

One Year Ago

An unexpected find by a Putnam County trapper will have a permanent home. Monday evening, the Putnam County Historical Society was given a rare river otter Ryan Brinkman caught in western Putnam County in December. Since local residents are not allowed to trap river otters, it was suggested the accidental find be presented to the Historical Society so everyone would have a chance to view the otter.

25 Years Ago – 1988

Jefferson music department will present its annual spring concert Friday in the Middle School auditorium. The high school choir will present a collection of songs from the 1900s ragtime to 1940s swing called "Nickelodeon." The show includes soloists Melissa Bowers, Heather Barnes, Audra Cano, Lisa Sherrick, Mark Downey, Shane Lear and Lee Plescher.

Delphos Area Chamber of Commerce held its fifth annual dinner-dance benefit Saturday evening at St. John's Annex with 130 people attending. Mel Westrich, master of ceremonies, announced the following new members for the year: A & J Woodworking, Country Hutch, Topp Chalet, Paper Town, Aero Printing, Knippen Truck & Auto, Line-Up Restaurant, Ron Spencer Real Estate and Tri-County Tree Service.

The team sponsored by Terry Swaney, Lima and Delphos, won the 15-team H & Y Tile Invitational slo-pitch tournament at Cairo. Swaney beat Hope Ambulance of Lima in the championship game 17-8. Finishing third was B & K Rootbeer of Van Wert and H & Y Tile of Lima was fourth. Doug Price of Middle Point led Swaney hitters going 15-for-20.

50 Years Ago – 1963

The seniors at Fort Jennings High School were to present their class play "You Can't Beat the Drums," at 8 p.m. April 28 in the high school auditorium. Members of the cast included Norma Wieging, Alice Hellman, Dennis Wieging, James Broecker, Carol Gasser, Dorothy Huber, Grace Burrett, Douglas Hoehn, Donald Lauf and James Boehmer.

Barbara Wannemacher was elected president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary at Ottoville during a meeting held Tuesday evening in the post club rooms. It was announced installation of officers will take place at the May 14 meeting. The committee to serve a potluck lunch at that time includes Mary Catherine Schmitt, chairlady; Mildred Wieging, Veronica

Beining, Pauline Burgei, Clara Sawmiller, Anna Mittlekamp, and Mary Wittler.

Members of the Friendship Club met Wednesday for a luncheon at NuMaude's Restaurant and later played bridge at the home of Mrs. Fred Reinemeyer on North Canal Street. At the conclusion of the games first prize was awarded to Mrs. Joseph Busch, second to Mrs. Bruce Barclay and third to Mrs. William Gladen.

75 Years Ago – 1938

The Delphos Jefferson band received an Excellent rating in the state band contest held Saturday at Columbus. Four judges were unanimous in their decision. The rating, although high, does not entitle Jefferson to participate in the regional national contest which will be held at Elkart, Indiana. Ada, along with Delphos Jefferson represented the Northwestern District, also received an Excellent rating.

There was a good attendance at the card party given in St. John's auditorium Sunday evening under the auspices of the Altar Society. The following received the awards in the respective games: Mrs. John Schulte and Alex F. Stallkamp in bridge; Mrs. Joseph Auer and Charles O'Neill, five-hundred; Mrs. Cornelius Pothast and Tony Van Autreve, pinochle; Della Rose Pothast and Cletus Hickey, euchre; and Florence Faeth and Albert Lammers, bunco.

The Delphos Merchants baseball team defeated Ottoville Sunday in a practice game held at city field. The score was 7 to 5. Ditto was on the mound for Delphos and Meeking was in the receiving station. R. Sanders pitched for Ottoville and Miller caught. Manager Charles Sterling of the Delphos team, announced that he has sent the names of 16 players in to the secretary of the league.