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<u> Dale Welke Retiring - 44 years in Town Government</u>

The year was 1973; the cost of a gallon of gasoline was 40 cents, a new car cost \$1,800, a tape cassette recorder \$29.88 (more about the recorder later), and Dale Welke was elected Town of Pleasant Valley Clerk! Dale has served the Town of Pleasant Valley faithfully and with steadfast accuracy for 44 consecutive years.

Dale became involved in town government like most of us in Pleasant Valley, by persistent friendly encouragement from past Town Chairman Garth P. Ryder. Dale recalls clerking in earlier years with Garth and Supervisors, Richard Peterson, Norman Hanson and Treasurer Marilyn Seguin and how during the winter months the board would meet at Chairman Ryder's house instead of the cold town hall. Dale has seen a lot of changes in his 44 years and he admits the biggest change is the automation of the tax roll. When Dale started the tax roll was done by hand. This meant taking each parcel of property and multiplying its assessed value by the taxable mill rate to determine the total tax due. He knew he was almost finished when he had used up two adding machine tape rolls. This was generally done nights and weekends all while balancing a full time job and family. He values the support of his wife Joan and 3 children Debbie, Dan and Denise. In Dale's last few years as Clerk/Treasurer he admits that the biggest challenge was getting logged into the Wisconsin Department of Administration website (:

Dale was always the consistent steady hand the board relied on whenever there was a question on town rules or regulations. He would always remind us or make a subtle comment if we were off track. This is also where the cassette recorder comes in: all town meetings were recorded for the clerk to prepare the minutes and when the first side of the cassette was full, Dales recorder would CLICK and he would methodically remove and flip the cassette and restart the recorder....I think this was also a subtle reminder to keep the meeting rolling.

As Dale's roles changed throughout the years he was always an excellent resource and teacher. His last few years as Clerk/Treasurer he spent teaching his replacement all the ins and outs of the position. Finally, as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, he has been able to finish up some loose ends and act as an advisor to his replacement and the board.

Dale, we will miss your wise and dependable guidance and wish you all the best. It has been an honor to serve on the town board with Dale and on behalf of the entire Town Board thank you for your 44 years of loyal service to the Town of Pleasant Valley.

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A Message from the Pleasant Valley Firefighters

The Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Fighters would like to thank the residents of Pleasant Valley that generously donated to the Spring Fund Drive. Enough funds were donated to allow the purchase of a rescue system for grain and trench entrapment. The Fire Fighters have held multiple training sessions with the new equipment; thanks to the community support, they are now ready to provide rescue services for entrapment—should the need arise.

Do you work an off-shift or work from home? Our community is in great need of Fire Fighters that are available during the day! Even if you are not available during the day, we are always looking for more volunteers to round out our team. If you are interested in becoming a Fire Fighter, contact Mark Behlke at 715 577-7404 for more information.

Snow Removal, Safety and Town Right-of-Way

'Tis the season of snow removal. WI Stat. 346.94(5) states that no person may place or cause to be placed upon any highway any substance that is or may be injurious to any vehicle. This includes piles of snow. Please do not place any snow from your driveway anywhere within the road right of way. For safety reasons, our plow drivers will issue warnings followed by citations if this is a problem on your property.

Please do not let children build tunnels or play on the snow plow piles left in the town right-of-ways. Our plow crews can be out any time of the day or night clearing roads, widening roadways or cleaning cul-de-sacs. At times, the plow drivers have limited visibility and may not see your children. Children playing in or near the snowbanks can be seriously injured or killed.

For your own safety, please make sure your fire number signs are always visible to the roadway. Emergency personnel rely on these signs to expedite emergency services to you and your property. With heavy snowfall, it is easy for signs to become buried.

Garbage cans continue to be a problem on our road right of ways. If it is your garbage day, make sure your garbage can and recycling bin are located on your property and off of the road right-of-way, which is typically 33 ft. from the center line. Placing your bins across the road from your driveway poses a hazard for traffic and makes the plowing efforts more difficult. Thank you for you cooperation with these matters.

Park Committee Members Needed

Are you interested in volunteering for the Town of Pleasant Valley? The Park Committee is an advisory committee to the Town Board and is in need of two volunteers to fill two vacant 3-year terms beginning in January 2018. The committee meets a few times a year to determine needs associated with the park and to allocate park funds towards approved projects. Please contact Dan Hanson at 715-878-4847 or Jen Meyer at 715-878-4645 for more information or if you would like to join the committee.

