

# The Clarendon Gazette

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**CLARENDON RESIDENTS TAKE NOTICE** that the Clarendon Town Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at the Town Hall located at 16385 Church Street in Clarendon, NY at 6:00 PM. Purpose of said hearing is to review and consider the Preliminary Town Budget for the year 2025. Proposed salaries for elected officials are as follows: Supervisor \$12,610; Councilman \$ 4,080; Town Clerk \$45,740; Highway Superintendent \$65,027. A complete copy of the Preliminary Budget is available at the Town Clerk's Office upon request or on the town website at townofclarendon.org on the Supervisor and/or Town Board page. Anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the proposed budget, will be heard at this time. **ALSO BE ADVISED** that the Clarendon Town Board will hold a special meeting immediately following the 6:00 PM public hearing on Thursday, November 7, 2024 regarding the 2025 Preliminary Town Budget at the Town Hall, 16385 Church Street, Clarendon, NY. Purpose of said meeting is to adopt a final budget for the year 2025.



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## Holley VFW Post 202

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From the VFW

**JOIN US AT  
THE POST  
FOR AN  
OPEN HOUSE  
AND FREE  
HOTS &  
HAMBURGS  
ON VETERANS  
DAY**



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

**ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE**  
Sat., Nov. 2, 2024  
*All you can eat Spaghetti Dinner!*  
Served from 5-8 PM  
\$5 donation  
Beverages provided



**Steak Dinner & Band**  
Sat., Nov. 9, 2024  
Dinner \$18.00; served 5 - 8 pm

Music By: *7th Heaven*  
at 8:30 PM

**\$5.00 Cover Charge Band**  
**only After 8:00 PM**  
No One Under 21 yrs  
after 8:30 PM



Town Hall Offices will be closed on  
Nov. 5 for General Elections  
Nov. 11 for Veterans Day  
Nov. 28-Dec. 1 for Thanksgiving

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## **CLARENDON TOWN BOARD**

### **Meeting Highlights - October, 2024**

Supervisor Moy opened a special meeting at 6:30PM where the board reviewed and adopted a Resolution authorizing re-levied zoning violations, mowing charges and water charges to be added to 2025 property tax bills. The public hearing scheduled for consideration of proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024 to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c with the 2025 budget was opened at 6:45 PM. Supervisor reported that the 2025 budget will not override the tax levy limit and the local law is not needed.

#### **OPEN END**

Lauren Kelly, Director of State Government Affairs for Charter Communications, locally known as Spectrum, asked the board to reconsider approving the proposed franchise agreement; that this agreement is a formality; a renewal to protect both parties. Pursuant to the NYS Public Service Commission, Charter is trying to keep franchise agreements current. The agreement allows the cable company to work within the right of way and upgrade its equipment in the town. Councilman Robinson felt the town needs to discuss how all residents can get service before signing the agreement. Ms. Kelly informed that cable television is available to everyone; it's the internet that is not. She intends to meet with the county soon regarding services; that if the county and/or town can put in funds with Spectrum servicing more residents may be doable. Councilman Robinson reviewed the town survey taken and submitted to the county, indicating the roads and homes that did not have services available. The town will try to get a list of the properties to Ms. Kelly. No action was taken. Ms. Kelly stated she would be back.

#### **CLARENDON FIRE COMPANY**

Fire Chief Bob Freida and Vice-President Craig Hadden gave third quarter report to the town board. From January 1 through October 14, 2024, 311 calls have been answered; 224 of them EMS. The Fire Co. budget year begins April 1<sup>st</sup>; we are through 58% of the year; 63% of the budget. The big bills are paid at the beginning of the year, i.e. insurance, truck maintenance, physicals ... The fire company has replaced an AED, purchased three multi-gas meters and a thermal imaging camera. Twenty-one members completed 2,284 hours of service; 643 hours were training. Two members have been lost to death, Marge Morse and Kerry McCormack; two new members have signed up. The liquor license was in the process of being renewed, but since Kerry's death, the process has to start all over taking his name off the license. The recreation hall split is still an on-going process. The attorney still has not filed a quit-claim deed; things are very slow to get done with him. Clarendon Fire Company has signed into agreement with the Murray Fire Department. Both companies are on full mutual assist; both are dispatched simultaneously for all calls. It is working well and Chief Freida feels it is better serving the community. Craig Hadden is the Vice-President and the current acting President until elections in December. Acknowledgement was given to Marge Morse for her service in the Fire Police and the Town Zoning Board of Appeals and to the community in general through her church. Kerry McCormack was acknowledged for all his work in the Clarendon Fire Company and the daily jobs that now need to be given to another person to do. These people were said to be a big loss to both the fire company and community.

