

**MORRIS ALUMNI
NEWSLETTER 2017-2018**

Please share with the Historical Association in Morris any thing you have of interest.

Class of 1943: Betty Tremlett Jenison passed away on April 25, 2017 but I received a lovely letter from her daughter Deborah Jenison Diehl telling me she smiled upon receiving the 2017 Newsletter. She said her Mom would have loved to attend her 74th class reunion in 2017. She says Betty held Morris Central School in high regard and always enjoyed being with her fellow school mates.

Class of 1945: Laura Jackson Neighbor turned 90 on 2/10/18 and is feeling very good caring for herself. She is a 14 year cancer survivor as of 7/16/17. She has lymphadema in her right leg from cancer but has been able to it keep under control. She is so thankful. She has 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren plus numerous children, from her deceased companion, so that by the end of the year she will have a total of 25 grandchildren. She says, "Life has been great." She also

says to tell Arline Pickens thanks for keeping 1945 alive.

Madolin Littlewood Wells, sent several boxes of yearbooks, scrapbooks, postcards, and other interesting articles pertaining to Morris to the Historical Society. Thank you so much Madolin.

Cora Jenison Hentz tells us she is doing quite well except a time in rehab sometime ago. She was glad to get back home as she missed her old friends, bus trips to Walmart and the Dollar Store, and mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, also Publix store. She was sorry to tell us that Betty Jenison passed away from a massive heart attack last year. She misses her a lot. Betty was on life support and got through that but just lost all interest in living, she guesses. The last time Cora saw Betty she came to visit and took her to lunch at Olive Garden and had a wonderful time. She says Betty is in heaven now with her husband Carlis. The two of them had a long marriage. He was in the Navy and stationed in Italy for a longtime when she was in the U.S.A. Cora prays that we are all well.

Class of 1950: Doris Cole Martin entered stained glass and

antiques used on the farm in the Otsego County Fair 2017.

Francis Klindt sent a note saying he stays in touch with the area and alumni on Historical Morris and Small town Morris on Facebook. He was sorry he could not make it to the banquet in 2017.

Class of 1951: William Kodrich and wife, Henrietta Olds Kodrich are very proud of their grand daughter, Erica, who has been appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. She reports for plebe summer on June 28, 2018.

Joseph Lamphere was privileged to go on the Twin Tier Honor Flight, May 12, 2018 to Washington D.C. It was an experience he will always remember.

Class of 1952: This class mourns the death of Roger Parker who passed away in 2016.

Class of 1953: Marge Barley Toomath asks to be taken off the mailing as she has been gone from the area since 1952 and feels that she does not know anyone anymore. She is 83 and alone, as her husband Jim died over 6 years ago. She retired

from teaching after 34 years at Palm Beach State College.

Corrine Sickler Dickerson writes that she has lost several of her classmates. After the 2013 Reunion she toured Morris and saw that the mailbox her father had put up is still standing. She holds MCS in very high regards. She is especially thankful for having taken homemaking class with Marilyn Crumb and tells of all the ways it has helped her through her life. For many things people take for granted she loves to reflect on that wonderful class. Corrine is now 83 and her husband Bill is 90 but has alzheimers. They still enjoy homes in NC and FL and she is thankful that she can still drive.

Class of 1954: Eleanor Hoag Brigham helped throw a surprise 90th Birthday party for sister Doris "Dude" Hoag on August 12, 2017.

Class of 1955: Ronald Parker had the misfortune of losing his barn due to the weight of snow after our large snow storm in the winter of 2016.

Ron and Barbara Parker have a granddaughter Sheridan Parker graduating from MCS this year and she is going to Cortland College for biomedical Science. They also have a granddaughter

Stephanie Parker going to Brazil as our foreign exchange student sponsored by the Morris Rotary.

Barbara Prindle has her granddaughter Kaleigh Spencer going off to Wells College to study Biology and to pursue the health field in nursing. That makes 3 generations graduating from MCS.

Class of 1956: Barbara Owens Sandike's children, Jemey and Richard "Rick" Jr. have our condolences on the loss of their father, Richard A. Winters.

Dora McWilliams Cooke entered crocheted squares in the Otsego County Fair.

Judith Sohne Hurtubise says she is sorry she cannot attend the Alumni Banquet as it is the same day her granddaughter Julie Ford graduates from Cooperstown Central School. Judith can't believe how time flies.

Charlotte Douglas Harrington tells us it was a great trip in April 2018 with her grandson to attend the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, GA and also visited her granddaughter who attends the University of Tennessee in Knoxville TN.

Class of 1959: Michael Fay tells us he is still alive, but not kicking as hard or as much as he used to be. He appreciates the work I do for the Alumni.

Dorothy Hoag Pederson has a new great-grandson, Liam Glenn, that makes 12 great-grandchildren so far.

Emily Boyd Davis says thanks for another year of keeping track of us all.

Kathleen Hoag Wilcox helped throw a 90th Surprise Party for sister, Doris "Dude" Hoag, on August 12, 2017.

Vivian Nieman Ray's son Russell was pictured in Street Talk and was asked "Are you prepared for the colder Weather?" He said "Absolutely, I look forward to it. I wish it would get colder. I like hunting season. We burn seasoned firewood. Also, I put on all-season 4-wheel drive tires."

The class of 1959 mourns the death of Barbara Falin who passed away September 15, 2017 from mesenteric ischemia. She will be remembered fondly.

Robert "Cubby" Joy Jr. passed away last year and had the 2017 yearbook dedicated to him. Mrs.

Waffle wrote a very nice article about all his involvement in the school.

Ian MacMillan passed away in December 2008. He was a prolific writer and a collection of his books are available at the Village of Morris Library. Ian lived and taught in Hawaii for 42 years, as a writing professor. He set up a Creative Writing Scholarship for MCS students and donations can be sent to Judy Matson, PO Box 40, Morris NY 13808 if you want to donate.

Lois Wagner Jones wishes all the new officers of the Alumni Association the best of luck in the coming years. It has been an honor holding my office for 25 years.

Class of 1960: Imogene Smith Schlee was installed as Conductress in the Laurens Freedom Order of the Eastern Star for 2018.

Paul Tourtellotte had the misfortune to get a compound fracture in his leg this year 2018. A speedy recovery is wished for him. After he recovers from that, he needs his knee replaced!!

Class of 1961: Gail Tourtellotte Fitzpatrick tells us she is

currently President of the Endwell Garden Club for the second year. She and husband Mike are celebrating 50 years of marriage this July 2017. They will be taking a cruise to Bermuda leaving from Boston Harbor in July with family.

Jeanne Beardsley Cooke tells us she was very sorry they missed Cubby's memorial. She also says that she has had an episode with Melanoma. Her problems started 8 years ago in her lower leg. One thing after the other was happening with her leg but to make a long story short she is OK now but says to be an advocate for your body, you have rights and demands. If she had not kept after the doctors she would have suffered even more. If anyone is interested in her whole story please contact her as I can't put the whole article in here.

Linda Jones Douglas has our sympathy for the loss of her daughter Rebecca Douglas Siegfried, who leaves behind a husband and three children.

