

# The Clarendon Gazette

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**LEGAL NOTICE** - Applications for all real property tax exemptions such as STAR, SENIOR CITIZENS, DISABILITY, VETERANS, AGRICULTURAL, CLERGY, and BIE must be filed with the Assessor **on or before March 3, 2025**, or be postmarked no later than March 3, 2025. Address: Assessor's Office, 16385 Church St., P.O. Box 145, Clarendon, NY 14429. Contact the Assessor's Office with questions at (585) 638-6371, Ext. 103

**CLARENDON RESIDENTS TAKE NOTICE** that the Clarendon Town Board will hold its regular monthly meetings for the year 2025 on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 16385 Church Street in Clarendon, NY. Additional meetings and public hearings will be published/posted when set. The official bank for the Town in 2025 is Five Star Bank and legal notices will be published in the Westside/Suburban News.

**TAKE NOTICE** that Melissa Ierlan is the Local Fair Housing Officer for the Clarendon Community. The Town maintains resource materials concerning Fair Housing, including Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988. The Federal Fair Housing Law as well as the Laws of the State of New York, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, financing and brokerage of housing based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin. Persons who feel they have been victims of housing discrimination may receive assistance in filing a complaint with Ms. Ierlan at the Town Hall, 16385 Church Street, PO Box 145, Clarendon, NY 14429; office phone (585) 638-6371 ext 104; cell phone (585) 402-0148. Copies of related materials are available upon request at the Town Hall.

**TAKE NOTICE** that Highway Superintendent Tracy Chalker is accepting applications for the Seasonal Employment of Hillside Cemetery Grounds Worker. This position runs from April 1 through October 31, 2025 at a payrate of \$16.64/hour. Though the position is seasonal, work will be full-time April through October. Duties will include: Mowing, weed-whacking and spraying around headstones; Re-seed grave plots after burial; Keep property free of debris and branches and any additional duties as assigned by the Superintendent. If you have questions, please contact Superintendent Chalker at (585) 734-1302. Application forms are available at the highway garage or at the town clerk's office.

**BE ADVISED** that the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing to consider adoption of proposed amendments to the town zoning ordinance. Said hearing will be held February 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM. Text of proposed amendments can be found on the town website legal notice page or at town clerk's office.



**CLARENDON FIRE COMPANY  
RECREATION HALL (Behind Fire Hall)  
16159 East Lee Road, Clarendon**

## WHO DATS



**STEAK DINNER  
FEB 8, 2025  
5 PM - 8PM  
\$18.00 dinner**

*Band Only \$5  
starts at 8:30 PM*

**Town Hall Offices will be closed on  
February 17, 2025 for Presidents Day**

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# REDNECK CASINO NIGHT

**GET YOUR GAME ON! A FUN-FILLED EVENING OF RAFFLES, GAMES, AND EXCITEMENT!**



**Date and Time**

Join us on February 15th, 2025!  
Doors Open at 5, Bingo starts at 6pm

**Location**

Clarendon Recreation Hall  
16169 E Lee Rd, Holley, NY

**What to Expect**

- 🎰 Live Bingo, Human Slot Machines & More! Win big with our thrilling games and activities!
- 🎁 Over 2 Dozen Raffle Baskets! Don't miss your chance to take home amazing prizes!
- 🎲 50/50 Drawings! Win half the pot – the more you play, the more you win!
- 🎟 Exclusive Door Prize Raffle – Every dinner entry gets a chance to win big!
- 🍹 Cash Bar Available! Sip and socialize while enjoying the games!
- 🍽 Delicious Food by Clarendon Fire Company & Recreational Hall!



**Free Entry OR Garbage Plate Dinner Entry**

Pre-Sale: \$15 / Door: \$20  
Please See a Booster to Purchase!

Dinner Ticket includes free entry to our Exclusive Door Prize Raffle!

Quantity is limited!



LIMITED QUANTITY

GARBAGE PLATE



**Live Music**

FEATURING **PSA**

**Fine Print:**

- 🎰 Games of Chance: Must be 18+ to participate in any gaming activities.
- 🍷 Alcohol: Available to guests 21+ with valid ID. Enjoy responsibly!
- 👶 Children: Please ensure children are supervised at all times during the event.
- 🍷 Adult Behavior: We ask all adults to enjoy the evening responsibly, creating a fun and respectful atmosphere for everyone!

Thank you for helping us make this a safe and enjoyable event for all!



Interested in donating a basket or prize? Reach out today!