#### **HIGHWAY/WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Superintendent Tracy Chalker confirmed for Supervisor Moy that two rollers are needed for a paving job; the county rents one and they own

one; Clarendon pays a share for the rental. Superintendent Chalker reported that South Holley Road is supposed to be re-opened October 25, 2024 after the culvert/bridge repair. The third roadside mowing is complete, the hills in Hillside Cemetery have been bush-hogged and repair needed from water work has been done to some yards; there are three more to do. The crew placed shoulders on New Guinea Road, Merrill Road and Boots Road with assistance from Towns of Barre and Shelby. Clarendon helped other towns through the work share program; Murray had a water leak, county paving, hauled material for the Village of Holley and took the grader to the Murray parking lot. Intersections have been swept from the chip-seal. Third quarter water reads are completed. Trucks have been inspected and oil changed. Plow frames were put on all trucks and two are completely already set up for snow. Multiple trees have been cleaned up and roadside-killed deer have been picked up. Town properties have been mowed and routine water maintenance continues. The new fuel pumps are installed and in full operation. Superintendent Chalker reviewed town board discussion regarding purchase of the new plow truck and submitted a quote for an insert style salter box that will throw the salt behind the truck instead of under it. Town Board approved the additional \$7000 to purchase the insert style salter, which will last for use in three to four trucks; an approximate of 40-45-year life.

No **Planning Board** Meetings held this past month; no report.

#### **HISTORIAN/HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT**

Historian Melissa Irlan submitted the following written report: The first meeting for United Way's respite program at the museum was last Thursday. It went very well. There were several folks in attendance and they were very comfortable in the space. Nyla Gaylord was able to get a grant to fund this program. We are hoping once the word gets out that more people from the immediate area will attend. The building will be open through the winter so we have taken steps to make sure the pipes are protected from freezing. Our Eagle Scout project is almost done and once the final paperwork gets turned in hopefully, we can have a little celebration at the museum for Johnathan. The scout pack from Brockport was in the cemetery last week to clean headstones. It was very well attended and we even had resident Kevin Rombaut bring down his tractor and help stand up one of the very large headstones that had fallen over. Our Rotary Interact event scheduled for this past Sunday was canceled due to the cold and wind and rain all day. They will do another one in the spring. Bob Barrett has once again made a beautiful sign for the historical society. It is hanging on the new picnic pavilion and looks amazing! We have a speaker tomorrow Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Healing Waters: The Spas of Western NY by Erica Wisniewski. Several years ago, she did one on medicine from the 1800's. Next month we will have Ray Cianfrini from Oakfield speaking about the KKK in Orleans and Genesee County during the late 1800's. Our Christmas parade is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> this year. More details to follow.

#### **SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Supervisor Moy reminded that there is early voting in Albion at the Board of Elections beginning October 26; right up until election day. Amanda Anderson, Director of the Holley Community Free Library fell ill and couldn't attend the meeting. She wanted to remind everyone of the retirement party for Sandy Shaw on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. Also, they will be making cards for Veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

## TID BITS

Reprinted from  
November 2009

Geary (Moose) Shenck

# November



Well here we are again. Hello to all of you followers of intellectual nonsense. You know, sometimes I wish I was a Glow Worm. A Glow Worm is never glum because how can you be grumpy when the sun shines out your bum? *Silence is golden unless you have a little one. In that case it's very suspicious.* Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?" Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader and a great family man." Joe said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives." Al said, "I would like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'" *One day in September the Chief of a Native American Tribe was asked by the tribal elders if the winter was going to be cold or mild. He asked the medicine man, but he too had lost touch with the reading signs from the natural world around them. The chief decided to take a modern approach. He called the National Weather Service. "Yes," he was told, "it's going to be a cold winter." The chief went back to the tribe and told the men to collect plenty of firewood. A month later he called the weather service again for an update. "Are you still forecasting a cold winter?" he asked. "Yes. Very cold" the weather man told him. As a result, the chief went back to the tribe and told his people to collect every bit of wood they could find. A month later the chief checked with the Weather Service again and was told it was going to be one of the coldest winters ever. "How can you be so sure?" the chief asked. The weather man replied, "Because the Native Americans are collecting wood like crazy!"* Some moron stories: 1<sup>st</sup> moron: Christmas is going to be on Friday this year. 2<sup>nd</sup> moron: I hope it's not on the 13<sup>th</sup>. *A moron spies a letter lying on his door mat. It says on the envelope, 'DO NOT BEND'. He spent the next hour trying to figure out how to pick it up. A moron shouts frantically into the*