Margaret Washburn Averill writes that she enjoys the newsletter each year. She was in Morris for several weeks last summer getting her brother's house ready to sell since he has

passed away. Margaret tells us that she has been out of school 57 years; married 53 years and has reached her mid 70s. She and her husband are both retired –finally and enjoying good health, family, travel, church activities, and volunteering. Their son & daughter-in-law retired last July, he was an ER physician. Margaret & husband spent 2 weeks in May visiting with them, plus the Tetons & Yellowstone National Park –a wonderful trip. Their daughter, Maria, works for Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System with disabled children. Maria has 2 daughters, one is a full time nanny and works for the Y in Charlotte and the other one works for Charlotte – Mecklenburg Police Dept. Margaret attended the Alumni Dinner last year and it was good to visit with folks that she hadn't seen in years. Before relocation to Matthews, NC in 1978 they lived in Oneonta, Elmira, Utica, Potsdam area and Buffalo. Her husband, Jeff, owns his own insurance agency and continues to provide services for a few clients and she is retired from a nursing/education career in 2015. The Washburn family purchased their property in New Lisbon in 1944 and she was able to sell it in 2017. Margaret also

writes that Mariel Hungerford Tremain cared for her mother, at Fox Nursing Home as she worked there for over 30 years.

Class of 1962: Eric Shields daughter Sylvana Sheilds Caplanis, says being a teacher was not her original career. Her original degree was a Bachelor's of Science from the Rochester Institute of Technology which did not translate well into the necessary teaching requirements. Changing careers is quite an involved process. She began taking Saturday classes to gain her K-6 Teaching Certification for 15 months. Then she went on to gain her Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certification which eventually led to her receiving a Master's Degree in Special Education.

Elaine Wright Frederick's grandson Matthew Frederick, son of Bryce Frederick has written several articles for the Daily Star in the Lifestyle section. He is strong on climate and environmental control. Matt is a sophomore at Oneonta High School.

Class of 1963: Tim Fay sends a BIG thank you to Lynn, Martha,

and myself for all we have done for the Alumni Association.

Class of 1964: Warren Ryther's son, Brian placed 23rd in the 2017 Pit Run in the 24th Annual 10K. Brian entered his maple syrup products in the Otsego County Fair.

Howard & Eileen Elliott donated numerous yearbooks and other MCS articles to the Morris Historical Association.

Class of 1965: Lynn Joy participated in the Otsego County Amateur, aka Atchinson Cup at Colonial Ridge Golf Course. He shot a 200 in the Gold B Flight. He was re-elected to his position of Town of Morris Supervisor.

Jacob Lyons ran in the 2017 Pit Run and came in 319th place.

Class of 1966: John L. Pegg was elected to Councilman for the town of New Lisbon.

Class of 1967: William Pickens was elected councilman for the town of Morris.

Don Valentine donated 3 bottles excavated years ago from Dimmock Hollow: Brown's Sarsaparilla, Atwood's Jaundice

Bitters, and Ayer's Sarsaparilla, to the Morris Historical Society.

Amy Wagner Gage's son, Stacy Gage is doing well since his brain cancer was diagnosed almost 2 years ago. He is now driving again with a modified brake and gas pedal. Amy had 2 new great grandchildren born since last year.

Helen Wagner Hoag's grandson, Arthur Carlyle, is continuing to work on his PhD, in philosophy at the University of Leeds, United Kingdom.

He has been leading tutorials at the university, first leading tutorials for the course "Great Philosophical Thinkers" and then those for the course "How Science Works". Arthur has also had the opportunity to present some of his personal research: he presented "A new foundation for animalism: a division of labor and the need for a scientific metaphysics" at the University of Leeds History and Philosophy of Science work-in-progress seminar in May 2107. Arthur was also invited by his Alma Mater, Hartwick College, to give a talk titled "Forensic human identification as a defense of somatic animalism" in March 2018.

Class of 1968: Alan Springett's daughter, Alaina, was recognized at Arc Otsego's annual membership meeting and awards banquet for Supported Employee of the Year.

Class of 1969: Sophie Wagner Liberatore is now the President of the American Legion Auxiliary post 189 in Norwich. Her husband Ed Hooke is the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 189 Commander.

Susan Gaughan Rowe donated articles from her father, Don Gaughan's collection of memorabilia: MCS baseball uniform – cleats, socks, pants, shirt, and 2 gloves, 5 local business calendars 1950-1960, newspaper clippings, and other items of interest.

Sean F. X. Dugan was elected President of the New York City Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Class of 1970: James Whitaker entered his display of woodwork items in the Otsego County Fair.

Joanne Burdick was seen in the Daily Star delivering singing valentines with other members of the City of the Hills Sweet Adelines. A scholarship was established in 1997 to honor

Joanne former Director of Volunteer Services at A. O. Fox Hospital. The \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to area high school graduates who are pursuing a major in the health care field and at least one of the recipients must be pursuing a nursing major. Since the formation of the scholarship, the A.O. Fox Auxiliary has awarded a total of \$90,000 to 45 students.

Class of 1971: Lucinda Bellows Miller sang in the Christmas Cantata at Burlington Green Church. She is now living on East Side Rd in Morris as she and Joe have built a new house there.

Class of 1972: Tom Champnois, of Coldwell Banker Hickok & Boardman Realty, received the Exceptional Experiences Award for the second year in a row. This achievement represents a 100% satisfaction rating and the highest percentage of returned client surveys in the last year. Congratulations Tom.

Condolences go out to Cindy Chase Smith and family for the loss of her mother Vivian Chase, who passed away Sept. 29, 2017.

Class of 1973: Capt. John P. Harris writes that after he

graduated from MCS he went to Maritime College in New York, he spent 11 years at sea and then started piloting in Lake Charles, LA and has been doing it for 30 years. He brings in all the ships to port in Lake Charles from the Gulf of Mexico. He asks what he can do with all the information he has from his father, Lynn Harris, who graduated from MCS and his grandmother, Laura Harris who taught at MCS. I told him to send it to me and I would find a spot for it. I took it to the library which in turn gave it to the Historical Society and they were very pleased to get it. Thanks for sending it John. His mother, Louise, also lives in Lake Charles and is 91 years old.

Penny Platt Harrington from "Where are they Now?" Tells us she always wanted to be a teacher. The job market for teachers was pretty dismal, so she decided to study to be both an elementary and English 7-12 teacher. She did her student teaching for third grade in Morris and then worked at Gilbertsville Central School in 1980. She then got married to Ray (a 1972 graduate of MCS) and lived for 3 years in Florida and Germany while Ray was in the Air Force. She was offered a job in Morris and thought she

would stay there until she retired. After her children were out of school and nearly finished with college she began taking courses in supervisory. After 23 years in the classroom she became a principal in Richfield Springs Central School for 7 years until she retired. She now works part time doing teacher evaluation at Stamford Central School.

Class of 1974: Joe Miller sang in the Christmas Cantata in Burlington Green at the church. Joe and wife Cindy are horse shoe pitchers.

Sherrie Morton Yerdon sang in the Christmas Cantata also.

Class of 1976: William M. Whitaker was re-elected as Superintendent of Highways for the town of New Lisbon.

Darlene Gregory Whitaker entered a miniature in the Otsego County Fair.

Janann Harrington Phillips tells us she is celebrating 40 years in her nursing career this year and still going strong! Greetings to her fellow classmates. Keep in touch: 7104 West Arbor Trace Drive, Apt #304, Knoxville TN 37909. Moving closer to her

daughter, so this is a new address.
inspired1934@gmail.com, or
585-645-2719.

Colleen Morton Webb sang in the Christmas Cantata at the church in Burlington Green.

Class of 1977: Tina Talbot Nichol's husband, Rusty ran in 58th place in the 2017 Pit Run 10K.

Charlene Valentine Wells was elected clerk/collector for the town of New Lisbon.

Class of 1978: William B. Burdick was elected Town Justice for the town of New Lisbon.

