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Village President Update

There has been a lot of information published about the shared revenue cuts to municipalities from the State of Wisconsin. Cleveland could lose about \$54,000 of the \$262,000 we were scheduled to receive in this calendar year. The trustees and department managers put a lot of time and work into the village budget, we all struggled to get the most out of the tax dollars available to us. Now, to consider additional cuts becomes a very difficult process, keeping in mind the degree of services our residents expect and our fixed operational costs we have no control over. I will continue to follow the Budget Repair Bill, as it goes through the various hearings and committees. I anticipate this to be front page news for several weeks.

I would like to encourage the residents to get involved and attend village meetings, especially the monthly board meetings. When an issue effects your neighborhood, a few people come to let us know their opinions. People maybe attend one or two meetings until their issue is voted on, but they forget that we deal with issues that effect this community every month. I would like to hear how people feel about issues that effect Cleveland as a whole, not just when something may happen in your back yard. It is also good to attend the meetings to get the facts. Please remember that the rumors you hear are not always fact, but comments taken out of context and given a new meaning.

As I look back over the last year since you elected me your village president, it has been a busy and exciting time for me. I have had the opportunity to learn about government and the issues that effect it. I have also enjoyed the various meetings when I get to represent your community. I am very fortunate to have a board of trustees that is dedicated to doing what is best for Cleveland and our residents. And finally, I am very proud of our village employees. They are talented, dedicated, and knowledgeable people, who handle the challenges of this community on a daily basis. Together with the board of trustees and village employees, I look forward to the second year of my term as your village president.

Cindy Huhn

Public Works

The Water Utility office occasionally receives phone calls from customers when there is a dramatic increase in their water/sewer bill from the previous month. This happens

because a water-use fixture in the building is malfunctioning. The most probable failing fixture is a toilet. To check if a toilet is leaking, put some food coloring in the water tank, which has clean water in it. If colored water shows up in the bowl, the toilet is leaking water and

needs to be repaired. A toilet leaking only a pint of water a minute will waste over 5,000 gallons of water per month.

The other water fixture that occasionally fails is the water softener. It can fail during the regeneration cycle and waste a large volume of water. Also, the older models regenerate using a timer. The timer could be set to regenerate for too long or too often. The newer models regenerate when on demand, which is more efficient.

Please make sure your plumbing system is operating properly. It costs the water utility to pump, treat and deliver safe water to your home. Also, it costs the sewer utility to collect, pump, and treat the water that is wasted. So if you experience a big increase in your water/sewer bill, check your plumbing system first.

The village has completed a tree inventory of all the street trees and park trees. BlueStem Forestry Consultants performed the inventory and developed a management plan. An informational meeting with the tree board is planned in the near future to discuss the study with the consultant. The public is welcome to attend. Copies of the study are available for review at the village hall.

A preliminary design report to restore the old dam impoundment has been completed by the consultant firm of Inter-Fluve, Inc. A public informational meeting will be held in the near future to discuss the plan. Copies of the plan are available for review at the village hall. The public is welcome to attend.

New "Street Numbers" Ordinance

The village recently passed an ordinance concerning the requirement to put street numbers on principle buildings. There was a concern that several homes in the village did not have street numbers attached to them. This is a safety concern for emergency response teams who may not find a house in a timely fashion during



emergency situations. Effective January 1, 2002, principle buildings (homes) must have attached numbers not less than 2 1/2" high on a contrasting background that can be easily seen from the street. Please check your home to make sure it is numbered properly. This small effort could prevent a tragedy in the event of an emergency.

Clean Sweep

Manitowoc County is holding its "Clean Sweep" program to properly dispose of unwanted household paints, chemicals and waste oil. Collection will take place on May 17, 2002 from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. in Kiel and May 18, 2002 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Manitowoc. Please call 920-683-4333 for details and information.