Facebook - @HolleyMusicBoosters Email: holleymusicboosters@gmail.com

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Wetlands Day!**

People around the world will be celebrating the value of wetlands on February 2, 2025. This year's theme is "protecting wetlands for our common future." World Wetlands Day is the anniversary of the international treaty to conserve wetlands, the Ramsar Convention, adopted in 1971. Everyone can raise awareness about wetlands by using World Wetlands Day materials, which include a poster, a coloring page, social media content, and slides available through the World Wetlands Day website



Viewing bald eagles as they migrate or congregate in wintering areas has become a popular wildlife-watching activity. Sometimes it's easy to spot a bald eagle. Its striking white head and tail and the sheer size of its wingspan (6 to 7 feet) make it hard to miss. However, it is not until an eagle reaches maturity at about five years that the white plumage develops. Younger (immature) bald eagles are chocolate brown, mottled with white. For this reason, it is important to learn the size, shape and flying posture to correctly identify bald eagles. As an eagle flies toward you, its wings are held straight out, unlike the more common turkey vulture, which soars with its wings in a V-shape. As the eagle passes overhead, you'll notice that the feathers at the tips of its wings are widely separated. Its relatively short tail is usually fanned open. Eagles can also be recognized by their curved bills, clawed feet and large white tails. Two species are commonly mistaken for bald eagles. The Greater Black-backed Gull, often seen in the St. Lawrence River area, has a similar dark body with white head and tail, but is smaller than the bald eagle and its posture in flight is very different from the eagle's upright orientation. To avoid mistaking a turkey vulture for an eagle, which is common during spring and fall, watch for the characteristic V-shape of vultures' wings in flight.



# CAREGIVERS REVITALIZE !!

United Way Sponsored **FREE** Program Offering Caregivers A Break.

Every **THURSDAY** 1-4pm

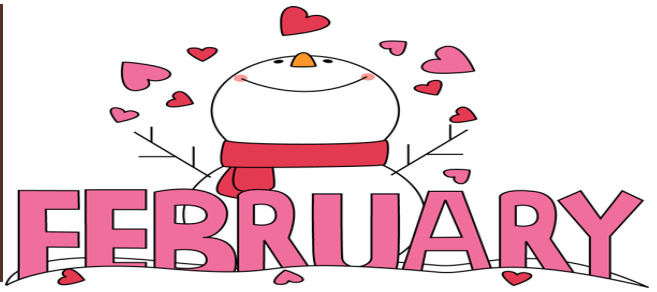
Clarendon Historical Society 16426 Fourth Section Rd. Holley, NY 14470

For Details Call (585) 209-9151

## TID BITS

Reprinted from  
February 2013

Geary (Moose) Shenck



**GREETINGS EVERYONE!** *It sure is cold out as I write this article, so I'll try and use only warm words! Hopefully some of the will cheer you up.* A young married couple who had just settled down in their new home got a pleasant surprise in their mail one morning, a couple of tickets to one of the best shows in town. But, the donor had omitted to send his or her name and for the rest of the day, the couple kept asking, "Wonder who it was?" They enjoyed the show, but when they reached home, they found that all their wedding presents had been taken. There was a note from the burglar saying: 'Now you know!' **Will Rogers said:** *We can't all be heroes, because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.* **Charles Schulz wrote:** *Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use. A young girl grabbed a thermometer from the medicine cabinet and popped it into her mouth. Her mother said, "Honey, that's the dog's thermometer." She spit out the thermometer, "Ewww, that was in Fido's mouth?" Mom hesitated before replying, "Not exactly."* A woman, before she ran off to work, gave her husband detailed instructions on how to cook dinner. Returning home, she found a dry chicken roasting in the oven next to a measuring cup full of water. "What's that doing in there?" she asked, clearly offended. Her husband said, "You told me to put the chicken in the oven with a cup of water." **I belong to a gym now. Well, let me rephrase that. I don't belong there at all, but I go!** Then there was the self-proclaimed invisible man who was a 'no show' at his court hearing. **Did you hear about the world's biggest optimist who fell out a window on the seventy-ninth floor? As he sailed past the twentieth floor, he was overheard saying, "Doing O.K. so far."** I read where love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired. **It's a ten-minute walk from my house to the pub. Oddly, it's a two hour walk from the pub to my house.** The couple at the table next to me thinks some really weird guy is eavesdropping on their conversation, but I don't see him anywhere. **I'm not speaking from experience or anything, but I'm guessing 'by the tow' would have to be the worst possible way to catch a tiger.** Two men sitting side by side in an airplane started to talk. One explained he had never flown before. They left the airport in New York City headed for Los Angeles. They landed in Chicago whereupon a little red truck pulled up and refueled the plane. They again landed to refuel at Denver. The little red truck pulled up to the plane and refueled it. As they were about to land at their destination the veteran flier pointed out to the novice what great time they had made. The novice said, "Yes, we made good time, but that little red truck wasn't doing bad either."

