

Morris Alumni Newsletter for 2014-2015

Class of 1939: Mildred Wright Todd tells us that she is now in the Fox Nursing Home in Oneonta. She says she is in a good place now since she is unable to do things alone.

Class of 1940: Vincent and Wanda Card Brannick will be celebrating their 75th Wedding Anniversary in July. They have 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. Wanda is now 93 years young and Vince is 92. Wanda was born right here in Morris at 50 West St. and attended Morris Schools her entire school career. Unlike Vince who attended 12 different schools over 11 years. He was the only boy in a one room school house at one time and traveled around until he graduated from MCS.

Howard Turnbull had a nice long talk with Rosemary Schmuck Fugle recently, thanks to Lois Jones for giving him the phone number and address. She was in the class of 1941 and said to say Hello to her classmates and friends of long ago. Howard and Rosemary were next door neighbors when they were kids. She was the youngest of 5 and the only one surviving today.

Class of 1942: Dorothea (Toots) Gaughan Knickerbocker is home at the Plains in Oneonta after spending a while in rehab. Her address is: 111 Heritage Circle Apt. 109A, Oneonta NY 13820.

Class of 1945: Cora Jenison Hentz wrote to me in Feb. to say that she received the newsletter and was disappointed that more people from her class had not sent any information to publish. She liked reading how everyone was doing and

so forth. She would like addresses and phone #s from her classmates so I will give you her information so you can contact her. Cora Hentz Room 120 HH, 6400 Trouble Creek Rd, New Port Richey, FL 34653, her room phone is 1-727-843-1666 and her cell # is 1-607-371-6208. She had a seizure 2 years ago but with God's help she recovered. She sold her home and decided to live in assisted living as she did not want to be alone. She is very happy there going on trips. She has had a lot of health problems especially cancer of her left eye which an excellent surgeon fixed by removing the film causing cancer on her eye. She wants to say Hello!! To her classmates although she knows there are not many left. She remembers Jeannette Pickens Rendo who was always so bright and wonderful to her. She says she didn't mean to write such a long letter but I am glad she did as not too many send me anything!! Maybe her son Greg will

bring her up next year. In May, Cora wrote again and was asking about Lynn Harris. She saw him once in Morris and he was such fun, she saw him in Lakeland FL with his wife once too. Sorry to tell you Cora but Lynn passed away in 2014. Cora says she lost her only sister, Louise Miller, this May and loved her so much. Sorry for your loss. Hope you hear from some of your classmates.

Zelpha Card Hoyer tells us that she missed the winter here by being in Plant City, FL, she is maintaining good health. She suggests we increase scholarship to graduating seniors , which we did last year by raising it to \$500.00. She says Superb Job to the Committee!

Arline Kaiser Pickens tells us it seems like only yesterday that she was in school, but it has been 70 years. Her school days at MCS were happy ones. There were only 19 in her graduating class and 9 of

them are still alive and kicking. Laura Jackson Neighbor and she keep in touch and last year they spent a week together traveling and reliving old memories. Arline is 86 years young in good health and enjoying life, although her fellow classmate and high school sweetheart, husband Bill, passed away March 15, 2013. He is greatly missed. She has 15 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren scattered all over the eastern USA. She sends her very best wishes to all her classmates and friends.

Laura Jackson Neighbor writes that she planned on attending this year as it was her 70th class reunion but on 8/6/14 she met someone she had known before and they became companions. He has developed esophageal cancer and will be having a port put in 6/26 to start his chemo. She sends best wishes to all and thinks her class has done well. She also sends thanks to all that keep the Alumni going.

William and Madolin Littlewood Wells say they are doing OK, just getting slower every year. They have given up doing their vegetable garden this year but they hope to spend the summer at their cabin at Georgetown Lake. They wish they could be here for the Alumni Reunion but they do not do long trips anymore. If anyone is coming out their way let them know and stop in to see them.

Class of 1950: Francis Klindt says first of all he wants to thank me for the terrific job I do with the Alumni Newsletter during the year, plus the reunion banquet invitation letter. Even though he is 1200 miles away, it helps keep him up to date on news of all the alumni of good old Morris Central School. He knows from experience publishing his local boat club newsletter that this requires a lot of research on my part and many hours of work at the

computer keyboard, plus the mailing tasks and all of the associated duties that go with it. He is sorry to say that he and his wife will not be able to attend the Reunion this year. We will miss you Fran.

Doris Cole Martin sends her thanks to me for putting her in touch with David Dempsey and for the great work I do for the Alumni.

Class of 1951: David Dempsey and wife Kathryn have just celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. When Doris called David he was out playing golf so she chatted with Kathryn. She was most gracious and a delight to visit with. Doris talked with David later and both are well and happy. They were a fountain of information that Doris needed about Dave's father, Rev. Charles Dempsey.

William Kodrich had open heart surgery in March 2015 and is now doing well. Henrietta was busy being

nurse for Bill. Henrietta's sister, Carole Olds is now in a nursing home nearby Clarion.

Class of 1952: Roger Parker informs us that 2 of his classmates are battling cancer at this time. Our prayers are with them.

Class of 1953: Alice Rehrmann Bowie is again unable to attend the reunion due to health issues. She says to please keep sending the newsletter as she enjoys receiving them. She sends her best to all.

Class of 1954: Corrine Sickler Dickerson thanks me for printing her joyful thoughts of Morris and our treasured MCS. She says my hard work and individual thought that goes into compiling history about school alumni is a huge accomplishment and many folks must feel the same as she does. Her visit to NY State for the 60th Class Reunion was a wonderful treat for her. Her children

insisted that she go and that they would take her place in FL. She and her husband, Bill celebrated their 60th Anniversary on August 10, 2014, with a large celebration given by their children. Cousins from NY even attended. Yet, never will she forget this last visit to our school, the tour and the kindness extended including all the precious faces from years before.

Class of 1955: Joanne Benedict Palumbo wrote to me in Dec. 2014 wondering what the date of the Alumni Dinner is this year. It is 60 years for her and she plans to attend. She needs the date to coordinate with her daughter Lisa, who will be coming with her and needs to put in for the time off. I got your reservation Joanne and I see you are bringing a friend too. Great.

Class of 1956: Judy Sohne Hurtubise volunteers at the Susquehanna Animal Shelter, a few miles south of Cooperstown. (formerly the

ASPCA) In April they transformed their store from an overcrowded chaotic environment into an organized attractive place to shop. Thanks to the people who have donated so generously to them over the years as it enables them to support the homeless animals in their community.

Barbara Owen Sandike says she was very happy to receive her Newsletter a few days ago but she saw it said 2013-2014 and did not receive anything during 2014. She was disappointed because she enjoys receiving it so much. She was also wondering about the dues but I believe she has gotten the invitation for 2015 which will explain it all to her. Hope we see you soon. She thanks me and all who work so hard to keep the alumni going. She also says nobody can fill my shoes but who would want to? Speak up.

