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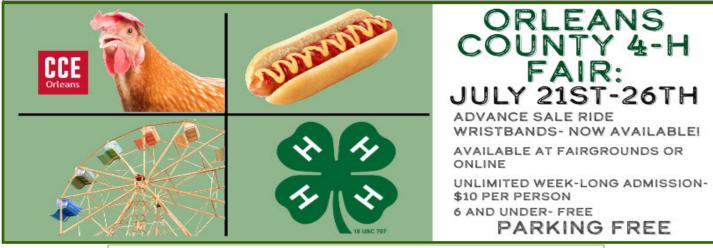
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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF CLARENDON NOTICE OF FILING FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL WITH TOWN CLERK (Pursuant to Section 516 of Real Property Tax Law)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Clarendon, in the County of Orleans, for the year 2025, has been completed by the undersigned Assessor, and a certified copy thereof will be on file in the Office of the Town Clerk at 16385 Church Street, Clarendon, NY 14429 on the 1st day of July 2025, where the same will remain open to public inspection. The final assessment roll may also be viewed at the Assessor's Office or online as of July 1st under the Assessor's Office web page at www.townofclarendonny.gov. Robert A. Criddle, IAO, Assessor



https://orleans.cce.cornell.edu/orleans-county-4-h-fair/fair-admission-and-ride-wristbands

BE ADVISED that the Town Board has adopted a new procedure to speak at a board meeting. Open end has been removed from the agenda. Written request to be on the agenda must be filed with the Town Clerk's Office by noon, the Friday prior to the meeting date. Request forms are available at the Clerk's Office or on the town website at townofclarendonny.gov Clerk or Supervisor Page.





The July (10th) full moon is commonly called the Buck Moon. It's also known as the Thunder Moon, Hay Moon, or Asalha Puja Moon. The name "Buck Moon" comes from the Algonquin tribes, who observed that this is the time of year when male deer, or bucks, are growing their new antlers. The Highway Department will be closed June 30 thru July 4, 2025 Town Hall Offices will be closed July 4, 2025 for Independence Day

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GREETINGS to all you faithful readers of intellectual pearls of wisdom. I have to be careful about ethnic jokes so I use Morons instead. For no one wants to admit he's a moron! There was a moron who got an AM radio. It took him a month to realize he could play it in the afternoon. What do you call twenty morons in a freezer? Frosted flakes. What is it when a moron blows into another moron's ear? Data transfer. And what is the biggest advantage to marrying a moron? You get to park in the handicapped zone. A lady was lost in a bad snowstorm. She remembered what her dad had once told her. "If you ever get stuck in a snowstorm, wait for a snowplow and follow it." Pretty soon a snowplow came by and she started to follow it. She followed it for about forty-five minutes when the driver of the snowplow got out and asked her what she was doing. She explained what her dad had told her. The driver nodded and said, "Well, I'm through with the Wal-Mart lot, now you can follow me over to the K-mart." I heard a man iumped off the Brooklyn Bridge rather than pay his income tax. Boy that must have been a debt-defying leap. A captain in a parachute regiment during a nighttime exercise was seated next to a young officer. He was looking a bit pale so the Captain asked, "Scared Lieutenant?" "No" he replied, "just apprehensive." What's the difference?" "That means I'm scared, but with a university education."

This Month's Riddles:

- 1. What does the "Jaws" candy bar cost?
- 2. What did the tree surgeon say to the diseased tree?
- 3. What does a leg wear to keep warm?
- 4. What happens when a ghost haunts a theater?
- 5. How do you catch a school of fish?

