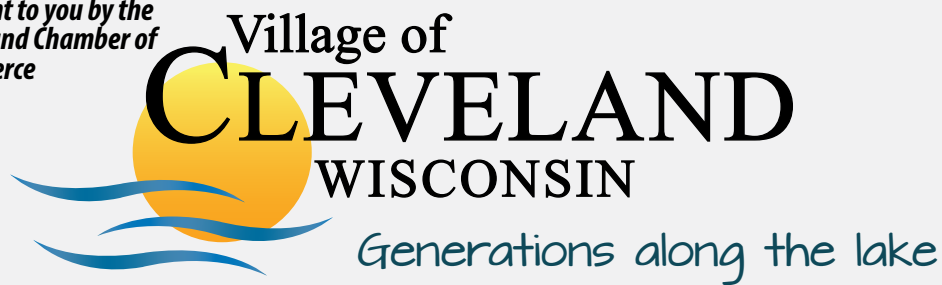


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Village of Cleveland

Greetings from the village board, below items worth highlighting as a Quarter update;

Street Reconstruction: By the time you're reading this the CTH XX Bridge (E. Washington) reconstruction should be complete, but the county has one more scheduled project affecting Cleveland before years end. CTH LS (Whitetail Lane to Center Road) will receive mill and pave tentatively September–October 2026.

Water Quality: At our July 21st meeting the Village board discussed the 2 water quality solutions brought to us by our engineering firm. Together we agreed to move forward with an Oxiplus Media option which is expected to have lower capital and ongoing costs compared to Bayoxide Media. The Oxiplus is expected to provide 84% iron removal, 90% manganese removal, and 74% arsenic removal. This decision allows our engineers to complete the full design set and prepare for construction bids in early 2027.

Project Funding: With all projects the village board tries to explore any funding possibilities to help reduce the share passed on to the residents. These are generally federal or state grants, however, we recently had the opportunity to work with congressman Glen Grothman to submit into 2 separate Appropriations Acts. The Water Utility Upgrade project was submitted into the agriculture appropriations act at an amount of \$1,100,000. The bill was passed by the House Appropriations Committee and now awaits consideration on the House floor. The Hika Bay Boat Launch was included in the Transportation Agencies Appropriations Act at an amount of \$400,000. The bill was passed by the Transportation Subcommittee and now awaits consideration by the full Appropriations Committee. This is a new funding path for our village but if awarded, these would be substantial wins for our community.

Village President,

Jarrod Jackett

Cleveland Secret Santa



Hello and happy summer to everyone. Secret Santa has already done some gathering of items for our delivery in December. A good majority of the shopping will happen in the next few months and we could use your help.

For those new to the Village, we're a group of individuals that came together more than 20 years ago hoping to help make the Christmas season a little brighter for some of our village residents. We ask for monetary donations so that we can make our purchases. Donations can be made at the Cleveland State Bank in care of the Cleveland Secret Santa Group.

We deliver some time before Christmas and each delivery usually includes a large bag of paper products, a large bag of cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products, a bag of games, toys, hats, gloves, crayons, etc., for the kids, and then usually 6+ boxes of non-perishable food items.

Our ability to continue this project for so many years in large part is because of the kindness of the folks who generously donate to our group every year and the individuals who donate their time and efforts into making the deliveries. **Huge thanks to ALL of you.** We look forward to making this Christmas season brighter thanks to your help and continuous support.

Friends of Hika Bay (FOHB) is a group of concerned citizens whose mission is to protect and restore the watersheds that flow into Hika Bay. Our vision is to promote a water ethic that expands awareness of critical watershed issues and as a result enhance the quality and prosperity of the region.

FOHB is currently working on additional signage for Hika Park in Cleveland that will provide access to water quality information from the Dept. of Natural Resources, information about the ridge and swale restoration project and the animals and plants in the area, along with helpful information about using the beach and the importance of not blocking the flow of the creek into the lake.

The group looks forward to working with students and professors from UW-GB Manitowoc campus in pulling invasive plants in the ridge and swale later in the Fall.

The Barn Dance sponsored by Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership is Saturday, September 26 from 5:30 - 10:30 at the Saxon Homestead Farm. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.lnrp.org/barn-dance>. Everyone is welcome to join us in this fun event of music, dancing and fun.

You can learn more about Friends of Hika Bay by visiting our website and our Facebook page. All are welcome to participate!

Website: <https://friendsofhikabay.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61593662212225>



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Cleveland Fish and Game

We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us for our 44th annual fishing derby this year. Especially everyone who volunteered their time, this event would not be possible without you!! We registered 1600 fish throughout the weekend with 307 registered fishermen. Congratulations to all our winners, thanks for making it a great weekend!