Class of 1958: James Walker tells us due to other commitments they will not

be able to attend the reunion this year but asks to be kept informed. Don't worry Jim you will be.

Judy Knapp Reed can't make the banquet this year because of the distance but hope to be there for their 60th reunion in 2018. She enjoyed visiting with her classmates last year! She hadn't seen Jim Walker since they graduated in 1958. They all had a good time.

Avis Stevens Waite was at the annual meeting of the Otsego County Fair Association Stockholders on Nov. 1 at the Westville Grange.

Class of 1959: Dorothy Hoag Dibble's son Jeff Pedersen participated in the General Clinton Canoe Regatta and came in 5th place in the T Men's U50 CC Endurance. Dorothy has returned to work part time as the company needs more workers and prefers ones

that are already trained. Who wouldn't?

Kenneth Cooke labored last year to make sure his wood shed was full for the winter. He and Jeanne miss his brother Richard who left this earth in 2014. They went South in March of 2014 for a couple of weeks. They also go camping with their church family and with the oldies but goodies group that they have camped with for many years. Ken stayed busy driving the ambulance for his community as well as planting a vegetable garden and mowing their spacious lawn. He bagged himself a doe early during the senior hunting in October. What is that?? He is looking for the big racks but they must be hiding. He had a 13 foot fall from a ladder but thank God he didn't suffer any breaks-just soreness. Ken was diagnosed with high blood sugar late in the spring but it has come down since he has lost weight.

Emily Boyd Davis tells us she has 2 great grandsons and a great granddaughter on the way in August. She sent a donation in memory of her brother Sonny Boyd. She says she hope all is well with us.

Robert (Cubby) Joy Jr. and wife Maureen sent a lovely note at Christmas time and she says he is working half days this year at the cemetery. They do such a great job and I don't think there is a better looking one around here. He is still playing softball and keeping the books for the basketball teams in Morris so he gets to see all the home games. Her work at the church keeps her busy and out of trouble most of the time.

Although Stephen Foote passed away Sept. 2014 not all of his classmates got to see his obituary so I will print it here. He was a Bronze Star Recipient, a veteran of multiple combat aviation tours in Vietnam as well as assignments in

Europe, Texas and Georgia before retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer in 1983. He continued his career as a corporate business jet pilot in the Augusta area until 1992, when he began flying in support of UN operations in Somalia, based out of Nairobi, Kenya. He was born in Morris NY. Survived by his wife of 28 years, Mildred, two sons, Stephen Edward, Jr. and John Paul, both of Augusta, an adopted son Eddie of Augusta: a step-son, Scott Bray, and his wife Leah, of Virginia; 3 grandchildren, a brother, Louis Foote and wife Deanna of GA, he is preceded in death by a daughter, Teresa Marie Yawn and sister Jeanne Patrick. He was looking forward to moving to VA to spend more time with his young grandchildren. After a wonderful family dinner on Sunday evening, he peacefully passed away in his sleep early Monday morning. He will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In

lieu of flowers consider a donation in his name to St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Reston VA.

Gary Fisher had a great way to spend a cold wintery Saturday in December. He pitched horseshoes in the indoor Floyd Horseshoe Club near Rome, NY. Using the Hi-Low format where teams are made up according to each pitchers average. The person with the highest average is teamed with a pitcher of the lowest average. A total of 10 teams in a round robin event for the day and Gary and his partner ended up winning. Gary's teammate Mac is 83 and Gary is 73 which equals 156 years of age combined, so they were easily the oldest team there. Lady luck seemed to be with them all day with many close games. Bottom line after 9 games they ended the day with 9 wins and 0 losses taking the 1st place money and the bragging rights for the last 2014 Hi-Lo Tournament. As 5 of the guys from SNB club,

including him, rode in the same car, there was a strong possibility that he was going to have to walk home as they were saying things like his head was so swollen he probably wouldn't fit in the car anyways. Must have been the Christmas spirit came over all as they ended up letting him ride home with them. Makes one feel like there really is a Santa Claus and he just wanted to say thanks for everything and the food was good too, especially the Black Bean dip with the tortilla chips.

Mike Fay says he enjoyed reading the newsletter and thanked me for doing a great job. Many of the people's names after 1962 he didn't remember but was surprised to see his father's name in the newsletter. He wonders if I ever kept track of the time I spend on the newsletter and the answer is no, but it is a LOT. He wants to know where I get the "Years Gone By" info as he enjoys reading that too, (I get it from the Gazette.)

He thinks I missed my calling and should have been a journalist. Thank you for the compliment. He wrote Jan. 8, 2015 and said it had been cool there, in Jamestown, NY, the last few days with temps in the single digits and low teens but not much snow, maybe 3 or 4 inches but the wind had been brisk which makes being outside for very long a challenge. He doesn't appreciate the fringe benefits of winter as much as he did when he was much younger, a LOT younger. Martha and he are about the same as a year ago, which is good news as far as they are concerned. Older, but no wiser. His words not mine.

Lorraine Frederick Murphy tells us that it is her sister's 50th and a surprise to her too. She says not to tell anyone, especially Barry & Elaine, that they are coming because it is a surprise. Don't worry Lorraine no

one will see this newsletter until the banquet is over.

We were all saddened to hear we have lost another classmate, Robert Leo Hand passed away April 20, 2015. He and I shared a birthday on March 31st and we always kidded about it.

Our class of 1959 had 6 members in attendance last year to celebrate our 55th reunion, Kitty, Gary, Mike, Dorothy, Cubby, and Lois. Wish we had more that could have come.

Class of 1960: Joan Matteson Hanson and husband Allen had the good fortune to travel with Jane & Phil Clement. They all went to Monhegan Island with Peggy Knapp McCrea and Peter who live in Thomaston, Maine. Then the Hansons and Clements sailed from Athens, to Santorini, Rhodes and My Konos, Greece, then up along the coast of Turkey to Istanbul. They topped it off with a trip to Mexico.

Anyone want to travel with them? The more the merrier!! Heck, yes sign me up.

Nancy Roberts Parker says she was planning on attending this year but fell on May 8th and tore her left rotator cuff. Doing therapy but has to have surgery in July and can't go very far now. She's been out for 55 years now and had hoped to see some fellow classmates. She has 2 new great grandsons, born 3/1 and 5/26. Her phone # is 717-669-2993 and email NASTYjean41@g.mail.com.

Class of 1962: Phyllis Washburn House and husband Harold celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary on April 18, 2015. I know it's a little late but if you want to send them a card their address is PO Box 156, Milford NY 13807. Congratulations you two!!

