One Year Ago

• The Delphos Canal Commission hosted more than 110 guests at the annual Boatman's Breakaway Dinner on Sunday at the Canal Commission Museum. The dinner marks the early-19th-century springtime activity of breaking up the ice on the Miami-Erie Canal so boats could travel the waterway once connecting Toledo and Cincinnati.

25 Years Ago — 1988

• Delphos Distributive Education Clubs of America members Andy Shaw and Jenny Closson will compete in the state DECA contest Friday and Saturday in Columbus. DECA students of the marketing education program recently competed in the District 3 contest at the Lima Mall. Marketing education teacher/coordinator is David Hoffman.

• Jefferson senior center Jamey Grogg has been named first team All-Northwest Conference in voting by league coaches. Teammate Ryan McClure, a senior, received honorable mention. Conference co-champion Jefferson had three players receive honorable mention on the girls team. They are senior Angie Gonyea, sophomore Cheryl Kortokrax and junior Beth Druckemiller.

• Winners of the slogan/T-shirt contest during Right to Read Week at Fort Jennings schools this week were first-place winner Robbie Warnecke, third grader and son of Bob and Gaya Warnecke; and Carole Wiechart, fifth grade, daughter of Gary and Ann Wiechart.

50 Years Ago — 1963

• Week by week the future of basketball at St. John's school glitters more and more as the school's 8th grade cagers continue to conquer more area teams and walk off with more tourney trophies. This past Sunday at Bradfield Center in Lima the local quintet was awarded two trophies, one as champions of the Lima Deanery circuit and one as Deanery 8-A League champs.

• Barbara Bonifas, member of Delphos Girl Scout troop 85, has been awarded a district honor, that of participating in a national camping project to be conducted this summer by the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Barbara will attend the all-states encampment at Camp Shadowbrook, Conowingo, Maryland.

• Members of the Daughters of Ruth Class of Trinity Methodist Church met Monday night at the church with Mrs. Ferman Clinger in charge of devotions. Mrs. Harold Heitzman was in charge of the lesson. Hostesses for the meeting were Helen Rozelle, Mariah Davis, Goldie Reed, Betty Metzger and Ruth Leist.

75 Years Ago — 1938

• The Middle Point junior high school team won the first annual Van Wert County Junior High Basketball Tournament by defeating Hoaglin-Jackson in the finals by a 21 to 19 score. With 40 seconds to play, Hoaglin-Jackson trailed by five points and strengthened to tie the score at 19-all. In the overtime, Stemen, Middle Point star, scored the winning bucket when he dribbled through the entire Hoaglin-Jackson team to make a fielder.

• Delphos members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be in attendance at an institute to be held at the First U. B. Church on Spring and Union streets, Lima, on March 23.

Cora Baxter will lead the round table discussion. Mrs. Harry Woodcock and Mrs. Guy Tilton are to sing as part of the program.

• The students of the seventh grade held their initial debate at the portable building Thursday afternoon. The members of the affirmative team were Betty Huysman, Mary Jeanette Nolte and Donald Bonifas. Presenting the arguments for the negative side were Mary Kathryn Collette, Helen Falter and Hazel Kirchner. The judges voted in favor of the negative group.

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