We have been working closely with the Village of Cleveland over the last couple months to help make improvements to the Hika Park Boat launch. Our efforts will hopefully ensure the boat launch remains safe and accessible to residents for generations to come.

We have also just finished up 16 weeks of our summer trap league with 12 teams participating. Our 6-week winter trap league will start in January.

If you are interested in seeing what our club is about or would like to become a member, come join us for our club meetings which are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the club house.

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East Wind Garden Club

Hello, Gardeners!

Where did our summer go? You blinked your eyes, pulled out a multitude of thistles in the garden, and it was over and gone.

The club thanks all who came to our tent and purchased tickets for our raffle at the Dairyland Festival. We actually took in enough money to pay for our tent again. Also, a big thank you to all the generous folks who donated items for our raffle.

Speaking of raffles, these are the winners of the club's raffle: Jessica Payne, Nancy Wagner, Diane Bonde, Ken Schnell, Georgianne Roeh, Liz Brooks, Donna Wiemerslage, Erica Jackett, Diane Hoffman, Nancy Lauff, Morgan Jost and Gerry Quesinberry.

Home Intruder Alert!! Keep your garage doors closed if you are not out there working.

Being busy with the Dairyland Festival and making frequent trips back to the house and too much time with an open door, things happen. Well, one trip home we found the items from the south side of the garage tossed onto the floor and the windows a mess.

Davey Crockett here says we'll leave the doors open for a while so the red squirrel can find its way out so we didn't pick anything up yet. Next morning, back to the park for festival prep and returning home we find the shelves on the other side of the garage dumped onto the floor.

Now Davey Crockett, is ticked; he's going to catch that red squirrel. He set out a number of sticky traps, snap traps and spreads a thick layer of sunflower seeds around them to draw it in AND he sets a live trap loaded with Sara Lee whole wheat bread. It seems that the red squirrel is doomed for sure.

Early Monday morning, old Davey, meanders to the garage and low and behold, there's a stinkin' woodchuck in the livetrapp. It Hoovered up all the sunflower seeds before it went after Sara Lee.

Where the chuck hid when the "mister" was banging on shelves etc. is beyond me. So . . . at this time of the season anyway, close your garage doors or you could have a home intruder too. Consider this a public service announcement.

No more news on the beaver because they are working at replacing the bridge on Washington Ave., so I would think the activity and noise would scare it off . . . but I'll keep you posted.

Enjoy the rest of summer weeding and watering and please consider donating extra garden produce to your church or local food pantry. Hunger, has a yearlong season.

Until next time, Happy Gardening!

Lynn Fiedler, Prez

East Wind Garden Club



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Cleveland Lions Club

WHAT A SUMMER! 🐾☀️ The Cleveland Lions Club has had a busy few months, and we are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our community!

🎉 **Dairyland Fest 2026** - Another Dairyland Fest is in the books—and this year, Mother Nature decided to join the fun! For the first time since we started our Classic Car Show, we experienced rain during the event, but our amazing community still came out to support us. We are so thankful to everyone who attended, volunteered, sponsored, participated and helped make the weekend a success!



Saturday featured our Classic Car Show, Craft Fair and more, followed by an amazing evening of live music with Bacchus Lotus in the new pavilion—now in its second year! Sunday brought the Cleveland Parade, Touch A Truck, first time ever – Antique Tractor show, pony rides, petting zoo, bounce house and live music from the Buffalo Joe Band.



Special THANKS to all of our event sponsors: **Cleveland State Bank, Lakeshore College, The Smiling Moose, Bonde's Quik Mart, Highland Lodge, Schmidt Excavating / Ron & Wendy Schmidt, Retro Tire LLC, Stemper Quality Excavating, Thrivent Financial – Sherri Halverson.**

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make Dairyland Fest possible. The money raised through our festival allows the Lions Club to continue giving back to our community through youth programs, scholarships, Wisconsin Lions Camp, community projects and more. Mark your calendars for July 31st and August 1, 2027 for next year's Dairyland Fest!

📺 Check out some of our favorite Dairyland Fest moments by visiting:
www.facebook.com/ClevelandDairylandFestival

🏆🏈 Supporting Our Youth

Veterans Park was busy all summer with Cleveland youth baseball and softball! A special **THANK YOU** to **Tim Hundt and Matt Kramer** for organizing the leagues and making these opportunities possible. We also appreciate all the coaches and volunteers who helped make the season a success!