Class of 1979: Barry Shelley was asked in "Street Talk" in the Daily Star if he was excited for Baseball Opening day? He replied, "Somewhat. I'm always excited for baseball and all the sports. But hockey is my thing. I love hockey."

Mike Morton, wife, and son were seen at the Christmas Program, Emmanuel Celebrating Heaven's Child, at the church in Burlington Green where all three of his sisters were singing.

Class of 1980: Tim Carroll shot a 162 in the B Flight at the 40th Annual Otsego County Amateur golf Championship at Colonial Ridge Golf Club.

Linda Boyd Prouty entered her creative or special effects and use of existing light photos in the Otsego County Fair.

Brenda Shelley Birdsall's daughter, Olivia, graduated from college this year and Brenda's son, Lucas, graduated from High School.

Bruce Page's daughter Lucia A. Page is on the spring Dean's list at the State University College of Technology at Canton.

Condolences go out to Cheryl Royce Ernst and family for the loss of her father, William E. Royce, who passed away Nov. 16, 2017.

Mike Chase, celebrated 10 years of owning the Trophy Guy, on January 2018. Our sympathy goes out to Michael Chase and family for the loss of his mother, Vivian Chase, who passed away on Sept. 29, 2017.

Alex Wing took 5th place in the Open 50 & over C1-70, at the

Clinton Canoe Regatta, May 2017. He finished in second place in the Open 50+CI-70 at the General Clinton Canoe Regatta this May.

Class of 1982: Brian Decker tied with Tim Carroll for second place shooting a 162 at the Otsego County Amateur championship at Colonial Ridge Golf Club.

Debra Morton Barton sang in the Christmas Cantata in the church at Burlington Green.

Class of 1983: Jonathan N. Foote was re-elected to the Superintendent of highways for the town of Morris. He won the September 12, 2017 primary with 70 votes, beating opponent Derrick Anderson who had 69 votes. That's what I call a close race.

Kevin Ray is now in security at the Meadows Complex in Cooperstown, previously he was a nurse for 30 years at Bassett.

Class of 1984: Christala Pickens Norton and husband Brian have opened The Grove of Butternut Valley, an event center and the perfect party facility. It is on County Hwy 49 next to Light Walkers Church.

Brian Norton finished in 6th place in the Open Stock Endurance race at the General Clinton Canoe Regatta this year, with son, William Norton.

Scott Sherwood finished in 4th place in the Men's Amateur Sprint race at the General Clinton Canoe Regatta this May.

Class of 1985: Patricia Murphy Howland has our condolences on the loss of her father, William O. Murphy, who passed away April 6, 2018.

Janet Decker is a licensed real estate salesperson at the Benson Agency Real Estate which was voted Best Real Estate Agency for 2018.

Class of 1986: Daphne Joy Thompson ran 344th place in the 2017 Pit Run. Daphne entered her children's furniture book in the Otsego County Fair. She also entered her collection of cut flowers, spider plant, and aloe plant.

Renee Elliott donated to the Historical Association 45 Gage Family Photographs 1930-1950.

James Hoffman ran for County Representative, District 2, he got 576 votes but Michelle Farwell

got 707. Try again next time James.

Class of 1987: Susan Morehouse-Moore, formerly of Morris, was nationally recognized recently. As stated in a media release, she earned a specialty credential called a Certificate of Added Qualifications from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. The specialty she chose to study was emergency medicine. She has been employed by Bon Secours Health Systems Inc. in Greenville, SC for 8 years and is one of 11 physician assistants in SC to earn a CAQ in emergency medicine since the program began in 2011.

Erin Brodrick Quirk credits MCS and the great teachers she had here for a lot of her success. She has worked in the medical insurance field for over 25 years. She started at the entry level as a customer service representative at a big health care insurance company to an executive at a small startup company that had a really cool idea. They created a debit card to go along with the tax-advantaged plans. As an Account Executive her job is to keep about 30 of her customers happy. So what did she learn by being from a small town and from her time at MCS to be

successful? MCS allowed her the capability to be a well-rounded person who could talk about diverse topics. MCS allowed her that capability-she got to be an athlete, a musician, an actor, a singer, a cheerleader, on student government, yearbook photographer, etc. Kids growing up in larger schools don't have the diverse opportunities she had and it was really a huge benefit. She learned that the MCS experience is rather unique. Perhaps because we are from a small town, we are not simply a number. Finally, it taught her about community. It does take a village to win a Tri-Valley Division or Sherburne Pageant of Bands or put on a Senior Play. She learned to ask for help, to help others, to keep her eyes open for new ideas, and she knew she could always go home again and people would have her back.

Brenda Prindle Spencer tells us her daughter, Kayleigh Spencer graduates 6/22/18 from MCS. In the fall she will be attending Wells College, majoring in Biology. She will also be playing soccer and basketball at Wells!

Amy Harris Dill has our condolences on the loss of her

husband, Sean Dill who passed away October 28, 2017.

Class of 1989: Roy Chambers lives in Roanoke VA and has stayed involved in sports, both professionally and as a hobby. Professionally, he started working game night staff for a minor league professional hockey team in the East Coast Hockey League---ECHL, (2 levels below the NHL) called the Roanoke Express. The first year (the 94-95 season), he started out selling programs, handing out promotional giveaways, and helping with the on-ice promotions during intermissions, as well as helping with post game autograph sessions. The following season, he moved to the press box to the position of music coordinator, which put him in charge of all pre-game, in game, and post-game music entertainment played in the arena during breaks and intermissions during the game. In the 1999-2000 Season he became the full-time Public Address Announcer for the Express. He held this position with the Express until the team ceased operations after the '03-04' season. This past season, 2016-2017, minor league hockey came back to Roanoke via a father who has three sons who currently play on NHL

contracts, and the four of them make up the majority owners of the Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs in the Southern Professional Hockey League---SPHL. Once again he finds himself behind the mic as the in-house voice for the Dawgs, doing the same duties from years ago but the newer technology that we didn't have 10 years ago including coordinating announcements with our new video scoreboard. The future looks bright for this young team and it's going to be a fun ride down the tracks. On an amateur side, for over 25 years starting 1991, he was player, asst. coach, and coach for men's travel slow pitch softball teams that played up and down the east coast, including making the world series in Orlando FL three times, one time finishing the season in the top 50 (out of over 20,000 teams in their class) in the national standings. He would have to say the things he loves the most about the job is #1 that he gets to see the management side as far as the in and outs of what goes into games as well as having a hand in the overall fan experience and #2. Get to be part of a team, which is something he learned at an early age at MCS. He is grateful for all the coaches he had who instilled that attitude in him over his years here.

Brayton Palmer took 2nd place in the Open Under 50 C1-70 class at the Clinton Canoe Regatta last May 2017.

Bryce Frederick's son Matthew has been writing columns in the Daily Star under teen talk. He covers many different venues.

Aaron Valentine was pictured in the Daily Star baling hay in a field off state Route 23 for his Gaits of Glory, LLC horse farm, last August. He is now working as a consultant CFO at the Norwich Hospital.

Elizabeth Lull Child came in 329th place at the 2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for Hospice in Oneonta. Beth spent an amazing week in Switzerland in October 2017.

Class of 1990: Kathleen Kodrich has our condolences for the loss of her granddaughters' father, Mervington E. Quick who passed on March 25, 2018.

Class of 1992: Matthew Palmer came in 11th place at the 2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for Hospice in Oneonta.

Alison Joy Aikens came in 426th place and her husband Shawn came in 425th place at the 2017

Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for Hospice in Oneonta.

Amanda Lull Stamas came in 397th place and her daughter Carly placed 395th in the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for Hospice in Oneonta. Amanda spent an amazing week in Switzerland in October 2017.

