



Village of Waterville

2019 Historical Report
Submitted by Village Historian Pat Louise

January news

Town of Brookfield Supervisor John Salka leaves to become the state Assemblyman for the 121st District.

Dr. Frances Chabot retires from his practice in Waterville, where he started in 1980.

Papers were signed to have the City of Utica knock down 107 Berrill Ave.

Waterville students have started a Pride Club to support diversity among all students.

Fredolyn Zweifel passed away at age 88. He was a longtime farmer in the area.

Newly-elected Town of Marshall Supervisor Andrew Williams Jr., ran his first board meeting at the town's reorganizational meeting. Board members said they want to know where Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corp plans to house its ambulance.

Waterville graduate Alex Meszler is studying in France on a Fulbright Scholarship.

Local historian and author Louis C. Langone passed away at age 87.

Kathleen Gallagher was named Youth of the Month for January by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

At the Waterville Board of Education meeting Jeff Reynolds and Jillian Kervin from Waterville Public Library discussed ways to partner with the students.

February news

Waterville basketball player Molly Williams became the third player in WCS history to reach 1,000 points.

Mayor Gene Ostrander and trustees Laurie Fuess and Dan Nichols are unopposed on the ballot for re-election.

Mary Morse and Jennifer Waters from the Chamber Alliance of the Mohawk Valley spoke at the Waterville First meeting on ideas for events to help local businesses.

The Village of Waterville received a grant of \$500,000 for housing improvements.

The Waterville boys bowling team won their first Section III title.

Waterville fire department and mutual aid responded to a house fire at 161 Buell Ave., which was a total loss.

Cassidy Welsh was Youth of the Month for February by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

Waterville sixth grader Owen Fortnam died in a sledding accident.

The Kirkland Trails group informed the Marshall Town Board of their plans to expand the Towpath trail.

Longtime Waterville resident and former historian Philippe 'Flip' Brown died at age 81.

The Waterville girls junior varsity basketball team finished the season 20-0.

March news

Waterville High School students performed 'Fiddler on the Roof' for the annual musical.

The tax cap allowed for the 2019-20 Waterville Central School District budget is 1.77 percent, or \$94,000.

Lifelong Waterville resident Mary Woodhouse, who ran Woodhouse Liquor Store for many years with her husband, George, died at age 96.

The Stewart's Shop on Main Street, Waterville, plans an expansion that will involve knocking down the buildings at 120 and 122 West Main St.

The Coon family on Brothertown Road lost their house in a fire. Waterville Fire Department and mutual aid battled high winds and snow with wind chill reaching 40 below.

Mayor Gene Ostrander and Trustees Dan Nichols and Laurie Fuess are were re-elected without opposition on the ballot.

Former Barton Hose Co. chief Gerald McMullen passed away at age 92.

Officers for the Deansboro fire department are Chief Chris Steinmann, first assistant chief Dave Parada, captain Tom VanDenbergh and lieutenant Steve Eilers.

Nine trees will be removed in the Village of Waterville, including one at the Village Park.

John Brouillette, owner of the Triangle bank building, has renovated it into small office space.

Molly Williams was named Youth of the Month for March by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

April news

Waterville girls basketball coach Larry Stockwell was honored for 35 years of commitment to Section Three and girls basketball.

The Town of Marshall opened discussion on creating a law for tax exemptions for solar farms.

The Village of Waterville established an account to help with the future purchases of trucks and equipment. The towns of Marshall and Sangerfield will contribute their annual amounts under their budgeted sum each year.

Memorial Park School was recognized as a High Performing School by the Better Outcomes Research Center.

The Village of Waterville adopted a 2019-20 budget of \$973,455 with a tax rate of \$11.10 per assessed \$1,000.

Dozens of kids participated in the annual Waterville Rotary Club Easter Egg hunt at the Waterville Library.

Liliana Freytag was named Youth of the Month for April by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

May news

Hundreds of people participated in the seventh annual Daniel Barden Mudfest at MKJ Farm in Deansboro despite cold temperatures.

At the annual Waterville Fire Department banquet, Tom Barnes was recognized as a 50-year member, Adam Cossette received the Call of Duty award, Whitey Brown the award in honor of Rick Gaiser and Louie Langone recognized for 45 years in the department.