*Thank goodness, I thought it was for us.* The doctor asked me if my cough was better this morning. I said it should be. I've been practicing all night. **Man to a farmer:** *Is that scarecrow of yours any good?* **Farmer:** *Good, I'll say so. The crows are so scared they're bringing back the seeds they took last week.* You can tell when you are on the right road – it's uphill. **Psychiatry is the art of teaching people how to stand on their own feet while reclining on couches.** It is harder to be a good winner than a good loser. One has less practice. Alimony is a system by which when two people make a mistake and one of them continues to pay for it. **The easiest way to get your wife's attention is by looking comfortable.** The stage who said 'go west' never had to figure out how to do it on a cloverleaf intersection. **The really happy man is the one who can enjoy the scenery when he has to take a detour.** Will Carton to Louis Pasteur (about 1875): *O Good Monsieur Pasteur! Your humanized art has thrilled every brain and has touched every heart! Man's friendliest beast – by disease tortured sore, henceforth is a poisonous reptile no more; Now please find a cure to our maladies when - this poor world is bitten by mad-minded men!* **Best friends graduated from medical school at the same time and decided that in spite of two different specialties, they would open a practice together to share office space and personnel. Dr. Smith was the psychiatrist and Dr. Jones was the proctologist; they put up a sign reading: Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones: Hysterias and Posteriors. The town council was livid and insisted they change it. The docs changed it to read: Schizoids and Hemorrhoids. This was also not acceptable so they again changed the sign to read Catatonics and High Colonic – no go. Next they tried Manic Depressives and Anal Retentives – thumbs down again. Then came Minds and Behinds - still no good. Another attempt resulted in Lost Souls and Butt Holes – unacceptable again! So they tried Nuts and Butts – no way. Freaks and Cheeks – still no good. Loons and Moons – forget it. Almost at their wit's end, the docs finally came up with: Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones – Specializing in Odds and Ends. Everybody loved it.** You know, if you cross a centipede with a turkey you would get drumsticks for everybody.

### This Month's Riddles:

1. What kind of tax does a hitchhiker pay?
2. What position does a monster play on a soccer team?
3. Where do you learn to belly dance?
4. What do you get when you cross a turtle with a porcupine?
5. What's another name for a cat's house?

*America is the only country where you can go on the air and kid the politicians and where the politicians go on the air and kid the people.* Ian easterner went to Texas and opened a law office. He was asked to speak at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. He accepted, but did very poorly, what with being so new and feeling strange. After he got through, he sat down at the back of the room. Looking around he noticed two fellows dressed like cowboys and with a gun in each hand, coming in his direction. He looked around for some place to hide, but one of the men said, "Don't worry son, we ain't goin' to hurt you. We're looking for the program chairman." **Sister:** *I made the chicken soup.* **Brother:**

### By Beatrice Morris

There is a reason in this life  
For every little sigh  
And there is solace to be had  
For ever tear we cry.  
We may not understand it  
When the shadows touch our feet  
And in the cup of bitterness  
We may not taste the sweet.  
But everything that's in its place  
Is by the Will of God  
However gay or tragic  
Or mysterious or odd.  
And somewhere there is comfort  
And a compensation too  
For every hurt we suffer  
And the good we try to do.  
If only we will honor God  
And give the best we can  
To persevere in our pursuit  
And serve our fellowman.

