



Recollections of Prosper, ND 1912 - 2012

Prosper, ND will celebrate its Centennial on July 14 and 15. In preparation, the Centennial committee has been asking the older members of the community for some of their favorite memories. We will be bringing those recollections to you over the next weeks.

But, first a little history lesson. Why – when the area had been first settled in the 1880’s, was the village only settled in 1912? Many of the surrounding towns have celebrated their centennials twenty-five years ago.

According to the Rural Cass County History book, the Great Northern Railroad first laid their rails in 1912, hauling the lumber by wagon from Vance, a junction near Amenia. A reservoir was dug and a water tower erected for the train’s steam engines. The depot followed, with a railroad official naming it PROSPER, because of the area’s prosperous farming community. Land for the village was purchased from the Footers and Bowmans. Barry and Laurel Bowman as well as Barry’s parents, Charles and Alice, still live in the community.

Interestingly enough, it turned out that the water in the Prosper reservoir could not be used for the steam locomotives, because it had too much sediment. So, trains didn’t take on water at this stop. Later, the buried pipe between the water tower and the reservoir was dug up for use during the war effort.

The Prosper Centennial will be held July 14 and 15 and will include a 5K Run / Walk; a parade; games; talent show; concert and the evening will end with a fireworks show. A vintage railroad caboose will be parked on the tracks that day for visitors to walk through (thanks to XXXXXXX). On Sunday morning, a community church service will be held.

THIS WEEK’S TRIVIA QUESTION: In what year did the Prosper Elevator burn? Get the answer to this question in next week’s paper.

PROSPER CENTENNIAL July 14 & 15		
EVENT REGISTRATION		
EVENT	ON-LINE	CALL
Parade	www.ProsperND.com	Dane Larsen 281-0373
Talent Show	www.ProsperND.com	Julie Peterson 282-4008
5K Run/Walk	www.ProsperND.com	
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