Christina Buschmann of Waterville received a YWCA Mohawk Valley Salute to Outstanding Women award.

Lois Battles died at age 81.

About 30 people attended a meeting hosted by Waterville First to discuss an area Food Co-op along Route 20 for communities without a grocery store.

The Brothertown Optimist Club selected Fifth Judicial District Supreme Court Justice Bernadette Romana Clark as their Respect for Law honoree this year.

A man robbed the Berkshire Bank branch in Oriskany Falls and left on foot. He was arrested two weeks later at his job in West Carthage. Walter Parker, 71, was called a serial bank robber by police.

The house at 107 Berrill Ave. was demolished by the City of Utica, paid for by Oneida County.

Bassett Healthcare Network of Cooperstown will run a School-based Health Center in the two Waterville schools starting in the fall.

Waterville native Gerald Plourde, retired Air Force colonel, will be the speaker during the Memorial Day Ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors Park.

Jalen Getchonis was named Youth of the Month for May by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

The Waterville Village Board is examining laws in other municipalities that regulate the number of cats people can have and regulations for going on to other's property.

Waterville Central School District's budget passed 216-56. Russell Stewart and Susy Quayle were re-elected without opposition.

Waterville's golf team finished second at the Section Three meet, two strokes behind Cooperstown.

June news

After almost 36 years working for the Village of Waterville, Louie Langone retired as supervisor of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Town of Marshall hired Thoma Development to administer its housing grant.

The Town of Sangerfield began paving for the summer.

Waterville track won three Section Three Class C-2 titles when hosting the meet.

Kathleen Gallagher is valedictorian and Liliana Freytag salutatorian of the Waterville Class of 2019.

The Village of Waterville will try to sell the lot at 107 Berrill Ave.

Retired WCS teacher and former Waterville mayor Stan Dziekonski passed away at the age of 76.

English teacher Matt St. Peter was the commencement speaker for Waterville's 145th graduation.

A request has been made to the Waterville Board of Education to form a target shooting club.

Dewey Treen retired after almost 55 years as caretaker of the Waterville Cemetery.

Joe Falk retired as president of the Waterville Historical Society after serving in the role for 20 years.

July news

Waterville Central School District raised tuition for non-district families already attending WCS and increased them for future families who enroll.

Linda Furner, who coached numerous youth sports and was a star athlete at Waterville High School, died at age 70.

Magnolia Schroer was named Young Person of the Year by the Waterville Rotary Club.

Waterville students who attended Boys State were Jeremy Lakata, Nathan Johnson, Jeremy Edwards and Darren Johnson. Boys State is led by Waterville resident and former mayor Dave O'Brien.

Steve Stanton was elected president of the Waterville Board of Education, and Mark Mowrey vice president for the 2019-20 year.

Waterville's Marching Band represented New York state in the July 4 parade in Washington D.C.

The Village of Waterville will apply for a Main Street Improvement Grant.

Cora Eastman was named Youth of the Month for June by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

The Barton Trust Fund donated \$100,000 to the Mohawk Valley health System for the Waterville office on Madison Street to be renovated.

Erin Glazier of Waterville opens Head Over Heels in Marshall to partner with Co-Movement gym.

August news

Assemblyman John Salka did a Town Hall meeting in Waterville to listen to concerns about the state.

Thirty children took part in the Town of Marshall's Summer Recreation program.

The Village of Waterville will not hire crossing guards for the East Bacon/Main Street intersection this year. The village will look into buying automated cross walk signs.

The Waterville Board of Education will allow a one-year trial for a skeet shooting club at the High School.

Two residents want to make a Free Little Pantry available in the village.

Waterville postman Steve Cleary received the Million Mile driver award from the U.S. Postal Service. He has driven Rural Route 1 for 33 years.

September news

Cynthia Snow was hired as the new transportation supervisor at Waterville Central School District.

Waterville Residential Care Center residents Eleanor Dawes (99) and Leona Failing (100) celebrated their birthdays.

The Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corp says it needs a new substation in Deansboro since the construction trailer being used is not safe.

