

Community-wide prayer vigil held for troops

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One Year Ago

April 5, 2012

The Lady Plainsmen basketball team was welcoming their new head coach for the 2012-13 season. Taking over the coaching reins for the Lady Plainsmen would be Deanne Bishop, who had already served as the assistant varsity girls basketball coach for 10 seasons. She was taking the lead from Chris Mestl, who had chosen to resign his role as head coach, a position he had held for the past 12 years.

Ten Years Ago

April 3, 2003

A community-wide prayer vigil was held at the Grant High School one week into the war with Iraq. To show support for allied troops, several county citizens came together for prayer, music and comfort. John Long spoke to the group, and Pastor Sally Ruggia-Haden led the prayer, then all gathered and joined Lori McCloskey in singing "God Bless the USA."

Twenty-five Years Ago

April 6, 1988

For the second consecutive year, Perkins County Community Hospital was going to offer residents the opportunity to have a free medical check-up. Health Awareness Day was scheduled for April 13.

Activities planned for Saturday had to be canceled on account of the weather. A total of six inches fell Saturday, and combined with the blustery wind, the storm made for blizzard-like conditions, which made travel nearly impossible.

Fifty Years Ago

April 4, 1963

"The Grant Plainsmen won the Perkins County track meet by coming in with the highest score of 72 and one-third. Hayes Center was second with 71 and five-sixths. Paxton scored 27 and five-sixths points for third place."

"A muscle stimulator machine has been donated to the Perkins County Community Hospital by Doctors Potts and Marples. The machine is useful in treating stroke patients, and also in treating muscle soreness and for strains and sprains. The machine is valued at \$200."

Seventy-Five Years Ago

April 7, 1938

"The worst snowstorm of the year came yesterday, after everybody thought we would get through the winter without a blizzard. The storm started Tuesday night with a light mist of rain, which froze as it fell, making the walks and pavement very slippery. At about 10 a.m. the next day the snow really began to fall in earnest and continued to fall throughout the day, and at nine o'clock Wednesday night, as we go to press, the storm continues. There is a strong wind with

the snow, and heavy drifts are forming which will undoubtedly tie up traffic to some extent, especially if it continues.”