First drawing sends Grant woman home with $1,000

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One Year Ago
December 15,2011
A landmark building in downtown Elsie was torn down because it had become dilapidated and dangerous to passersby. Built in 1920 and originally a general store, the building had also been used as the most modern grocery store Elsie had ever seen in 1960, as well as a tavern from the mid 70s until the 90s. It then sat empty until the Village obtained the building in the fall of 2011 and shortly after hired Regier Equipment to tear it down.

Ten Years Ago
December 19, 2002
The Hatch family business was being passed to the third generation, as Earl and Darlene Hatch sold Hatch's to their children Kevin and Kendra. Earl's father Charlie had bought the store in 1952 when it was still the Red and White, and then Earl bought it in 1960. Back then the store was still located in the building where Grant Pharmacy is today. Earl decided to relocate the store in 1963 when he also chose to modernize it. As he passed the store down to Kevin and Kendra he said it was their turn to update and modernize the store now, which is a task that they had already began working on and were excited about.

Twenty-five Years Ago
December 16, 1987
Zelma Gloy celebrated the "biggest win of her life" on Saturday. She was the first big winner of Chamber's Christmas Cash Giveaway. She was present at the drawing that took place in the middle of the street downtown in frigid cold temperatures and she walked away with the grand prize of $1,000. Gloy said she had no plans on how she would spend the money.

Fifty Years Ago
December 13, 1962
The museum guest book recorded that during the summer, there were over 2,420 signatures in the visitor book. Since one signature may represent one person, husband and wife, or an entire family, there was no telling how many more visitors there actually were. The heavy traffic was attributed to the Diamond Jubilee that was celebrated over that summer.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
December 16, 1937
The first real snow of the season fell here Sunday night and Monday afternoon and night, amounting to nearly four inches according to everybody's estimates. This gives us a much needed moisture, and also the promise of a white Christmas, or at least partially white. Very little snow was reported falling at Curtis or anywhere east.