

# MHS NEWSLETTER

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Macedon Historical Society  
(MHS)

**MHS is a 501c3 non-profit Organization.** We proudly undertake stewardship of preserving and keeping the vast historic moments captured from our community of Macedon relevant.

## Historic Sites owned by MHS

The Historic Macedon Academy is home of the Macedon Historical Society

The Historic Macedon Grange is home of the Marketplace & Galleria at the Macedon Grange

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## MHS Observes Memorial Day and Flag Day

Memorial Day was observed by the Missing Military personnel display.

Flag Day Observance is an annual event. MHS thanks the American Legion Philip Steiger Post 494, Sons of the American Legion and Towpath Volunteer Fife and Drum Corp for their time and talents. The Legion explained the symbol of each of the flag folds. A retirement of American Flags ceremony was performed and the Legion assisted in erecting the 30' x 60' flag in front of the Academy.





## MHS OFFICERS

### President

Sandy Pagano  
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## Facebook isn't new, just in another format June, 1921 from Wayne County Journal

MACEDON — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Clark of Rochester were at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Clark Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Charles Servoss, Mrs. C. H. Parker, Mrs. E. Worden, Mrs. Augusta Adams, Mrs. S. H. Breese, Mrs. J. S. Kennedy, Mrs. Aner Beal and Mrs. Jack Wilcox were guests at the home of Mrs. Anna Parker Peck in East Bloomfield on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. James O'Niele of Victor spent last Thursday in town. — Many ...

Rochester spent Sunday in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Clark and family.

Miss Gail Thistelthwaite has returned from New York Mills where she has been teaching the past year.

Frank Clark of Rochester was a the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Clark on Sunday.

A committee to plan for the Sunday School picnic to be held at Pultneyville

Mrs. Lawrence spent a few days in Rochester last week.

The Taber family reunion was held last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kemp. Among those from this village who attended were Mrs. Fred L. Kemp and son Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Holtz, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Kemp and children.

Among those who have painted their houses this summer are John Oestrike, Charles Diebold, B.L. Beal, John Crowley and John Farrell.

## Do you recognize any names?

...from out of town attended the funeral of Mrs. James O'Keefe which was held last Thursday morning. Edward Day was a guest of Charles Kemp and family on Sunday.

Miss Gussie Brundage was in Rochester a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Russell of Fairport attended the Taber reunion at the home of Charles Kemp on Saturday and were over night and Sunday guests of Martha Holtz and family.

Mrs. Philip Kaiser is again confined to her home by illness

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Snyder and Miss Pasch of

was appointed Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Allison have a new Ford sedan which they and their friends are enjoying.

On July Fourth the reunion of the McLouth and Converse families will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall McLouth in this village.

Miss Emma Phetteplace is home from Brockport for the summer.

The Pollanna Class of the Baptist Sunday-school are spending this week in a cottage at the Pultneyville, chaperoned by Mrs. I.L. Blazey and Mrs. Charles Fuller.

Miss Edna Wilcoxen has finished her school in Mt. Morris and will teach in Fairport the coming year.

Mrs. Harriet Dean and Miss Frances Davis of Rochester were weekend and over Sunday guests of Mrs. O.C. Lapham and Miss Katherine Noxon.

Mrs. John Johnson of Penfield and Mrs. Ida Day of Fulton spend Sunday with their sister Mrs. Alice Kemp.

Miss Dorothy Purdy who has been attending college in Indiana is home for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. VerSluis and son Isaac and daughters Evelyn and Elsie enjoyed a motor trip to Niagara Falls Sunday.

## A heartfelt thank you to our business sponsors:

Alpco Recycling ☐ Baldwin Richardson ☐ Break the Ice Media  
Cornel Cooperative Extension ☐ Lowes ☐ Lyons National Bank  
Reliant Credit Union ☐ Waste Management NY (High Acres)



## BICENTENNIAL FLOAT

**DEBUT!** The Wayne County Bicentennial Float was in its first parade – the Wolcott Memorial Day Parade on May 31, 2021. Many thanks to Rose Town Supervisor, Dick Lasher and Huron Town Supervisor, Phil Eygnor and their volunteers for the colorful and cheery Bicentennial Float that certainly brings a smile to all. Be sure to be on the lookout for the float in upcoming parades, farmers markets, and other events throughout Wayne County from now through 2023.



**COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR - - - COMING SOON!** The Bicentennial Calendar has moved onto the next stage of development – the graphic designer. The two year (2022-2023) Bicentennial Calendar will be off to the printer and available at local farmers markets, historical societies, and other events throughout the county. Heading up the committee to create the calendar is Loreen Jorgenson and Chris Davis. We thank them for the MANY hours they invested in this project.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Gene & Rosa continue to share the good news and exciting projects of the Bicentennial with groups across Wayne County. Currently there are two programs available:

- A historical overview of Wayne County and its unique elements – including architecture, agriculture, industry, and social, political, and religious elements.
- An overview of the numerous projects and events planned for the bicentennial.

If you are interested in having one of these programs for your organization, please contact Gene or Rosa.

## TOWN COMMITTEES FOR THE WAYNE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL:

A special ZOOM meeting for all Wayne County Bicentennial Town Committees will be held via Zoom on Thursday, June 24th at 7 PM. This meeting will offer some additional guidance in respect to some of the upcoming events. If you aren't able to make it. Check out the summary with Linda Braun, Town Historian. The Town Committees are essential for coordinating the many bicentennial activities being planned. Among the important roles of each Town Committee are to:

- help with the distribution of brochures and other materials
  - sell commemorative calendars & other souvenir items
  - coordinate with local festivals/events and assure the bicentennial is included in these annual town events
  - help with the coordination of the torch relay scheduled for August 2023.
- Contact your town committee to see where you can volunteer.

## PLACES TO GET INFORMATION:

[www.waynecounty200.com](http://www.waynecounty200.com)

[www.waynehistorians.org](http://www.waynehistorians.org)

Gene Bavis [genebavis71@gmail.com](mailto:genebavis71@gmail.com) or call 315-573-2768

Rosa Fox [rfox@townofhuron.org](mailto:rfox@townofhuron.org) or call 315-573-4493

*Gene Bavis & Rosa Fox Co-Chairs, Wayne County Bicentennial*

## BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE:

### LEADERSHIP: Co-Chairs:

Gene Bavis, Walworth Town Historian

Rosa Fox, Huron Town Historian

Consultant:

County Historian – Peter Evans

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Peg Churchill, Retired Wayne County IDA Director

Karen Dean, Reliant Community Credit Union

Caryn Devlin Historian, Town of Marion

Phil Eygnor Supervisor, Town of Huron

Bruce Farrington, former Village of Sodus Point Historian

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Assemblyman District 130

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James Schuler, Assistant Director Wayne County Youth

Advocacy Program

Linda Stevenson Wayne County Historical Society

Christine Worth, Director Wayne County Tourism

## SAVE THE DATES in 2023

**April 11** - Dedication Ceremony Lyons, NY (TBA)

**August 14–18** Two hundred mile Torch Relay through each Town in Wayne County. Details will be announced as they are developed

**August 31 – Sept 05** World Fife and Drum Festival

## Our Mission Statement

To promote and encourage historical research and preservation regarding the community of Macedon NY and to disseminate that information.

## Board Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:00pm

April - November at the Historic Macedon Academy  
1185 Macedon Center Rd. (31F)

January - March at the Macedon Town Hall - 32 Main St., Macedon

Community Chat is held directly after the Board Meeting at approx. 6:30pm. Please contact MHS if you'd like to share your Macedon Stories. MHS records these stories.

All are welcomed at MHS meetings. Members are able to vote on procedures and projects. We encourage you to become a member.

## Membership

All Members are encouraged to partake in contributing suggestions, insight, guidance etc. in support of the continued efforts of MHS. We also urge all members to vote on policies and procedures and projects.

Membership dues:

Individuals	\$25
Family	\$30

Dues and donations are used to maintain the buildings. MHS applies for grants for projects, such as painting the buildings, shoring up foundations, ADA Bathrooms, etc.

If you'd like to donate or become a member you can mail a check to:  
Macedon Historical Society  
PO Box 303, Macedon, NY 14502

Or use the donation/membership buttons on our website .  
**macedonhistoricalsociety.org**  
and click the donation button, or

## Message from the MHS President:

There is so much excitement happening in Macedon Center at the Macedon Academy and the Macedon Grange. Volunteers are working hard to prepare our building for a new season of preserving our history and being the stewards for the buildings and digging up the facts. The Academy has a new ADA bathroom to accommodate our visitors. Thank you to the RACF for the grant that made this upgrade possible.