Jeanne Beardsley Cooke was trying to find John McElroy to send a card of thanks

after all these years as she remembers how much he inspired so many of the youth when he was the music director. Does anyone know where he is? Let me know if you do. She said that when a school has a budget crunch they seem to trim back music and the arts which is a part of a person's life forever. Sports fade because of our bodies but music and art continues to be there. She reports she has had 3 knee replacements and continues to have shoulder problems too. Her son Nathan is a head athletic trainer and told her prednisone acts like ibuprofen only better as an anti inflammation fighter. Hope you are feeling better. Jeanne enjoyed going to NYC to see her Yankee's 3 times this summer. Once with Ken on a bus trip which was memorable. She got to sit in the seats directly in back of home plate for the last inning thanks to a gracious usher and got to see Jeter one last time. Good for you.

Class of 1963: Tim Fay says thank you for all the time and work I put in to keep the alumni going. Thanks Tim.

Daniel Morehouse's wife, Linda was recognized and given a special thank you for being a volunteer nurse at A.O. Fox Hospital.

Steve McWilliams and wife Elaine had a three day vacation with their grown children to see some baseball.

Class of 1964: Marie Card Holt had the misfortune to lose her husband Richard in February of this year after a courageous battle with cancer. We are so sorry for your loss.

Warren Ryther's son, Brian and his girlfriend were pictured on the front page of the Daily Star tapping a maple tree in front of a new sugar house at Mill Hollow Maple in New Lisbon.

Carleton Deming says he will be unable to attend this year due to a family function on Long Island. His Mom Hollis Deming passed away last year in FL. She was 97 and had a good life. He thanks us for last year and says the class of 64 had a good time. He tells us that their classmate and friend Richard George passed away last fall. We are so sorry for your loss.

The Class of 1964 had an amazing turn out for their 50th reunion last year. There were 16 members of their class present. I don't know how big their class was but that it pretty good.

Class of 1965: Lynn Joy has joined the Morris Emergency Squad as driver and from what I hear is doing a great job. You can pay me later Lynn.

James Palmer tells us that he has been retired since 2003.

The class of 1965 has lost a member, Jeanne Davis Hengey passed away December 3, 2014. Her classmates have made donations in her memory of \$350.00 to go towards the scholarships we give out. We are sorry for your loss.

Class of 1967: Amy Wagner Gage became a Great-Grandmother on Dec. 4, 2014 when her oldest granddaughter gave birth to a son, Quentin Gage Holmes. He is a darling little boy.

Helen Wagner Hoag's grandson Arthur Carlyle completed his first year of graduate school at the University of Kansas at the end of May. During his first year he took several courses as well as worked as a Graduate Teaching Assistant. As a GTA, he had the role of "discussion leader" for the course, "Introduction to Philosophy". His job was to take several sections of students (four sections of

about 15 students each) from the overall lecture and teach, discuss, and debate with them about the readings and topics from the course. Such topics included theories of mind, theories of knowledge, and artificial intelligence. During the summer, he is working as a night security monitor for the Upward Bound program at KU, a TRIO program that assists high school students finish school and prepare for college. As he only has to make sure the students don't wander from their dorms at night, Arthur has a lot of time to do research. He is currently working on 2 papers that he hopes to submit for publication in the near future. Arthur is also doing research concerning the evolution of cognition and the embodied/extended mind view in preparation for writing his Master's thesis. He plans on writing and defending his Master's thesis in the fall.

Class of 1968: Jim Lull was pictured in the Daily Star

turning the crank of the 120-year old tower clock atop the Gilbert Block on Commercial St. in the village of Gilbertsville. Thirty-three of the town people when asked about the clock didn't even know it existed, maybe because it doesn't chime. He had been performing this task for about 30 years. He can't remember exactly when it was that he responded to an ad for a "substitute clock winder" but the sitting clock winder, Overton Mott had to take time off to care for his ailing mother. He is not sure if the ad was in the New Berlin Gazette or the Bee Chronicle. When Mott gave him the keys to access the clock and told Jim to keep them until he asked to have them back. The request was never made. Just about every week he climbs the two flights of stairs to the Gilbert Block to crank the clock, it takes about 25-30 cranks to get the job done and only takes about 30 seconds. Jim's son Nathan helps him from time to time

when the clock loses a minute or two. To adjust it, Jim has to turn a dial, which moves a shaft that holds the clock's hands but he can't see the clock's face as he rewinds it from the rafters to know when he's got it back on track. This is when Nathan comes in handy standing in the street below and calling out, "you're five minutes fast!" or "you're 2 minutes slow." Jim has never been paid for his efforts, nor did he ever expect to be. He said it just seemed like a good thing to do. Jim's ancestors settled in the Butternut Valley in 1773. He grew up in Morris, graduated from MCS in 1968. After working at Bendix Corp. for 25 years he took a job at H.W. Naylor's where he is plant manager. He serves on the boards of the Village Library and Gilbertsville's Village Improvement Society, as well as 16 years on the village board of trustees, and a time as mayor. He recalls mention being made in the Village

Improvement Society newsletter at one time that no one knew who wound the clock but whoever did it was doing a good job. So for 30 years, Jim has received no pay, to do a job almost no one knows he does, on a clock whose existence few are aware of. Welcome to Gilbertsville.

Patricia Dugan says she will be unable to attend the Alumni this year but sent us a donation and hopes to attend next year. She questioned why there was no tab for the Alumni Association on the Morris Central School Web Site. She tried to find out about the golf event. She says it would be a nice way to draw people to the school web site and let them know what's going on. We are working on it.

Class of 1969: Sophie Wagner Liberatore ran in the YMCA Turkey Trot and placed 192 out of 571. Her daughter Jill from Boston placed 56. The Trophy Guy

was one of the sponsors for the event. Sophie and Jill each won a turkey for their age group so they donated one.

Jody Harris tells us Hello and says the years have gone so quickly. She retired last June 2014 and 40 years of being an elementary teacher and library media specialist. She is still trying to figure out this 'retirement thing' but it feels wonderful to be accountable for her own time. She hopes all of us are doing well.

Class of 1970: Joanne Burdick was recognized for her dedication to A.O. Fox Hospital as a volunteer during the nursing awards ceremony this May. A scholarship was established in 1997 in honor of Joanne, former director of volunteer services at Fox.

Class of 1972: Our sympathy goes out to Cliff Costello for the loss of his father, Bob Costello.

Class of 1974: Joe Miller had a pacemaker put in Nov. 2014.

Class of 1976: Janaan Harrington Phillips' daughter Tricia graduated from Hartwick College and will be attending the University of Tenn. and enrolling in the Mathematics PhD program. Tricia went on a mission trip to Africa. Janaan says their 40th class reunion is coming up next year and plans have begun for a luncheon at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown in July 2016. Date and info forthcoming. Contact her cell: 585-645-2719, or email her at: toesinthesand50@yahoo.com 32 Dean Spring Drive, Webster NY 14580. or facebook: Janann Phillips.

