

# Village of Waterville

## 2022 Historical Report

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## **January news**

Members of Boy Scout Troop 108 refurbished the old flag pole at the corner of Routed 12 and 20 as a community service project.

Naya Leslie was Youth of the Month for December by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

Memorial Park School students went through the village caroling and delivered cards to Waterville Residential Care Center.

Josh Knutti was appointed councilman in Marshall to replace Chris Steinmann.

The Village of Waterville set a ballot question in the March elections to let the public determine if the village will opt in or out of the state's new laws to allow sale and/or consumption of marijuana on approved sites.

Business owner Roc Langone was shown appreciation by the Waterville Little League for his support of the programs.

Waterville graduate Jonathan Piersma, a UFC fighter, was invited to a tournament in Las Vegas, where he tied his opponent.

Rocco Padula was Youth of the Month for November by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

At the Oriskany Falls Fire Department banquet, Jamie Wester and Ben Petrie received Firefighter of the Year awards.

Josh Pearsall of Waterville has been appointed postmaster of the Waterville Post Office.

Waterville students and parents have asked the Board of Education and administrators to rehire 14-year softball coach Bob Clendennen.

Waterville basketball player Tyson Maxam became the seventh player in school history to score 1,000 points as a varsity player.

Ernest Werner, who helped start the Waterville Pop Warner program, died at age 75.

## **February news**

After hearing a report from Waterville Fire Chief Will Beach, the Village of Waterville Board invited members of the Waterville Board of Education to a special meeting. The discussion will be over the number of false alarms triggered at Waterville Junior-Senior High School due to the construction project.

The Town of Marshall approved a one-year moratorium on wind turbines.

**After a meeting with the Village Board, Waterville Central School officials said new smoke detectors have solved the problem of the repeated false alarms.**

**Waterville boys varsity basketball coach Coby Maxam reached his 200th win as a coach.**

**A 15-year-old boy became stuck in deep mud at Hanson Quarry in Oriskany Falls after exploring while walking his dogs.**

**For the first time in many years, the Waterville girls varsity basketball team won a game at Cooperstown.**

**The Town of Marshall plans to update maps used for zoning, planning and codes enforcement.**

**A GoFundMe has been set up for JoAnne Ashforth, a Waterville woman who was just diagnosed with color cancer. She is the recipient of a double lung transplant.**

**Waterville Fire Department Captain Matt Jurczak passed away from an illness at age 46.**

**The Waterville girls and boys varsity basketball teams won league titles. The girls are the No. 1 seed in Class C playoffs.**

## **March news**

**Waterville's girls varsity basketball team had its season end in the state regional game vs. Newark Valley. The Indians won the Section Three Class C title with a 39-31 win over West Canada Valley at OCC. This is their first title since 2018.**

**Federal recovery funds will for a second social worker at Waterville Central School.**

**Waterville Music Department put on 'Curtains' as this year's musical.**

**Retail sales of marijuana was approved in the Village of Waterville by voters as the result of a tie, 61-61, after the ballot and absentee votes had been tallied. The proposition to opt out of the state law did not have a majority of votes. Onsite consumption was turned down. Trustee Brian Bogan was re-elected and Rob Perry elected to the Board.**

**4 Corners Food Co-op will rent space in the Triangle Bank Building if a grant from the USDA is approved.**

**Repairs are almost done at the Waterville firehouse after damage from by a water leak.**

**Memorial Park School students performed 'Jungle Book' as their musical.**

**Amy Lakata was Youth of the Month for February by the Brothertown Optimist Club.**

**Gavin Poyer and Hanley Poyer were selected as winners of the Brothertown Optimist Oratorical Contest to move on to the regional contest.**

**Former Waterville Times owner Martin Cleary passed away at the age of 94. Martin had worked as a journalist, mail carrier and with the Times as the sports editor.**

**Students at Memorial Park School raised \$1,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation and teachers and students cut their pony tails and had their heads shaved.**