A huge thank you to Al & Jan Plumb, Alpco Recycling, for their loan of 2 air conditioners to make our auditorium comfortable for the new classes that will be held there this summer. Line Dancing with Terri Anderson has been booked every Tuesday night through the summer.

We have a partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension, which we hope to begin in the Fall Farm to School classes in our revamped kitchen to accommodate a more cohesive learning environment. Watch for details on our Facebook page; Macedon NY History.

I'm excited to bring back the academic environment to the Academy. With the help of volunteers and donations from the community, we can maintain this historic building and be a resource for information and education.

We continue to have the series "Community Chat". This past few months we have been enlightened with Dave Taber's history of Macedon, Bruce Chapman's presentation on a Main Street business up through the decades and in June we had the Lawrence/Allen Family share its story of growing up in Macedon and cultivating a vibrant business as their family grew. Next month, "Community Chat" will feature, a person that had a variety store and soda fountain on Main Street and a family that has lived in Macedon for many years.

Our series of "Performance on the Porch" continues with local musician Laurie Leenhouts on June 27th, Mike Kornrich a children's performer & musician, on July 25th sponsored by Lyons National Bank, Heartstrings in September to end the series. It has been well attended and a lot of fun. These performances are free to the public, but of course, donations are welcomed. Rain or shine, if it rains we move to the auditorium.

Stay tuned for October, we will have a Cemetery Hunt with horse drawn wagon ride to the Cemetery where our Town Historian will give a ghoulish history of some of the people that have been laid to rest.

MHS is all volunteers. Donations and membership dues go directly to help keep the lights on.

*Sandy Pagano*

## HOW CAN I HELP, you ask:

Have you ever wondered how you could be involved with saving and preserving the History of your community?

MHS is looking for like-minded community members with a love of history.

Become a member or just volunteer a few hours a week, a month or a year. MHS is in need of scanning the archives, painting, dusting, holding open houses and more. While you are volunteering, you may get lost in the abundance of history your community holds.

**VOLUNTEER    BECOME A MEMBER    MAKE A DONATION**  
macedonhistoricalsociety.org

## COMMEMORATING THE MACEDON VILLAGE

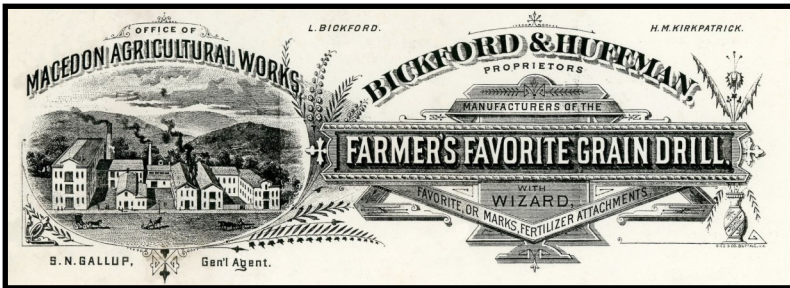
MHS has been working hard to commemorate the Village of Macedon with a display at the Historic Macedon Academy. MHS is collecting stories, photographs and information.

The Village was incorporated in 1856. Its limits were 1 square mile. Prior to the incorporation, there was a lot of movement in the Village. The first business was a carding machine built near the Grist Mill on the current Erie St. in 1815. The proprietors were Enoch Grannett and Daniel Lapham (Wayne County 1889).

Macedon was put on the map when the Bickford Huffman grain drill was invented. They were pioneer builders of fertilizer grain drills, started in 1842. The entire operation covered most of the southside of Main Street. The



office was in the current Gingerbread Shoppe. Some of the original buildings still stand. An original Grain Drill is located at the



WC Museum in Lyons, NY on loan from the John Zimmer Family. MHS has received information about parts of the Grain Drill from all over the world. One person from Australia contacted us, however the shipping would have been unbelievable. They picked the parts up at an auction. This is what MHS does-preserves our heritage.

*Please contribute information regarding the Village of Macedon. Send stories, pictures and information to [macedonacademy@gmail.com](mailto:macedonacademy@gmail.com)*



Sharon Benjamin was the first female Mayor for the Village from 1992—1996. A total of 20 years of service to the Village as she also sat on boards and was a trustee prior to becoming mayor.