Deborah Goodier Newell says the water project in the village is complete. She remembers reading in the newsletter a couple of years ago that it was 60 years ago the village was talking about

a new water system so finally it is done.

David Birdsall's daughter Meredith Baio joined Hinman, Howard & Kattell attorneys here in Morris. She graduated from William & Mary Law School in 2011. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Otsego County Bar Association and Co-Chairs the Young Lawyers Section of the Otsego County Bar.

Marcia Pegg Condon lost her daughter Valerie Henchey after a courageous nine-month battle with cancer. Our condolences go out to her.

Class of 1978: Mary Jane Miller Conroe announced the marriage of her daughter Sarah to Mark Lipka on October 4, 2014. The couple were married at the Country Club in Cooperstown and traveled to Aruba for their honeymoon.

Denise Rozelle Erbe lost her father, Jesse Rozelle on

March 20, 2015, one week before his 80th birthday. We are so sorry for your loss.

Class of 1980: Cheryl Royce Ernst performed with Sheila Geer June 12 & 13 at the Empire House in Gilbertsville. Together they created an original sound of voice and piano much like the Carpenters unique sound, with songs such as “Close to You” and “We’ve only Just Begun” and more. I will add that we had a terrible storm that night and trees were down all over that made it difficult to get home after the show.

Class of 1983: Jaci Dixon Stonier keeps busy teaching school and shuttling her daughter to games and practice. Her son Shayne filled in as leader when she was down last winter recovering from surgery and a nasty infection. Last June Shayne graduated from High School and worked as a Lifeguard at a Country Club, then off to Keuka College and a career in

Occupational Therapy. Her daughter Kayleigh is involved in dance, swimming, and Ski team. Kay came in 10th place at counties for diving.

Class of 1984: Brian Norton has joined the Morris Emergency Squad as a driver.

Class of 1986: Daphne Joy Thompson and family are ever so busy. She is in her 22nd year of coaching and now her daughter Elizabeth is playing on the JV team for Morris. Daphne and husband Keith are celebrating their 20th Anniversary. Her daughter has almost achieved her goal of being as tall as her mother, she is now 5’11” and counting.

Victoria Pickens Smith’s husband Lyle aced the par-3 seventh hole this June using a pitching wedge to sink a 125-yard tee shot that was witnessed by Jeffrey Waffle.

Class of 1987: Rob Joy and family are living in Cincinnati and doing well. His daughter Louisa is excited by all of life and so much fun to be with. They visited his parents for Thanksgiving and at Fair time.

Class of 1988: Nadine Joy and sons Michael and Mason are in San Antonio TX. They came for a 2 week visit around Thanksgiving and had a wonderful time. Mason got to see snow and Michael bagged a 4 point deer hunting with Grandpa, Robert Joy.

Class of 1989: Timothy Rehrmann is an 18-year veteran mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Morris. He was given the Pride of Workmanship award by the Morris Rotary Club this May. It was given in recognition of those, in the Butternut Valley, who embrace qualities in the workplace their employers feel make a contribution, not only to the workplace, but

also for the betterment of America.

Bryce Frederick's son Joshua is engaged to be married June 18, 2016 to Natasha Caulkins. Josh is a 2009 graduate of Oneonta High School and a 2013 Graduate of SUNY Potsdam with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Bryce's daughter, Ashley competed in the Frostbite 5K in January and placed 134 out of 170 runners.

Elizabeth Lull Child placed 50th in the Frostbite 5K in January 2015 out of 170 runners, she did it in 27:51 minutes.

Aaron Valentine and family are now living on Pegg Road. His wife raises and trains horses.

Brayton Palmer competed in the General Clinton Canoe Regatta 2015 placing 2nd in the T Men's U50 Endurance.

Class of 1990: Courtney Matteson Mackey's husband

Jerry, a long time coach for Oneonta High School, was diagnosed with MS, a degenerative disease that affects the central nervous system and muscle function. Jerry was one of the Top Ten Local Sports Stories in the Daily Star. It appears that he has recovered strong since his diagnosis and is back coaching from the sidelines.

Class of 1992: Matthew Palmer placed second in the T Men's U50 CC endurance at the 2015 Clinton Canoe Regatta.

Alison Joy Akins and her family are involved in sports-soccer, basketball, and baseball. Hard to say which they enjoy more.

Class of 1993: Gerry Joy was engaged this year to his girlfriend Kelly. They have been going together for several years. They are planning a wedding for the fall of 2015. He competed in the 2015 General Clinton Canoe Regatta placing first

in the C Men's Recreation Endurance.

Brett Sherwood placed 4th out of 15 in the G Open Endurance at the 2015 General Clinton Canoe Regatta.

Class of 1994:Jonathan Hillis and wife had triple girls on December 2, 2014 and I hear they are adorable and so easy, they take naps and sleep from 7 PM-7AM. None of my kids did that!! Congratulations. The one year olds will be getting around now and keep you busy.

Karen Maerz-Beers part owner of Nina's in Oneonta announced the closing on Facebook page which has been visited more than 500 times. The Facebook message did not indicate why the restaurant was closing, instead focused on the positive. They were open for 16 months. Karen had left her previous job to run the restaurant.

Class of 1997: Jessica Joy Aikins and husband Jonathan have a new baby girl, Reigan Elizabeth born May 21, 2015 weighing 8lbs 10.8 oz. and 21 ½ inches long. They are presently living in Norwich. Congrats.

Class of 1999: Lauren Ewing's daughter Isabell had an AVM and is doing better since surgery and radiation, but does have some disabilities. Lauren has worked for Country Club Chevrolet in Oneonta for 14 years and is now a mechanic.

Class of 2000: John Bugyi placed 7th in the A Open Stock Aluminum Endurance at the 2015 General Clinton Canoe Regatta.

Patrick Miller and wife Christina have our condolences on the passing of their son Bryce Patrick Miller on June 28. He was only 4 months old. Patrick's grandfather, Donald Miller passed away on July 1, 2015.

Class of 2001: Ryan Klein was with John Bugyi When they placed 7th in the A Open Stock Aluminum Endurance at the 2015 Clinton Canoe Regatta.

Class of 2002: Karen Ewing is going to South Korea to be a pre K teacher working in an orphanage at the South Land Christian School. She leaves August 16.

Kenneth Fink was pictured in the Daily Star clearing snow from Hodges Pond in Oneonta in preparation for the start of skating season.

Class of 2003: Jesse Hoag and wife Michelle have a new daughter, Leanna Rain, born Dec. 12, 2014, weighing 7 pounds 15 ounces and 21 inches long. She joins siblings Lauren and Levi. Paternal grand parents are Randy and Barbara Hoag. Congrats.

