

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

EVENTS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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1919: 100 years ago...

Mrs. Charles James of Rochester, Minnesota, arrived in the city Sunday evening to visit her mother **Mrs. H. Christopherson**. **Mrs. Roy Klinge** departed Monday morning for Chicago after two weeks visit with her parents **Mr. & Mrs. A. A Gray**. **Mr. Klinge**, who came here with her will remain in the city for several days longer. **Miss Alma Ludwig** came to the city Saturday evening from Washington, DC to spend a 2 weeks' vacation with her parents **Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Ludwig**. **Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Lynch** and family motor to Clark Sunday and spent the day. Mr. Lynch stays that the crops on his farm near Clark are fine for this year and that he has a piece of Kubanka Durum wheat which is exceptionally good.

1944: 75 years ago...

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR – Striking within 600 miles of Tokyo, a fast American carrier task force has shelled Japan's Bonin Islands for the first time in this war and, in a two-day attack, sank 11 Japanese vessels – including five warships – and damaged 30 other surface craft. The shelling leveled Omura, a Japanese town on northwestern Chichi, key island of the Bonin group. Carrier planes bombed Chichi, Haha, Muko and Ane Islands in the Bonins, and Iwo in the Kazan group, 150 miles south. A Pacific fleet communique said the American force “virtually wiped out a Japanese convoy” during the raids Thursday and Friday. The score: Sunk – Five Japanese destroyer escorts, five cargo ships, one oiler, two smaller craft and several barges were also destroyed. Set afire and possibly sunk – one light cruiser, five smaller vessels. Damaged – Two escort vessels, a large freighter hit on both days, three landing ships and 18 small vessels, including five troop-laden barges.

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1979: 40 years ago...

Dakota Bell Chapter of Sweet Adelines Inc. have been busy this spring and summer. They have sang at Jenkins Methodist home, Watertown Centennial parade, Kranzburg Centennial parade, First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church. They will start at Grace Lutheran Church on August 12th and 9th Avenue United Methodist Church on August 19th. They participated in the Centennial pageant with **Dorothy Kellogg**, Dakota Bell director, directing the chorus. They were invited to the Sam's Rally Caper Jamboree again this year. The Jamboree will be August 3 at the Ag Building. They will host a mini-music school in Watertown on September 22nd. Close to 200 will attend. On he committee are **Darlene Solberg**, **Jeanne Holzemer** and **Lois Drenkow**. The school will be held at St. Martin's Lutheran School with a noon luncheon served.

2004: 15 years ago...

Lake Area AARP chapter 996 met July 9th at the Senior Citizen Center/60 Plus Dining for lunch and the monthly meeting. **Bev Stormo**, president, called the meeting to order with 11 in attendance. **Gladys Mack** was a guest of **Ruth Reedy**. The reports were given. Thank you letters from Roosevelt and McKinley schools and social worker **Paula Davis** for the hats, gloves, mittens and book bags were received. Bev Stormo has called the AARP main office for the red white and blue stress balls. These are given to the dialysis patients at Prairie Lakes Health Center. The program for the Friday August 13th meeting will be **Delores Henderson**, Clark County home economist. She will speak on the papers and information needed for a family member to have access to on the death of a family member. She will also share information on Medicare. She will be available to answer questions after the meeting. Door prizes were won by **Julia Lambert** and Ruth Reedy.

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