**Ivy Cameron, a fourth grader, was honored by local fire departments for alerting her family to a fire in Oriskany Falls.**

**The Marshall Mavericks claimed several top awards at tournaments this year.**

**The season ended for the Waterville boys basketball team in the sectional semifinals with a 71-66 loss to West Canada Valley.**

**The Town of Sangerfield will purchase a larger tank for fuel storage.**

**Logan Cavanaugh was chosen Youth of the Month for January by the Brothertown Optimist Club.**



## **April news**

**The Town of Marshall has decided to keep its Planning Board.**

**Joe Misiaszek, who has led the development of the village's reservoir property to include mountain bike trails, suggested some regulations be established during hunting seasons and who can use the land.**

**The Town of Sangerfield hired a new dog officer.**

**Longtime Waterville sports fan and former owner of the Waterville Times Martin Cleary passed away at age 94.**

**The Waterville Village Board adopted a law to levy fines for property owners whose buildings generate an excessive number of false alarms. The property owner will also be required to have someone respond on site.**

**Waterville Central School created a position of Dean of Students to handle discipline issues. The position will start in the fall.**

**Eleonore Collins is valedictorian and Adam Roys is salutatorian of the Waterville Central School Class of 2022. Others in the Top 10 of the class: Haleigh Wilson, Beau Sinardo, Jeremy Dangler, Naya Leslie, Amy Lakata, Ella Hutchins, Rocco Padula, Ciara Owens.**

**The eighth Daniel Barden Mudfest brought out participants and volunteers to MKJ Farm in Deansboro. The weather was warm and dry.**

**One person filed to run for the Waterville Central School District Board of Education. Daniel Nichols is on the ballot, which has two seats up for a vote. District residents will also vote on a \$20.7 million budget with a 3.4 percent increase in the tax levy.**

**Beau Sinardo was Youth of the Month for March by the Brothertown Optimist Club.**

**Longtime community volunteer Lovia Staring passed away at age 90.**

## **May news**

**Several people joined in on the second annual Community Cleanup Day in Waterville. Volunteers picked up enough trash to fill two dumpsters.**

**The Village of Waterville Board adopted a law regarding fire alarm systems for private and public buildings to reduce the number of false alarms.**

**The Town of Marshall will extend its moratoriums for mining and solar energy to further study the topics.**

**The Sangerfield Town Board heard a presentation about using a solar energy company in the town.**

Members of the Brothertown Indians attended a ceremony in Deansboro Cemetery to dedicate two new gravestones for members of the tribe who died in the 1820s.

Former Waterville Village Board member Daniel Nichols won a seat on the Waterville Central School Board of Education as the only candidate on the ballot. Pete Casatelli won the second seat as a write-in candidate. The District's \$29 million budget passed 315-133.

Megan Barnes of North Brookfield has gathered over 300,000 followers on Tik Tok with her videos on cleaning old headstones.

Rich Bennett of Deansboro has opened Final Touch Farm Stand in the former Allen Acres building on Route 12. He will sell fresh produce and local products.

Ciara Owens was named Youth of the Month for April by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

## **June news**

Beautiful weather for Memorial Day brought out crowds along Main Street and into Soldiers and Sailors Park for ceremonies honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Waterville High School golf team won its second Section Three Small School title in a row and finished the season undefeated at 10-0. Senior Gabe Williams qualified for the state tournament to represent Section Three.

The Village of Waterville will adjust its laws for garbage, recycling and trash pickups, and for building permits.

Waterville senior Adam Eastman won the Section Three Class C-2 title in the shot put.

The Town of Marshall has asked for funds from Oneida County to repair the bridge on Gridley-Paige Road.

Law Enforcement honored by the Brothertown Optimist Club for Respect for Law in May were District Attorney Scott McNamara, Troopers Travis Bauder and Jeremy Dzuiban and Oneida County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Warcup.