Class of 2004: Matthew Meyer has a new job in Colorado this summer.

Class of 2008: Clair Tompkins placed 18th out of 170 runners at the Frostbite 5K.

Class of 2010: Carla Terwilliger and Michael Van Deusen have a daughter, Madison Renee, weighing 7 pounds 13.4 ounces. Congrats.

Galina Norman and Cpl. Clayton Bard were married Feb. 14, 2015 and are now residing in Washington D.C. He is a marine stationed at the Marine Barracks in Washington D.C. where he is a driver for the U.S. Marine Band. Congrats.

Alyssa Hite was named to the fall honors list at the State University College of Technology at Delhi. To qualify for honors, students must have an academic average of 3.50 or higher during the semester.

Brianna George's mother, Monica was pictured in the Daily Star making her own bikini-clad snow queen on her front lawn.

Class of 2011: Hollis Tompkins placed 13th in the Frostbite 5K in January 2015 out of 170 runners.

Roman Norman graduated from the College of Agriculture and Technology at Morrisville with an A.A.S. in computer systems Technology. He is currently employed by the Norman Construction Company in Richmond, Virginia.

Angela Nitto was named to the fall dean's list at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, she successfully completed her course work with a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher out of a possible 4.0 score.

Catherine Wetherbee was on the spring & fall dean's list at SUNY Oneonta. She received the Frances E.

Rowe Memorial Scholarship in April of this year.

Alex Howland made the costumes and puppets for his play “Little Mermaid”. Some Disney personnel came to see the production. Great Job.

Katlyn Naubereit has graduated from Hartwick, and she is now applying for jobs as an English Teacher. She majored in English and participated in Honors Program. She student taught at Morris and Milford Central School.

Class of 2012: Zachary Doyle was named to the president’s list for earning a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher at SUNY Canton.

John Hennon is machinist mate third class (MM3) of the United States Navy. He is stationed at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Charleston SC. His job is to learn as much as he can in his time and then use that knowledge to

operate, maintain, and otherwise care for a nuclear reactor aboard a submarine or aircraft carrier. This program and the Navy in general can be very challenging, and it’s very rewarding to see yourself develop and conquer one obstacle after the other. One of the greatest things about serving is the people he had met. Everyone here has the same mission, the same goal, and has gone through the same hardships as him. The sense of camaraderie and what they’re willing to do to help a shipmate out is really incredible and really hard to put into words. He wouldn’t trade this experience for anything.

Class of 2013: Marguerite Tompkins place 155 in the Frostbite 5K out of 170. Her Dad placed 117. She was on the fall dean’s list at SUNY Oneonta. She received the Walter J. Anna H. Burchan Scholarship in April 2015, at SUNY Oneonta. Marguerite received the 2014-2015

Susan Sutton Smith award for academic excellence.

Jenna Turner was on the fall dean's list at SUNY Oneonta. She received the Erna McReynolds & Thomas Morgan Scholarship in April 2015, at SUNY Oneonta.

Emily Leboffe was named to the dean's list for the spring and fall 2014 semesters at Susquehanna University of Selinsgrove, Pa. The deans' list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or higher out of a possible 4.0 for the semester. Emily is a Biology major, in the class of 2017. She is serving an internship this summer at Geisinger Clinic, working in a laboratory at the Weis Center for Research where she will study the molecular and genetic basis of disease.

Michael DeLuca graduated with honors from Onondaga Community College. He will continue his studies at Cazenovia College, receiving

a Presidential Scholarship to attend. He will also be playing basketball for Cazenovia.

Brandon Shelley has graduated from OCC and will attend SUNY Potsdam in the fall, majoring in music education.

Alexis Joy & Ryan Harrington had a baby boy born on Feb. 16, 2015. Congrats!

Jordyn Knapp received the NBT Bank Endowed Scholarship in April 2015, at SUNY Oneonta.

Kyle Doyle received the James and Joyce Broe Family Scholarship at SUNY Oneonta. He was one of 21 students inducted into the State University College at Oneonta's Beta Eta Chapter of the Chi Alpha Epsilon national honor society during a ceremony on Feb. 5. Chi Alpha Epsilon was formed to recognize the academic achievements of students admitted to colleges

and universities through nontraditional criteria. Kyle is majoring in business economics at SUNY Oneonta.

Jennifer Hoffman joined the United States Air Force in October of 2013. She left for San Antonio, TX for her 8 weeks of basic training.

After graduation

Thanksgiving of 2013 she left for Tech School to learn the job she would be doing in the Military Air Transportation. She graduated in Jan. 2014 with honors. From there, she left for Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where she was promoted to Airman 1st Class (E-3). She said, "My job in Air Transportation is a flight line job. This consists of basically working on the Air Base's Airport. We do everything from processing and moving passengers between deployments to loading cargo pallets onto cargo planes to be shipped all over the world. We also deal with loading and deplaning

ammunitions. I have been in Germany for almost a year now, and I have been tasked for my first deployment soon. I have very much enjoyed being a part of the military because there is such a big family connection and you meet different people everyday." Jennifer got married in the fall of 2014.

Meghan Murphy was named to the President's list for the spring semester at SUNY Potsdam. She had to have a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher to be on the list.

Joshua Naar was named to the spring and fall semesters president's list at SUNY Potsdam.

Alden Koch was named to the dean's list for the fall semester, at the SUNY Polytechnical Institute in Utica. He also was named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

Class of 2014: Michael Silicato went to Mexico

through the Exchange program for the 2014-2015 school year.

Steven Smallacombe joined the United States Air Force right after high school and became a tech school student in the Security Forces Academy, where he learned everything about weapons. The primary weapons he used were the M4 rifle and M9 pistol and the M240 machine gun. He also learned ground combat skills such as infantry fight skills, convoy fight skills, and ambushing skills. He learned many other skills too during his basic training which took place at Lackland Air Force Base, in Texas. After he graduates he will be stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. He was recently awarded The Top Gun Award for being the best shot out of the class when firing the M4 carbine rifle and the M9 pistol. He says he has been asked many times why he joined the military and he says he

always knew he wanted to go into the military.

Class of 2015: Logan Howland will be finishing up at Morris Central this month. He plans to stay local and continue his work in the emergency squad as he plans his next step.

Kaylyn Oliver was chosen for the Scholar recognition program. The program recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement by members of the graduating classes of the public, private and other schools. It also recognizes a teacher nominated by each student scholar. She nominated Mr. Thom. Kaylyn is the MCS Valedictorian for the 2014-2015 School year. She was accepted into Hartwick College where she plans to study Psychology.

Monica Butler's Grandfather passed away on June 27, 2015 at his home.

Aiden Staib's 21 points paced Morris, which

received 19 from Cameron Hill and shot a combined 16 for 19 from the foul line.