I like to stick to a balanced diet. If I have dessert in one hand. I have dessert in the other hand too. I'm on a new Grapefruit diet that I really believe I can stick with. I just eat everything except Grapefruit. The difference between an aerobics teacher and a dentist is the dentist lets you sit down while he hurts you. I went to a gym. They offered me free membership for life if I posed for a 'Don't let this happen to you' poster. Things you never hear at a trailer park: "Spitting is a nasty habit." "Steak, no thanks, we're vegetarians." "Get those kids out of the back of the truck; it's not safe back there." "Guns in the house; no way." "Duct tape won't fix that." A state trooper pulls over a pick-up on I75 and says to the driver, "Got any I.D.?" and the driver replies, "bout what?" Ronald Reagan said: "A hippie is someone who looks like Tarzan, walks like Jane and smells like *Cheetah.*" They say it's better to be poor and happy than rich and miserable, but how about a compromise; like moderately rich and just moody. "I'm skeptical about hospitals after what happened to my mother in one; Me!" At the peak of the cold and virus season last winter, one doctor was giving a record number of penicillin shots. Tacked to the door of his inner office was this notice, 'To save time, please back into the office.' A small boy debunked the talk about a painless dentist in his neighborhood. "He's not painless at all said the lad. He put his finger in my mouth and I bit it and he yelled just like anybody else." It takes two kinds of people to make the world. Poets to write about the glories of Autumn and the rest of us to rake them. Red Neck Weather Rope: If the rope is wet rain: moving – windy: hot – sunny: cool – cloudy: stiff – cold: white – snowy: gone - take shelter. Wife asked her husband, "At your age, what would you prefer to get, Parkinson's or Alzheimer's?" He answered, "Definitely Parkinson's. Better to spill a little bit of Jack Daniels than to forget where we keep the bottle."

There are times when a woman should trust her husband. A wife comes home late one night and quietly opens the door to their bedroom. From under the blanket she sees four legs instead of two. She gets a baseball bat and starts hitting the blanket as hard as she can, leaving the covered bodies groaning. She goes to the kitchen to have a drink. As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine. "Hi Darling" he says. "Your parents have come to visit so I let them stay in our bedroom. Did you say hello?" Some Truisms: No one will ever win the battle of the sexes. There's too much fraternizing with the enemy. A baby first laughs at the age of four weeks. By that time his eyes focus well enough to see what you look like. Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this. A man who says marriage is a 50-50 proposition doesn't understand 1. women, 2. fractions. The facts, although interesting, are irrelevant. Character is what you are. Reputation is what people think you are. Psychiatrist to Patient: Maybe you don't have a complex. Maybe you are inferior. Greg, don't eat the cookies so fast; they'll keep. I know Mom, but I want to eat as many as I can before I lose my appetite. "I say, your umbrella's seen better days, hasn't it?" "Yes, it's had its ups and downs." As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes full of tears, "You know what? You have been with me all through the bad times. When I got fired you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot you were by my side. When we lost the house you stayed right here. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. You know what Martha?" "What Dear?" she gently asked smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth. "I'm beginning to think you're bad luck." The boss of a small company was complaining during a staff meeting that people didn't respect him enough. Trying to change the attitude in the office, he came in the next day with a sign for his door. It said 'I am the Boss'. One of the employees, apparently not appreciating the change, posted a post-a-note on the sign. It said, 'Your wife wants her sign back'. What time is it when you're on a trampoline? Springtime.

Harold F. Mohn wrote:

He stands by me in trouble and times of great distress He helps me face each problem that causes me duress He strengthens and sustains me in times that I feel fear

- He is my inspiration and fills my heart with cheer He comforts and consoles me in moments of despair
- He makes my life far brighter by helping in it share
- Whenever I may need a friend I know what I will find That God is always standing by to bring me peace of mind.

That's it for this time.

Hope everyone has a great month. Take Care. God Bless,

Geary Moose Shenck, Sr.

