spread.

Input needed for final push to Perkins County Community Foundation goal.

Sally's Cafe open daily in downtown Grant.

Twenty-two patients test positive for Type A (presumed H1N1).

Southwest Nebraska RC&D banquet set.

Hawk Shootings between Grant and Imperial under investigation.

Nebraska students continue to improve in reading, math, writing and science.

Wallace School closes due to storm—Wildcats forfeit due to illness, injuries.

November

Five cattle die after rollover in storm's fury last week.

Veteran's Day programs set across the area Nov. 11.

Thanksgiving feast for community has new site this year.

Get ready for Chamber's "Santa in the City" Thursday, Nov. 19.

Chamber awards first dollar to Poppe's Posies.

Centers for Disease Control report children's deaths from H1N1 jump to 114 nationwide since spring.

Corn picking finally underway after lengthy delay.

New water main being installed along Lincoln Avenue in Grant.

Make plans to eat community Thanksgiving feast at Legion Hall.

Agent's addition expands insurance offered through Hometown Agency.

New owners of Locker Room run business out of home.

Adams Bank of Imperial among rural Nebraska businesses expanding with lands backed by stimulus funds.

City holds annexation hearing.

One-Act cast will clown around on stage Tuesday night Nov. 24.

Chamber kicks off Christmas downtown Nov. 19.

Applicants needed to help with U.S. Census.

Tom Baker announces run for legislature.

Veterans honored during annual observance.

Bloodmobile coordinator, Marilyn Regier, retires after 15 years.

Angel tree project begins.

Open house a festive affair in downtown Grant.

December

Agents enjoy new building on north side of town—Countryside Insurance Agency and Daiss Real Estate.

Pinnacle Bank first to answer appeal for donations toward new hospital equipment.

Seasonal flu shots on their way—H1N1 still available.

Annexation and abatement among city's agenda items.

One Act teams state bound.

Nebraska schools brace for \$32 million in state aid cuts.

Elsie to celebrate spirit of Christmas.

Perkins County Health Services has board positions available.

U.S. Census Bureau launches operations.

Wellness challenge offers lifestyle change in 2010.

Lake McConaughy reaches one million acre-feet for first time in seven years.

Annexation vote by Grant City Council set for Dec. 22 during special meeting.

Sheriff's office receives grant for in-car camera.

Transition underway at Frenchman Valley Co-op.

Census takers needed in Perkins County.

Grant to be on "The Road

Less Traveled.”

No one present for Chamber’s final drawing.

Year end donations for projects at Perkins County Health Service will benefit many.

Holiday travel hampered by storm just as Christmas arrives.