Class of 1993: Brett Sherwood competed in the General Clinton Canoe Regatta last May 2017. He placed 8th in the Men's NYMCRA stock endurance. Brett and his wife, Paige, finished in 13th place in the Stock Aluminum race at the General Clinton Canoe Regatta this May. Brett also competed in the Men's NYMCRA stock endurance and placed 15th.

Class of 1994: Jonathan Hillis attended MCS his whole life. During his senior year he was able to take an independent study where he was able to teach PE to students in grades 4, 5, & 6. That led him to his future career decision of being a teacher. He chose St. John Fisher College in Rochester for his undergraduate studies and graduated in 1998 with a degree in Psychology and Elementary Education. He worked at Franklin Central School and then at Jefferson Central School.

After completing MCLA's program and passing the state Exam for School Building Leakers, Jefferson hired him as their K-12 principal. In 2012, he was hired at Marathon as their Elementary Principal. This year marks his 6th year at Appleby elementary where they have 425 students in grades UPK-6.

Class of 1995: Kristie Leonard Miracco says after graduating she went to Finland as a Rotary exchange student which was the most rewarding experience ever. When she returned to NY she attended Keuka College and graduated from SUNY Oneonta with a Bachelor's in elementary Education. She moved to NC and took a job as a Title I tutor. She then taught Second Grade for 4 years, before moving to Cabarrus County Schools. She has worked in many different schools in different capacities but sums it all up by saying the reason she teaches is about making a difference in the lives of children. So many students spend more time with teachers and school employees than they do at home—they need to make a positive impact on their lives. Mrs. Boyd, Mr. Shackelton, and Mrs. Kristofik were those teachers for her.

Karen Webster Swayer always wanted to be a teacher. After graduating in 1995 she went to Finland as an exchange student. When she returned she began her studies in education at Nazareth College in Rochester. She went on to get more education in Special Education, and has worked for the last 17 years as a Special Education Teacher. She is currently teaching at Oxford High School where she has been a resource Room, teacher for 10 years. She thanks Mr. Zeiner and all of her teachers at MCS for making a difference in her life.

Class of 1996: Danielle Phillips has a new baby boy, Weston McKinley Davis. Congrats Danielle!!

Class fo 1998: Michael Lehtonen became a Daddy on April 2, 2018 to a daughter, Anna Eilish. Congrats Mike!!

Class of 2000: Mindy Lull has traveled far and wide this past year and more recently she was in Ireland and Scotland. Mindy was chosen by her students as Advisor of the Year and Teacher of the Year, at Wegman's School of Pharmacy for 2017-2018. You can't get any higher praise than that. You go girl.

Class of 2002: Kenneth Fink and wife Maura had a son born March 2, 2017. His name is Gage Douglas Fink. Congrats Kenny!!

Class of 2004: Jim Wing graduated with a GED and went on to Morrisville College to get a degree in mechanics. In December of 2017 he won the election in the town Pittsfield for Superintendent of Highways with a WRITE- IN vote!!

Class of 2005: The class of 2005 mourns the passing of one of their own. Heather L Dunham passed away on November 4, 2017.

Ed Tracy tells us after receiving a Bachelor's of Finance at SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica, he stayed in the area and worked at Amphenol Aerospace and the Raymond Corporation in various Human Resources functions. Now he is currently in a Human Resources Information Systems role where he is the systems manager for 9 Raymond Dealerships with 49 Locations across North America. He recently bought a house in Guilford where he enjoys many outdoor hobbies. He enjoys this type of work as the software is constantly improving, providing

new challenges and opportunities to learn on a regular basis. One of the greatest things he has ever done was be flexible in the type of work that he did. He never said he could do only finance, Human Resource, or Database management. With an open mind he was able to be part of some really cool projects and has had great opportunities that he would not have had otherwise.

Class of 2006: Richard Galbreth is getting Married on June 30, 2018.

Congrats Richard!!

Class of 2008: Kayla Card Tompkins entered her yeast roll, banana quick bread, blueberry bread, sugar cookies, peanut butter drop cookies and a decorated cake in the Otsego County Fair. She also entered her head of broccoli. Kayla Ann and Clair Kenneth Tompkins are the Parents of a daughter, Emory Lou Tomkins, born Jan 11, 2018 at Bassett Birthing Center in Cooperstown. She weighted 8 pounds. She joins siblings Elijah Reed, 3, and Clara Jane, 19 months, at home. Grandparents are Ken and Judy Tompkins of Laurens, Darwin Card Sr. of new Berlin is great-grandfather.

Monique Deluca placed 378th in the 2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for Hospice in Oneonta.

Eileen Dugan Trenkler became a mother over the last year. Her husband Matt and Eileen worked opposite shifts so the time they get to see each other is limited. When she got home he had to leave for work and when he got home she was sleeping. Some nights there is time to watch daughter Taegan and they are in amazement at how hilarious and smart she is. Eileen is now at the Country Club in Rochester doing her baking.

Class of 2009: Ginger Joslin entered her coffee cake, chocolate drop cookies, fruit drop cookies and various other cookies, a doll, and bread and butter pickles in the Otsego County Fair. She also entered four different vegetables and fruit.

Alicia Cuzzo was pictured in the Daily Star under Local Business. She works for Steiner Packing Company which has been in operation for 65 years and has been offering butchering services, custom cuts and though many may not know about it, a retail space with a long list of

varied cuts for day-to-day purchases by the pound or bulk.

Class of 2010: Kaitlyn Brown Mondore was married to Daniel Mondore on July 22, 2017 and they now have 3 children.

AJ Puylara was bought up on golf and lived down the road from Colonial Ridge Golf Course. This allowed immediate access to golf. The addiction struck him right away. He knew at a very young age that his passions and place in the world would involve golf in some way, shape, or form. AJ decided that Methodist University was the next step of his path. From there he would receive a four-year degree in business while also completing the PGA Program. The PGA requires 16-months of internships to complete the Program. He completed his first 2 at Canasawacta Country Club and Leatherstocking Golf Course. From there he went down to Palm Beach Florida and worked at the Everglades Club. Then he went on to his final internship at Sankaty head Gold Club in Nantucket MA. In November 2014 he moved out to Arizona to start a job at Superstition Mountain followed by Mesa Country Club. This is something he never thought he would have

been able to do by age 24. He is able to play golf every day and, and he currently plays in mini-tours.

Class of 2011: Ryan Neer participated in the Otsego County Amateur Golf Championship at Colonial Ridge Golf Club.

David Nitto was awarded Shining Star at the Arc Otsego's annual membership meeting and awards banquet. David was pictured in the Daily Star waiting on customers at JCPenney, he is a merchandise assistant.

Class of 2013: Levi Decker participated in the Otsego County Amateur Gold Championship at Colonial Ridge Golf Club.

Joshua Naar was named to the spring semester president's list at the State University College at Potsdam for music performance. Josh graduated cum laude with both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Music degree in computer science and music performance. He is currently working in a hospital in the IT department.

Brandon Shelley is a sales associate at Royal Auto.

Emily Leboffe graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology at Susquehanna University in Sellingsgrove, Pennsylvania, closed its 159th academic year with their annual commencement exercises on May 17. Emily was one of 50 students who recently presented research at the 31st annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Memphis TN. Her research, titled "the Effect of Matrix Metalloproteinase Inhibition on Intracellular Signaling in Adipogenic Differentiation of 3T3-L1 Cells" was supervised by Tom Peeler, associate professor of biology at Susquehanna.

Class of 2014: McKenna Hungerford placed 109th at the 2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for Hospice in Oneonta.