That's all for now. Take care and God Bless.  
Geary 'Moose' Shenck

# CLARENDON TOWN BOARD

## Meeting Highlights - January, 2025

### OPEN END

Representatives of Mercy Ambulance were in attendance at the board meeting; Sandra Dysard, Operations Manager, Adam Wengrzycki, one of the Crew Chiefs in Orleans County and David Burch, Field Chief. It was reported that Mercy is doing well. They have met with Rick and Fran of the East Battalion on Tuesday. They are happy with the services and are ironing some things out. There is an Ambulance stationed in Albion and Fancher/Hulberton/Murray sites. There is also one in Hamlin. Supervisor Moy gave the option to use the Clarendon Fire Hall for housing an ambulance instead of Fancher; it has a kitchen and showers at the facility. Mercy crew chief Wengrzycki stated that Chief Freida in Clarendon has been very generous in his helping out; it is very appreciated. It was stated that Fancher has accommodated Mercy the best they can and it is appreciated. It was reviewed that in Fancher the site use is on a month-to-month basis. With a three-year contract for coverage, intention is for site access for duration but Fancher gave Mercy the flexibility of moving if it didn't work out there from a coverage standpoint. Genesee County is closest when an additional ambulance is needed (out of Batavia). It was clarified that most EMS calls are east of NYS Route 237. Mercy will meet with Emergency management next month to review volume and data from the first month of contract operation. Operations as a whole will be reviewed and the Clarendon site option needs to be discussed with the Director and Emergency Management. Councilman Robinson feels Clarendon is fortunate to work with Mercy; that the board tries for the best service and contract for the community. Mercy was invited to ask for anything that the town can help them with.

Amanda Anderson, Director of the Community Free Library in Holley addressed the board concerning implementation of new programs at the library. There is family game night the first Friday of each month that has been well received; a possible second night is being considered due to public request. Clubs include Journaling, Lego Crew and D&D for tweens. Help is being offered with 3D printing in making maps and miniatures used. Ms. Anderson stated they're working on expanding services without expanding the budget. The library will be conducting a Community Survey in February to gather interest, ideas and feedback for library operations. The survey will be available on the library Facebook page, website and in paper at the library. Please participate.

### HIGHWAY/WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Superintendent Chalker reported that the crew has been very busy with snow; they've had 51 plow runs since December 15<sup>th</sup> mostly due to snow and wind creating drifting. This hasn't been good on the salt budget so far. Truck maintenance and repair is being done. We've installed the two new winter cutting edges on the 402 and 403; also have done cylinder repair on the 403. The 405 has been having mechanical and electrical issues, currently in the Beam Mack for DEF issue and turbo actuator switch. There has been one burial at Hillside Cemetery and we've cleaned up multiple deer from the roadsides. The new roller has been picked up from George & Swede. Superintendent Chalker was able to place a CHIPS claim for County Line Road. Four hundred ton of salt has been mixed with Millennium Roads and multiple trees have been cleaned up and/or cleared from highways and roads. Christmas decorations have been taken down and put away. The crew is working on road signs and new tires have been put on the equipment trailer. Final 4<sup>th</sup> quarter water reads have been completed and garbage has been cleaned up along the roads. Five bags were dumped in a ditch on Hindsburg Road & miscellaneous

garbage was collected in other common 'drop areas'. A water leak was found and fixed in Water District No. 10 and a leak was found in a service line on South Holley Road that will get repaired as soon as the weather gives the crew a break. Routine maintenance of water is continuing with sample testing and hydrant flushing. Superintendent Chalker informed he is serving a two-year term as President of the Orleans County Highway Superintendents Association.

### PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Chairman Dave Griggs reviewed that he has submitted language for a possible zoning amendment to include Farm Markets and reinstate Seasonal Dwellings. A written report was submitted; as follows: 12-24-2024 (regular meeting) Meeting canceled due to insufficient agenda items. 01-14-2025 (regular meeting) The Planning Board reviewed a draft of a new proposal for a Zoning regulation pertaining to Farm Markets. A motion was made, seconded and approved to submit this ordinance to the Town Board for their review and approval. The Planning Board reviewed language from a previously adopted zoning regulation pertaining to Seasonal Dwelling Permits. This item was removed and is currently under consideration for re-adoption. A motion was made, seconded and approved to re-submit this ordinance to the Town Board for their review and approval.

### HISTORIAN/HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Supervisor Moy read aloud the following written report submitted by Historian Melissa Ierlan: Fred Miller a former Clarendon resident sent some items to the historian for the museum. He graduated in 1954 from Holley and over the last 20 years has been very generous with donations to the historian/historical society. He donated the Holley Standard Newspapers on microfilm back in 2008 and has sent items over the years from his home in Oklahoma. The museum has had some work done to enclose the building where the lattice was around the meeting room. The water pipes are all under the building and with the building being used this winter it has been a struggle to keep the pipes from freezing. We are using the building on Thursdays and Fridays currently and so far; it has worked out well. The Elizabeth Dye Curtis Foundation gave us a grant and we had a mini split heat pump installed. The electric bills have been fairly decent so far. I am attending the monthly meetings for the bicentennial and we have started to meet twice monthly to plan the events for the upcoming celebration. I will have some more info after the next meeting. The ox has been painted and I am placing photos on it. If anyone has ideas for pictures to include, please let me know. I have pictures from the centennial, sesquicentennial and bicentennial, old buildings, churches, schools etc. and of course Carl Akeley!

### SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Dick Moy reported that the Town of Clarendon has a balance of \$431,518.60 in its NYCLASS account (water maintenance).

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Orleans County Chamber of Commerce will hold its Legislative Luncheon for 2025 on 1/31/2025 at Bent's Opera House in Medina. NYS comptroller has sent reimbursement due to the town in the amount of \$2.50. Orleans County Treasurer has sent an abstract listing all revenues received from the county in 2024. Monroe County Water Authority has sent notice of rate increases: the meter per day charge is going up from \$13.50 to \$14.03 and the per 1000 gallons usage up from \$2.63 to \$2.96. The NYSDOT has sent revenue for the highway fund in the amount of \$248,245.81. Orleans County has sent \$100 in revenue for 2024 DWI Convictions in the court. Notice has been received from

## From Your Historian

2025 is the bicentennial year for Orleans County, NY. It is also the bicentennial year for the opening of the Erie Canal on October 26, 1825. Orleans County, NY, established April 1825, is 396 square miles, with 24 miles bordering the Lake Ontario shoreline. As we prepare to celebrate this event the chosen mascot for the county is the Ox. I'm sure many are wondering why the ox? As your town historian, I have read most of the historical books published during the late 1800's. Below are a few: Historical Album of Orleans County, NY published 1869; Landmarks of Orleans County, NY published 1894; Pioneer History of Orleans County published 1871.

The pioneers traveled to this county from other states with their yoke of oxen and sleds or wagons. The oxen were used to help clear the heavily timbered land and when some progress was made, horses and lumber wagons substituted. Several years after boats began traveling on the canal the merchants in Albion brought on one-horse wagons. These wagons were manufactured in Connecticut and the people marveled at the luxury and comfort and ease in riding in them.

### **Pioneers of the town of Clarendon-**

David Matson raised the first log-house in 1814. The oxen drew the back-logs into the first shanty. He sold his horses which he brought into the country, and bought oxen, having no use for them in the forest.

Warren Glidden came to Clarendon in 1817 with his brother Thomas from Essex County. They were fourteen days on the road with two ox-teams coming into Holley from Ridge Road. Rueben Bennett came through the woods to Hindsburg Road, with his wife and ox cart.

David Sturges Copeland in his book said: We often complain of the stones and rocks of Clarendon in plowing, but what patience must the pioneers have possessed to move with oxen between the stumps, where horses could not be used.

### **Pioneers of the town of Albion-**

In 1811, Lansing Bailey purchased 260 acres on lot 10, range 2. In February, 1812, Mr. Bailey and his family came to settle on their purchase. They came on a sled drawn by two yoke of oxen.

The first ball in the town of Albion was held at the tavern of Abram Mattison on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1819. The couples came in lumber wagons drawn by oxen.

### **Pioneers of the town of Barre-**

The first settlers in Barre came in the year 1816. They came on foot and selected their locations and then walked to Batavia and obtained their "articles". Once they returned with their families it was with a yoke of oxen and sled, cart or wagon. They carried some furniture and supplies and drove in cows or hogs. Stephen Paine came to Barre from Ontario County and settled on lot 39, range 1. His family came by way of Ridge Road from Rochester with a yoke of oxen and steers. John Buckland a native of Vermont, came to Barre in 1818. He remained on his place until he died in 1848. In their emigration, he and his family came in a canvas covered wagon, drawn by a yoke of oxen. John Grinnell came from Onondaga County and located on lot 59, range 2. He came by way of Ridge Road with a yoke of oxen and a cart.

### **Pioneers of the town of Kendall-**

Mr. Manley arrived in Kendall in 1815. The following fall he returned to Massachusetts and married. In February he set out with three yoke of oxen and a huge covered wagon, for his new home in Kendall.

Nathaniel Brown came to Kendall with three yoke of oxen and wagon. He and his wife raised ten children who all grew to adulthood.

### **Pioneers of the town of Murray-**

Oliver Day, at the age of twenty-one, came from Bennington, Vermont to Murray in 1815. He was in the company of his brother-in-law, Captain Paphrius Beebe and his family. Two yoke of oxen and a wagon which contained all their belongings and one horse accompanied them.