CLARENDON TOWN BOARD Meeting Highlights - June, 2025

CLARENDON FIRE COMPANY - Craig Hadden, President

President Hadden reported that the Fire Company is in the first quarter of its year and 30% into its budget; truck payment, insurance, new gear for three members. There are five new members in the Fire Company; three fire fighters (1 interior and 2 exterior) and two EMTs who will test at the end of the year. Calls received include 250 for fire and 120 for EMS. The Fire Company will hold its open house on Sunday June 22, 2025 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

OPEN END

Amanda Anderson, Director of the Holley Free Community Library presented information about the library's summer reading program. It's titled Color Your World! People will be coming in to work with kids and a large-scale art project is planned; to be displayed. New this year is a community scavenger hunt. Placards are placed in the Village and in the north end of Clarendon to be found and documented on a clue sheet. On July 8, 2025, those completing the scavenger hunt will be entered into a raffle; First Prize will be four tickets to Strong Museum of Play; Second Prize will be a gift certificate to Dustin's Pizzeria and Third Prize will be a gift certificate to Red, White & Moo! Amanda left a Reading Program pamphlet and summer scavenger hunt clue sheets at the town hall for residents.

HIGHWAY/ WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Superintendent Tracy Chalker reported 90% of the first roadside mowing complete and will start the second mowing right away. Town properties continue to be mowed. The crew graded Acton Road and helped with mowing and weed whacking at the Hillside Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. Stone was hauled for the Village of Holley through the work share program and we assisted the county in paving South Holley Road in Clarendon and Kenmore Road in Kendall. Munger, Boots and Hulberton Roads have been chip-sealed with assistance from Barre, Albion, Shelby and Murray highway crews. Clarendon then went to Murray and assisted them with chip-sealing. Orleans County highway came through with the boom mower and trimmed back roadsides for us. The brush pile at the garage has been burned and the shop cleaned up. Superintendent reported attending Water Conference for training and Highway School for training. Orleans County was second out of 62 counties in the Road Scholar Award. Routine water samples and monthly maintenance continue. The water department got audited for its lead and copper survey information and passed. The town now only has to do the survey every three years instead of annually. All fire extinguishers in the highway garage have been replaced and the crew worked with the Albion highway on Allen Road for two days milling and is currently paving with them.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Chairman Dave Griggs submitted the following written report: **05-27-2025 (regular meeting) SP 25-02** - The Planning Board held a Preconference for construction of a 40' x 60' pole barn to house a potential business (EGC Granite & Quartz Fabrication shop), Alexa Garcia, 16257 Glidden Rd. tax id# 109.-1-22. This is a 13-acre parcel in the RA district with a small portion designated as federal wetland. The planning board reviewed the pole barn for compliance to the zoning ordinance, it had no impact on the wetland, met all setback requirements and no other issues were noted. Applicant requested waiver of the preconference. A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the pole barn. The planning Board then reviewed the business proposal as presented by the applicant to determine what section of the ordinance was the best fit. Based on the number of employees and the