Michael Silicato was named to the Dean's list for the fall semester at the State University College at Oneonta.

Class of 2015: Logan Howland has our condolences on the loss of his grandfather, William O. Murphy who passed away April 6, 2018.

Frederick Schwarzhans was named to the spring and fall

dean's list, at the University of Hartford in West Hartford, Connecticut.

Stacey Benjamin was named to the fall semester dean's list at Cazenovia College.

Class of 2016: Logan Kneaskern was named to the spring and fall dean's list for archeological studies at the State University College at Potsdam.

Emily Walling was named to the fall semester dean's list at the State University College at Oneonta. Emily was among 61 State University College students at Oneonta who received the Richard Siegfried Student Award during the fall semester for earning a total grade-point average of 3.9 or higher.

Ian MacKay Dill has our condolences on the loss of his father, Sean Dill on October 28, 2017.

Peter Wendler was named to the spring semester president's list at the State University College at Oswego, majoring in history.

Class of 2017: Ryan Morlock placed 383rd at the 2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for Hospice in Oneonta.

Brent Wist placed 72nd at the 2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for Hospice in Oneonta. Brent was the co-valedictorian of the Class of 2017 at MCS. He plans on attending Penn State to study civil engineering.

Jason Iniguez was the co-valedictorian of the Class of 2017 at MCS. He plans on majoring in computer science at RIT in the fall.

Matthew Harrington was honored for never missing a day of school, earning perfect attendance in grades K-12. Matt ranked 5th in his class of 38 and said the attendance milestone reflects a drive that started in kindergarten. There was an article in the Daily Star about his achievement. He will be attending Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in the fall, and it would be a good long-term goal to match his Morris attendance record.

Megan Barringer has joined the U.S. Marine Corp. Meghan was named to the Girls Soccer All Stars in the Daily Star for the Tri-Valley League for the 2016 season.

The following students received first-year Clark Scholarships: Frazer Bourgeois, Deidre Brett,

Jennifer Colburn, Jeanne DiMaggio, Bryan French, Lee Ann Fuchs, Matthew Harrington, Jaser Iniguez, Bridget Walker, and Brent Wist.

Ryan Morlock was selected by the Daily Star All-Star Team for the 2016-17 high school boys basketball season for honorable mention in the All-State Class D and Top Area League Players in the Tri-Valley league.

Class of 2018: Robert Child placed 57th in the 2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for Hospice in Oneonta. Robert is this year's Valedictorian. He plans to study Biology at Syracuse University in the fall, where he was accepted to the Renee Crown University Honors Program. He hopes to be admitted to medical school afterwards and work toward becoming a neurologist. He is a three-sport varsity athlete, contributing to the Morris Mustang Soccer, Basketball, and Baseball teams and earning 12 Varsity letters. He earned Tri-Valley All-Star recognition in Basketball and Baseball, where he served as team Captain. Robert has been a leader off the field as well; he is the national Honor Society President, president of Student Council, Class President, and President of

the High School Chorus. Robert plays trumpet in the Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band and All-County Band. He also earned the rank of Life Scout in the Boy Scouts Troop 3 in Morris.

Other activities include Ski Club, AAU Basketball and travel baseball. He spends much time with his family and friends, and credits them for making high school such an enjoyable experience. Robert was honored when he received the 2018 Daniel B. Swift Scholar Recognition award at SUNY Oneonta.

Adam Rutherford is this year's Salutatorian. Adam plans to earn his doctor of Pharmacy Degree at Albany College of Pharmacy and health Sciences. He is a three-sport athlete, playing soccer, basketball, and baseball, earning 9 varsity letters at MCS. Adam is a leader among his peers, serving the student body as Vice President of National Honor Society, Student Council and the Class of 2018. He is also in Spanish Club and has participated in the high school musical every year since ninth grade. In addition, he is a long standing member of the Ski Club. In the past, Adam was a member of the Senior Chorus, the National

Spanish Honor Society, AAU Basketball and travel soccer. Adam is the kind of person who tries to live life to the fullest.

Michaela Lasher took first in a Regional Competition for CTE. In February our BOCES students competed in a Skills USA Challenge. Michaela competed in the restaurant services competition. She had to set a table, be a host, serve, and calculate the check with sales tax and tip. She said she was very nervous but excited at the same time. After the competition she felt good about it. She couldn't believe she won first place. Michaela was inducted into the NTHS last year through Culinary Arts and has maintained her average her senior year which allows her to retain membership in the NTHS.

Isaac Whitbeck has been accepted to the University of Albany. He also received the Presidential Scholarship Award. Isaac took 6th place in his class, at the Rock Criterium in Rochester, not the podium, but not too shabby. Congrats Isaac.

Kaleigh Spencer entered her winter calf and summer yearling in the Otsego County Fair last August. She attended the Rotary Youth Leadership

Program known as RYLA. It is a week-long conference held during the last week in June. Kaleigh will be going off to Wells College to study Biology and to pursue the health field in nursing. She comes from 3 generations graduating from MCS.

Tanner Sutliff attended a week-long conference held during the last week of June 2017. It was a very life-changing event that he experienced as he attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Program known as RYLA. It is a leadership program that he was selected to attend to further work on his leadership and other personal skills.

William Norton participated in the General Clinton Canoe Regatta this May and finished in 6th place in the Open Stock Endurance with his Dad, Brian Norton. Good rowing men.

Class of 2019: Sheridan Parker and her friend, Connor Stanford were one of several Morris Students who braved the cold at the Goodyear Lake Polar Bear Jump fundraiser this year. Sheridan was one of the students inducted to the Otsego Area Occupational Center (OAOC). She is in the New Visions Health Care professions program at

OAOC this year, and besides other requirements, she must have an average of 90 or higher in her vocational program to be considered for induction.

Sheridan will be going to Brazil as our foreign exchange student sponsored by the Morris Rotary. She will be going on to Cortland College after that to study Biomedical Science. She will be the third generation to graduate from MCS.

Nathaniel Edward entered his American rooster in the poultry division of the Otsego County Fair. Nathaniel is the 2018 Vice-President of the MCS Spanish National Honor Society.

Will Ranc was chosen to attend Outward Bound, a program offered through the Clark Foundation. The program usually involves extreme activities such as sailing and camping in the hopes of helping students who participate learn about themselves in positive ways. It is meant to create future leaders. His experience took him on a 22-day canoeing and backpacking expedition in Maine that was approximately 30 miles of the Appalachian Trail and covered 5 lakes over 19 days. He was very thankful for the experience.

Elizabeth Thompson performed with the Stanley-Wade School of Dance during the half time of the Globetrotters game at Hartwick College on February 13, 2018.

Chino Osuna took first place in the variety talent contest at the Otsego County Fair last August.

Jacob Walling was the 2018 President of the MCS Spanish National Honor Society.

Benjamin Child placed 74th in the 2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for Hospice in Oneonta.

Other members of the MCS Spanish Honor Society and their offices: Ashley Harrington, Secretary, Anthony Schoentube, Treasurer. Other members include: Hannah Tilley, Adrianna Sperry and Anastasia Edwards. Renaate Carrabba is an associate member of the Society.

Class of 2020: Anastasia Edwards entered miscellaneous mixed medium, ceramics and scenic color photo in the Otsego County Fair.

Stephanie Parker participated in the Polar Bear Jump to raise money for local families who needed a helping hand. She

raised about \$500.00 and this year some of that money went to a local Morris Family.

Abigail Maurelli and Scott Strain were recently inducted into the Pachacutec Chapter of MCS' Spanish National Honor Society, joining Morgan Valentine and Mollie Dugan.