🏆 **Baseball:** Peanuts – Becky Mullane, Jeff McLaughlin & Benjamin Van Wyk | PeeWee – Ian Lund, Bill Schmidt & Jared Grupe | Pony: Matt Dahlem & Brian Thomas

🏈 **Softball:** Machine Pitch – Travis Nystrom, Taylor Paulus & Stephanie Nystrom | Modified Pitch – Travis Nystrom, Dan Bruckschen, Stephanie Nystrom & Amanda Darcy | Junior Fastpitch – Eric Freund, Joel Bonnett, & Kayle Werdeo & Jennifer Brandt

🐾 Lions in Our Community

While Dairyland Fest may be over, the Lions are always looking for ways to serve our community through youth programs, scholarships, food drives, Wisconsin Lions Camp and other community projects.

We are always looking for new members and volunteers! If you'd like to get involved, contact any Lions member or visit www.facebook.com/ClevelandWILions

Thank you, Cleveland, for another incredible summer! Our success is the community's success. 💛🐾

~ Jennifer Brandt,
Lions Club Marketing & Communications Chair

Cleveland Fire Fighters and First Responders

October is Fire Prevention Month

Make sure you talk to your kids about an escape plan and have a meeting location if you ever have a fire in your home. If you have a second story on your home a escape ladder would be strongly recommended.

Don't forget to check your smoke and CO detectors that they are not more than 10 years old.

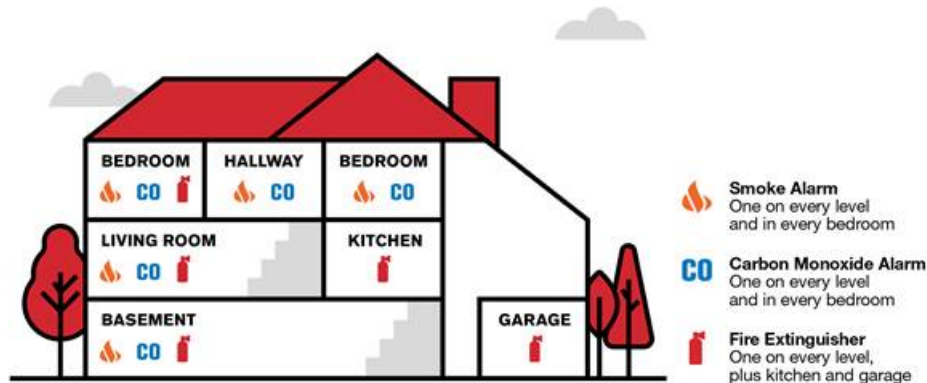
If they are more than 10 years old, they need to be replaced.

Also don't forget to change the batteries in them once a year.

We are always looking for some more Firefighters and First Responders and we are completely 100% volunteer.

If interested in becoming a volunteer for our fire department please contact Chief Tony Meyer at 920-905-1138, for first responders please contact Captain Dan Bruckschen at 920-377-0187.

If you know 14-17 years old that you think would be interested in learning about firefighting, please let us know! It's a hands-on experience to explore the world of firefighting. Please call Dean at 920-960-2932 if you'd like any information or check out the 5-STAR EXPLORER PROGRAM on Facebook.



Cleveland Clever Clovers 4-H Club

Thank you to everyone who visited our food stand at the Artisan Craft Fair, stopped by the Ice Cream Stand, checked out our fair projects, or placed a bid in the Silent Auction. We truly appreciate your support!

There are many opportunities for 4-H members and their families this fall. At our September meeting, we will wrap up the '25-'26 4-H year and elect new officers. Enrollment and re-enrollment will take place in October. The County-Wide 4-H Family Fun Night is on October 6th, which is a great chance for new and returning members to enjoy activities and learn more about 4-H clubs in Manitowoc County. In November, club officers will attend countywide training, the awards ceremony, and other events.

Congratulations to Addison Lallensack, who recently graduated from North High. Addison has been part of the Cleveland Clever Clovers for 13 years and has served in several officer roles. The club will miss her leadership and helpful spirit, and we wish her all the best as she continues her education.

The Cleveland Clever Clovers are also looking for an assistant club leader. If you are interested in helping the youth in our community, please contact Josina Novak.

Finally, after two years as assistant leader and 27 years as a leader for the Cleveland Clever Clovers, I am stepping down. It has been a pleasure to work with so many wonderful youth and parents over the years. I am always amazed at how many families met through the club and have stayed friends long after graduating from 4-H.

Best regards,

Heidi Belitz, Cleveland Clever Clovers 4-H Club

Centreville Settlement has Landmark 175th Event!