nature of the business the Board members felt it would fall under Article VII, Section 704, Home Occupation. Issues discussed were noise, traffic, dust, waste removal, parking, outside storage, hours of operation, signs, etc. Based on the site plan review it was the Board's determination that at this time the proposal as presented complied with all of the exceptions granted in Article VII, Section 704, Home Occupation and it would not require issuance of a Special Use permit. A motion was made, seconded and approved to classify this application as a Home Occupation and that no Special Use Permit was required. Chairman Griggs reminded the applicant that if the business model changed that a Special Permit might be needed at a later date. They were also apprised that any future complaints could alter the current status as well. SP 19-11 - Special Permit renewal- Vans 4530 Holley Byron Rd. Inspection done, fee paid, no outstanding complaints. Permit holder was also requesting to modify the existing permit to add additional parking spots. This item was previously tabled pending further detail from the applicant on his parking request. A motion was made, seconded and approved to grant renewal of the Special Use permit and to table any further action regarding additional parking until the permit holder requested a modification to the permit requirements Per Article III, Section 302 H. SP 24-01 - Emily Brookmire 17209 Taylor Rd. tax id# 88.-3-58 pre-conference for Special Use permit greenhouse/nursery operation. This item was tabled and carried as continuing business pending further action by the applicant. A motion was made, seconded and approved to discontinue this as continuing business and address it when and if the applicant is ready to proceed. 06-10-2025 (regular meeting) Meeting cancelled due to insufficient agenda items.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Marc Major thanked Dick Moy for his many years of service to the Town of Clarendon and its residents; 24 years as town supervisor and 6 years as an assessor. Allen Robinson was thanked for remaining on as Deputy Supervisor and Fred Seeman was welcomed to the board. Supervisor reported that with the change in Supervisors, an audit was requested and completed on June 9th and 10th. There are a couple administrative improvements that need to be implemented and will be mentioned under New Business with a different payroll company. Auditors were very impressed with our record keeping and all documentation requested was provided. The Town is now using DiVal Safety for the service and maintenance of fire extinguishers in all town buildings. On June 5th, they toured all facilities, did safety inspections and made recommendations. On June 13th they replaced all extinguishers with new and installed new signage. They will provide the town with annual testing, inspections and reporting to ensure we stay in compliance. Through our shared services program, Matt Campbell offered to repair and install additional lighting in the Town Hall. New EXIT signs and emergency lighting was installed in all town facilities. Supervisor Major reported that on June 17th, he met with a Risk Control Specialist from the Insurance Underwriters who did a brief interview with Highway Superintendent Chalker and Town Clerk Colby to review procedures. All town facilities were toured to ensure we stay in compliance with our insurance company in order to maintain proper coverage. A final report from the Underwriters will be sent to the town within three weeks. Supervisor sent letter of support for a Legislative Bill to remove EMS and Ambulance expenses from the town tax cap formula; this bill has passed.



from The Humble Bard

Eric Weatherbee is the author of 10 novels and over 200 short stories and poems. He and his wife, Betty, publish the Humble Bard Magazine and Prairie Winds Magazine. The Weatherbees live and farm in the Town of Clarendon, Orleans County, New York with their children Megan and Travis, and their 'extended family'!

> Welcome Humble Bard to the Clarendon Gazette

APOLLO'S RUN

by Eríc Weatherbee

Our day begins long before first light, the moon and stars like emeralds in the sky. But as the hours progress I must confess, I keep an ever-watchful eye.

As the moon and stars begin to fade, beyond the Heaven's cosmic veil, I cast my eyes toward the eastern skies, and watch for Him, to begin his fiery trail.

I watch hypnotized as He begins to rise, and illuminates the silent land. And I feel privileged to be a witness within this cosmic theatre, as the curtain rises, upon this Heavenly scene so grand!

The ancients called Him the "God of Light," and worshipped this celestial body known as the sun, but this amazing journey across the sky, I prefer to call . . . <u>Apollo's Run</u>!

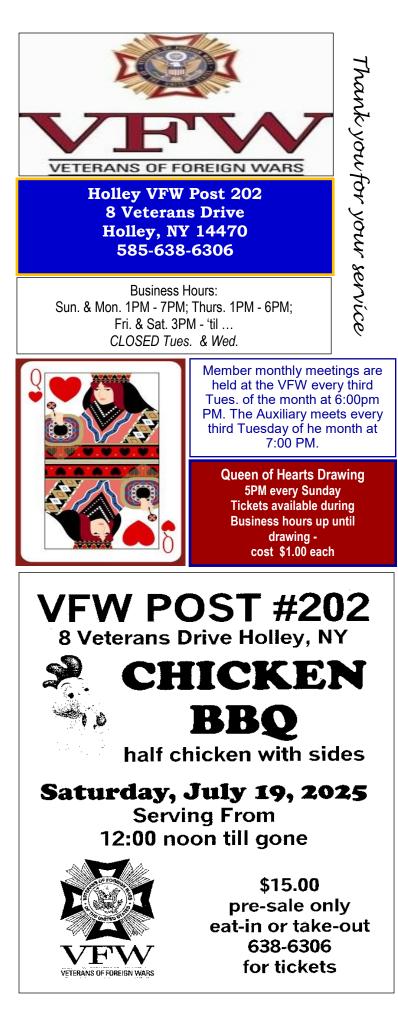
My mind's eye envisions Him as a warrior, fiercely strong and bold, and across the sky six-winged stallions fly, pulling his chariot of radiant gold!