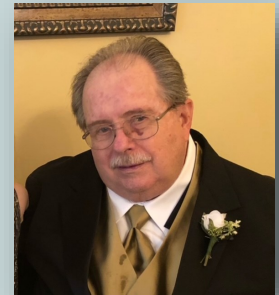


William Murray had the shortest mayoral term. Elected in May 2016 and the Village dissolved in March 2017

Who were the Village of Macedon Mayors and what were their terms in office?



Jim Youngman



Jim Hoteling



Marie Cramer



*Do you recognize these people. Email MHS at [macedonacademy@gmail.com](mailto:macedonacademy@gmail.com) with your guess.*

*First one to email, will receive a one year free membership to the Macedon Historical Society. Sharon, you and Vaughn are not eligible. Thank you for the pics.*

MHS has traced back to Joe Fratangelo, Please share any information you have?

MHS is looking for dates of their terms.

Pictures of past mayors,

Don Kemp

Joe Fratangelo

And before,

Who was the first mayor for the Village of Macedon

## Heritage Builders



Kathy and (Jay) Murphy



Richard & Carol Elaine Deys



Carm & Sandy Pagano



David W. Taber



Dave & Sandy Gardner



Become a heritage builder, by donating \$500 or more. Your company will be placed on our website as a sponsor.

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**William G Pomeroy Foundation:** The Macedon Historical Society would like to share some of the good works that this foundation does. *The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is a driving force in preserving history, not only in New York State, but across the country as well.* Their mission is the following: *The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is committed to supporting the celebration and preservation of community history; and to raising awareness, supporting research and improving the quality of care for patients and their families who are facing a blood cancer diagnosis.* Source: <https://www.wgpfoundation.org/who-we-are/>

Macedon has a very large collection of historic signs. They can be found all around town. Each of the markers tells the story of a piece of Macedon's history. From its founding, through the building of the canal, to the suffragette movement, schools and cemeteries. Linda Braun, our Town Historian helps to maintain the database on the Wayne Historians Organization website. For more information or to search for a marker check out

<https://waynehistorians.org/Places/index.php>.

Linda Braun will be researching a new marker for the enlarged Lock 61 located on Rt. 350, just north of Route 31. It is a double lock and holds a great deal of history. A time when there was so much traffic on the canal that it needed to be enlarged so an east and west lock was built. If anyone has any information on this lock, please contact [historian@macedontown.net](mailto:historian@macedontown.net).



Start planning now for next year's **Historic Marker Day**. Whether you are a member of a civic organization, looking for a school project or just want to give back to your community, all are welcome to participate in *National Historic Marker Day*. During this event, markers can be cleaned or re-painted. Instructions are provided on the Pomeroy website. This year it was on April 30<sup>th</sup>, we'll let people know in advance next year.

### Historic Transportation Canals Marker Grant Program:

<https://www.wgpfoundation.org/history/historic-canal>

*Often considered a precursor to interstate highways, transportation canals helped facilitate the movement of goods and people from east to west. This spurred development of towns and villages along the way, leading to the overall expansion of the nation. The Historic Transportation Canals Marker Grant Program commemorates the history of these important transportation canals in the United States.*

**Legenda and Lore Markers:** <https://www.wgpfoundation.org/history/legends-lore/>

*Does your community have a great piece of folklore that should be shared? Legends & Lore is designed to promote cultural tourism and commemorate legends and folklore as part of our heritage.*

*Generally speaking, folklore is the stories, customs, traditions, and expressive arts and crafts that are passed on from one person to another, often from generation to generation. Folklore is the knowledge that people share as members of a group or community. Our shared identities and sense of belonging are the result of shared traditions, stories, customs, and activities.*

Do you have a place that you would like to be considered for a historic marker? If so, contact our Town Historian at [historian@macedontown.org](mailto:historian@macedontown.org). The Macedon Historical Society enthusiastically supports the creation and maintenance of these historic markers.



## ***HOT Summer Nights... Line Dancing with Terri Anderson***

***Macedon Academy Auditorium (with A/C)  
1185 Macedon Center Rd., (Route 31F) Macedon***

***Tuesday Nights, 6:45 - 9:00pm  
July 6 - August 23 (8 weeks)***

**Note time frames:**

***6:45 - 7:45pm: Beginners to Hi-Beginner-Plus  
8:00 - 9:00pm: Improver to Intermediate***

In each time frame, we will have new lessons, some reteaches or reviews if you have danced before - at that level!! Join us for a FUN night of dancing with a little bit of everything for everybody - new dancers and experienced dancers welcome!! Bring your smiling faces & dancing feet!!