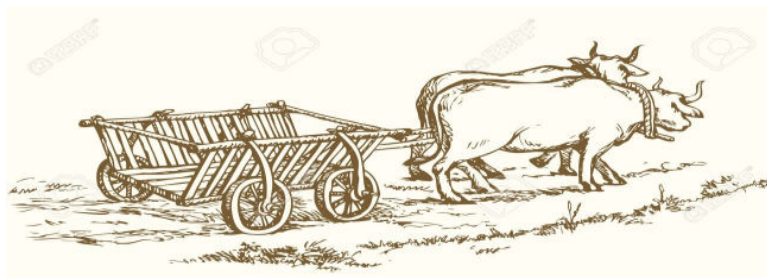
### **Pioneers of the town of Shelby-**

Mr. Amos Gregory arrived here in 1817 from Vermont. He traveled in a sled drawn by two yoke of oxen. Samuel Bostwick and his wife were natives of Vermont and in 1817, started for the Holland Purchase. They came in a wagon drawn by an ox team. Matthew Gregory came from Vermont by a caravan consisting of two, four ox teams attached to heavy sleds. Upon reaching Auburn NY they had to mount their sleds on wheels due to the deep mud they encountered.

### **Pioneers of the town of Yates-**

Clark Harvey, born in Middletown Connecticut in April 1874, came to Yates with his wife and two children, two yoke of oxen and a cart in 1817.

It becomes very clear that these brave pioneers came to Orleans County not knowing what lay ahead but they were determined to carve out a life for themselves in the wilderness and the oxen they brought not only provided transportation but was a very sturdy work animal with which to clear the land of timber and plow their fields. These animals made life here possible and this is the very reason the ox was chosen as the mascot for the bicentennial.





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*

**REBIRTH**  
*by Eric Weatherbee*

I am an old man once again. This part of life I guess, I will never understand.  
As we age should we not hear the music with more clarity? Should not our visions be more grand?  
This secret that I carry with me I have known since I was just a lad,  
I know I can not divulge its content for the world would think me mad.

At first I thought what a gift it was, to possess knowledge of this kind.  
But, now this knowledge possesses my very soul, and weighs so heavily upon my mind.  
I know I can not be the only one to have this knowledge of human fate.  
This knowledge that reigns supreme over all things human with the exceptions of love and hate.

I know there are others out there that possess the same secret that I do.  
But, against the oceans of humanity our numbers are very few.  
You see the secret I possess is one that could move both heaven and earth.  
It's power if known, would unseat the great empires of man. It is the secret of **REBIRTH**.

Every soul upon this earth will renew itself in time.  
This knowledge granted to a chosen few of us comes from a power most Divine.  
Why we few were chosen to possess this knowledge, Myself, I cannot comprehend.  
This Divine seed of knowledge was implanted in our minds,  
And we now know the grave is just a stepping stone to a new beginning, and not the very end!

The date of my birth is recorded as April 19<sup>th</sup>, fifteen hundred and twenty-three.  
But, I can recall events long before the birth of Christ when David slew Goliath and set his people free.  
I do not know when my first birth occurred. Sometime in the millennia of the past.  
But, I feel the ages within my soul. How long must I last?

I have lost track of the countless lives I've lived, as the centuries go rolling by.  
But, the fragments from each life I've led appear before me within my mind's restless eye.  
This secret that I carry with me heavily burdens my very soul.  
But I must never confide in anyone for I cannot fathom what might be the ultimate toll!

This journal I write is my attempt to un-leaven the thoughts within my mind.  
For I know I shall carry this secret knowledge throughout the galaxies of untold time.  
The few times when my mind is idle, I ponder what life might be like upon this earth,  
If I could disclose this true secret of the eternity's, this secret of **REBIRTH**.



**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

**HOLLEY VFW POST 202 & @ 8 VETERANS DRIVE AUXILIARY PRESENT A FIRST ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**



**SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS WITH BREAD AND SALAD**

FEBRUARY 22, 2025  
 SERVING 1 TO 5  
 EAT IN OR TAKE OUT  
 \$12.00 PER PERSON  
 CALL 638-6306

**WATCH FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE VFW**

**MARCH 17th**  
 St. Patrick's Day

**APRIL 5th**  
 Spring Money Raffle

**LIVE LAUGH LOVE**



**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:**

- 02/01/25 12:00pm – Slime Saturday: Make your own slime!
- 02/03/25 10:30am – Sensory Playtime: For young children and their grownups
- 02/05/25 10:30am – Storytime: Groundhog Day!
- 02/10/25 10:30am – Sensory Playtime: For young children and their grownups
- 02/12/25 10:30am – Storytime: Valentine's Day
- 02/19/25 10:30am – Storytime: Smiles and Snowmen
- 02/21/25 4:00pm – Junior Lego League: Free build or attempt to beat a challenge!
- 02/24/25 10:30am – Sensory Playtime: For young children and their grownups
- 02/26/25 10:30am – Storytime: Caring and Kindness