Waterville Residential Care Center resident Edith Socha celebrated her 100th birthday.

Waterville senior Gabe Williams won the Federation Golf tournament at Bethpage Course in Long Island. Williams finished first, ahead of 23 other golfers around the state who qualified. He was one of six golfers from a public school.

Former Waterville resident Pat Carroll won six medals at the National Senior Games.

Longtime Waterville guidance counselor Robert Gray, who also graduated from WCS, is retiring after 30 years in education.

Robert Mayne, 83, member of the Waterville Fire Department for 50 years, passed away.

Kaitlyn Richmond was Youth of the Month for May by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

The second annual Celebration of First Responders at Roc-Star Ice Cream featured numerous demonstrations of law enforcement duties.

Frank, Rosa and Lorenzo Pumilia celebrated the 40th anniversary of New York Pizzeria.

The Waterville Central School District and the Waterville Teachers Association approved a five-year contract retroactive to June 2020 with an average annual pay increase of 4.1 percent and teachers contributing more to their healthcare insurance.

The opening of the 4 Corners Food Co-op has been delayed.

Devin Barnes was Youth of the Month for June by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

Waterville's Class of 2022 had 51 graduates. Former WCS teacher Matt St. Peter gave the commencement address.

A second playground area for Babbott Park was purchased by the Village of Waterville.

Longtime WCS Board of Education members Russell Stewart and Susy Quayle attended their last meeting before retiring.



## **July news**

Two people spoke at a public hearing for signage in the Village of Waterville for input on the proposed law. Other people spoke about the upcoming changes in the garbage laws.

Oneida County Sheriff's Department and family and friends of Deputy Kurt Wyman paid tribute to him on the anniversary of his death in Knoxboro.

Michael's restaurant announced it will close its Waterville location to focus on other aspects of the business.

The Waterville Marching Band and the Memorial Park School Marching Band both won top awards at the Violet Festival in Dolgeville.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and his wife, Christie, visited Roc Star Ice Cream in Waterville and visited Waterville Junior-Senior High School. Both Vilsacks attended Hamilton College and Christie taught at Waterville, where Roc Langone was one of her students.

Work is finished at Chittning Pond where the dam was rebuilt and other improvements were done by the state.

Waterville Central School senior Tyson Maxam was chosen for the Section Three team playing in the state's Summer Hoops Festival.

Waterville Central School Board of Education elected Tim Jones as president and Dave Poyer as vice president for the 2022-23 year.

Waterville students Jack Elliott and Tyler Barth attended Boys State.

## **August news**

The Sangerfield Town Board approved buying a new truck and virtual meeting equipment.

Tri-County Little League won the District 10 title.

The Village of Waterville adopted regulations for commercial signage in the village.

The Brothertown Scholarship Committee handed out \$39,300 in awards to the Waterville Class of 2022 at their 23rd annual dinner.

At their August board meeting the Waterville Board of Education hired 12 people to fill vacancies for the 2022-23 year, including Deansboro native and WCS graduate Lindsey Owens



**The Town of Marshall adopted a Solar Energy Law and a lease Law.**

**Courtney Spatto of Waterville was chosen Volunteer of the Year by the Brothertown Optimist Club.**

**The Village DPW and Fire Department will find ways to communicate when the Fire Department uses hydrants to boost up water use.**

**The Town of Augusta is looking at buying the former ARC building in Knoxboro to use as a Town Hall.**

**Colleen Baldwin has opened Country Berries in the Triangle Building.**

## **September news**

**Marie Barnes was sworn in as the next president of the Brothertown Optimist Club during the Installation Dinner at 411 Tower. She was also chosen Optimist of the Year.**

**The Town of Marshall said there is interest in putting a commercial solar farm on Brothertown Road.**

**Earl Waterman was chosen president of the Brothertown Association; the group is renovating the former Deansboro Depot.**