***For Reservations call 585-455-3323  
Drop-in Cost: \$10 per person per night or  
Paid in Advance: \$70 for full 8 week session  
payable to Terri Anderson***



***Please note – you may wear a mask if you are more comfortable, but not necessary.  
Please DO stay home if you are not feeling well.***

***About the instructor ...***

Terri decided she loved line dancing after her very first lesson and has been dancing ever since! She has been instructing at various local venues and Rec Centers (Perinton & Palmyra) for the past 25 years and has been invited to teach at many Line Dance Workshop Events, both regionally (Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse) and also in Canada. It is a great way to get some exercise with upbeat music and fun energy – and no partner is required! Music includes everything from country to contemporary... and more!!

### ***Tracking Down History... surprises and challenges***

September 20, 1923 Wayne County Journal .. story reads:

*Nellie V. Blaker word which saddened many hearts, came this Sunday morning of the passing of Nellie V. Blaker of LaFayette, formerly of Macedon Center.*

*Nellie was born at the farm home in Macedon, August 7, 1863, the eldest daughter of Benjamin C. and Mary Fritts Blaker. In 1888 the family came to Macedon Center which place was their home until the death of their parents. She attended both schools in Walworth and the Macedon Academy and graduated at the latter in 1886.*

MHS does research on families. There are several diaries at the Academy. This news article is particular interesting. For one, I am related to the Fritts family. Not sure if it is this line, but my mother's maiden name was Fritts. Yet looking more closely to this article, Nellie was born in 1863 at the farm home in Macedon. Yet, the next line indicates they came to Macedon Center in 1883. Therefore was their original farm somewhere in the Town of Macedon and then moved to Macedon Center? So the research continues. Join me?

Sandy Pagano, President Macedon Historical Society

The Macedon Historical Society owns 2 buildings of significant history. The Macedon Academy and the Macedon Grange. The survival of these buildings counts on community support financially.

Consider bequeathing to the Macedon Historical Society. Check with your attorney or financial adviser on how to accomplish this wonderful acknowledgement of the importance in maintaining the history of your community

*Every generation leaves behind a legacy. What that legacy will be is determined by the people of that generation. What legacy do you want to leave behind?*

*John Lewis*

There are several ways to donate:

- 1) directly using the donation button on our website: [macedonhistoricalsociety.org](http://macedonhistoricalsociety.org)
- 2) mailing a donation to:  
Macedon Historical Society  
PO Box 303, Macedon, NY 14502

Thank you

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MACEDON CENTER

*Unless stated, events are happening at the Macedon Academy, 1185 Macedon Center Rd. (Route 31F). Limited Parking at the Academy, so please use the Church parking lot, 2 houses west of the Academy.*

**Sunday June 27 - 1:00pm** Performance on the Porch with Laurie Leenhouts, Musician and vocalist singing songs. Open House will follow until 4:00pm

**Tuesday, July 6th**—Line Dancing Classes, taught by Terri Anderson. Check out our Facebook page for registration details, times and cost.

**Tuesday, July 13th - CHANGE in LOCATION not at the Academy.** 1341 State Route 31, Macedon (across from VanBortel Chev). "Community Chat" Series, 6:30pm - featuring Flora Straight and Marv Miner with stories about living and working in Macedon. All are welcome. Refreshments provided. A brief business meeting will commence at 6:00pm.

**Sunday, July 25** at 1:00pm Performance on the Porch Sponsored by Lyons National Bank. Featuring Mike Kornrich. Children's performance for kids and the young at heart. Immediately following is an Open House. Cost is Free. Donations are welcomed.

### **SAVE the DATE:**

**Sunday, October 24th** Cemetery Hunt Sponsored by Reliant Credit Union.

Take a ride on a horse drawn wagon to the Macedon Center Cemetery from the Historic Macedon Academy. Our Town Historian will give you a bit of history of those that are buried. You may even see spirits walking around. Cost is \$10 per person, reservations are required. Further details will be posted on Macedon NY History Facebook page.

All events listed are free to the public, unless noted. A donation is appreciated. MHS is a 501c3 organization, chartered in 1967. For Reservations and information: [macedonacademy@gmail.com](mailto:macedonacademy@gmail.com) or call 585-455-3798 and leave a message.



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