### This Month's Riddles:

1. What would you say if cannibals surrounded you and tied you to a pole?
2. What travels all around the world yet stays in one corner?
3. Why are the floors of basketball courts wet?
4. Why don't cannibals eat the illiterate?
5. What do you call a hamburger bun in a rockin' chair?

phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart." "Is this her first child?" asks the doctor. "No" he shouts, "this is her husband." *A moron is driving home quite drunk. Suddenly he swerves to avoid a tree, then another, then another. A cop pulls him over so he tells the cop about the trees in the road. The cop says, "That's your air freshener swinging about."* Modern homes have switches that regulate everything but the children. *There's one thing about baldness, it's neat. You can never tell about women and if you can, you shouldn't. All too often a clear conscience is merely the result of a bad memory. When you flee temptation, be sure you don't leave a forwarding address. We have a Fountain of Youth. How about a Fountain of Smart? Don't drink and drive. You might hit a bump and spill something. Five days a week my body is a temple. The other two days, it's an amusement park. You are not drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on. If at first you don't succeed, sky diving is not for you. Ninety-nine percent of all lawyers give the rest a bad name. The latest survey shows that three out of four people make up seventy five percent of the population. We are born naked, wet and hungry. Then things get worse. Ninety-eight percent of adults in this country are decent, hard-working Americans. It's the other lousy two percent who get all the publicity. But then we elect them.*

*Try not to confuse Republicans with democrats. Both of them are already confused enough.* The trouble with having a place for everything is how often it gets filled up with everything else. *Marriage entitles women to the protection of strong men who steady the step ladder for them while they paint the kitchen ceiling.* The principal export of the United States is money. College Years: *The only vacation a boy gets between his mother and his wife.* In the old days, the man who saved money was a miser. Now-a-days he's a wonder! Pedestrian: *A husband who didn't think the family needed two cars.* One day last summer, a long line of people were waiting in front of a ticket office window in the Grand Central Station. A young woman crowded in at the head of the line, which aroused the anger of those who had been waiting patiently for some time. "Mister" she called to the ticket seller. Where can I go for five dollars?" Before he could answer, the whole line of people told her. *A soldier hid inside a cannon to avoid guard duty but he was finally discharged.* The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain. *Never keep up with the neighbors, drag them down to your level. It's cheaper.* As US tourists in Israel, a man and his wife were sitting outside a Bethlehem souvenir shop, waiting for fellow tourists. An Arab salesman approached them carrying belts. After an impassioned sales talk yielded no results, he asked where they were from. "America" the husband replied. Looking at her dark hair and olive skin, the Arab responded. "She's not from the States." "Yes I am" said the wife. He looked at her and asked, "Is he your husband?" "Yes." She replied. Turning to the husband he offered, "I'll give you 100 camels for her." The husband looked stunned and there was a long silence. Finally he replied, "She's not for sale." After the salesman left, the somewhat indignant wife asked her husband what took him so long to answer to which the husband replied, "I was trying to figure out how to get 100 camels back home." Teacher: *Greg, give me a sentence starting with 'I'.* Greg: *I is...* Teacher: *No Greg. You must always say 'I am'.* Greg: *Oh right. I am is the ninth letter of the alphabet.* He who thinks by the inch and talks by the yard deserves to be kicked by the foot. *The man who loses his head is usually the last one to miss it.*

*Grenville Kleiser wrote, and I hope I can follow the advice:*

If I can do some good today, If I can serve along life's way  
If I can something helpful say, Lord, show me how.

If I can right a human wrong, If I can help to make one strong  
If I can cheer with smile or song, Lord, show me how.

If I can aid one in distress, If I can make a burden less  
If I can spread more happiness, Lord, show me how.

*That's it for now and may all of you live as long as you want to and want to as long as you live.*

**Take care and God Bless,  
Geary (Moose) Shenck**

from *The Humble Bard*



VISIONS:

*Confessions of a Ghost Writer*  
Presented by  
*Eric Weatherbee, the Humble Bard*

Sat., November 23, 2024  
6:00 PM—8:00 PM  
At the Hoag Library  
134 South Main St  
Albion, NY 14411

*This is a free-to-the-public program  
Appropriate for all ages.*

Dedicated to all our Veterans  
Past and Present

*I Thank You for Your Kindness*

By Eric Weatherbee Copyright 2024

It was a busy day at the old flour mill and trucks were lined-up as far as you could see. It took the old man perhaps five minutes to align his rig upon the scale, and I waited patiently. The old man climbed down from the cab and shuffled slowly toward the scale house door, and as he entered I smiled and said, "Good morning Sir, have you been here before?"

