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HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF THE TOWN OF CLARENCE

Clarence Historical Society Newsletter

Summer 2025

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Board Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month.

Meetings begin at 6:30 pm at the Clarence History Museum.

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Where do we begin...we are continuing to organize our reference materials on the main floor of the museum. The digitization project for the Clarence Press/Bee issues is moving along very nicely and rather quickly! This will provide more research in the museum on past articles.

We would like to thank the young people from the Clarence Youth Bureau for their help in the Museum. The kids have an opportunity to volunteer during open hours and help with projects around the museum. From what we are told, once the open days and hours go out to the kids, they fill up instantly. We would also like to thank the Clarence High School Woods One Class under instructor Brad Wright for assembling the new book cases holding our research on the main floor. We are starting to record our programs and thank instructor Zachary Meal and the students from the High School Media Club for making this happen. Our programs continue to draw more people as we had 90+ that attended the last program on Lincoln's Assassination. We are looking forward to September, October, and November programs and hope you attend!

Summer is here so please be careful and be safe! The Museum will continue to be open the first Saturday of the month from 10-12 and the second and fourth Sundays from 1-3pm. Please stop by and visit us!

Thursday, August 29, 1957

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**Clarence Center
Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. ANNUAL PICNIC**

LABOR DAY — At Fire Co. Grounds

GRAND PARADE AT 1:00 P.M.

AMUSEMENTS OF ALL KINDS
RIDES FOR THE KIDDIES
DELICIOUS CLARENCE CENTER CLAM CHOWDER

CAFFETERIA DINNER
HOT ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES
DANCING FROM 9-12 P.M.

AFTERNOON -- Band Concert by Indian Band -- EVENING

FIREMEN'S PICNIC
AT
WOLCOTTSVILLE, N. Y.
AUG. 8th & 9th

★ FIREWORKS Friday Evening
★ RIDES ★ AMUSEMENTS ★ CHOWDER

BAND CONCERT
FRIDAY EVENING
German American Musicians Association
of Buffalo, Karl Strauss, Director

PARADE - SAT. NITE - 6 P.M.

HAROLD K. FREY
PLUMBING and HEATING
Septic Tanks — Leech Fields — Trenching
Water Softeners — Water Lines
Clarence Center, N. Y. Phone Cl. Ctr. 7445

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
PICNIC
SUN., JULY 19
NOON TO MIDNIGHT
Transit Rd. — Rt. 78 — Swormville
HALF-BROILER
Chicken Dinner
with all the trimmings
Gallons of
CHICKEN — CLAM
CHOWDER

Historian's Corner

By Joe McGreevy

Dear Community Members,

I am thrilled to announce the launch of the **Century Home Plaque Program**, a new initiative that celebrates the rich history and architectural heritage of our community. This program recognizes homes that have stood the test of time, serving as enduring symbols of our shared past and the stories that connect us all.

The program was inspired by a town resident who asked if a Century Home program existed in Clarence. As Town Historian, one of my jobs is to promote and encourage the preservation of historic homes and buildings. I thought this would be a great program to recognize the many historic homes in town.

Clarence is the oldest established town in Erie County (1808) and we should be proud to preserve our homes and heritage. Many residents take pride in their historic homes and this program is designed to acknowledge their efforts.

About the Program

The Century Home Plaque Program honors homes 100 years old or older, giving homeowners a beautifully crafted plaque to proudly display. These plaques not only commemorate the age of the home but also highlight its significance as part of our community's cultural and historical fabric. Another goal of the program is to build an inventory of the historic properties in town and learn about how these homes and buildings contributed to our shared history.

This initiative is designed to:

- Foster pride in our community's heritage.
- Encourage the preservation of historic homes and architecture.
- Promote awareness of the history that surrounds us every day.
- Encourage applying for Historic Landmark status as a historically significant property through the Clarence Preservation Commission.

How to Participate

If your home was built during or before 1925, you may qualify for this program. To apply, simply complete an application form and provide documentation verifying the age of your home. Acceptable documentation includes deed records, historical registries, or other official records. Every year the date will change to include homes built in the next year. For example, if your home was built in 1926 you can apply in 2026, or in 1930 apply in 2030.

Benefits of Participation

As a participant, you will:

- Receive a plaque to display on your property.
- Contribute to preserving our community's unique identity.
- Join a network of homeowners dedicated to preserving and celebrating local history.

Get Involved

Applications for the Century Home Plaque Program are now open! Visit [Clarencehistory.org] to access the application form and learn more about the program. Please be patient as the program gets going. The plaque design will be displayed on my website once a final decision has been made. There may be a cost for the plaque; more details to follow.

If you have questions or need assistance with the application process, please contact [jmcgreevy@clarence.ny.us] or [(716) 759-1118].

Let's come together to honor the legacy of our historic homes and ensure their stories continue to inspire future generations.

Warm Regards,

Joe McGreevy

Clarence Town Historian

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One Town Place

Special Thank You to Clarence High School Woods 1 Class

We would like to say a huge Thank You to Brad Wright and his Woods 1 Class, grades 9-12, for coming into the Museum and building 8 brand new bookcases for us. The kids were very eager to get to work, they waited to have their pizza until after they finished. We can not Thank everyone enough!