Class of 2021: Brandon Card was pictured in the Daily Star helping Jesse Myers of the Myers Farm prepare to move 2 calves, just hours old, born in a pasture during the morning and afternoon to the barn at the farm on State Route 51 in Morris.

Class of 2022: Madison Aikens placed 255th at the 2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for Hospice in Oneonta. She participated in the Polar Bear Jump to raise money for local families who needed a helping hand and this year some of that money helped out a family in Morris.

Class of 2023: Jonathan Child placed 256th at the 2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Trot for Hospice in Oneonta.

Carrisa Richards competed in the 2018 Spelling Bee at SUNY College at Oneonta. Her

winning word was "repugnance", which got her to SUNY, if she wins there she will go on to the SCRIPPS National Spelling Bee.

Class of 2024: Sean Patrick Dill has our condolences on the loss of his father, Sean Dill on Oct. 28, 2017.

This class mourns the death of member Jacelyn D. O'Connor who was murdered July 30, 2017 at the early age of 11. Morris residents tied white ribbon on trees and poles and held a candlelight vigil in front of the School. While other areas held their own memorials, a tribute Let'under the Gazebo in Norwich's East Park, showed an ongoing scavenger hunt to hide, find and relocate painted rocks in Jacelyn's memory. Morris Central School is establishing a scholarship fund to honor Jacelyn. Contributions can be sent to MCS in care of Kris Hand. Checks should be written to MCS with Jacelyn O' Connor indicated in the memo.

Class of 2026: Grace Wing entered her doe 6 months and rabbit at the Otsego County fair last August.

Class of 2028: Richard Pegg entered his doe kids and doe in

the Otsego County Fair last August.

Faculty: Maureen Joy entered pickled beets, pickled beans, still life water color, and zucchini relish in the Otsego County Fair.

Carrie Phillips and husband, Smiley, welcomed their newest grandson, Weston McKinley Davis this year. That makes 7 grandsons and 1 granddaughter for them.

Marilyn Crumb took a tumble while walking home from the Post Office. She slipped on some stones and went down face first. She then went up to the Cape with family and when she got home she fell on her back. She says she must really look bad with bruises and black eyes.

Nelson and Betty Teed, retired bus drivers, snuggled up on the best seat in the house to watch the hot air balloons inflate from a bench across Hodges' Pond during the Susquehanna Balloon Festival glow in Neahwa Park last September. Pictured in Hometown Oneonta.

Mr. Sperling has taught for a total of 37 years, 30 of which have been at MCS. When he came to Morris in 1988, he was the only art teacher in the

school. We had just built the new addition and his room was in that section, that is where he stayed and taught for the entire 30 years. He plans to create his own artwork, travel to Japan, see his grandchild, and work in his garden now that he has retired.

Miss Wilson has taught in early elementary education for the last 30 years. She is very glad that she was able to create her school family here at MCS. She will miss the unconditional love, hugs, magical innocent wonder, as well as the honesty that each smiling little face greeted her with each morning.

Louise Van Buren, retired kindergarten teacher, has our condolences on the loss of her husband, Landin I. Van Buren.

Currently: Let's prepare to get the most with least impact from solar farms. Last June there was a big article in the Hometown Views about solar farms coming to the area. Both pros and cons for the project, verdant vistas will be replaced with fields of shiny black panels: nobody wants to look at.

Last July skating superstars shined at "Fenimore on Ice" in Cooperstown. The event

included celebrity book-signings with Dick Button, Dorothy Hamill and JoJo Starbuck, who were later featured panelists in a culminating sold-out figure skating symposium.

Christopher's Restaurant and Lodge in Oneonta are no more. The Restaurant was leveled by a fire and the owners decided to tear down the Lodge too.

October, 2017, No. 11 Morris upsets No. 6 Milford in overtime, in the Section IV Class D opening round game.

The Morris Boy Scout Troop 3 sponsored the Frostbite Open, the season's last captain and crew outdoor golf tournament. Troop 3 also hosted its first "Running with the Pack 5K Fun Trail Run/Walk" at Gilbert Lake State Park.

The Morris Rotary Club hosted its annual Halloween Party for MCS students.

Members of the Otsego County Fair board planned a Scare Fest at the fairgrounds. It featured a haunted house, hay and corn maze, costume contest, vendor trick-or-treating, carved pumpkin contest and much more.

The next, Where Are they Now? Articles will hopefully deal with educators who graduated from Morris. Mrs. Waffle would love to hear suggestions of possible candidates.

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Morris Boys top H-T in Clement Tournament opener. Morris' Robert Child scored 15 points and grabbed a team-high 14 rebounds to beat Hunter-Tannersville, 77-57, in the first round of the Ray Clement Tournament. Matt Murphy scored a team-high 16 and distributed the ball effectively, dishing out 8 assists in the win.

The Butternut Valley Garden Club celebrated 90 years as a federated garden club. BVGC is a member of the New York State Federated Garden Clubs, Central Atlantic Region and national Garden Clubs Inc..

Morris Volunteers made a difference. Our group was very successful in making a difference in Ecuador this past summer. Not only did they work closely with school children in 7 different schools who had lost so much, they also found a few minutes to enjoy their selves and see some of the most interesting sights in Ecuador. They plan to return next year.

In a release, Destination Marketing Corp. for Otsego County announced that Architectural Digest named Cooperstown in a list of "The 25 Best Small Towns in America". One of their main attractions is the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum which was dedicated on June 12, 1939, and located on Main St..

The Tri Valley announced all-stars this March and Robert Child and Matt Murphy were both named in the Boys First Team. Reanen Goodspeed and Rebekah Oliver were named to the Girls First Team.

Some Morris students attended soccer camp in Italy on March 31 for a weeklong international soccer experience.

The Morris girls won the Tri Valley League Title beating Franklin at Alumni Field House in Oneonta, 43-38. The Champion Lady Mustangs posed with their banner after the game in the Daily Star.

Dr. Lewis R. Morris and wife Catherine Clark Morris visited Oneonta and the Neahwa Park, "a gift made by the Doctor and Mrs. Morris to the city of Oneonta in 1906. They like the

progress made on the park over the last 19 years, "and heartily approved the plans which the Park commissioners have for leasing that part known as the Island to some amusement association. Many remember the area as Webb Island, in the area of today's Catella Park.

OF INTEREST: From the Norwich Sun: Pageant of Bands note: The Mustangs have only missed 6 pageants at Sherburne; 1949, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1954, and 1955. In their previous 62 trips to the pageant they have collected over 125 trophies. Morris has finished in the top 3 of their class 42 times for concert band, 21 times for parade and 16 times for jazz. Last year the Mustangs won second place honors for parade, concert band, and parade color guard as well as fourth place trophy for the parade. In 2016 they were second in parade color guard and third in small ensemble, concert band and parade. Morris won first place for their parade color guard in 2015 along with third place in concert band and small ensemble along with fourth place in the parade. This year they will be competing in jazz, small ensemble, concert band, parade and parade color guard. This year they took first place in concert, second place in

color guard and third place in marching.

THE EARLY FILES:

25 Years Ago:

12/2/92 Cooperstown celebrated AIDS patient, Henry Nicols, 19, spent much of last week with a film crew from HBO, which is producing a documentary on his battle with the disease.

6/2/92 A beaver dam broke in the town of New Lisbon, washing out the same road and field that were washed out almost exactly a year ago. It's not a pretty sight stated Ruth Turnbull, whose husband lost the field of corn he's just planted. They also lost use of the field last year when a beaver dam broke on May 15. After last year's dam burst, the state department of Environmental Conservation was supposed to be monitoring the site to make sure it didn't happen again, said town supervisor Robert E. Taylor. "It happened again," he said.