The old man peered at me through hazy eyes and said "No, I, I don't believe I have, but my memory's not what it used to be so I suppose, we may have crossed paths". I smiled and said, "Well sir, you're all weighed in and good to go, have yourself a real nice day!"  
The old man extended his hand and as we shook, this is what he had to say:

"I thank you for your kindness" the old man said to me. "I'm not often treated with respect and it seems I've lost my dignity. It seems everyone's in a hurry to get somewhere no matter what the cost, goodwill toward your fellow man is a concept that's all but been lost. As the old man spoke I listened closely and realized his words were true, and in response I asked him "Is there anything I can do for you?"

Now, angry voices could be heard beyond those scale house walls and patience was wearing thin. The old man smiled and replied "I just wish I could tell 'em all about what I've done and the places that I've been." Well, unbeknown to that old man, I had switched the outside speakers on and despite the growing mob outside, I encouraged him to carry on.

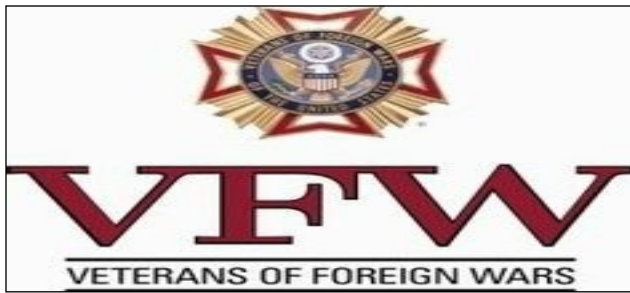
He said "I lost my daddy back in '44 on the beaches of Normandy. My mama raised my brothers and I, not once accepting a single ounce of charity. Well, we all grew into men despite our rocky start, but as fate would have it, I found myself in the jungles of a place called Viet Nam and earned myself two bronze stars and then a purple heart."

As he spoke, the crowd outside grew silent and you could have heard a pin drop upon that gravel road, those angry truckers and myself were reeling from an emotional overload. The old man continued, unaware of the audience that paid him heed and somewhere down deep inside we discovered compassion, that long lost and dormant seed.

The old man said, "Well, I did two tours in that hellish place and swore I'd never return to that ungodly scene, but each night as I close my eyes to sleep, I go back there in my dreams. When I got back home I took a wife and together we put our lives on track. Thirty years later we received that letter ... that informed us that our only son had paid the ultimate price in the deserts of Iraq."

The lump in my throat was big enough to choke a horse and in the old man's presence, I could find no words to say. Then the old man said once again, "I thank you for your kindness and I'll be on my way." He started for the scale house door and then for a moment paused and said, "Fighting and dying for this old land of ours just seems to be a part of my family tree. I have no regrets, but I'll never forget the price I've paid for the privilege of liberty."

With that the old man opened the scale house door and the sight that greeted him stopped him in his tracks. Forty truckers stood there saluting him and he saluted them back. And then in a tired and trembling voice he addressed them in this way:  
"I thank you for your kindness ... and God Bless the U.S.A.!"



**Holley VFW Post 202**  
**8 Veterans Drive**  
**Holley, NY 14470**  
**585-638-6306**

Business Hours:  
 Sun. & Mon. 1PM - 7PM; Thurs. 1PM - 6PM;  
 Fri. & Sat. 3PM - 'til ...  
 CLOSED Tues. & Wed.

*Thank you for your service*



Member monthly meetings are held at the VFW every third Tues. of the month at 6:00pm

**Queen of Hearts Drawing**  
**5PM every Sunday**  
 Tickets available during Business hours up until drawing - cost \$1.00 each

VFW POST 202  
**Money / Rifle Raffle**  
 8 Veterans Drive  
 Holley, NY  
**Sat., November 9, 2024**  
**1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**9 PRIZES**

REFRESHMENTS	1) Winchester .22LR or \$200 2) \$100.00 3) Ruger 7mm-08 or \$350 4) \$100.00 5) Winchester 12 ga. or \$300 6) \$100.00 7) Ruger .308 or \$350 8) \$100.00 9) Ruger 5.56 NATO or \$500	GOOD FOOD
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\$10.00 per ticket  
 Need not be present to win.  
 Each ticket is eligible for all draws  
 Your ticket is your admission.

*Tickets available at Town Clerk's Office or at The VFW during business hours.*

**NOVEMBER 5, 2024**  
**VFW POST 202**  
**Election Day**  
**11 AM - 6 PM**



**Chicken & Biscuit Dinner**

*\$12 Adults*  
*\$5 children 10 yrs & under*

*Eat in or Take Out*  
**638-6306**



**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:**

**Story Hours - 10:30 am**  
 Wed. Nov. 6th -Turkey with Miss Melanie  
 Wed. Nov. 13th -Kindness with Miss Melanie  
 Wed. Nov. 20th -Thankfulness/Gratitude with Miss Melanie  
 Wed. Nov. 27th -Thanksgiving with Miss Viktoria  
**PAJAMA STORY HOUR** in person or on Facebook live  
 Wed. Nov. 27th 6:30pm Goodnight Fall with Miss Melanie  
 Please Sign Up

**YOUNG ADULTS:**

**YA Readers**  
 We are taking a pause on our YA Book Club. If you are interested in joining, please let a clerk know. Thank you.

