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Sharing Our Roads

When the Town of Pleasant Valley was created in the 1858, it was a rural farm community. To date, a large portion of the town is still a rural community. As the years have marched on and the Eau Claire area has experienced rapid growth, so has the number of residents. One of the reasons many of our residents chose this area is due to the beauty a rural agricultural setting provides. Although many of the small family farms no longer exist, the Town still has a thriving agricultural community which includes commercial grain drying and hauling operations.

With more residents; the arrival of more vehicles, pedestrians, and bikers is apparent. The Town Board has recently been receiving complaints and concerns from pedestrians, agricultural truck drivers and large implement drivers alike.

Truck and implement drivers are concerned for the safety of the pedestrians who are not leaving adequate room for the large vehicles to safely pass and pedestrians are concerned about the number of trucks and implements traveling on our roadways. Summing up WI State Statutes §345.24(1), §346.25 and §346.28(1): vehicles need to yield to pedestrians at intersections, pedestrians need to yield to vehicles if crossing the roads at any point other than an intersection and pedestrians should move to the extreme outer limit of a traveled roadway upon meeting a vehicle.

Speed limits have recently been another concern for area residents. Unless posted otherwise, speed limits on town roads are 55mph and in sub-divisions are 25mph.

The number of trucks, large implements, pedestrians and bikers is not going to decrease, so let's all do our part to safely use the roads. Obey speed limits, slow down and yield or stop when necessary for the safety of everyone.

Regional Ambulance Service Funding Changes

For the past number of years, the Town of Pleasant Valley, along with several other surrounding municipalities, has contracted with the City of Eau Claire Fire Department to provide ambulance service to the residents of the municipality. The City of Eau Claire Fire Department provides paramedic level personnel on each ambulance run made to the Town and Township Fire Department provides volunteer First Responders when available to each call. State Statute requires all towns to provide this service to its residents. Providing this service is an expense to the taxpayers. Currently the Town of Pleasant Valley pays \$2900/year to have this service available to the residents.

A little known fact is that the four major hospitals/clinics in Eau Claire (Mayo Health System, HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital, Marshfield Clinic and Oakleaf Surgical Hospital) have been generously subsidizing this cost for the taxpayers of the towns utilizing the services of the City of Eau Claire Fire Department. Annually the hospitals/clinics collectively donate approximately \$200,000 towards the Regional Emergency Medical Service (EMS) program provided by the City of Eau Claire Fire Department. **THANK YOU TO ALL THE CONTRIBUTING PROVIDERS!**

The hospitals/clinics have indicated the time has come to phase out the donations and for the entire cost to be placed on the taxpayers of the municipalities utilizing the Regional EMS program. Over the next ten years, the cost of this service to the Town of Pleasant Valley taxpayers will increase from \$2,900 to around \$49,000. The Town, along with surrounding municipalities, is working diligently to come up with a funding model which is both legal and charged fairly to all properties located within the Town. State Statute does not allow for municipalities to raise their levy limit to cover this increased expense without a referendum. More information will be in the December 2018 newsletter.

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Town of Pleasant Valley, Eau Claire County

Pleasant Valley Fire Fighters Annual Calendar Fundraiser



Township Fire Department, Inc.

Pleasant Valley Station

Lucas Norby, **Lieutenant** - Tim Johnson, **Training Officer** - Mike Stage, Joel Roswell, Robert Brazeau, Wyatt Wathke, **Lieutenant** - Scot Iverson, **Battalion Chief** - Mark Behlke, Kyle Bechel, Jeff Meyer, **Division Chief** - Darrell Christy, Don Henning, **Asst. Training Officer** - Ben Nemitz, Brian Pederson, Trent Johnson, Trent Pronschinske, **Captain** - John Norby.
(Not pictured: Tony Mentele)

Pleasant Valley Firefighters will be selling the 2019 Raffle Calendar at this year's Cleghorn Harvest Fest. This calendar is full of prize winning opportunities and fire department photography. Cash prizes include "\$50 Fridays" and \$75 on fire station meeting nights 12 times a year. Non-cash prizes include generous donations from area merchants. WIN, WIN, WIN!

The proceeds from the sale of these calendars will assist us in the purchase of equipment for the Pleasant Valley Fire Department. These purchases will serve our local community and enhance the safety of our local volunteer firefighters.

The Pleasant Valley Firefighters would like to sincerely thank the following businesses for their advertisement and generous financial sponsorship: **American Express Transport & Excavation, Cleghorn Lions, DCR Lawn Services, Irra-Gator, Johnson Litho Graphics, Kjelstad Plumbing, Life Safety CPR, Nels Gunderson Chevrolet, Northwest Enterprises, Premium Lawn Services, Scott Construction, Serenity Massage, The Corner Store, and Water Source Heating & Cooling.**

The Pleasant Valley Firefighters extend a warm thank you to the following businesses for donating prizes for this year's calendar: 4Mile Restaurant and Bar, Augusta Meats, Brackett Bar, Eau Claire Auto Value, Erv Smith, Freedom, Flag & Pole, Grizzly's, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Iverson's Tree Farm, Kwik Trip, Lowes Creek Tree Farm, Maple Manor, Metropolis Resort, Milwaukee Burger, Northstar Fire, Pak Mail, Ray's Place, Scheels, and Wagner's Lanes

ATV/UTV Route Thru Pleasant Valley

The Big Creek ATV/UTV Club has completed signing a route thru the Town of Pleasant Valley and the route is now considered open. Please visit our website at <https://www.townofpleasantvalley.com/atv-utv-routes/> for more information including the ordinance and a map of all open roads. Maximum speed limits are 35mph and hours of operation are one hour prior to sunrise to one hour after sundown. Regulations which include operator and equipment requirements are included in the ordinance.

2018 Road Projects and Maintenance of Road Right of Way

Each summer the town road employees mow the road right-of-ways to help keep the roads safe and clear of visual obstructions. Trimming of trees is also part of this right-of-way maintenance. Trimming and mowing occurs on all town roads including subdivisions and cul-de-sacs. The road right-of-way is town property and is measured 33 feet from the center line of the road. Please note that the right-of-way needs to stay clear of all landscaping objects, shrubs, sprinkler heads etc. to avoid any damage by the mowers or plow trucks.

Road projects scheduled for the summer of 2018 include pulverizing, additional base and double chip sealing approximately one mile of Spruce Road as well as single chip sealing Kirk Court, Jaybee Drive, Quail Run Road and the west section of Redwood Drive. Crack filling and blade patching will continue throughout the summer and fall.

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FEST POSTER**



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

Burning Permits and Regulations are available at:
www.townshipfire.org or 715-834-6868

Law Enforcement Concerns or Complaints
Eau Claire County Non-Emergency 715-839-4972
All Emergencies- Dial 911

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS

The Eau Claire County Humane Association enforces our animal ordinance. If you have a complaint about animals running at large, biting, being inhumanely treated or uncontrolled noise please contact the Eau Claire County Communication Center at 715-839-4972

Facility Rentals

The Community Center and the Park Pavilion/Kitchen are available to rent. Rental rates are reduced for town residents. Please visit our webpage for more information regarding availability and rental rules and regulations.

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Visit our updated website to find valuable information including: calendar of events, meeting agendas and minutes, voter information, notices, forms and permits, frequently asked questions, budget information and more.