“The Staib kid is a really, really, good player,” said Milford coach Spurchase.

Cheyenne Osuna is the MCS Salutatorian for the 2014-2015 School year. She plans on entering the Air Force upon graduation.

Katie Eklund wrote a letter to the Clark Foundation trustees, asking that they consider adding Morris students to their scholarship opportunity. They are now offering MCS \$500.00 scholarships each year to deserving Morris Graduates who are planning on attending college. Way to go Katie, it should have been done years ago.

There are 9 seniors that are listed to receive first-year college grants from The Clark Foundation: Stacey Benjamin, Lexi Bookhout, Allison DiStefano, Katiemarie Eklund, Alicia Randall, Alexis Richards,

Paisley Sellers, and Brandon Wallach.

Class of 2016: Margaret Ernst was selected to play the violin in the All-State String Orchestra. Members of the Orchestra rehearsed together for 3 days and performed at the Eastman Theatre in Rochester. Last spring, over 6,000 NY students prepared and performed All-State auditions at the NYSSMA solo festival. It takes many years of practice to develop the skills necessary to be considered for selection into an All-State ensemble. Maggie, accompanied on piano by her mother, Cheryl Ernst, received a score of 100 on her performance of the Mozart Violin Concerto # 4. Maggie is a member of the band, chorus, and jazz band, at MCS. She is enrolled in the Ithaca Talent Education program and under the direction of Sandy Reuing, has toured with their Heifetz ensemble in the Carolinas and in Mexico.

Our Exchange student this year was Liza Escobar from Paraguay. She got involved while she was here to say the least. She was the manager of the Lady Mustangs Varsity soccer team; she was a cheerleader, and she even had a leading role in the chorus musical.

Class of 2017: Bryan French will be going to Brazil this year when school starts up again. He said he wanted to see the world from the perspective of a culture different from his own. Bryan received the Otsego County Award of Merit for a charcoal drawing titled “Bear Naked”. Bryan’s work will be submitted to Congressman Chris Gibson’s office and considered alongside entries from other counties within the 19th Congressional District. From there one student’s artwork will be chosen for the year-long display in the corridor leading to the US Capitol Building with one artwork

from each participating U.S. Congressional District.

Sophia Garry was awarded a Jurors’ Citation for her charcoal drawing “Sir Morgan Freeman”. Sophia won a top prize for Most Original and Creative Poster at the 15th Annual Conference sponsored by the NY Council on Problem Gambling in Albany last week. The Conference was attended by professionals from across the country and as far away as Australia. More than 240 people voted for the four posters that were chosen as prize winner. Her first prize won her \$125.00.

Class of 2020: Monica “Mollie” Dugan was upholding a family tradition in Washington D.C. at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May 2015. Mollie’s mother, Mary competed in the national finals in 1985, and accompanied Mollie to the finals. Although she did not make it to the semifinals Mollie was D-E-L-I-G-H-T-

E-D nonetheless with her performance at the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Faculty & Staff: The Morris Rotary Club awarded Margaret Caezza Volunteer of the Year Award for volunteering on the Morris Central School Board of Education for the past 11 years, the last eight of which she served as president.

Matthew Sheldon was given the Paul Harris Fellow Award, a Rotary International award the same night.

Gregg Thom was nominated by Kaylyn Oliver for having a significant and beneficial influence on her education in the Scholar Recognition Award article.

Jill Foerster was elected as a director to the Otsego County Fair Association board for a three-year term. Our sympathy goes out to Jill for the loss of her partner of 29 years, Hunter Allen Schaffer.

Lewis Miller was elected President for the coming year of the Fair Board.

Kris Hand was elected Treasurer of the Otsego County Fair Association.

Kathy Kodrich has a new great grandson, Venace Marshall.

We send our condolences to Paulette Cotter, on the loss of her husband, Alan Cotter.

Marilyn Crumb celebrated her 87th Birthday in May.

Harriett Collison had a special day with her daughter and granddaughter, traveling throughout the countryside for 6 hours.

Current Events:

James Pasternak received a special proclamation in honor of his contributions to the community and distinguished service to the Morris Rotary Club.

Pasternak, 82, is the club's oldest active member.

Moe's Southwest Grill opened in March on the Southside of Oneonta. Moe's has restaurants at more than 500 locations in the U.S. and abroad.

The 2014 Morris Central School yearbook recently received national recognition for excellence, according to a media release from the school. The Morrisianian was one of 476 yearbooks selected from approximately 3,000 for inclusion in the 2015 Josten's Look Book. The yearbook was created by a student committee. Being involved with the yearbook is "a lot of work, but worth it" because it gives students something that they can look back on. Julene Waffle is the yearbook advisor.

Cooperstown was named one of "The 20 Best Small Towns to Visit in 2015" in a list published at Smithsonian.com. It is

known for the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, also has plenty of cultural attractions as well, including The Farmers' Museum, The Fenimore Art Museum and Glimmerglass Festival. Cooperstown was also mentioned on the Today Show during a segment on Memorial Day travel.

The MCS Senior Chorus presented "Don't Rock the Boat" in March. The musical took place on a wacky cruise ship, with the captain of the ship, his cruise director, crew members and crazy nurse attempting to keep the ship afloat while dealing with many problems along the way, including being taken over by pirates. It was a great show!!

A pet crematorium will be opening in Morris on July 25th with an open house at 1977 State Hwy 23. Faithful Friends Crematory is owned by Nan Johnston. Veronica Korth will be employed there.

The Seniors Citizen's Annual Brunch was held last December and was once again well attended.

Students set up the tables and chairs, put favors on the tables and set up a huge sled for the random drawing. Door prizes were fruit baskets supplied by Pre-K. We were serenaded by a brass ensemble and the elementary students sang holiday songs. The cafeteria staff brought the food to the old gym and alongside teachers and other staff, served plates and plates of food. Student Council and National Honor Society members served everyone and kept our coffee cups full. A good time was had by all.

Resource room teacher Caitlin Smith had her students earn money, fake of course, for doing their best and being positive. In December they were reading an article about students, in different cities, receiving real money and getting to either buy something that

they would like or donating money to charity. Caitlin said she would give them \$1 for every fake one they earned. They decided to donate their money to Make-A-Wish Foundation! What great kids we have in Morris. Ms Smith wrote a check for \$36.00 to the charity.

MCS has distance learning classes that have college credit available. These classes take place in the DL room, where there are 2 monitors hung on the wall and along with that there is an adjustable camera in the room, so that the students and/or the teacher in the room can be seen by other schools, and vice versa. This is a great way for students to take classes that Morris does not offer.

Fifth graders visited an archaeological dig at 161 Main St. here in Morris, where the Morris Historical Society has been excavating this past summer. Students discovered artifacts left

behind by A. S. Avery, who worked as a printer, artist, and photographer in the nineteenth century.

