

HISTORICAL MEMORIES

March 1900 to 2020

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March 1900 – Anton Ballmer was selling good irrigated seed corn at 40 cents a bushel.

March 1925 – The Lake Theatre is under the new management of J. W. Morgan. The new ticket office and lobby has been constructed, and the Lake is now one of the most attractive little theaters in this section of the state. Mrs. J. S. Lewis plans to continue operation of the Lake Hotel located above the theater.

March 1925 – The Gothenburg Community Club voted to add screens to the big pavilion at Lafayette Park. While this building has proved to be a valuable improvement in the past, it has been almost impossible to use it at night due to the swarms of mosquitoes.

March 1935 – Crawl & Frazier unloaded a carload of tractors last week, their fifth carload this season. Crawl remarked they had sold 44 new and used tractors since the season started, and 15 of the deals were for cash.

March 1950 – The Gothenburg Roping Club now has home grounds, having purchased the Ken Tetro tract of land just north of Lafayette Park. There are sixteen acres in the tract, on which there is a good location for the area and there is a quarter-mile track already built. The arena is well drained, and its convenient location will make it ideal for the purposes of the Roping Club.

March 1975 - Hillcrest Housing now has all major construction completed and sidewalks and driveways will be started soon. The completion date is mid-June.

March 1975 – Dr. Craig Bartruff came to Gothenburg leaving his medical practice at Imperial to set up practice in the new Gothenburg Medical Clinic.

March 1985 – A footbridge tying Lafayette Park with the Lake Helen Recreation Area is underway and completion of the 38-foot span was expected to be May 1. The Gothenburg Lions Club which has spearheaded this project decided on a replica of a old-fashioned covered bridge to make it eye-catching and unique.

March 1985 – The Gothenburg Community Playhouse presented the western comedy “Deadwood Dick” to sellout crowds for three nights.

March 1985 – Gothenburg High School students presented the musical “Annie Get Your Gun”.

March 1990 – The Dallas Cowboys have signed Jay Novacek as a Plan B free agent. For the last five seasons, he has played tight end for St. Louis and later Phoenix Cardinals. He played college ball for the Wyoming Cowboys.

March 2000 – Construction of a 9,000 square foot building on 4th Street was tangible evidence that Hoovestol Inc. had come to town. This would serve as a relay station for the trucking firm from St. Paul, MN to Denver, CO.

March 2020 – A commemorative cancellation stamp to celebrate the 140-year anniversary of the Pony Express is available at the Post Office.



March 1969 – Workmen had been busy dismantling the Farmer's Co-op Elevator in preparation of the big concrete elevators that were to be constructed in the same spot.