**YOUNG ADULTS:**

- 02/08/25 10:30am -- D&D Club: Session 0 for teens and tweens. Come to set up our own casual campaign
- 02/10/25 6:30pm -- YA Readers: Discussing *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley and picking up *Wilder Girls* by Rory Power

**ADULTS:**

- 02/03/25 6:30pm -- Adult Readers: Discussing *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon and picking up *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick
- 02/05/25 5:30pm -- Library Board meeting: all are welcome
- 02/12/25 6:00pm – D&D Open Tables: explore one-page RPGs or bring some friends and start a game!
- 02/19/25 6:30pm – Workshop Wednesday: Bob Ross Paint-along
- 02/26/25 10:30am – Fiber and Friends: a handcraft circle, bring your own project or work on a needle felted cat toy as taught by Penny Tweedie! Coffee provided

**FAMILY:**

- 02/07/25 4:00pm – Board Games: Cards Against Humanity, Family Edition
- 02/15/25 12:00pm – Movie Day: Howl's Moving Castle
- 02/21/25 10:00am – NiogaMobile: Job seeking, Resumes and More
- 02/22/25 10:30am – Journal Club: Junk, art, bullet, whatever! Enjoy expressing yourself with like-minded people
- 02/24/25 6:30pm – Trivia Night: Studio Ghibli

**LIBRARY HOURS:**

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

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**CLARENDON TOWN BOARD**  
**Meeting Highlights - January, 2025**  
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the Association of Towns of its Annual Meeting and Training School in February; to be held in New York City. The Town has received \$180.60 for its 2024 share of the PILOT payment with Falls Railroad.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Supervisor Moy informed that an email from Craig Lane at the Orleans County DOT has confirmed his receipt of the town's request for speed reduction on Upper Holley, Glidden and Brown Schoolhouse Roads. It will be forwarded to New York State. Our engineering firm went to Rural Development for funding on Water Improvement Benefit Area 14 ; When reviewing the application, RDA didn't remove non chargeable ag parcels in the count for debt service payback; we are now looking for an increase in funding to make the per debt charge affordable.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was held regarding the reinstatement of Seasonal Dwellings in the zoning ordinance and adding Farm Market regulations. Board members in agreement to send these amendments to the County Planning Board for review. Supervisor Moy suggested a fifty cent per thousand gallons increase to water residents to cover the increase from Monroe County Water Authority. He reasoned that the meter charge for 34 days is \$459.00; broken down is 13 cents per gallon. The usage rate increase is 33 cents per thousand gallons meaning the town's increase in cost is 46 cents per thousand. Board members in agreement to raise the per thousand gallons cost to residents by 50 cents; effective with January water usage, first quarter billing. The Town Board accepted the proposed agreement with C.O.P. Security, Inc. for armed guard security at the Clarendon Court at a rate of \$56/hour plus mileage at 50 cents/mile. An employee handbook amendment was approved to add NY labor law 203-e – No Discrimination Based on Employee's Reproductive Health Decisions. The Town Board went into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss procedure of the assessment review board and individual assessments. No action was taken.

The Town Board held a special meeting on January 29th and scheduled a Public Hearing to consider adoption of proposed zoning ordinance amendments: to Reinstate Seasonal Dwelling Permits to ordinance; Add Regulations for Farm Markets; Add a General Statement regarding regulations governing special permit uses; Add definition for Alternative Energy System (Battery Energy Storage System, BESS). Said hearing will be on February 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

**TOWN OF CLARENDON NOTICE BY  
COLLECTOR OF RECEIPT OF ASSESSMENT  
ROLL AND WARRANT**

Property taxes will be received in person at the Clarendon Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Tues., 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM; Fri., 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM; Sat., 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon; located at 16385 Church Street in Clarendon, NY or may be mailed to PO Box 145, Clarendon, NY 14429 through April 30, 2025. Checks should be made payable to: Clarendon Tax Collector. Please note that there is also a drop-box in the building to the west of the office door. On-line payment of taxes is available on the town website at townofclarendon.org, with a 2.65% card fee of the total purchase (minimum of \$3.00). Please bring or send your entire statement when making payment as a portion of your statement will be used as your receipt. Postmark will be accepted.

Fees charged are as follows:  
January 0%; February 1%; March 2%; April 3%.