30 Years Ago:

2/18/88 Mr. Gill built a beautiful house where tradesmen stopped to rest. The house is now in ruins off the Morris road.

Most cars keep their owners strapped, even without seatbelts.

4/20/78 Firemen from Pittsfield, New Berlin and Morris were called to a barn fire on the Arthur Decker farm on the Morris Turnpike.

An average of 3.6 percent of the U. S. population lived on farms in the 1977; a decrease of 5.4 percent from 1976.

5/7/87 As much as 2.5" of snow fell April 28th, lilac buds were covered. Shawn Veres was the undisputed winner of a 5th-8th grade spelling bee at MCS.

10/8/87 Kitty Wells, the undisputed Queen of Country Music, will appear at the Columbus Hotel Sunday for 2 shows, 1 and 4 PM.

Forty Years Ago:

9/1/77 Tammy Cole is Miss Youth Days. Diana Gunther is a Candy Striper at Fox Hospital.

10/6/77 The Morris Library began its annual fund drive with Patricia Matteson and Mary Harrington co-chairing the campaign to raise \$1200.

10/20/77 Rev. Joseph and Sarita Fiske and April left for a

vacation in Florida with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Runion.

The annual oyster supper at the UMC will be November 12.

Southside's retail and development boom in the 1970s was shown in the Daily Star with a view along state Route 23 where the Wal-Mart Supercenter is now. Wal-Mart opened in 1995 and the fill from that area was moved to where Hannaford and Home Depot are today.

50 Years Ago:

1/6/68 Employment for more than 50 local men and women will open this summer after construction of a new Dan-Dee Donuts and a Kentucky Fried Chicken building on the Wolcott estate property, on Main Street in Oneonta.

4/10/68 School boards in Gilbertsville, Edmeston, Morris, Mount Upton, New Berlin, and South New Berlin have been given a month's notice to a six district consolidation or submit a counter proposal to the state by May 15. Residents turned down a proposed 5 district merger plan which would have consolidated all but Edmeston.

7/22/67 Five boys from the Otschodela Boy Scout Council will see the realization of their dream on August 1 when they will join scouts from 100 countries for the first Boy Scout World Jamboree ever held in the United States. The Jamboree which was held once every 4 years was a scout's biggest dream. That year it was held at Farragut State Park, Idaho.

7/20/67 "Hubcap Harry" his fellow workers call him. Why? Because Harry Powers had, in front of his spacious and well-kept grounds on Route 28 atop Franklin Mountain, a little garage wherein he keeps all manner of hub caps which he has picked up and collected in the course of his day's work. The entrepreneur of this hillside "disc"-otheque is a sturdy, sun-tanned man whose twinkling eye and his sense of humor belie his gray hair. He is down-to-earth, ordinary man who works for the Operation and Maintenance Division of the New York State Department of Public Works in Oneonta. It is in this capacity that he has amassed his unique collection of errant hubcaps. "They fly off a car, sometimes the driver knows and sometimes not", he guesses. Anyway, they

end up in a field or a ditch or just along the right-of-way, Harry explained. When the garage doors are open, a passerby can see Harry's collection of shiny discs, numbering more than three hundred, and fitting cars as far back as the 1948 models.

10/19/67 Mr. & Mrs. Neil Foote and sons spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. James Honeywell.

10/31/67 Five new stores opened in Oneonta's new West End Shopping Center, Family Bargain Center, Carroll's Hamburgers, Stop and Save Trading Stamp, Grand Union and Meyers Clothing Store. They will add at least 130 new jobs to the Oneonta area economy.

60 Years Ago:

2/20/58 Farmers in parts of the milkshed were snowbound last week and lost thousands of dollars worth of milk. Drifts, some 15 feet high, plugged secondary roads. Several marooned farm families had food dropped from helicopters.

5/23/57 Mark Emerson fractured his ankle working at Webb's lumber mill.

9/5/57 ANNOUNCEMENT: the birth of a new car, the Edsel, is announced by Ford Motor Co. You are cordially invited to see the newest addition to the Ford Family of Fine Cars at your nearest dealer.

The first Brooks House of Bar-B-Q Restaurant opened near the present site in June 1961 and has been going strong ever since.

6/20/57 Lightning killed 34 cows on the Alois Denze farm in Oxford
They were valued at \$12,000.

Fish in nearby farm ponds were killed by the gypsy moth spray which left a covering of oil on the water.

12/14/57 Probably one of the nicer gifts the Oneonta area received for the holidays, in December, was that of vastly improved health care facilities. A new wing was added to the existing hospital, which cost \$1,425 million to build at the time.

66 Years Ago:

In November 1952 Bresee's had an opening ceremony for their new escalator.

70 Years Ago:

4/1/48 Barbara Simons entertained at a 7th birthday party. Present were Marcia Honeywell and Hank Decker.

4/29/48 Edwin Crumley and Edwin Crumley Jr. are held in the murder of their wife and mother, Mary. The two were the only persons on the farm at the time of the murder besides the victim. The Crumley's celebrated their 40th anniversary Thursday. The murder charges were dismissed on Nov. 9, 1948.

5/15/47 Hank Decker did a minuet with others at NBCS' pre-first grade.

6/5/47 Scoring 11 runs in the opening frame, Morris went on to smother South New Berlin 19-1 on Memorial Day.

7/17/47 New Berlin's diamond athletes played host to Morris in a twilight contest which saw Morris come out on top 4-2.

5/20/48 The Cardiff Giant, America's greatest hoax, has come home to Cooperstown Farmers Museum after 80 years of coast-to-coast wandering.

10/23/47 Gov. Dewey has closed all woods and open land through

NYS for hunting and recreational use as the 11-day total forest fires rose to nearly 200.

Literary tests for new voters will be given at NBCS while the polls are open, you need these tests before your vote can be accepted.

80 Years Ago:

2/17/38 Dessert is a man's dish. I know it is regard as a child' dish, but eliminate it from your menu and see who complains more.

Included in county highway projects: 1) 2 bridges on King Settlement, \$77,000; 2) an 8-mile strip between So. New Berlin and Morris, \$400,000; 3) 3.67 miles between Norwich and So. New Berlin \$180,000.

2/24/38 Francis Scott Key could neither sing or play a musical instrument.

5/27/37 Observance of National Hospital Day at Chase will be remembered. Over 500 visited, showing a widespread desire for success of the institution.

6/10/37 There are 2,000,000 political job-holders on

governmental payrolls but, believe it or not, taxpayers still outnumber them by a little.

7/8/37 Ironic fate added Otsego county to its scroll of air tragedies when H.H. Linn, tractor trailer inventor, his pilot and a passenger went to a flaming death.

8/26/37 “So sorry”, said the dentist to the client, “It will be impossible for me to arrange an appointment for you until morning. I have 18 cavities to fill.” He then picked up his golf bag and went out.

6/24/37 During the last century the work week has been almost cut in half. In 1822 the average worker put in six 12-hour days for a total of 72 hours a week; a machinists’ union in Philadelphia passed a resolution demanding a 10-hour work day and 60-hour week, the first organized revolt.

11/4/37 Tuesday’s election was the last where voters will use paper ballots. A new state law requires the use of voting machines. The election board worked until 3 AM counting ballots, which will no longer be necessary with machines.

There are more automobile accidents than train wrecks because the engineer doesn’t drive with one arm around the fireman.