Ms. Katharine Smith, Principal says to utilize the school website: <http://www.morriscs.org/> and to like them on facebook to stay connected with the school. She also tells us that she wants to challenge everyone to stop and T.A.G. someone who deserves recognition. So what is T.A.G.? At the beginning of the school year, she challenged faculty and staff to thank, appreciate, and show gratitude towards others. By doing so, we are working together to create a positive school environment. Now she passed that challenge on to everyone in the MCS Community.

iPad's at MCS-The 5th through 8th grade 1:1 iPad initiative is off to a great start at MCS. Several of the teachers have really bought into the "tech side of teaching". The program

provides 24 hour access to information and teachers instead of the standard 39 minute class period.

The Spanish Club collected packets of Oatmeal for Operation Independence, a non-profit organization that sends the comforts of home to our service men and women stationed abroad. Oatmeal is one of those comfort foods that the soldiers enjoy. This year they sent over 2,000 packets of oatmeal. "This is great".

This year we had to vote for a new candidate to join the Board of Education. Wendy Moore got the job for three years. Gary Norman decided not to run again this year. Wendy lives in Morris and is a registered nurse at Bassett Hospital as well as a nurse educator at Hartwick College. She is married to a former MCS graduate and has 4 children, 3 of whom are old enough to attend MCS.

The Village of Morris has a new water tank and all new water lines which were installed this past spring/summer. Thanks to the Morris Water Board and Mike Newell for getting funding to make building of the new water tank possible.

Since the early 1800s, the tiny gabled-front building at 91 Broad St. in Morris has functioned variously as Billy Hargrave's shoe shop, J. C. Bailey's barber shop, Samuel Monroe's wall paper shop and as a private residence. Today, it operates under the shingle of Strawberry & Vine, a sort of curiosity shop filled with items both practical and tastefully whimsical, sold at affordable prices.

The Morris Farmers Market is open for the season every Thursday afternoon from 3-6 in Rathbun Park behind the firehouse.

The state aid that MCS was promised has been changed due to the fiscal crisis and

has been put on hold at this time. Since the 2010-2011 school- year we have lost more than \$1,779,000 in state aid. In response to the withholding of state aid we continue to look for ways to reduce our costs such as reducing staff, sharing services with other schools and looking for ways to reduce health costs.

Morris Central School did well in the Annual Pageant of Bands in Sherburne in June. We took 4th place in parade, 3rd place in small ensemble, 3rd in concert, and 1st in color guard. Great job everyone.

Morris resident, Alice Lyon, a retired nurse, regularly takes her two 9-pound, 9-month old puppy therapy dogs to Fox Nursing home and others in the area. The two puppies, Bailey a poodle, and Abby a shih tzu are the center of attention. She says they elicit smiles

the most unresponsive of residents. The director of activities at Fox says that in her experience there are 3 things that bring residents out of their shells, children, music, and puppies.

Please save your box tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education. The sixth Graders collect them as a fundraiser for Safety Patrol.

From the Early Files:

20 years ago:

8/25/94 Thieves heisted \$2,000 worth of tools from the MCS bus garage.

4/20/95 Known as Kendu the magician, Ken Cooke performs amazing work repairing everything from clocks to lawn mowers. In 1875 there were 101 horses in Morris which blacksmith Will Bourner would shoe all around for \$1.40.

5/18/95 They are taking down the large spruce on Church St. in Morris. A

century ago they were the hot thing in landscaping, some transplanted from the Adirondacks.

5/25/95 In 1876, a halfshire movement would have split Otsego county along Pittsfield, Morris, Laurens, Milford and Maryland, with Oneonta as county seat.

6/22/95 Donna Peterson found 116 4-leaf clovers and a few 5-leaf clovers on Ron Parker's farm.

6/15/95 The Morris Legion Hall is sporting a fresh coat of white paint, which looks more natural than a color.

25 Years Ago:

Frank Bresee and Fred Cooper did not expect to stay in business when they purchased the stock of a store on Main ST. in Oneonta in the late 1890s. Their business was to buy out the stock of a store and have a going-out-of-business sale. It was so good and they liked the community so much, they decided to stay. Next week, Bresee's Oneonta Department Store Inc. is

celebrating its 90th anniversary of business. The store moved to its present location in 1908. Frank had started a business selling notions, such as thread, shoelaces and soap, traveling on foot from place to place.

12/22/89 Ray Clement had a surprise when just before the Holiday Basketball Tournament opened at SUCO he learned the Tournament dedication read: “ To Ray Clement, to show our appreciation for his more than 30 years of service in the field of athletics, and particularly the many years he has served as secretary and treasurer of both the Tri-Valley league and Section 4.” He retired from active coaching 3 years ago, though he still holds the Morris basketball reins. During his years coaching basketball at Morris, his teams won 2 Sectional Championships, 10 League titles and compiled an overall 158-35 won-lost record.

6/6/90 The Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society is pondering whether to care for a 185-year-old pond and surrounding wetland that a member said would probably require help from the community. But Maurice Bridges, owner of what is known locally as “Mud Pond”, said that maintaining the area would require little if any work. He is interested in donating the pond area as a nature preserve. It covers less than an acre and is located near the fairgrounds. A meeting will be held to see if people are interested in preserving the pond.

30 years ago:

10/24/84 Gertrude Hoag has a case of shingles in her hair.

11/21/74 A charred mess of metal and wood is all that remains of Webb’s sawmill. NY maintains industrial supremacy simply because we do so much to make industry feel welcome.

12/20/84 To my dear friends: wishing you a joyous

Christmas and happy and peaceful New Year. Marie Flo.

1/3/85 Lewis Olds worked at the Morris Manor for over 50 years and was chauffeur for Katherine Clark Morris.

2/14/85 The cost of mailing a letter will go from 20 to 22 cents.

6/13/85 A \$25 prize will be given at MCS in loving memory of Elizabeth Klindt.

40 years ago:

10/10/74 Bill Pickens fell from a tree when a limb broke while coon hunting in the woods.

1/9/75 The Naylor Co. is again working five days a week.

1/16/75 A birthday party was held for April Fiske with three of her friends attending.

3/13/75 Brenda Benjamin of the Butternuts 4-H Club made a presentation "How to Plant a Seed".

8/23/84 John Pegg rode away with best bike honors from the bike rodeo held at Youth Days.

50 years ago:

3/16/65 The second graders of MCS decided to run their own store and sell real food to their fellow classmates, to have actual experience in handling real money.

7/23/64 Yellow jacket trap: hang a dead fish from a branch and put a bucket under it. The insects gorge themselves on the fish, fall into the bucket and drown.