**CLARENDON SPORTSMAN  
MARK KELSO**



November 30, 2024





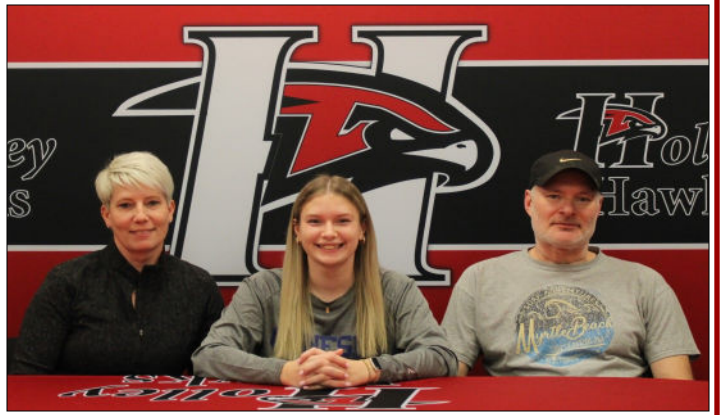
# Holley Central School District

## Holley Pre-K & K Registration on March 12

Holley Central School District's Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-26 school year will be held on Wednesday, March 12, from 1-5 p.m. in the Holley Elementary School Foyer, 3800 North Main Street, Holley, New York 14470. To be eligible to register for Pre-K, children must be 4 years old by Dec. 1, 2025. To be eligible to register for kindergarten, children must be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2025. Pre-K and Kindergarten health physicals are required to be completed by Sept. 1, 2025. If your child currently attends Holley CSD Pre-K, you do not need to register for Kindergarten, your Pre-K child will be automatically enrolled. Please bring the following original documents to register your child: completed registration packet, birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residency. Copies will be made during your visit. You will not be able to register without these documents. To request a registration packet be mailed to you, please scan the QR code or visit the Latest News section at [www.holleycsd.org](http://www.holleycsd.org). If you need assistance completing the registration packet, bring it in on March 12, and assistance will be provided. If you have any questions, please call 585-638-6316 extension 2580. HCSD looks forward to welcoming you!

## Holley's Alexia Renner signs on with GCC soccer

On Jan. 17, Holley High School senior Alexia Renner signed her letter of intent to play collegiate soccer this coming fall. She will attend Genesee Community College, where she has yet to decide on an area of study. Renner, a defender, team captain, and 2024 Genesee Region All Star, has been a part of the Holley soccer program for the last six years. She was notably a member of both the 2023 Section V and Far West Regional championship team, which was the first Holley girls' soccer team to win a regional championship and compete in the NYS Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) state tournament.



**Please Note: Televisions will not be picked up with your regular garbage. They are considered Electronic Waste. They can be dropped off at the Murray Highway Garage 3840 Fancher Rd., Holley, NY 14470 (585) 638-8507 x 102**

Modern Waste Disposal will pick up one large item each week. If you have an item with refrigerant, contact them to let them know and make sure you tell them you are in Orleans County. They have different contracts with different towns/counties.

**Modern Disposal 1-800-330-7107**

The Town of Clarendon does not have a tire pick-up. You can drop off up to five tires annually for free at the Highway Garage at 4424 Hindsburg Road.

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### 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  
*Todd has been deployed.*

### 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 Norfolk, VA*

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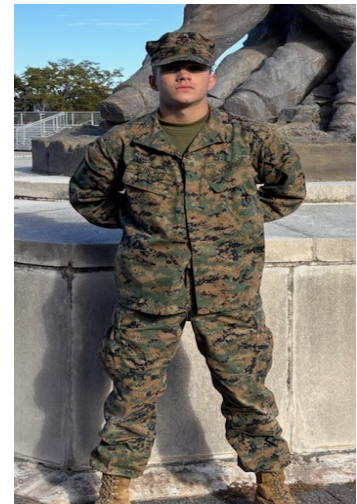
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**E3 Seaman IT**  
Son of Will Torres, 4th Section Rd., Clarendon



Jaxson Schicker, U.S. Marines

### PISTOL PERMITS *Information*



Sheriff's Department  
585-590-4142  
M-F 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

*This is where you purchase  
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Pistol Permit Office  
(County Clerk)  
585-589-5334

*This is where you turn in  
completed application.*

### 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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PO Box 136; Clarendon, NY 14429  
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### NYS DEC OFFICERS (covering Orleans County)

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





## GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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Sat. 10am -12 noon

**No Saturday hours in June, July, August**

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Historian - *Melissa Ierlan*

Cemetery Administrator

Office: 638-6371 ext. 104

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