The 175th Anniversary of the Lutze Housebarn was celebrated with fanfare on Saturday July 25, attracting 300 plus visitors from several states to enjoy the activities and make history. Horse drawn carriage rides and a petting zoo from Orth Dairy Farm, and accordion music serenading the visitors were memorable ways to kick off the day. Richard Wiegand, founding member, delivered a proclamation, Kerry Henning describe the role of a fourth-generation cheese maker and the Concordia Singers performed in German and English with patriotic songs. Sarah and Amber Lutze led the building tours. Richard Lutze German food delighted the attendees and the day was punctuated with cookies, a commemorative cake and could be washed down with a German beer.

The day also kicked off the future Endowment for the non-profit Centreville Settlement, owner of the Lutze Housebarn.

Many thanks to for the event support to: Cleveland State Bank, Orth Dairy Farm, Gelling Roofing and Siding, Cleveland State Bank, Countyline Creamery, Edward Jones-Paul and Annie Leal of Plymouth, Kathy Pearce, Gretchen Lutze, Sharon Lutze, Shirley Lutze, Amber and Matt Lutze, Richard and Sarah Lutze, Deb Lisberg, Newton Meat Market, Hennig Cheese, Riesterer Financial, Playing Hooky Sportfishing, Thrivent Lutheran Financial and Chris Kuehnel and 40+ volunteers that day.

The workdays are continuing at the Lutze Housebarn on the second and fourth Saturdays of the months of September and October and winding up on November 12 usually going from 9:30 am-2:30 pm.

Plan on joining with a fascinating set of people with a common goal of historic restoration sharing farm style family meals and life long learning. Future work days are scheduled to begin for 2027 March. All are welcome. Persons wishing interested hands-on work with timbers, windows or wood related aspects are encouraged to contact Chris Kuehnel, Project Director at 920-693-3141.

Go to centrevillesettlement.org "Like" us on the Facebook, see photos and learn how you can become involved. Centreville Settlement is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, for the preservation of the Saxon German culture and the farming community since 1982.



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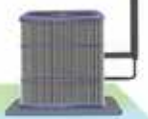
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Celebration of Freedom for America's 250th Birthday at the Historic Meeme Liberty Pole

The American Legion Post 477 Family in St Nazianz celebrated two significant milestones with community members on July 4, 2026: America's 250th Birthday and the dedication of a new secondary flagpole at the historic Meeme Liberty Pole site.

The Celebration of Freedom featured the singing of the National Anthem, a narration of the 13 Folds of the Flag and a six-flag honor line which included the America 250 flag. The ceremony concluded with a ceremonial three-volley salute by the Post Honor Guard.

Dean Koenig shared the touching story of Norbert Lenz, who attended the Liberty Pole dedication as a young boy in 1922 and was later drafted and served during WWII. Years later, Lenz requested in his will that his casket flag would be flown from the Liberty Pole. That wish was honored during our Celebration of Freedom.

Retired Kiel High School teacher Faye Billman opened her remarks with an enthusiastic "Happy Birthday, America!" before reflecting on the nation's 250-year journey.

Designated a Wisconsin State Historic Landmark in 1974, the Meeme Liberty Pole has been a gathering place for patriotic celebrations for more than a century. To preserve this landmark while ensuring the Stars and Stripes continue to fly over the site, Post 477 launched a capital campaign to raise \$25,000 for a new 60-foot commercial-grade flagpole.

Thanks to generous support from Veterans organizations, businesses, community groups, and local residents, the goal was achieved in less than six months. Today, the new flagpole flies a 12-by-18-foot American flag while the historic Meeme Liberty Pole remains the centerpiece of the site flying the America 250 flag through the end of 2026.

If you are interested in sponsoring the US or America 250 flags as they proudly fly on the Liberty Pole site, please contact Dean at (920) 901-7929.

As always, I close with a reminder to "Be The One" by taking a moment to ask a Veteran in your life how they are doing. That simple conversation may save a life.

Nancy Schnell Rivera, Adjutant & Public Affairs
American Legion Post 477 – St. Nazianz

Cleveland Athletic Club

Summer leagues are finished. Where did the time go? The Wildcats finished the season with a record of 7-7. Hika Bay won first place in the Women's league and Cleveland Auto & Salvage won first place in the Men's league. Congratulations!

The machine pitch girls won 4th place in the Manitowoc County league. These girls played with only eight players all year. Special thanks to our little league coaches, parents and players. We appreciate the coaches volunteering their time and their dedication to another great summer.

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Tammy Serketich, CAC President



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