10/13/64 Morris (special) Otsego County Farm Bureau, at its 9th annual meeting went on record in favor of the formation of town zoning boards. Many problems have arisen because of the rapid movement of city folks to the countryside, the creation of new trailer parks and auto graveyards. It cited instances of water supplies jeopardized by sewage from trailer parks and property devaluation from the close proximity of auto graveyards and village dumps, and said farmers

should consider creation of rural zoning boards on a community or township basis in order to have some control.

10/29/64 With the loss of the only doctor in the Butternut Valley, the Morris Emergency Squad announced a fund raising drive to provide the valley with a larger capacity ambulance. Dr. von Haeseler, Gilbertsville, the only doctor in the area between Mt. Upton and Garrattsville, will retire soon. Therefore the squad must assume even greater responsibility. The purchase of a larger ambulance is not only advisable, but is a necessity. Members of the 13-volunteer Emergency Squad have contacted several members of the community and the sentiment has been unanimous that a newer ambulance is needed. The present ambulance is a 1957 Chevrolet and has a capacity for only one patient and does not have much work room in it. The squad was able to

locate a 1962 Cadillac ambulance in good condition. The new ambulance would cost about \$6,000.00 and will be on display for public inspection from 10 am to 3 pm Saturday at the four corners of Morris.

5/6/65 Robert Klindt finished drilling a well at Harold Lasher's and moved on to the Alex Musser farm.

3/18/65 Little Stewart Card is home from Fox Hospital.

11/19/64 In the U.S. 2,300,000 wives earn more than their husbands.

60 years ago:

4/28/55 Small businesses would get along fine if they could get the government off their payroll.

10/28/54 Karl Laubmeier, 18, accidentally shot himself, in the foot while hunting.

70 years ago:

7/27/44 Residents are asked to gather milk week floss for use in Mae West life saving belts used by the nation's

seamen and airmen. With the fall of Java to the Japs no more kapok is available. The OPA ruled that members of the armed forces can get a gallon of gas for every day of furlough from 3-30 days.

5/10/45 Proclamation! The Allied armies through sacrifice and devotion and with God's help, have won from Germany a final and unconditional surrender.

10/26/44 The Scintilla will continue operating until the end of the war with Japan. Prisoners of war held in the continental U.S. did more than \$44,000,000 worth of work during the first three months of 1945.

1/11/45 Cora Jenison is boarding in Morris and attending school there. The Roy Rogers Show. You've made him tops in the movies now enjoy him on the air.

12/21/44 Scintilla has produced two million units of aircraft equipment since Pearl Harbor.

12/20/34 The average citizen now lives 30 years longer

than he did 30 years ago. He has to get his taxes paid.

5/23/25 Mrs. Cecil Smith has been appointed to fill out her husband's term as supervisor of the town of Morris as the latter was called into the Army.

80 years ago:

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5/2/35 Otsego farmers are planning a concerted drive to exterminate the woodchuck and will stage a surprise mass attack Friday. A small amount of calcium cyanide will be laid at the doorstep of each woodchuck and the resulting gas will do the exterminating.

9/30/34 There will eventually be two classes of Americans: those who get public money, and those who pay the bills.

2/21/35 Although the country is said to contain millions of folks lacking food, yet farmers with cellars full of first grade potatoes cannot dispose of them at any price. Prices remain at 20c a bushel and total sales are very small.

3/28/35 It costs the people of NYS \$77,660.00 a week to keep the legislature in session.

5/9/35 During the summer months Dykes Drug Store will be open all day on Sundays. Beginning at once, the post office will close on week days at 7:30 p.m., unless the evening mail is late.

90 years ago:

4/18/25 The Morris Chronicle suspended publication. It has been under present management for 8 months and has been published at a loss the entire time, and the present editor finds that he can go no further with it.

5/2/25 The New Lisbon Episcopal Church was hit by lightning for the second time. The steeple was destroyed. At a ball game on the Morris Fairgrounds, the tractor plant team beat the town boys, 9-2. The Post Office will now close at 6:30 pm and will no longer open on Sundays.

7/26/24 The Klu Klux Klan met in South New Berlin last week.

9/13/24 The Morris Turnpike is being extended to meet the Morris Town line.

9/27/24 City water is being put in on the Morris fairgrounds and a concrete wall built in front of the grandstand next to the track.

9/27/24 Every motor vehicle operated in NYS must be licensed by October 1st or be subject to arrest.

10/4/24 The Morris fair is postponed until better weather. The fairgrounds are like a lake. Give serious thought to the following: in 1896 80% of the eligible voters in the U.S. voted; in 1900 73%; in 1908 66%; in 1912 62%, and in 1920, less than 50%.

1/31/25 A Linn tractor plowed out roads at West Burlington so now cars can run nicely.

2/21/25 Unquestionably the blizzard of last week was the greatest since those of 1914, when on Feb. 14th no less

than 32 inches of snow fell, followed by storm on March 1st, when another 17 inches fell. In March 1843, snow fell for several days to total over 4 foot.

4/25/25 The pioneer who blazed a trail through the wilderness to build a home now has a grandson looking for 150 acres to build a golf course.

10/11/24 Someone estimated that the handshaking from one election would milk every cow in the U.S.

100 years ago:

4/24/15 Fine weather this week, fifty- eight years ago there was four feet of snow on the ground.

5/1/15 PLUMBING! When in need of a plumber or tinner call phone 92Y3. Our work is the best advertisement, Payne & Weaver, New Berlin.

6/12/15 Morris village tax rate is \$16 per \$1,000 assessed this year.

110 year ago:

3/31/15 Sunday, the Morris Condensery team did not get to Hoboken till 3 o'clock on account of muddy roads.

5/16/1905 Quite a number in this section lost by the failure of the Morris Bank.

Obituaries 2014-2015:

Robert Andrews

October 2014
Class of 1967

Claude "Sonny" L.

Benjamin
1936-2015
Class of 1953

Lorena Gaughan Bowers

1927-2015
Class of 1946

Joyce Mansfield Enders

1922-2015
Class of 1939

Frieda Schmuck Gibbous

May 1, 2015 (98 years old)
Class of 1934

Richard George
Oct. 2014
Class of 1964

Ronald H. Halbert
1935-2015
Class of 1954

Robert Leo Hand
1940-2015
Class of 1959

Kelly Ann Head
1983-2015
Attended

Jeanne Davis Hengey
1948-2014
Class of 1965

Richard 'Woody' Hennes
1960-2015
Class of 1979

John H. Joy
June 2, 2015
Class of 1969

Jennifer Barton Perrotti
1975-2015
Attended

Joe 'Freddy' Phillips
June 23, 2015
Attended

William Peter Pickens
1952-2015
Class of 1970

Hunter Allen Schaffer
1969-2015
Attended

Eleanor Hungerford
Streeter
1948-2014
Class of 1966

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