Police Department

Part-Time Officer

On December 10, 2001, Officer Michael Grumann joined the police department as a part-time officer. Officer Grumann is a graduate of Lakeshore Technical College and a native of Two Rivers. Officer Grumann had worked for the Department of Natural Resources prior to joining the police department and currently works as a part-time officer for Lakeshore Technical College Campus Police.

Citizen Academy

This Spring the police department will be hosting its first Citizen Academy. This nine week course/training will give you the insight to experience the functions and operations of the police department. Those wishing to participate in the academy will have to commit to the nine weeks. If you are interested or have questions, please call the police department at 693-3442.

Don't Be A Victim...

It's not always easy to spot con artists. They're smart, extremely persuasive and aggressive. They invade your home through the telephone, computer, and mail; advertise in well-known newspapers and magazines; and come to your door. They're well mannered, friendly and helpful - at first. Most people think they're too smart to fall for a scam. Con artists rob all kinds of people - from investment counselors and doctors to teenagers and senior citizens - of billions of dollars every year. Cons, scams, and frauds disproportionately victimize senior citizens with false promises of miracle cures, financial security and luxury prizes. One easy rule to remember: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

It's the Law

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Annual Report

There were 619 arrests by the police department in the year 2001. 559 of the arrests were for traffic violations and 60 pertained to other types of arrests. The total number of arrests exceeds last years total by 77.

Investigations by the department numbered 1,072 in 2001 an increase of 530 over 2000.

The department investigated 11 crashes in the village last year resulting in one personal injury and no fatalities. In 2000, there were 18 crashes. Also, during the year there were six domestic violence incidents compared to seven in 2000.

The department collected receipts totaling \$44,749.59. An increase of \$15,750 over 2000. Last year's total included \$31,153.59 in court fines, \$13,582 in parking tickets and \$14 in bicycle registrations.

There were six OWI arrests in 2001, with an average blood alcohol of .19.

There were no burglaries and no assaults in 2001, compared to seven burglaries and no assaults in 2000.

Activity Summary

In the last three months, there was a total of 160 arrests and 57 parking tickets issued. The following are the calls for service: two disorderly conduct, three issue of worthless checks, two 911 calls, one suspicious activity, three suspicious persons, one recovered stolen license plate, two vandalism, two hunting violations, two property damage, four crashes, one paper service, one neighbor trouble, three thefts, three parking complaints, two operating while suspended, one ambulance request, three house watches, five agency assists, one abandoned vehicle, one house fire, two harassing phone calls, one apprehension request, two reckless drivers, one break-in, four dogs at large, one absconding, one barking dog, one suspicious vehicle, one attempt to locate, one hypodermic needle in trash, one operating while intoxicated, two extra patrol requests, one junk on private property, nine records requests, one canceled license plates, one abandoned/unattended refrigerator, two check welfare, three citizen assists, three unlock vehicle requests, one cat at large, one animal carcass, two open doors, two operating after revocation, one traffic enforcement, six background investigations, one peace officer request and one possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Centreville Settlement News.

Cleveland History

As Wisconsin became a state in 1848, immigrants from many European countries began arriving in Centreville, a shipping and refueling port on Lake Michigan half way between Fort Green Bay and Milwaukee and half way between villages in Sheboygan and Manitowoc. As post offices were established, there already was a Centreville in Wisconsin so the name was changed to Hika. No one is quite sure where the name Hika originated but the new post office was built on the southwest corner of Beech and Lincoln.

The immigrants that were arriving established two churches in Hika. Both were built on the site of the present St. Johannes Cemetery. St. John's Lutheran Church built in 1861, was on the northeast corner and St. George's Catholic Church, built in 1860, was on the south side.

St. Wendel was originally the mission church built on the site of the St. Wendel Cemetery. The large cross monument in the middle of the cemetery is the site of the original church and the original first stones, although weathered, are in the southeast corner of the cemetery. As more immigrants arrived, by 1875, the mission church became the primary church and a larger frame structure was built. Fire destroyed the church in the 1900's and the present building was built. The history of St. Wendel ends in 2002 when the church was closed as part of the Catholic Church's consolidation plan.