**Waterville Central School's two new principals are Jenny Dainotto, High School principal, and Lindsay Owens, assistant principal at both schools.**

**Opening Day enrollment at Waterville Central School was 711, the lowest in history. Memorial Park School has 396 students and the Junior-Senior High has 315.**

**Data from the Village of Waterville's speed signs showed a vehicle leaving the village on Route 12 north at 98 mph.**

**Beautiful weather again fell on the third Saturday of September for the 16th annual Cruise In to Waterville. Hundreds of people came to the village for the full day of events, which ended with fireworks in the evening.**

**Both the Waterville boys and girls soccer teams won the Brothertown Optimist Tournament to start the season.**



## **October news**

**The DPW of the Village of Waterville is asking the remaining 40 households without digital water meters to allow them access to install them so the new system can be completely operable.**

**The Town of Sangerfield is considering an extension of its Solar Moratorium.**

**A benefit will help children born with medical conditions that require intensive care will be held in the name of Finnegan Kelsey, son of Colin and Ashley Kelsey of Waterville.**

**Waterville varsity football beat Onondaga 32-22 after forfeiting two games with injuries.**

**Claude Earley, who started Earley's Farm Supply, passed away at age 81.**

**This year students at Waterville High School can attend the conferences along with parents and teachers.**

**A ruling by the state Supreme Court upheld that Eric Schachtler did receive a Special Use Permit to operate a quarry on his land on Shanley Road.**

**Stafford Avenue residents issued more complaints about a property on the street that has several codes violations.**

**June Stolarczyk, who retired in 2003 after 31 years as secretary at Memorial Park School, passed away.**

**Gavin Poyer was Youth of the Month for October by the Brothertown Optimist Club.**

## **November news**

**Waterville Pop Warner's Under 12 team won the Empire State Championship with a 40-19 win over Auburn after winning the Tri-Valley Championship. The Under 8 Waterville team also won the Tri-Valley Championship.**

**Codes enforcement in the Village of Waterville toned down the exterior lights on the three smoke shops in the village.**

**Waterville High School students who participated in the 149th annual Prize Speaking Contest were Sarah Zombek, Ashlie Willson, Natalee Collins, Hanley Poyer, Cobey Lloyd, Cody Jones, Gage Bridge, Gavin Poyer, Samantha Broedel and Samantha Herrington.**

**Natalee Collins was chosen Youth of the Month for November by the Brothertown Optimist Club.**

**Former Waterville Central School Principal Linda Tsardakas passed away at age 78 in Rochester.**

**The 34th annual Parade of Lights took place as the rain held off with the theme 'A Griswold Christmas'. Lots of noisy trucks participated and children lined up at the bandstand afterwards to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and to receive a gift.**

**Waterville boys soccer beat Mount Markham 2-1 in the Section Three Class C semifinals to advance to the championship game. In Coach Brian Bogan's last game before retiring, the Indians lost 1-0 in overtime to Cooperstown. Bogan coached 27 seasons and earned 215 wins for his alma mater.**

**Waterville Central School received the highest possible audit ranking during its external audit of 2021-22.**

**The Waterville girls modified soccer team finished the season undefeated at 8-0.**

**Town of Marshall residents remain under a water control warning because of low amounts of water.**

**Army Capt. Brady Carroll, a Waterville native, took command of Blackhawk Troop, 1st Squadron Airborne of the 121st Cavalry.**

**Brian Miller was elected Assemblyman of the new 122nd District over Dan Buttermann. Brandon Williams was elected Congressman of the new 22nd District over Francis Conole.**

## **December news**

**Members of the Waterville Historical Society served up a Victorian Tea after a two-year absence as women came dressed up to enjoy the afternoon.**

**Brewer, the therapy dog for Waterville Central School for six years, died of cancer at his home.**

**Town of Sangerfield Supervisor Bill Fredericks attended the Village of Waterville meeting to give an update on town business. He said he would make it a regular habit.**

