



May 2025 - May Flowers at the Museum

25th Anniversary

The jail was located on a farm, sitting in the dirt. It had to be dug out of the dirt, moved to town, cleaned and painted. It is now a favorite spot to have your picture taken!



Letters to Home

1905 - My Dear Sister Emma,

How time flies by! It seems only yesterday that you came to live with us, and now you are a married woman with three little ones. I certainly appreciated your help with my children when they were little!

Ma got moved in and settled. There seem to be no reason for her to

stay out east when you and I are close here, and two of our brothers have also moved this direction. Ma has had to get used to not having gas lighting, and traveling to town instead of walking down the street. It was rather amusing when she arrived in Dows. The railroad comes to Clarion, of course, but for some reason she bought tickets for Dows. So we had a day outing, and even spent one night at the Dows hotel. Ma was very tired from the trip, and Thomas decided we needed to stay overnight. We enjoyed a small meal in the hotel, and Thomas and I walked along the streets to see the stores while Ma rested. We heard about the new creamery being built and the tile factory in town.

In the morning we hitched the team and loaded Ma's belongings. We came home through Galt, as I had not been there. We saw their fine hotel and stopped briefly at Wolle's dry goods. We met the newspaper man, and I have no doubt that our little trip will be noted in their columns. We also learned that Dows used to be called Otisville, and Galt was Galtville! So strange that these town move or change their names, or both!

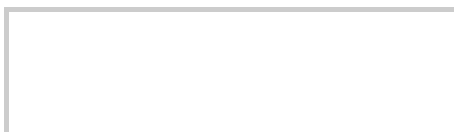
Our children and grandchildren are all well. Our oldest grandchild, Mildred has a beau and it seems to be serious. She has been enjoying her time as a schoolteacher, but of course will have to resign when she marries. Right now she is teaching 15 children in the schoolhouse. She tells me that in addition to the schoolroom, they have a coat closet and tiny kitchen where they can heat water or have a cold drink. She has been staying with local families, and writes that sometimes she has really good cooks for the supper meal - and other times she wishes she was home!

Some of our boys are in a Corn Club, and they plan to win competitions at this year's fair. Let's hope they do, as a ribbon and some money is paid out. They are learning so much about the latest in farming.

Your Sister,
Sarah

(this column in a fictionalized account of early Wright County and what you can see at Heartland Museum)

We recently received some family histories that were put together by Ann Hines. These binders are available to review in the library at Heartland (no fee to use the library). Family names include: Brown, Lee, Clark, DeWolf, Solbere, Ely, Phipps, Gillel, Lay, Marvin, Graham, Michell, Week, Uye, Rose, Taunton, Turk, Hoke, Ferce, Schmucker, Gross, Lampshear, Stoner, Miller, Royer. We will update you next month of more!



Congratulations to Landen Kakacek,
as he picked up his first semester



scholarship. The Board of Directors at Heartland set aside personal money to give a scholarship each year. Landen is attending Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, and is shown here with Vice President, Doug Riley.



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**MAY 3- CRAFT FAIR AT
HEARTLAND MUSEUM
9 AM - 3 PM**

May 1 is May Day - deliver your baskets!

May 5th - Cinco de Mayo - Try a new Mexican food treat

May 11th - Mother's Day - give her something unique

May 15th - Peace Officer's Memorial Day

May 26 - Memorial Day - Originally set to remember soldiers who died in the Civil War, it is now a holiday to decorate any grave.

Another blast from the past.

7th Annual Heartland Folk Fair

Heartland Museum, Clarion
Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*Celebrating the centennial of 4-H
in the birthplace of the 4-H emblem with
4-H uniforms, O.H. Benson skit*



Apple Pie Contest & Auction
Old time political debate between
Sidney Baker (D) & George Eichhorn (R)

State Rep for 17th House District
Antique Road Show

Horseshoe pitching competition

Spell Down -- Entertainment Music -- History -- Crafts

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