**ADULTS:**

**Library Board Meeting**  
 Wed. Nov. 6th 5:30pm Board Meeting – Everyone is Welcome  
**Reader's Group**  
 Mon. Nov. 4th 6:30pm Discussing *All that is Mine I Carry with Me* by William Landy and picking up *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell  
**Wacky Wednesday**  
 Wed. Nov. 20th 6:30pm Wacky Wednesday-Paper Lanterns  
 Please Sign Up

**FAMILY:**

**Whole Month**  
**Food for Fines**-Bring in canned food and we will forgive all fines! All canned goods go to our Community Center  
**Basket Raffle**-Tickets are 3 for \$1 or 20 for \$5, we will be drawing Mid-December.  
 Sat. Nov 2nd 10am-12pm-Excel Class put on by NIOGA  
 Wed. Nov 11th 10am-8pm-Christmas Cards for Vets-Come in to sign cards to send to our Vets  
 Thurs. Nov. 14th 4pm-5pm-International Programs-Please Sign Up  
 Fri. Nov. 15th 6:30pm- Photographic Transfer put on by GoArt!- Please Sign Up  
 Sat. Nov. 16th 12pm Movie Day-Everyone is Welcome Please sign up  
 Mon. Nov. 25th-6:30pm-Trivia Night-come test your knowledge about all things Pokemon-Everyone is welcome-Please Sign Up

**LIBRARY HOURS:**

Mondays & Wednesdays 10 AM– 8PM  
 Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 10 AM-5 PM  
 Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM  
 Sundays: CLOSED

**Thurs. Nov 28th-Fri. Nov. 29th-Closed for Thanksgiving**

**Local, *FREE* Medicare Assistance  
Let's talk discounts!**

There are 5 main savings programs for our Medicare-eligible community members:

- ~ Medicaid (multiple ways to qualify - see below)
  - Low Income & Minimal Assets
  - Spend Down
  - Spousal Refusal
  - Pooled Trust
- ~ Medicare Savings Program (pays for Part B - \$174.70 / month)
- ~ Low Income Subsidy (Medication Savings / eliminates drug deductible)
- ~ Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC)
- ~ Hospital Financial Assistance

All of these programs are income-based. If you are within 400% of the Federal Poverty Limit there may be savings available to you! Feel free to call for my complimentary assistance.

You will be contacting a licensed sales agent. Currently, I am able to help you shop / enroll into all 53 Medicare Advantage plans offered in Orleans County. For more information on the plans available you can call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit Medicare.gov.

**WE-IT Agency  
Matthew Weit  
(585) 857-2683**

**PO Box 19, Clarendon, NY 14429  
[WeitInsuranceAgency@GMail.com](mailto:WeitInsuranceAgency@GMail.com)**

**Orleans County Civil Service Exams  
Posted at the Town Clerk's Office**

**SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK**

Exam #89-375010  
Written Exam Date: 01/18/2025  
Last Filing Date: 12/11/2024

**CASEWORKER ASSISTANT**

Exam #89-088010  
Written Exam Date: 01/18/2025  
Last Filing Date: 12/11/2024



**Clarendon is Going Mobile with a new app powered by GOGov!** We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you – Clarendon is stepping into the future of citizen engagement with a brand-new mobile app! The app is a great source of information for news, events, service interruptions, updates, and important links to the website. Important community communications and information can be sent to citizens in more efficient ways. When launched, the app will be available for download in the Apple App and Google Play online stores. If you intend to use this service, you may contact the clerk's office with your phone number. If you have a mobile phone, you'll receive a text to opt in; if you do not have a mobile phone, you will receive a robo-call instead.



**Clarendon Lions Club**  
PO Box 34  
Clarendon, NY 14429  
*Melanie Adams, Secretary*

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!** The Clarendon Lions welcomed Holley High School Principal, Matthew Feldman, as a guest speaker at their October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Principal Feldman discussed school activities and encouraged student community service and activities with the Lions. The Lions' meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> featured a presentation from and plenty of enjoyable interaction with representatives from The NY State

School for the Blind in Batavia. School Superintendent Jackie Simpson described their programs and the student activities and thanked the Clarendon Lions for their contribution to the Library Fund, as well as their many donations to the school over the years. Department Head Chris Wolske shared many examples of their learning materials and yearbooks. Lion Roger Bohn of the Batavia Lions, and Chairman of the Blind Student Activity Fund, said that the local Lions Clubs have donated over \$460K to their fund over the years.