St. Peter Lutheran Church started in the Pleasant Hill School until a church could be built on the site of the Saxon Cemetery. The old Pleasant Hill School, built in 1873 by Carl Reich for \$525, was purchased by Cleveland Hardware and moved to Cleveland after 43 years as a school. It is presently still in use and is the gray building on the north side of West Washington next to Wimmmler's and owned by RP Jost.

In 1923, the two Lutheran Churches merged and built the present St. John & St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland.

Information provided by Centreville Settlement, Inc., is dedicated to the preservation of the rural farming heritage in the Cleveland & Centerville area.

Calender of Events - 2002

Feb. 16-Saturday, Winter Festival at Lutze Housebarn. Winter activities, bonfire, food, horse and sleigh rides. • March 18-Meeting LTC, 7 p.m. • April 15-Meeting LTC. 7 p.m. • April 20-Workdays start • June 15-Workshop in Stone Masonry • June 16-Tour: Stone Foundations "Get Stoned for Father's Day" • July 20-21-Workshop in Half Timber Repair • July 20-27-Internship in Half Timber Repair • Aug. 17- 18-Workshop in Nogging • Aug. 17-24-Internship in Nogging • October 20-Tour: Farming Thru the Ages • Nov. 2-Halloween Bonfire • Dec. 2-Olde Fashioned Christmas Dinner • Sometime 2005 Steiner Bridge Party.

2002 Workday Schedule

• April 20 • May 4 • May 18 • June 1 • June 15 • June 29 • July 13 • July 27 • August 10 • August 24 • September 7 • September 21 • October 5 • October 19 • November 2 • November 16.

Works Days begin at 9:30 a.m. and run until 5 p.m. Bring work gloves. Wear sturdy shoes. Be prepared for learning, working and having fun. Jobs for the whole family. Free farm style lunch in a picnic setting. Food additions welcome.

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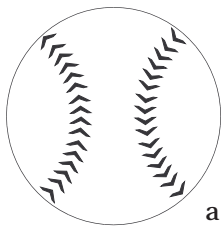
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Cleveland Athletic Club

Spring is just around the corner and the Cleveland Athletic Club is making plans for the up coming season of sports activities. If you are new in town or just haven't been involved in the activities at Veterans Park, there is a whole lot going on and here is where to find out when and who will answer your questions.

Co-ed volleyball is played on Tuesday nights on the courts behind the VFW. There is a recreation, and a competitive league. Call Ron Schisel at 693-3280 for details.

Wednesday night is women's slow pitch softball, and Thursday is men's slow pitch softball for ages 30 and over. All games are played at Veterans Park. If you are interested in sponsoring a team or just looking for a team to play on, call Dale Wagner at 693-3650.

Cleveland also has a baseball team that plays on Sunday afternoons in the East Shore Baseball League. This is a league for young men ages 18-40 looking for competitive baseball action. Play starts with practice in April and games starting in early May. Call Dale Wagner at 693-3650 for details.

There is a fine little league program in Cleveland for both boys and girls of all ages. A sign up night will be announced early this spring followed by practices in May, with league play starting the first week of June. If you have questions on enrolling a child in the little league program or are interested in coaching or being an umpire, call Wally Leonhard at 693-8149.

The Cleveland Athletic Club also offers an \$1000 scholarship. High School seniors should check with their guidance counselors for an application or call Rosemary Leonhard at 693-8149. Hurry, deadline is coming soon. Don't delay and risk losing out on this scholarship opportunity.

If you are interested in advertising with the Cleveland Athletic Club, we are taking orders for signs to be placed on the Wildcat baseball field out field fence. Banners may be purchased for a one-time fee of \$225 with a yearly fee of only \$75. Your sign will be visible to thousands of visitors throughout the summer. If you haven't been contacted yet, or want more information, call Jeff Stoeckigt at 693-8909.