Oneta M. Baker Scholarship Winner 2025

We are proud to announce our 2025 Oneta M. Baker Scholarship winner, Miss Emily Wilkinson. Emily has been in the Museum various times helping Town Historian Joe McGreevy logging and preserving old town records. Emily will be attending Niagara University in the fall to study nursing...specifically to become a trauma nurse. Emily looks forward to coming back into the museum and volunteering when her schedule allows. We wish her the best of luck on her next adventure!



Membership Corner

You can renew your membership in person or by mail. Simply download the application from our website and send it in!

We have different tiers to choose from:

Student Under 18—\$5

Individual—\$15

Couples—\$25

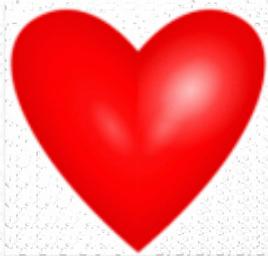
Family—\$30

Business—\$50

Individual Life Member—\$150

Thank you all for joining!

We
our
MEMBERS!



Wordsearch

SUMMER

B I P W T P Y W A T E R M E L O N J D C N D X C
Q Q K I G C S J S Q T O L F L I P F L O P S M D
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amusementpark
sleepingin
watermelon
parawings
waterpark
poolparty
flipflops
sunscreen
barbeque
dirtbike
laughing
vacation
icecream
cookouts
umbrella
picnics
friends
fishing
surfing
hotdogs
sandals
outside
travel
museum
bikes
beach
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Crossword

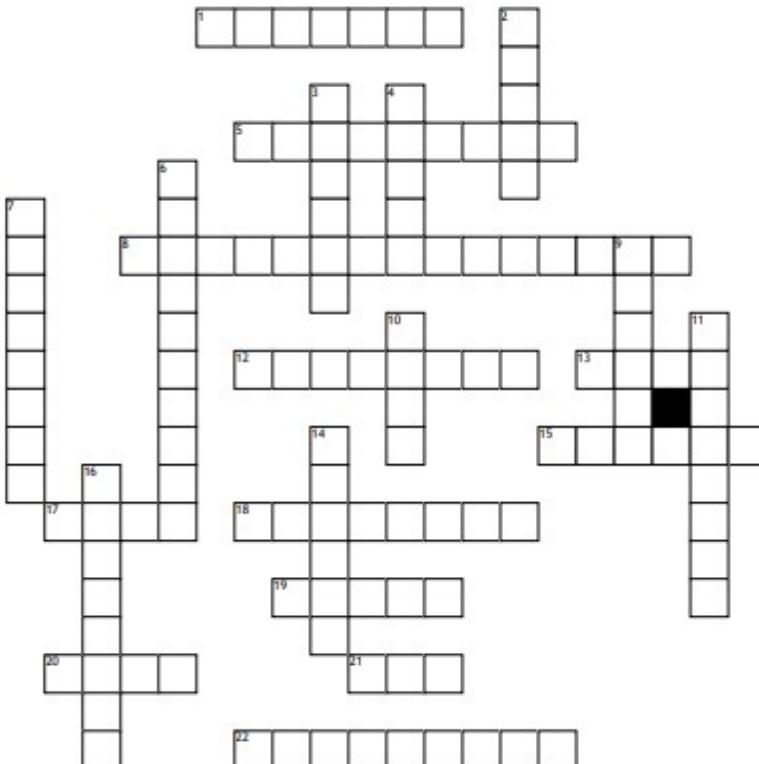
Summer Crossword

Across

1. An outdoor activity that usually involves a tent
5. Common meat product to grill that goes inbetween 2 buns
8. Holiday in July
12. If you dont put on sunscreen you will get.....
13. First month of summer
15. Common meat product to grill that goes inbetween a bun
17. An open body of water you can go swim at
18. We sit around it usually at night and it produces a lot of heat
19. The shore of the sea, or lake, which is washed by the waves
20. A closed body of water you can swim at
21. What is the star at the center of the solar system?
22. To prevent a sunburn you want to put on

Down

2. In the summer you usually can.....in.
3. A yummy sweet treat that you roast over a fire
4. You can.....a sandcastle at the beach



6. What do you make at the beach?
7. To cook outdoors on a grill
9. Month we go back to school
10. Second month of summer
11. A sweet drink that is a mixture of lemon juice, water, and sugar
14. The season you do not go to school
16. If you walk around without shoes on its called



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“To collect, preserve, and share the history and heritage of the Town of Clarence”

The Historical Society of the Town of Clarence Inc is formed for the following purposes:

- To identify, preserve, and display materials of historical significance of Clarence
- To encourage historical research, analysis, and study for the publication of historical papers, articles
- To educate the community through lectures, tours, online resources, school field trips and research opportunities

Our Business Spotlight is for Stem Automotive. Stem is a Business Member of the Society and takes very good care of the Buffalo Truck in the Greatbatch Barn. Stem is located at 10575 Main Street in Clarence, the old Citgo Gas Station and the old Texico Gas Station before that!

Stem offers auto repair and full service gas at the station and they offer small engine repair at customer locations. Small engine includes gas and electric mowers, snowblowers, power washers, and generators. The best way to schedule or ask questions is by calling or texting 716-204-2799 during their business hours. Mon—Fri 7-430pm.

<https://stemauto.com/>

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The Historical Society of the Town of Clarence deeply appreciates the support of the County of Erie, the Town of Clarence, our members and the community as a whole.