Lion Dave Brundage reported having a wonderful time at the Hamlin Lions' annual Casino Night fundraiser. Lion Mel Adams attended Hamlin's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration last month, as well as the Syracuse Host Lions Club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in Syracuse.

**Holley "Hallow" Fest!!** The Clarendon Lions shared a wonderful day with the Village of Holley at their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Hallow" Fest, where we sold our famous sausages, hot dogs, and burgers. **Children's Halloween Party!!** The Clarendon Lions sponsored their annual Halloween Party for the children in partnership with the Eastern Orleans Community Action Center in Holley. The children enjoyed delicious snacks, painted pumpkins, had their faces painted, and we had a costume contest. Lions Tom and Sue Persia and Mel Adams were there to award the winners and reported that great fun was had by all.



# Albion, Barre, Clarendon, Gaines, Kendall, Murray, Ridgeway, Shelby and Yates Sample Ballot

Official Ballot for General Election  
November 5, 2024  
State of New York, County of Orleans  
Janice Grabowski  
Michael Mele

Albion 1  
Election Day/Early Voting

Remember to vote both sides

**Instructions:**

1. Mark the oval to the left of the name of your choice.
2. To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, mark the oval to the left of "write-in", staying within the box.
3. Any mark or writing outside the spaces provided for voting may void the entire ballot.
4. The number of choices is listed for each contest. Do not mark the ballot for more candidates than allowed.
5. If you make a mistake, or want to change your vote, ask a poll worker for a new ballot.

OFFICES	Electors for President and Vice President (Vote for one)	U.S. Senator (Vote for one)	State Supreme Court Justice 8th Judicial District (Vote for four)				Representative to Congress 28th District (Vote for one)	State Senator 62nd District (Vote for one)	Member of Assembly 19th District (Vote for one)	County Clerk (Vote for one)	District Attorney (Vote for one)	Coroner (Vote for any three)			
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> Democratic Electors For Kamala D. Harris For President Tim Walz For Vice President	<input type="radio"/> Democratic Kirsten E. Gillibrand	<input type="radio"/> Democratic Henry J. Nowak	<input type="radio"/> Democratic Catherine R. Nugent-Parapinto	<input type="radio"/> Democratic Deborah A. Chimes	<input type="radio"/> Democratic Michael J. Norris	<input type="radio"/> Democratic David Wagenhauser								
Republican	<input type="radio"/> Republican Electors For Donald J. Trump For President JD Vance For Vice President	<input type="radio"/> Republican Michael D. Speraicone	<input type="radio"/> Republican Henry J. Nowak	<input type="radio"/> Republican Catherine R. Nugent-Parapinto	<input type="radio"/> Republican Deborah A. Chimes	<input type="radio"/> Republican Michael J. Norris	<input type="radio"/> Republican Claudia Tenney	<input type="radio"/> Republican Robert G. Ort	<input type="radio"/> Republican Stephen M. Hawley	<input type="radio"/> Republican Nadine P. Hanlen	<input type="radio"/> Republican Susan M. Howard	<input type="radio"/> Republican Rocco L. Sideri	<input type="radio"/> Republican Scott M. Schmidt	<input type="radio"/> Republican Julie A. Woodworth	
Conservative	<input type="radio"/> Conservative Electors For Donald J. Trump For President JD Vance For Vice President	<input type="radio"/> Conservative Michael D. Speraicone	<input type="radio"/> Conservative Henry J. Nowak	<input type="radio"/> Conservative Catherine R. Nugent-Parapinto	<input type="radio"/> Conservative Deborah A. Chimes	<input type="radio"/> Conservative Michael J. Norris	<input type="radio"/> Conservative Claudia Tenney	<input type="radio"/> Conservative Robert G. Ort	<input type="radio"/> Conservative Stephen M. Hawley		<input type="radio"/> Conservative Susan M. Howard				
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## TEXT OF PROPOSITION ONE, An Amendment

### To Be on Ballot in the November 5, 2024 General Election

Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly proposing an amendment to Section 11 of Article 1 of the constitution, in relation to equal protection. Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur). That Section 11 of Article 1 of the constitution be amended to read as follows: Section 11. **a.** No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this State or any subdivision thereof. No person shall, because of race, color, **ethnicity, national origin, age, disability**, creed [or], religion, **or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identify, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes and reproductive healthcare and autonomy**, be subjected to any discrimination in [his or her] **their** civil rights by any other person or by any firm, corporation, or institution, or by the state or any agency or subdivision of the state. **Pursuant to law. b. Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption of any law, regulation, program or practice that is designed to prevent or dismantle discrimination on the basis of a characteristic listed in this section nor shall any characteristic listed in this section be interpreted to interfere with, limit or deny the civil rights of any person based upon any other characteristic identified in this section.** Section 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), that the foregoing amendment be submitted to the people for approval at the general election to be held in the year 2024 in accordance with the provisions of the election law. Explanation – Matter in underscored is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

