



The Village News

Your hometown Municipal Newsletter

Coal Valley, Illinois



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Coal Valley affected by spring flood

by Annette Ernst- Coal Valley Village Administrator

The National Weather Service has issued their yearly forecast for our area, and once again Mother Nature is not being kind to us. Many factors are considered in their outlook such as:

- Seasonal temperatures and precipitation
- Snow cover/liquid water equivalent
- Frost depth
- Soil moisture
- Current river stream flows
- Weather forecasts and outlook

To sum this up, we have saturated soils, heavy snow and snow packs, frozen ground, high river levels, and below normal temperatures all combined to prime our area for an active and potentially significant spring flood season.

What are we doing at the local level? Recently, the Village Board approved the purchase of a new flood/trash pump along with a new flood gate. The new trash pump has already been put work and we had the bid opening for the new flood gate earlier this month.

Hopefully we will have a slow, gradual warm with and little precipitation to avoid this which will allow us to install the new gate for any future flood events.

I find the information from the National Weather Service

to be interesting, so I will make sure that it is on our website's homepage at www.coalvalleyil.org for all to view.

In the meantime, I just cannot say this enough - let's all think (dry and warm) spring!



It's time for Coal Valley Spring Clean-up Days!

The Village of Coal Valley "Clean-Up Days" will be held this year June 27th, 28th, and 29th, 2019. The hours are Thursday, June 27th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Friday, June 28th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Saturday, June 29th from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We DO NOT except E-Waste. Bins will be available for drop off at the Coal Valley Maintenance Garage, 1002E. 19th Avenue, Coal Valley.

The coupon in this newsletter is required. When using this facility, residents are urged to allow ample time to unload vehicles prior to closing time.

No appliances, electronics, hazardous materials, debris from contractors, tires, paint, batteries, motor oil, or propane tanks are allowed.

Village elected officials and staff are inviting all Coal Valley residents to participate. If you have any questions prior to the date, please call the Village Hall at 799-3604.

Village of Coal Valley Spring Clean-up Coupon



This coupon allows residents of the Village of Coal Valley to dispose of items not normally picked up by garbage trucks. One trip per household please. Bins will be available at the Coal Valley Maintenance Garage, 1002 E. 19th Avenue, Coal Valley.

Coupon valid June 27th, 28th, and 29th, 2019

CV Fire Protection District Notes

Dave Dunham, Coal Valley Fire Protection District Fire Chief

submitted by William Head, Assistant Chief

Calls for February 2019

1	Car Fire
7	10-50 (Auto Accidents)
0	Natural Gas/ Downed Power Lines
26	EMS
0	Structure Fire
3	Fire Alarm
0	Cancelled per Rock Island County Dispatch
0	Hazardous Materials
0	Citizen Assist
0	Carbon Monoxide Detectors
0	Fire Prevention
0	Brush Fires
3	Mutual Aid Given-
	Blackhawk & Barstow Fire Prot.
2	Auto Aid / Colona Fire Prot. Dist.
0	Mutual Aid Ambulance given
0	Illegal Burning
1	MABAS 39 Call Up
0	Flood Duty
0	River Rescue
45	Total calls

The members of the Coal Valley Fire Protection District combined to provide 469.0 hours of service during the month of February. They consisted of responding to emergency calls from the citizens of the Coal Valley Fire Protection District, aid to our neighboring communities, participation in Fire and EMS related trainings, and other activities.

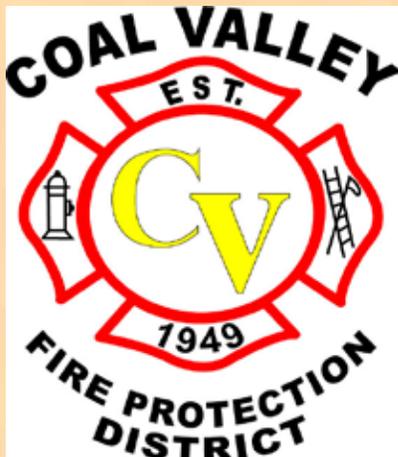
Fire Protection District ambulance service returns

This year, the Coal Valley Fire Protection district once again began providing ALS (Advanced life Support) Ambulance service to the residents of the Coal Valley Fire Protection District. Previously this service was provided by a contracted Ambulance service.