And time-to-time I stop to rest, in the fields in which I toil, and I shield my eyes from the brilliant skies, and I feel His warmth emanating from the soil.

As the day wears on he blazes a fiery trail across the sky, relentlessly towards the west, and as He pilots His chariot just above the Earth's horizon, He displays His majestic best.

And as twilight follows in His wake, I know this day is done, the evening stars appear as glowing embers, mere remnants of . . . <u>Apollo's Run</u>.







Community Free Library 86 Public Square Holley, New York 14470 Tel: (585) 638-6987; Fax: (585) 638-7436 Amanda Anderson, Director Viktoria Emery, Head Clerk Melanie Norman, Children's Librarian

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

07/02/25 10:30am - Storytime: Fourth of July 07/08/25 1:00pm - Snow cone party to kick off 'Color Our World' summer reading! 07/09/25 10:30am - Storytime: Sharks 07/10/25 10:30am - It Begins In Brockport - STEM for kids and teens 07/15/25 1:00pm - Cupcake Decorating 07/16/25 10:30am - Storytime: Vacation 07/17/25 1:00pm – Wildlife Rockstars 07/22/25 1:00pm -- Paint Your Face 07/23/25 10:30am - Storytime: 07/24/25 1:00pm – Dance Program 07/30/25 10:30am - Storytime: Swimming **YOUNG ADULTS:** 07/07/25 10:30am -- D&D Club: Session 4 for teens and tweens. Bring a character or use one of our pre-generated characters. 07/14/25 6:30pm -- YA Readers: Discussing Chain-Gang Allstars by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah and picking up Once & Future by A. R. Capetta **ADULTS:** 07/07/25 6:30pm -- Adult Readers: Discussing Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger and picking up the Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams 07/16/25 6:30pm - Workshop Wednesday: candle making

07/30/25 10:30am – Fiber and Friends: a handcraft circle, bring your own project or stick around for a demonstration! **FAMILY:**

07/07/25 8:00pm – Scavenger Hunt Cut off! Come get your form at the library and hand it in by July 7th for a chance to win tickets to the Strong Museum at our summer reading Kick-off event!

Please note: We are closed on July 4th, Happy Independence day!

NOTE: We will be closed on Saturdays, beginning June 28^{th} thru the end of August. We will resume Saturday hours (10am-2pm) on September 6^{th} .

LIBRARY HOURS:

Mondays & Wednesdays 10 AM- 8PM Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 10 AM-5 PM

Copies of the Scavenger Hunt form and Summer Reading Program Pamphlet are available at the Town Clerk's Office.





Marvin Braman came to Clarendon in 1881 from Onieda, NY. He was a veteran of the civil war. He enlisted at age 19 on August 18, 1862, at Vernon; mustered in as private, Battery H, 3rd NY Light Artillery

September 4, 1862, to serve three years; appointed corporal, November 25, 1864; mustered out with battery, June 24, 1865, at Richmond, Va.

Battery H, was organized in May, 1861, and transferred in September to Cos. B and I. It was replaced by a new Battery H, Feb. 22, 1862, which was equipped as a light battery at New Berne and served in North Carolina during that year, sharing in the Goldsboro and Blount's creek expeditions and fighting at Swift creek, Tarboro and Dismal swamp. In Oct., 1863, it was ordered to Fortress Monroe; moved to Newport News in December; to Portsmouth, Va., in April, 1864; was assigned to the artillery brigade, 18th corps, in June, and to the 24th

corps in December. It was active at Fort Harrison and in the final assault on Petersburg April 2, 1865, and was mustered out at Richmond, Va., June 24, 1865.

When he first arrived in Clarendon he ran a blacksmith shop. He then purchased the Clarendon Hotel from Simeon Glidden. He married Flora Elizabeth Lewis and had children which were raised in Clarendon. Marvin died at age 68 in Clarendon and was buried in Hillside Cemetery.