Postmaster Notes

Congratulations again to the employees of the Cleveland Post Office. They met the criteria in achieving overall performance in customer satisfaction for the fifth fiscal quarter in a row. The blue and yellow flag you see hanging in the post office will continue to hang there to represent this special achievement. Teamwork.

Special congratulations to Joan Lenzner and Johanna Ringeisen, the two regular rural carriers, for their special achievement of 25 years (Joan), and 15 years (Johanna), for no vehicle accidents in their respective careers! Both will receive special recognition including a bonus check. Thanks also to Carl Kolb and Paul Mertens, the two sub rural carriers, for no vehicle accidents in 8 years (Carl), and 3 years (Paul). This is quite the accomplishment for Cleveland Post Office. No accidents play a large part in the daily consistent and accurate delivery of the mail. Teamwork.

Now for the bad news. Brace yourself for another price increase of probably 3 cents, end of June. Dwindling revenue due to lower mail volumes.

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East Wind Garden Club

Long time, no write! Everyone must just have a ton of seed catalogs and are preparing their garden wish lists for garden 2002.

There are many new plants and tools out on the market so now is the time to order for Mother's Day, Father's Day, or buy your favorite garden club president a gift day. (That's a new one this year.)

Our strange winter weather may have caused lots of problems in our yards and gardens this year. Some of the plants have started budding out in mid-February, and my snapdragons never did turn brown. If we have a real prolonged cold spell we could possibly have a lot of dead plants or very stunted growth. The old compost pile may turn into a compost mountain.

Speaking of compost, once you get your garden cleared out for garden 2002, don't forget to put a generous layer of compost around your plants. Besides the extra boost it gives your plants, it keeps out some weeds and helps retain moisture so you don't need to water as much, and we all know how important that is nowadays.

We're still welcoming everyone to join the garden club. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m., at the village hall. Use the back door and you don't need to know a password or anything.

Join us and you can get a real "hands on" gardening education. (That sounds better than, lets pull weeds in the public gardens, doesn't it?)

We have many combined years of gardening knowledge we'd be happy to share. (We might even have a refreshment or two to enjoy together.)

Please remember that the EWGC will once again have a plant sale in May, the same day as the village wide garage sale. If you have plants you'd like to clear out of your gardens you can again donate them to our club. This is the only fund raiser we will have this year. So if you'd like to donate plants, even a few weeks earlier is fine. We'll treat them with tender loving care. Just call Lynn Fiedler at 693-8553. The club will really appreciate it.

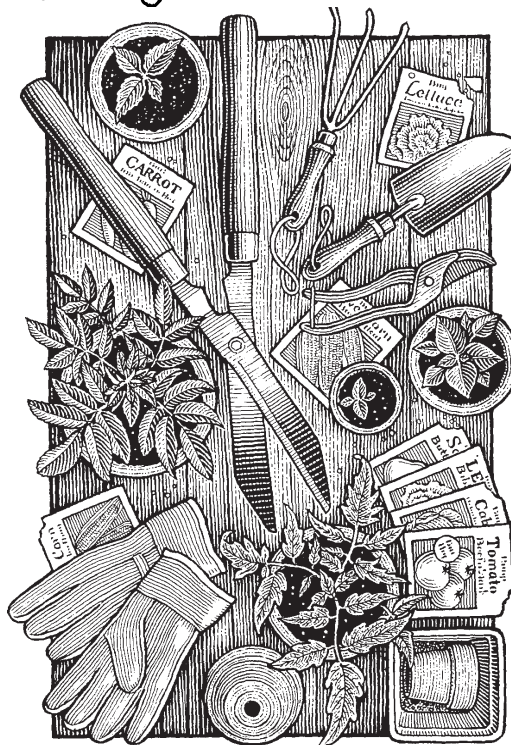
It's time to go, my garden sketch pad is calling my name. (My husband doesn't know it yet, but we're putting in another bed...a big one.)

