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The celebration for Elsie's 125th anniversary began June 23, at 7:30 in the morning with 60 runners/walkers in the run fun. The day continued after lunch with a sizable parade led by first the children's parade and then by the Elsie Legion Color Guard with special guest Bill May, whose family homesteaded near Elsie. Grand Marshall for the parade was Harvey Brott.



Following the parade, an antique tractor show was on display on the south end of Main Street. Other antique displays and historical displays could be seen at the legion hall with many items from from old times. A quilt show at the Methodist Church was held and the Catholic Church held an open house focusing on their beautiful stained glass windows.

Street games were held on main street with races for the kids, a dunk tank, a water-balloon fight, and a bouncy house. Also on main street, Kristy Ogg sold slushies, and H&B Agencies provided watermelon which had been provided by Hatch's. Alyson Carlson did caricatures.

Late in the afternoon, Elsie Hull, grand niece of Elsie Perkins, whom Elsie, Neb., is named after, gave an interesting talk about Elsie Perkins' life after she left Nebraska. Also giving presentations were John Osler and Ted Tietjen.

A barbecue supper started at 5:30. The supper was made possible by Cutler Grain, Terry Brott, Regier Equipment, Hi-Line Coop, ladies church groups, and many more. The evening continued with a pitch tournament at the Commercial State Bank meeting room.

The evening's final event was the dance and beer garden featuring Erin Goings and Victory Underground who provided music and good times until about 1:00 a.m.

Day two of the 125th anniversary celebration began Sunday, June 24, on main street Elsie with a community worship service. It featured songs from a vocal group "Four In a Chord" One member of the group is Lynn Fleming formally of Elsie. The service's message was from Bill Hutcheson who grew up in Elsie. A group picture followed.

The Q125 celebration concluded with a fireman pancake feed with Elsie Feed Center providing pancake flour.