Murray Tractor Pull Jul 19, 2025 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM 3243 Groth Rd, Holley, NY

Experience the thrill of tractor and truck pulling at its best at the Murray Tractor Pull - a high-energy event the whole family will enjoy! Watch powerful tractors and trucks battle it out in an exciting display of strength, speed, and skill. Feel the roar of the engines and cheer on your favorites as they compete for the top pull. This family-friendly event also features remote-controlled tractor and truck pulling activities just for kids, giving the younger crowd a chance to join in on the fun. Whether you're a long-time fan of motorsports or just looking for a unique way to spend the day, the Murray Tractor Pull promises excitement, entertainment, and memories for all ages. Don't miss out on this adrenaline-pumping community tradition!





Clarendon's Newest Eagle Scout Recognized for Service on June 21, 2025, **Jonathan Nelson** was recognized for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout after completing a meaningful service project for the Clarendon Historical Society. I first met Jonathan and his family in

2022, shortly after they moved to Clarendon. Over the next year. Jonathan diligently worked toward earning scouting's highest rank. When the time came to choose his Eagle project, he approached the Historical Society with a thoughtful proposal aimed at benefiting the community. Jonathan's project was truly a family and community effort. His parents, siblings, grandparents, troop members, and many others generously contributed their time, materials, and ideas to support him. His completed project included planting a pollinator garden, restoring antique farm equipment, and cleaning up the surrounding grounds. During the recognition ceremony, Jonathan's family also dedicated a bench in memory of his grandmother, which now offers a peaceful view of the garden. In honor of his achievement, Jonathan received several letters and commendations from elected officials, educational institutions, the State Police, and the FBI. Visitors are warmly invited to stop by the Clarendon Historical Society to enjoy the garden and take a moment to rest on the bench that now stands as a tribute to both community service Town Historian- Melissa lerlan and family legacy.





We're working on new honey and beeswax products and we're excited for you to try them. We also have some cool garden decor. The fresh produce wagon has arrived! Stop by and check out our fresh picked fruits and veggies.

> 16286 East Lee Road (on the corner of S.Hulberton Road) THE HONEY SHOP sweetcindyshoney.com

AUG 20

AUG 27

ORLEANS

Rain Date

Rain Date



CLARENDON FIRE CO. BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION Recreation Hall (Behind Fire Hall) 16159 East Lee Road, Clarendon, NY

Clarendon Fire Company Benevolent Association GUN RAFFLE September 27, 2025

1:00-4:00pm Donation: \$10 per ticket

- 1. Savage Axis II XP w/3-9x40 .308win
- 2. Savage Axis II XP w/3-9x40 .243win
- 3. \$200 Cash
- 4. Henry H001 Steel .22S, L, LR
- 5. Savage Axis II XP w/3-9x40 .223rem
- 6. \$200 Cash
- 7. Savage Axis II XP w/3-9x40 .270win
- 8. SCCY 9mm Pink
- 9. Traditions Buck Stalker .50cal
- 10. \$200 Cash
- 11. Savage Axis II XP w/3-9x40 .30-06
- 12. Savage Axis II XP w/3-9x40 6.5 Creedmoor

Early Bird Drawing: Thursday, September 11th • 6:00PM on Facebook Live (2) \$100 Cash Prizes

Food and Beverages Provided NO TAKEOUTS MUST HAVE TICKET FOR ENTRANCE

Guns Supplied By: Clarendon Gun Shop • 585-794-0276

Tickets available at Town Clerk's Office

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Tickets Sponsored By: Pit Stop 585-638-5835