12/30/37 Doctors, with an average annual income of \$4,850, were the best paid professionals in the U.S. from 1920-1936.

A special session of Congress produced what most expected, that is, practically nothing.

Eight-Seven years Ago:

1931 Doubleday Field was once a cow pasture, referred to as Phinney lot. Cooperstown seized the opportunity to open a museum on June 12, 1939 which included the first induction ceremonies. Just after the turn of the 20th century, many were becoming curious about the origin of baseball and wondering when it started. A commission decided that Abner Doubleday invented the game in 1939 in Cooperstown. They claim that Doubleday made changes to the local version of “town ball”, using a stick to mark out a diamond-shaped field in the dirt. He limited the number of players and added four bases to the game. Cooperstown was

proclaimed the home of baseball and the rest is history.

90 Year Ago:

4/21/28 Advertising your business builds it up and adds to it; advertising you troubles will do the same.

5/21/27 the U.S. added a bumper crop of millionaires in 1926, but we don't believe it's going to relieve the agricultural problem very much.

7/9/27 Work has begun on the state park project at Gilbert Lake.

7/16/27 Officials of Linn Mfg. confirm the report of a merger with Republic Motor Truck Co. of Alma, MI.

7/8/27 **TIMELY RULES:** 1. Keep both hands on the wheel, let the girl hug herself. 2. Drive on the right, unless you have a large car. Then drive anywhere. 3. Never mind whether your car or the train reaches the crossing first, as long as it isn't a tie. 4. Poor brakes may mean bad breaks.

10/1/27 Harry Linn, designer of the Linn tractor, purchased a Stinson-Detroit deluxe five-place enclosed cabin biplane,

which will be exhibited at the Morris fair.

10/29/27 To drive away ants, use ground cloves. Take a scant teaspoon and wrap in a piece of paper. Make several like this and put 2 on each shelf and you will have no ants to bother.

100 Years Ago:

2/16/18 There are 282,242 dogs in New York State.

Edison invented the flashlight in 1914.

To assist farmers, the state has 41 tractors to be loaned out on a community plan.

4/20/18 The sugar season is nearly over the farmers have had one of the best runs of sap in recent years. Maple syrup is being bought on the market for \$1.50 to \$1.75 a gallon and sugar brings from 20-30 cents a pound.

6/9/17 Death entered the home of Henry S. Matteson of Morris and suddenly removed the head of the house at the age of 75.

6/16/17 In a raid on a Chinese store in Pittsburgh, federal agents recovered \$100,000 worth of opium which was smuggled

into the U.S. in lemons from Mexico.

A federal inspector warned merchants that they must not sell clothing with the U.S. flag on it as this is a desecration of the flag.

7/7/17 Remington Arms will produce 1,000,000 rifles for the U.S. military in 3 years. The plant's capacity is 2,000 rifles a day and it will run day and night, the men working 3 shifts.

If it is true that an army travels on its stomach, it is up to the farmer to furnish the transportation.

7/14/17 Cooperstown's famous hotel, the O-te-sa-ga, opened with 50 guests. The hotel and the trolley company are doing much to develop Cooperstown as a summer resort, and with its many natural advantages, the home of Cooper is bound to become even more famous.

10/6/17 Nothing doing, everyone gone to the Morris fair. News is scarce this week.

Because it is a German game, pinochle was officially banned by Syracuse University.

10/13/17 Otsego County had 195 head of cattle at the state fair and carried off the first county price of \$500.

11/17/17 The Town of Morris has been obliged to issue certificates of indebtedness to an amount exceeding \$1,000 in new bridge construction and repairs.

6/23/17 Homer Palmer, who was guarding the Panama Canal, wrote that they expect to get called to France soon. He also wrote about the large snakes which are as common there as woodchucks are here. These snakes live on deer and one which was killed measured 42 feet long. The thermometer registers between 90 and 100 in the shade.

Owing to advance in price of everything connected to making a newspaper, price of the Gazette will be \$1.25 a year.

167 Years Ago: 8/12/1851 Will always have a special meaning to Cooperstown, celebrated or not. That is the year when the patent for the first Singer sewing machine was issued to Isaac Merritt Singer. We can confidently say that had this not happened, Cooperstown wouldn't be near to what we know it as today. Isaac was not

an inventor extraordinaire, as a youth he had aspired to be an actor and traveled with touring companies from time to time. When money ran out, he worked at a machinist trade to earn a living. This is when Singer encountered a dysfunctional sewing machine made by another inventor. While attempting to make the machine work, he envisioned a sewing machine design of his own. With financial help from others and a lot of trial and error, he produced his first working model and set out to acquire a patent. When he needed legal assistance he was directed to Edward Clark. Not only did Clark defend Singer, he formed a business partnership with him in 1851. The patent infringement lawsuits continued for this duo and other sewing machine companies. Tired of the seemingly endless and costly round of litigation, several of these companies agreed to join the country's first patent pool. It put the sewing machine business onto a profitable track and the competition now became about which company could build and sell the best machine. No doubt the Singer machine was successful, giving Isaac Singer and Edward Clark vast amounts of wealth. By 1900, the Singer Co. employed 60,000

people. Clark became interested in the Cooperstown area due to family connections and eventually made it his home, and became involved in the life around the village for generations to come. The fortunes earned by the Singer-Clark partnership resulted in the numerous philanthropic endeavors the Clark family made in the area. In the 20th century alone, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, The Farmers' Museum, Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, Otesaga Resort Hotel, Clara Welch Thanksgiving Home and numerous Clark Scholarships to high school students across Otsego County are only a few of the ways life changed in the village on the lakefront.

Garrattsville Past April 1896
Harvey Baker stated, "I am confident that in 1830 Otsego County was at its culmination and at no time since, with all the modern advancements, has it exceeded in agricultural, manufacturing or social prosperity". In 1830 there was a population of 51,372 with 70 grist mills, 285 saw mills, 4 oil mills, 40 fulling mills, 45 carding machines, 10 cotton manufactories, 2 woolen factories, 6 iron works, 5 trip

**hammers, 15 distilleries, 15
asheries, 12 clover mills and 48
tanneries.**

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2017-2018
Obituaries

Mary Bankich Byrne June 5, 2017 Attended	Larry R. Leahy 1936-2017 Social Study Teacher, Football Coach	William Royce 1939-2017 Royce Int. Eyewear
Eugene A. Bettiol Sr. 1932-2017 Class of 1950	James McElroy September 2017 Retired Music Teacher	Rosemary Fugal Schmuck 1924-2017 Attended
Harriett Collison 1932-2017 Teachers Assistant 25 years	Jacelyn O'Connor July 3, 2017 Class of 2024	Rebecca Douglas Siegfried January 2018 Class of 1998
Heather L. Dunham 1987-2017 Class of 2005	Roger Parker 1934-2016 Class of 1952	William R. Stowell 1941-2018 Morris Auction Gallery
Barbara Falin September 15, 2017 Class of 1959	Lavern "Boomer" Perry 1939-2017 Attended	Cynthia Sheldon Boggs Talotta 1965-2017 Attended
Winston Y. Harris Jr. 1950-2018 Class of 1971	Betty Hull Poling 1923-2018 Class of 1941	Patricia Field Taylor 1939-2017 Class of 1956
Betty Tremlett Jenison April 25, 2017 Class of 1943	Steven D. Purdy 1947-2017 Class of 1968	Dale R. Young 1952-2018 Class of 1972
Mary Ann Shaw Lamphere August 8, 2017 Attended	Jeanette Pickens Rendo 1926-2017 Class of 1945	
	Edward LeRoy "Butch" Rendo 1942-2017 Attended	