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For those interested in applying, please contact Suzie at 920-693-1166. The next scholarship deadline is April 15, 2002.

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For more information, please call St. John-St. Peter's at 693-8612. St. John-St. Peter's has been a part of the community since 1860 and is currently served by Pastor Aaron Schoenike.

VFW NEWS

The poultry party held prior to Veteran's Day in November was a success. One half the proceeds (\$300) was sent to the special fund designated by the VFW for families of the 9-11 disaster. The donation earned front-page news in the WI VFW Bi-Monthly Newspaper. Special thanks again to Cleveland's great radio station, WKTT, for their help in advertising for this special event.

We're still looking for eligible people in Cleveland and surrounding area to become a member of our great post. The annual dues are currently only \$18. Membership includes two free meals yearly (Feb. & Aug.) including refreshments. Also, monthly meetings include free refreshments. The best part, however, is the true comradeship of the members. We meet the last Monday of each month. Come join us.

Mark your calendar for the annual VFW ham dinner, this year on Sunday, May 19.

United We Stand. Commander

Village Wide Garage Sale



The Thirteenth Annual Village Wide Garage Sales will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those wishing to participate should contact Laura Hemb at 693-8095. Please plan to attend the informational meeting at Paulie's Palace on Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m.



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Cleveland Elementary PTA News

Our school dance was Friday, February 8, and was a huge success. Everyone had lots of fun!

We could sure use everyone's help and now there are three (3) ways you can: (1) CLIPPING box tops from General Mills products. Please bring them to school or give to a student. (2) SHOP on-line at the Box Tops for Education Marketplace. Go to boxtops4education.com and make purchases at stores like Barnes & Noble.com; Eddie Bauer.com and PETsMART.com (General Mills will donate up to 10 percent of your qualifying purchases to Cleveland Elementary.) (3) CHARGE with the Box Tops for Education Marketplace. Apply for the Box Tops Visa card by calling 800-227-9605. (There is no annual fee and the card can be used at more than 20 million locations with one percent of purchase donated to Cleveland Elementary).

We are also collecting Campbell product labels. This program is a great way to earn free merchandise for our school. (For a complete listing of participating Campbell products, visit the website at labelsforeducation.com).

Future dates to remember and every one is welcome: Saturday, March 30, Spring Egg Hunt...watch for more information.

Wendy Henschel, PTA Public Relations

Cleveland Area Chamber Of Commerce

In 2001, the Chamber of Commerce made a commitment to provide Web presence for the Village of Cleveland. With the help of Chris Kuehnelt of Newage Computers, the village government and local business and community group's support, HYPERLINK "<http://www.clevelandwi.net>" - www.clevelandwi.net was developed. The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce it is partnering with Lakeshore Technical College to offer a one night course designed for business people that want to learn more about the basics of email, web pages and the concepts of marketing their businesses in the information age. The course is titled "Can Your Business Survive Without the Web?" The Business of Business on the Web. The course will be held on Monday, March 18, 2002 on the Lakeshore Technical College Cleveland Campus in the Electronic Meeting Room (EMR) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The cost of the course is \$40 per person. The enrollment maximum is 17 people, so register early! To receive a seminar/workshop registration call Tim Schueler or Kay Logan at the Cleveland State Bank at (920) 693-8256. We are excited to bring this educational opportunity to the local business community to help businesses understand the Web and the marketing potential it offers. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Chamber of Commerce has also been busy understanding the needs of local businesses. The Chamber has toured the businesses of Bonde's Quik Mart Inc., Wagner's RV, Diana's Cleveland Family Restaurant and Kohler Power Rental. With these tours, it helps the members of the chamber to understand the unique challenges that each business encounters. The Chamber of Commerce board believes that this information is helpful in determining the needs of business within the community.

We would encourage anyone wishing to join the Chamber of Commerce to call Tim Schueler at (920) 693-8256. Or, if you have an idea or would like to volunteer your business as a tour for the chamber, we would be interested in hearing from you.