Please like us on Facebook

Please like and follow us on our new Facebook page at Coal Valley Fire Protection District.



Service Anniversaries in February

Firefighter – Ryan Tegtmeier - 1 Years of service.

Firefighter – Nick Mitchell - 1 Years of service.

A letter to Coal Valley Fire Protection District Voters

By Gerry Stahr- Treasurer, Coal Valley Fire Protection District

On January 1, 2019 the Coal Valley Fire Protection District began providing citizens with Advanced Life Support (Paramedic) Ambulance service from our fire station 24/7.

Our personnel are cross trained Paramedic/Fire Fighters. This new level of service supplements our extraordinary volunteer Fire Fighters especially during the day, during the week when volunteer staffing is shorthanded. The full time personnel are Quad City Area residents employed by Kurtz Ambulance Service of New Lenox, Illinois, however they are supervised by Coal Valley Fire Chief David Dunham and his command staff.

The need for a new direction was precipitated by the fact that our previous ambulance service provider proposed that their contract/charge for ambulance service would jump from \$37,000 per year to \$466,000 at the beginning of the Districts next fiscal year which begins May 1, 2019.

There was no guarantee the ambulance would respond out of our station, but, within a reasonable proximity to our district. They would also retain the collections from calls for themselves.

The Kurtz Ambulance Service contract would charge approximately \$30,000 less and the Coal Valley Fire Protection District will retain the collections from calls which is estimated to be at least \$100,000 per year. Kurtz covers payroll, benefits (including a matching 401K), certifications, training and scheduling for their paramedic/firefighters.

Again, this plan assures an ambulance operates out of our fire station 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, reducing response times. You will not know which fire fighters are from Kurtz or one of our own since they wear the Coal Valley Protection Fire District uniform.

The days of providing low cost ambulance service for our community is over. However we will provide this service at the lowest possible cost. Our citizens deserve and expect this. A better system comes with a price.

The Illinois Fire Protection District Act does not allow districts to collect any form of revenue other than property tax, with few exceptions, ambulance fees being the greatest. Currently state law limits Fire Protection Districts to collect 30 cents per \$100 assessed evaluation in our general fund as well as the ambulance fund. With voter approval the law allows Fire Protection Districts to collect a limit of 40 cents per \$100 assessed evaluation in each fund.



The Coal Valley Fire Protection District has approximately \$100 million assessed evaluation. At 30 cents per hundred that comes to \$300,000 annually. With a net ambulance contract of \$340,000 we would operate the ambulance fund at a deficit. General funds can be used to defray the cost of ambulance. At some point within the next 2 to 3 years general fund money and reserves will be depleted.

The Coal Valley Fire Protection District board of trustees have been very conscious of the need to keep the tax levy down. Over the last 8 years the tax levy has not been increased except for last year. Last year's levy was increased by 5%. The Rock Island County Sherriff's department provides dispatch services and will begin upgrading to a new radio system in 2020. This increase is an effort to be prepared for the new radio system.

In an effort to stay ahead of finances the Board of Trustees are asking the voters in the April 2nd election to approve an increase from 30 cents to 40 cents per \$100 assessed value in both the fire and ambulance funds to insure continuance of a high level of fire and ambulance service.

**PLEASE VOTE YES FOR BOTH
FIRE AND AMBULANCE!**



Recurring Events for Adults

Mondays - 10:00 a.m. Needle Arts Craft Group
Bring your embroidery, knitting, quilting, etc., and join us for a morning of needlecraft. Beginners are welcome!

Tuesday, March 19th - 6:30 p.m. Valley Readers Book Club

Contact the library's reception desk to place a hold. We welcome new members!

New Programming



Girls Who Code for 3rd - 5th Grade Girls **Every Wednesday from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.**

Girls Who Code is an after school club for girls grade 3rd through 5th who are interested in coding, robotics, and electronics. The club is for beginners to explore coding in a fun and friendly environment. Our goal is to find opportunities for girls to be brave, creative, and supportive while actively working to close the technology gender gap. What Will You Learn? You and your friends will learn about the basics of computer science and some of the awesome women who use technology to create amazing things. You will also work together to create cool projects and complete challenges. What Happens During a Club? Each meeting will kick off exploring computer science and design. Then, we will complete fun, interactive activities that challenge you to unleash your creativity and personality. Can You Join? Yes! Anyone can join if you're creative, curious, and want to learn more about how to make computers think. Whether you're a beginner or a computer master, you'll get to make new friends as you explore and learn together!