Waterville boys and girls varsity soccer teams won titles in the Brothertown Optimist Club Tournament for the second year in a row.

The Waterville Central School District capital project will include remodeling the kitchen at the Junior-Senior High School.

Longtime Waterville farmer Joe Barnes passes away at the age of 84.

Waterville varsity football won a rare double overtime game over Thousand Islands.

It was perfect weather for the 14th annual Cruise In To Waterville celebration.

An animal shelter on Lewis Road in the Town of Marshall was closed for numerous violations of mistreatment of the animals.

October news

A solar energy farm is proposed for the west side of Brothertown Road to operate for 25 to 35 years.

The first tests at Waterville High School for geothermal energy showed sand too close to the surface. Two more drilling tests will be done.

A street reconstruction project in Waterville is estimated to cost \$8.5 million. Work will be done on Babbott, Berrill, Bacon and Stafford streets.

Test scores at Waterville Central School improved slightly last year.

Waterville's girls soccer team won the Old Forge Tournament.

The Marshall Town Board has to reapply for a grant to build a station for COCVAC to use in Deansboro.

Waterville girls basketball coach Larry Stockwell was honored for his 36 years of coaching and being the Section Three coordinator.

Waterville Central School has been accepted as a pilot program into the Connected Community Schools program based out of Rome.

Waterville fire trucks need work because of rust on the undercarriages.

The man who robbed the Oriskany Falls bank was sentenced to 10 years in jail.

Anna Beach was chosen Youth of the Month for October by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

Waterville Central School treated Senior Citizens in the district to breakfast and entertainment at Memorial Park School.

November news

Flooding the night of Halloween caused much damage throughout the area, including a car falling into a sinkhole in front of Schoolhouse Apartments and the creek reaching foundations of two houses on Route 315.

Waterville Central School District will join the Connected Community Schools program to offer services to students and families.

The Town of Marshall wants to draft regulations for commercial solar panel fields.

Waterville's girls varsity soccer team ended the season as co-Class C sectional champions.

Waterville varsity football will play in the state tournament as an at-large team. They lost to Tuckahoe in a game played at Mahopec.

Jennifer Collins opened her new business, Learning At Its Best, in the former Bank building on the Triangle.

Residents along Route 315 ask the Waterville Village Board for help after the flooding damaged their homes.

Jeff Reynolds was re-elected and Phil Olin elected to the Sangerfield Town Board.

Paeton Barnes was named Youth of the Month for October by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

The Sangerfield Planning Board asked questions for three hours with the company looking to put in a solar panel site on Brothertown Road. The board voted 4-1 to endorse the project.

Waterville Central School will upgrade its technology with a \$760,000 project.

Dan Butterman announced he will run for the 121st Assembly District.

Waterville senior Dylan Williams qualified to run in the state cross country meet.

Ten students competed in the 146th annual Prize Speaking event at Waterville High School. First-place winners Alivia Zombek and Gavin Poyer.

Memorial Park School treated all students to a Gala Luncheon that included fine china, waiters and elegant attire.

December news

Dave Newsom of Brookfield won the 2016 Dodge Challenger raffled by the Waterville Area Food Pantry.

Viola Neff and Mary Ida Fanning were honored by Waterville Residential Care Center for their volunteer work at the facility.

The Waterville boys modified team went undefeated this season.

The 17th annual Victorian Tea sponsored by the Waterville Historical Society was another success.

Dozens of people attended the Town of Marshall meeting to discuss problems with flooding and concerns with a proposed mine on Shanley Road.

Waterville educators Chuck Chafee and Brian Bogan were honored by the Genesis Group of the Mohawk Valley.

Longtime Waterville Library aide Laurie Reeder died after battling cancer.

The state DEC examined the Village of Waterville's reservoir on Upper White Street and determined the dam did not breach the night of the Halloween flooding.

The Marshall Mavericks cheerleading teams did well in competition in Erie, Pa. They qualified for competition in Cleveland.

The Sangerfield Zoning Board of Appeals had more questions about the solar farm proposed for Brothertown Road and will vote in January on the Special Use Permit.

Martin Cleary of Waterville received the Immaculata Award for his service to St. Bernard's Parish from Bishop Lucia.