The happiest harvest, a surprise for local farmer

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One Year Ago
December 1, 2011
A $250,000 combine that was on lease from Ogallala's Thomas Land Company was declared a total loss after a fire completely consumed the John Deere. There was minimal damage to crop and land thanks to the quick response from Grant, Madrid and Venango Volunteer Fire Departments. Fortunately there were no injuries related to this fire that reportedly shot flames 25 feet into the air from burning tires, diesel and hydraulic fluid.

Ten Years Ago
November 28, 2002
When Glen Stanek was suffering from complications from health issues causing him to be unable to harvest, neighbor Ken Potts stepped up to organize some help. To Stanek's surprise, nearly 40 friends brought their six combines, 20 semi trucks, and 11 grain carts and completed in approximately six hours, what it would have taken Stanek five or six days to do. The crew was able to harvest all 260 acres of corn for him that day.

Twenty-five Years Ago
December 2, 1987
Five thousand dollars in cash and savings bonds were to be given away on Dec. 12 and Dec. 19. On each of those Saturdays there was to be $1000 in cash given away and three $500 US Bonds given out. Only one winner per family was allowed and to win residents had to be at least 16 years old and be present at the time of the drawing.

Fifty Years Ago
November 29, 1962
The administration of the Perkins County Community Hospital had announced that effective Dec. 1, children under the age of 15 were not allowed to visit patients in the hospital. A new state law was the reasoning for the new rules, but local exceptions would be allowed in the cases of critically ill patients and only one child at a time in those cases. The new rule did not apply to Golden Ours Convalescent Home.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
December 2, 1937
Merle From of Venango was in Holyoke over the weekend to receive medical attention from a self inflicted gunshot wound. A .22 rifle went off in his hand penetrating three fingers according to doctors.
Santa Claus was expected to arrive and visit in town on Dec. 18th and all the children were delighted and counting down the days.