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Orleans County Legislature sent notice of Mortgage Tax Distribution for receipts between 10/1/2024 through 3/31/2025; Clarendon received \$\$20,195.89 in revenue. NYS DEC has sent a copy of approved conditional mining permit for Keeler Construction's Chugg Road Pit. Information was received about the recent changes regarding animal shelter regulations in New York State and a listing of hazards submitted to the mitigation plan writers that Justin Niederhofer (County Emergency Management) presented at the 5/27/2025 Association of Municipalities meeting was forwarded to the Town.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Major reported no results from the speed limit reduction request yet, but there have been increased patrols in that area by the State Police and Sheriff's Department. Four requests went out for additional funding for the Water Improvement Benefit Area 14 Project; one decline has been received and we're waiting on the other three. Without additional funding, the per parcel charge was over \$1200 each. **NEW BUSINESS**

The Town Board approve a monthly stipend of \$40.32 paid to Supervisor Major for cell phone use; in lieu of a cell phone on the town's account. The Board adopted a Resolution for the 2025 NYS Retirement Standard Work-day Reporting. Brenda Swanger was appointed to fill the remainder of Fred Seeman's vacant seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals; term to expire 12/31/2027.

A new procedure for residents to speak at the town board meeting was approved; Open End is removed from the agenda and a written request for placement on an agenda must be received by noon on the Friday prior to the meeting date; residents will be limited to three minutes; a request form is available on the town website or at the clerk's office. Supervisor Major feels this procedure will give the board an opportunity to research the topic requested by the resident and be more helpful. MRB was authorized to prepare the grant application for a salt shed at \$5500 and a Resolution of Support & Authorization was adopted.

Supervisor Major reported that during the audit, it was found the town needs to be more accountable for time traveled and mileage. On June 4, 2025 the Supervisor and Bookkeeper met with RPM Payroll company; they use the same payroll program as Paychex and has a better way to track benefit hours used. The last payroll prepared by Paychex cost \$218.50; the payroll that will be prepared by RPM will cost \$153; an annual savings of \$1700. The board authorized termination with Paychex and approved services for payroll with RPM out of Buffalo. Discussion was held regarding Local Law No. 3 of 2008 entitled "Grasses, Annual Plants & Vegetation Removal Local Law of the Town of Clarendon". Pursuant to NYS Property Maintenance Code, the immediate exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 10 inches. The Code Enforcement Officer, on behalf of the town, secures a person to mow lawns that are in violation of the law after proper notification. Cost of that service, if remaining unpaid, is levied onto the town/county tax bill with penalty. Per Section 5(B) of the Local Law, the Town Board is to establish rates to be paid out for said services. Councilman Seeman in the past, did that mowing for the town, but as on the board now, will not be doing it any more. Councilman Seeman reported \$75/hour as the industry standard to knock down grass. The board amended the fee schedule authorizing payment

of \$75.00/hour to cover cost of cutting, trimming or removing such brush, grass or weeds as determined to be in violation of Local law No. 3 of 2008 with a one hour minimum payable for each occasion.



RIDDLE ANSWERS:

- 1. An arm and a leg.
- 2. Your bark is worse than your blight.
- 3. A knee cap.
- 4. The actors get stage fright.
- 5. With a bookworm.

Stay Connected With Your Environment

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Look Out for Giant Hogweed

Giant hogweed plants are beginning to bloom across many parts of the state, making it a prime time to spot this harmful invasive species. Giant hogweed is a large, flowering plant from Eurasia with sap that can cause painful burns and scarring. Adult giant hogweed plants tend to be 7-14 feet tall with an umbrella-shaped cluster of white flowers up to 2.5 feet wide. The stem is green with purple splotches and coarse white hairs, and leaves are large (up to 5 feet across), incised, and deeply lobed. The most common lookalike found in NY is our native cow parsnip, which flowers earlier and does not have the purple splotches on the stem (but can also cause burns). You can find more identification tips, including a table of other lookalikes, on our website. **If you think you have found**

giant hogweed: Do not touch it. From a safe distance, take photos of the plant's stem, leaves, flower, seeds, and the whole plant. Report your sighting to DEC by emailing photos and location information to ghogweed@dec.ny.gov or by calling (845) 256-3111. DEC staff will help you identify whether the plant is giant hogweed and provide you with information about giant hogweed control methods and DEC's control program. If the plant is confirmed to be giant hogweed, DEC will seek permission from the landowner for a field crew to visit and perform giant hogweed control at no cost.