2017 Property Tax Collections

Public Tax Collection Dates

Thursday, December 28, 2-7pm Monday, January 29, 2-7pm

Public collections are located at the Town Hall, S10414 Cty HH/I in Cleghorn. Checks, cashier checks and money orders are preferred. Cash is not recommended. Exact amounts only. The first payment is due by January 31st. Checks payable to: **Town of Pleasant Valley** Credit cards are not accepted.

Mail 1st payments to:
Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer
W165 Woodridge Dr
Eau Claire, WI 54701

A receipt will be mailed back to you.

Reminder: 2nd Installments are due July 31st and are sent directly to the Eau Claire County Treasurer. You are not sent a second statement from the County.

Dog Licenses Required Annually

WI Statute 174.05 states the owner of any dog five months of age or older shall annually on or before the first day of January apply for a license from the Town Treasurer.

If you licensed your dog in 2017, in early December you will receive a blue postcard with your dog's information printed on it reminding you to license your dog in 2018. Current rabies information from your vet must be included with your application. If you did not receive a postcard, but own a dog, you can print an application at www.townofpleasantvalley.com under forms and permits or contact the town office at (715)878-4645. Fines and court costs for keeping an unlicensed dog can approach \$275. Make sure your dog is licensed!

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What's Happening In Pleasant Valley This Winter?

13th Annual Pleasant Valley 4-H Cookie Walk and Craft Sale

Cookies by the pound!

Mr. and Mrs. Claus!

Hot lunch!

Local vendors!

Kids' Craft!

Sat. December 2, 2017

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pleasant Valley
Community Center
\$10414 Cty Rd HHI
Facebook:

Pleasant Valley 4-H Cleghorn, Wi

Cleghorn Lions Club Bingo

Cash Prizes!

2 pm on the following Sundays:

January 28 February 25 March 25 April 29

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Community Center
\$10414 Cty Rd HHI

Upcoming Breakfasts

Sarah Nelson Memorial Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 25 8am - 1pm

Cleghorn Lions Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast

Sunday, March 25 7am - noon

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Community Center
\$10414 Cty Rd HHI

Pleasant Valley Firefighters Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31st 10am

Drawing for Kids Bikes! Candy Filled Eggs!

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Mark your calendars:

Harvest Fest is always the first weekend after Labor Day.
2018 dates: September 7th ,8th and 9th

2018 Snowbiz and UCP Starfest Telethon

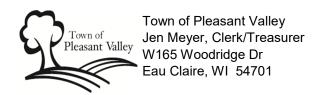
United Cerebral Palsy of West Central Wisconsin has chosen Pleasant Valley as it's new home for Snowbiz and the Starfest Telethon. The Community Center will be used for the live Telethon broadcast on WEAU 13 News featuring Judy Clark, Danielle Wagner and Justus Cleveland. The Park will be the location of Snowbiz with food, drink and free live entertainment featuring Steele River from Minneapolis, Sue Orfield, Klazmazel, Mick and Friend of the Seeger Boys.

Snowbiz will be featuring celebrity Luc Anthony of Greatest Hits 98.1 and Sports Talk 105.1 plus Courtney Evert and Tyler Mickelson from WEAU 13 News.

Come on out and join the fun!
Saturday, January 27th
Telethon is live on WEAU 13 @ noon - 6pm
Snowbiz Tent open from 10am - 10pm

Get your Hottest Ticket In Town to win one of the great raffle prizes at any area Kwik Trip!

More information on UCP of WCW Facebook page and www.ucpwcw.org



Town Officials

Dan Hanson, Chairman (715)878-4847 Dan Green, Supervisor (715)878-4476 Doug Nelson, Supervisor (715)878-4918

Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer (715)878-4645

Town Shop (715)878-9461 Burning Permits (715)834-6868 Burning Regulations: www.townshipfire.org

Town Board Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Town Hall.

2018 Elections

Spring Primary - February 20th
Spring Election-April 3rd
Partisan Primary-August 14th
General Election-November 7

All Elections are held in the Community Center located at: \$10414 Cty Rd HHI in Cleghorn

Hours: 7am - 8pm

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