Girls Who Code for 6th- 12th Grade Girls **Every Wednesday from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.**

Why Join Girls Who Code? The Problem: Computing is where the jobs are — and where they will be in the future — but girls are being left behind. Girls Who Code is a free after-school program for 6th-12th grade girls to join a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models working to close the technology gender gap using computer science to change the world, and the core values are simple. Sisterhood: A supportive environment of peers and role models where girls learn to see themselves as computer scientists. Code: Learn the concepts of loops, variables, conditionals and functions that form the basis for all programming languages. Impact: Work in teams to design a computer science impact project that solves real world problems that you actually care about. The curriculum is designed for students with a wide range of computer science experience.

Programming for Families



Card Making with Donna Banta **March 23rd from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Give the gift of originality! Card themes include Easter, Mother's Day, and Graduation. Registration is available through the library's website.



Open Tinker-Lab

March 30th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Children of all ages and their grown-ups are welcome to join us during Open Tinker Lab to explore, imagine, create, and learn. We'll make available a handful of selected kits and other materials such as robots Spheros and Ozobots, modular electronic component blocks like Makey Makey boards, and other favorites like Bloxels. Continuously inspired by how children of all ages find excitement with experimenting through different art materials and processes. Open Tinker Lab is designed so that children can learn how to foster their own curiosity and creativity. We'll provide accessible materials (revolving the types of materials available each session) without highly structured steps or directions so that children are free to experiment with new processes and tap into their own innate creativity. Examples of materials include washable paint, pipettes, unconventional brushes and other painting tools, Play-Doh, plastic carving tools, dot dabbers, foam, etc. Given the open-ended nature of the format, children 12 and younger must be accompanied and supervised by their grown-up during Open Tinker Lab. This program is developed pursuant to a Library Services and Technology act grant administered by the Illinois State Library using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Programming for Kids



S.T.E.M. Challenge

For 1st - 8th Graders

The second Tuesday each month from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Come to the library for a fun activity that involves STEM! Show us what amazing things you can make when given a design challenge and a limited budget. Bridges? Towers? Catapults? Who knows what you may come up with! We'll provide the supplies, you only have to bring your imagination. Registration is required.

March Happenings from the Robert R. Jones Public Library

www.robertrjoneslibrary.org



Toddler Tales Storytime for all ages

Every Thursday morning from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Your pre-readers will improve literacy skills that they need for their upcoming kindergarten year. This storytime features longer books which are accompanied by a variety of activities, including finger plays, sings, rhymes, simple crafts, and a healthy snack. No registration is required.



LEGO Club – Challenge

The 1st Monday each month from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Hear a story, design an amazing creation with a weekly theme, and let your imagination run wild.

LEGO Club – Free Build

The 3rd Monday each month from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

We provide the bricks. You design anything you want!

Both clubs are suitable for boys and girls grades K - 5. Legos will be supplied (donations are always welcome). Supervision of participants 9 years old and younger is required.



Read to Dogs! - Bow Wow with Books

The third Thursday each month from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Improve your child's reading and communication skills by reading to an animal! Elementary school-age readers are invited to read to a certified listening therapy dog. Therapy dogs are great listeners and provide an inviting environment for children to practice their reading skills. Children may select a book from our collection or bring one from home or school. No registration required.

March Happenings from the Robert R. Jones Public Library

www.robertrjoneslibrary.org

Programming for Tweens and Teens



Pages 'n Pizza

For 6th - 12th Graders

Thursday, March 14th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Our teen book club's getting a new delicious twist! The only thing better than a great book is a great book with a slice of pizza. Teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to stop in to talk about that month's book selection, munch on pizza and do a book-themed craft.