Motorists are Encouraged to Give Turtles 'A Brake'

The months of May and June mark the start of fair weather and with it, the emergence of New York's turtle species! They are migrating to habitat for basking, foraging, and nesting. Female turtles are seeking nesting areas to lay their eggs and may need to risk crossing roads to get to these habitats. Unfortunately, thousands of turtles are killed each year when struck by vehicles in New York State.



Please never remove a turtle from the wild to 'rescue' it or take it to an area with fewer roads. Turtles are familiar with the landscape and may try to return, and risk crossing more roads. Removing even one adult female turtle from the wild can hurt local populations.

Here are some tips to help turtles this nesting season:

If possible, reduce traveling speed and stay vigilant around ponds, wetlands, or other turtle crossing hot spots-where there may be turtle crossing signs. * Stop only if you can safely do so, signal properly when pulling over, and park entirely off the road. Do not pick turtles up by their tails. Most turtles, other than snapping turtles, can be picked up safely by the sides of their shell. Use a secure grip, as turtles may kick at your hands to loosen your hold. Dropping a turtle can damage their shell and developing embryos within females. Move the turtle off the road in the direction it is facing. What if it's a snapping turtle? Snapping turtles have an extremely muscular jaw and long necks that can 'snap' or extend backwards over the shell to inflict a defensive bite. (*Safety note*: snapping turtles can spin quickly and kick vigorously when gripped and lifted use appropriate caution.) Using thick gloves, use both hands to grip it by the rear of the shell near the tail and drag the turtle onto a mat or blanket and then safely across the road. A licensed wildlife rehabilitator may be able to help if an injured turtle is found. Leave turtles in the wild-do not take them home as pets. All amphibians and reptiles native to New York are protected by New York State Environmental Conservation Law.



Adult giant hogweed plants are very tall, have white, umbrellashaped flower clusters, and stems with purple splotches.



On May 29, **Holley High School senior Hunter Jewell-Smith** signed his letter of intent to continue his wrestling career at the collegiate level. He will attend SUNY Brockport where he plans to study Criminal Justice. _Q



CLARENDON CONNECTIONS IN THE MILITARY

U.S. ARMY

Jacob Brooks Son of Bob Freida Mill Road, Clarendon SGT Jacob Brooks Jacob is currently stationed At Fort Richardson in Alaska

U.S. ARMY Katie Cobb

'like a daughter' to Rochele & Dennis Ladd Hall Road, Clarendon Katie is currently stationed In San Antonio, TX

U.S. ARMY

Erik Gallanger Close Friend to Don & Bev Rhoads So. Manning Road, Clarendon *Erik is serving as a medic*

U.S. ARMY

Nicholas Ornt Son of John Ornt Hall Road, Clarendon HHC TF3-66 AR FOB Sharana APO, AE 09311

U.S. ARMY

Joseph Bissanti Roster #125 A Troop, 5th Squadron 15th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Platoon Ft Benning, GA 31905 Son of Joe & Ellen Bissanti 4th Section Road, Clarendon residents

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Pistol Permit Office (County Clerk) 585-589-5334

U.S. ARMY RESERVES

Todd Klatt Powerline Road Clarendon Resident Todd has been deployed.

U.S. NAVY

Douglas Parker IV Grandson of the late Douglas Jr. & Kathleen Parker of North Manning Rd., Clarendon

<u>U.S. NAVY</u> Chris Rhoads

Twin grandson of Bev & Don Rhoads, South Manning Rd., Clarendon. *Chris (and family) is now stationed in Norfolk, VA*

U.S. NAVY

Robert Sitto Torres Son of Will Torres, 4th Section Rd., Clarendon *Robert is a machine mate stationed on USS-Essex (LHd-2) in San Diego, CA*

U.S. NAVY

Antonio W. Torres E3 Seaman IT Son of Will Torres, 4th Section Rd., Clarendon







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