## EARLY VOTING

### EARLY VOTING DATES:

Fri., Nov 1, 2024; 9AM-5PM  
Sat., Nov 2, 2024; 9AM-5PM  
Sun., Nov 3, 2024; 9AM-5PM

@ Orleans County Board of Elections  
14016 State Route 31  
Albion, NY 14411  
Phone: (585) 589-3274

### ATTENTION CLARENDON VOTERS!

Things have been simplified for this election as voting this year will not be designated by districts. Any I-pad poll worker will be able to get you signed in to vote, regardless of what district you live in.

## NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Polls at the Clarendon Town Hall, 16385 Church Street in Clarendon will be open from 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM.



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### CORRESPONDENCE

The Orleans County Board of Elections has sent notice regarding the November 5, 2024 election. Association of Towns offers workers' compensation self-insurance through Comp Alliance; Supervisor will get a quote for coverage. In order to pull out of the Orleans County Self-Insurance, the town needs to submit a letter by July; cost for current insurance is \$27,000/year with no claims. Quote will be for consideration in 2025. The 2025 Annual Meeting & Training School of Association of Towns will be from February 16-19, 2025 in New York City. Monroe Ambulance has sent a letter of sympathy for Kerry McCormack's passing. New York State Agriculture & Markets has reported that the dog control officer inspection was rated satisfactory. The municipal shelter inspection was rated unsatisfactory; repairs are needed at the shelter. The Sheriff and Building & Grounds are developing a plan for repairs. New York State Aid has been received in the amount of \$11,416.00. The NYS Comptroller has sent a report of the town's fiscal stress; based on one to one hundred (closer to 100 is more stress financially), Clarendon is rated at 5.0. Notice of voting in New York State has been received showing registration, early voting and absentee voting deadlines.

### OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor reported another meeting on Thursday regarding the ambulance service; will have a new contract for the November meeting. No action was taken on the proposed local law to override the tax cap. The proposed budget is under the tax cap.

### NEW BUSINESS

The Town Board authorized ARPA funding for a software program that will enhance the town's communication with residents with citizen notifications and alerts. An application will be available to receive texts and/or emails regarding town business, i.e. road closings, emergency notices, upcoming meetings, water notices, etc. ... Information to sign up will be forthcoming. The Tentative Budget for the Year 2025 was approved and a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM. The appointment to fill the five-year term on the Board of Assessment Review was tabled to the November meeting. There are two applicants and board members wanted to further review qualifications.

### ATTENTION

#### Request for Quotation for the Community Free Library:

This RFQ seeks a comprehensive building assessment to qualitatively assess the physical condition of the Community Free Library's property and building complex including but not limited to its structural elements, foundations, walls, roof, floors, plumbing, electrical systems, and ductwork. Go to [holleylibrary.org](http://holleylibrary.org) for more information.

### RIDDLE ANSWERS:

1. My life is at stake
2. A stamp
3. The players dribble a lot
4. Because Readers digest



## United Way Diamond Gala

Celebrating its 60th year with a dazzling event!  
Dinner, drinks, entertainment!

Basket raffle, silent auction, and so much more!

Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 5pm  
Ridgeway Fire Hall

11392 Ridge Road, Medina, NY 14103

\$75 per person

Tickets are available at:

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/i5ozEg?vid=17x2wk>

# Clash of Cultures

## The Rise and Fall of the KKK in Our Area

A free presentation open to the public by

## Raymond Cianfrini

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

at 7 PM

At the Clarendon Historical Society

16426 Fourth Section Rd.

at Church St., Clarendon

For more information call 585-638-6371 x 104







# CHRISTMAS PARADE

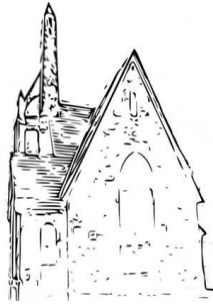
**December 6, 2024  
7:00 PM**

Parade Route:  
Clarendon Fire Hall to Clarendon  
Historical Society

Join us for refreshments and a visit  
from Santa



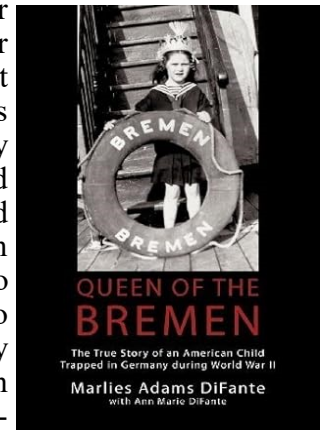
Clarendon Scout Troop 59 is again selling Christmas wreaths supplied by Heberle Farms. \$20 each; round with a red bow and several pine cones decorating them. Orders are due by Nov. 18 and will be picked up by scouts on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Call in your order at 585-281-0263. *Support your Scouts!*



## Hillside Sketches

Instead of my usual Hillside Sketch, I would like to take the time to celebrate the life of a dear friend whom many of you may know of.

Marlies Adams DiFante left this earth after her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. I had the good fortune of meeting her through her son, Clarendon's Judge Tom DiFante. He told me about her book and I read it in one day. I was so blown away reading her life experience of living through and surviving WWII as a child. She and her family had traveled to Germany from the USA to visit her sick grandfather. They were not permitted to leave once the borders were closed. Marlies spoke three times in Clarendon and once at our high school. Each time I heard new information about her experiences. I urge everyone to read her book *Queen of the Bremen* and see what happened through her eyes of the 7 years they spent in Germany. Marlies was very wise for a child of her age and she paid attention to everything and questioned why. Her Oma once told her that on earth there are things that you don't like to do but to do them anyway. She said "do them for a brick" and that way someday you'll build yourself a beautiful home in heaven with all the bricks you earned during your time on earth. She was always thankful for the blessings God gave her and mentioned it in her book frequently. She said her prayers and thanked God for giving her a chance at a decent life. She even prayed for her special cow who for a year was her best and only friend and source of comfort while she endured life living with her aunt who was a Nazi informer. Her beloved Opa once told her how special she was and that he knew Marlies often wondered if God had forgotten her. He told her that God never forgets and that he had done so many kind things for her to enable her to keep living. She made it through the war as did her precious family. He told her that there would always be evil people in the world and that she must forgive them, forget what happened and move on. I have to think that on the day God finally welcomed her into heaven he greeted her with love and kindness and showed her the beautiful house that she had built and that all of her loved ones, including her cow were there to greet her.





**CLARENDON CONNECTIONS IN THE MILITARY**

**U.S. AIRFORCE RESERVES**

**S. Sgt Andrew Rotoli**  
Son of David & Shari Rotoli  
Holley Byron Road, Clarendon

**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**

**Margaret Statt**  
Daughter of George & Laurie Statt  
Trinity Drive, Clarendon  
SPC Statt, Margaret  
I & S Co. HH Bn 25<sup>th</sup> ID  
Camp Liberty, Iraq  
APO AE 09344

**U.S. ARMY RESERVES**

**Todd Klatt**  
Powerline Road  
Clarendon Resident

**U.S. NAVY**

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

**U.S. NAVY**

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


**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




**PISTOL PERMITS Information** 

Sheriff's Department      *This is where you purchase  
585-590-4142                      application packet for \$10.  
M-F 8:00 am to 4:00 pm      Can pay with a debit or credit card.*

Pistol Permit Office      *This is where you turn in  
(County Clerk)                      completed application.  
585-589-5334*

**NYS DEC OFFICERS**  
(covering Orleans County)

Vern Fonda (585) 735-6963  
Nate Godson (585) 441- 4015



**MONTHLY MEETINGS/FUNCTIONS**  
**SCHEDULED AT THE TOWN HALL – 16385 CHURCH ST**

2024- Town Board - 3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesday each month at 7pm at the  
Town Hall, 16385 Church St., Clarendon, NY.

Planning Board                      2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7pm  
Zoning Board of Appeals      1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (as needed) @ 7pm  
Clarendon Historical Society      3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 7pm  
Court District Attorney Night      2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 4:30pm

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The Clarendon Gazette, PO Box 145, Clarendon, NY 14429

**Clarendon Fire Company**  
PO Box 136; Clarendon, NY 14429  
Fire Hall: 638-5118; Rec Hall: 638-6621

# CLARENDON SPORTSMEN & SPORTSWOMEN 2024

**COLE & LAUREN FREDENDALL**



**COLTON FOELLER** *on his 13th birthday*



**DANNY SCROGER**



**MELANIE KLOSSNER**



# CLARENDON SPORTSMEN & SPORTSWOMEN 2024

**LANDON & JUSTIN McCORMACK**



**ERIN NEALE**



**DAN & GARY SCROGER**



**EMMA & NATE BURNE**





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Sat. 10am -12 noon

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Zoning Board - *Fred Seeman, Deputy Chair*

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