Bullet Journaling 101

For 5th - 12th Graders

Thursday, March 28th from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

A bullet journal is a one-of-a-kind way to track the past, organize the present, and plan for the future. Join us each month for all the essentials as we learn the basics of this versatile way to plan and journal. Each session will focus on three seasonal templates for creating your own year-round bullet journal. The program includes a free starter journal and pen, inspirational templates, tips, tricks, and ideas; essentially everything you'll need to get started. You'll leave each class with some solid strategies on how to keep up with your planning and goal setting for the months ahead!

Additional Information

E-news: Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter if you'd like to receive information regarding programs and services we offer. Sign up at the library in person, call 799-3047 to get signed up, or e-mail coalvalleylibrary@gmail.com

Coal Valley Lions Presents Easter Egg Hunt Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 9:00 am Breakfast at 9:00am, Easter Egg Hunt starts at 11:00am

Kids will search for the
eggs starting at 11:00 am

Under 2 (w/1 parent or
guardian)

3-5 years old

6-11 years old



Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast

While the Easter Egg Hunt is going on and after it is over, please join us for Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage & Eggs Drinks—Milk, Coffee & Orange Juice \$\$ Donation

Where First Presbyterian Church
of Coal Valley
2431 1st Street
Coal Valley, IL

All proceeds go to support Coal Valley Lions Club for the community



Free Fun

A letter from Village Administrator, Annette Ernst



The first official day of Spring is March 20, or so that is what the calendar is telling us. Mother Nature has even went as far as allowing Punxsutawney Phil to emerge from his borrow, not seeing his shadow, predicating an early spring. Really?

The Quad City area has received nearly 40 inches of snow this winter, not to mention numerous rain and ice events. Overall, this winter has been one for the record books. Locally we have used approximately 180-200 tons of salt. In a normal year we normally would go through approximately 130 ton.

Luckily for us in Coal Valley we are blessed to have a Public Works crew consisting of 3 full-time and 1 seasonal part-time that keep our streets in great condition. As a Coal Valley resident, myself, we thank you all for the countless hours that you have put in to keep our streets passable and safe!

As you can imagine, with all the snow we have had this season, residents want to know whose responsibility it is to dig out their snow-buried mail boxes. This has been the number one and most frequently asked question so far, so I thought I would share a couple of things with you. The first comes from the United States Postal System, or USPS Operations Manual. It states:

To ensure that the approach to their mail receptacle is clear to facilitate delivery. Postal Operations Manual 632.14 states:

"The customer is responsible for keeping the approach to his or her mailbox clear to facilitate deliver. Where the approach to the mail receptacle located at the curb is temporarily blocked by a parked vehicle during normal delivery hours for the area, or snow or ice hampers the approach to the mailbox, the carrier normally dismounts to make deliver".

Yes, I know that this is an inconvenience, but I wanted to make sure that we communicated this USPS operating procedure language to all our residents.

The second most asked question is "who's responsibility is it to ensure that any fire hydrant is not buried"? This question is also clearly answered through the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (which the Village Board has adopted by ordinance) and the

Snow, Ice, Rain and Potholes anyone?

Chapter 7 Fire Safety Requirements. It states:

"To ensure clear space around hydrant(s) for connection. 2018 International Property Maintenance Code, Chapter 7 Fire Safety Requirements, Section 704 Fire Protection Systems, [F] 704.5.1 and [F] 704.5.2 state:

[F] 704.5.1. Fire department connection access: "Ready access to fire department connections shall be maintained at all times and without obstruction by fences, bushes, trees, walls or any other fixed or moveable object. Access to fire department connections shall be approved by the fire chief".

[F] 704.5.2. Clear space around connections states: "A working space of not less than 36 inches (914 mm) in width, 36 inches (914 mm) in depth and 78 inches (1981 mm) in height shall be provided and maintained in front of and to the sides of wall-mounted fire department connections and around circumference of free-standing fire department connections".

We all know that time is of the essence when our local volunteer fire department is dispatched, so ensuring that they have clear access to the hydrants is good common-sense practice.

Now, on to my "not-so-favorite" topic that usually follows the snow plowing season – potholes. In years past, many of you have seen the Public Works crew out with what we call cold patch, filling in areas around the village. Cold patch, also known as cold mix or cold asphalt is an easy way to make road repairs quickly because it can be applied without heating. Cold asphalt also doesn't require any special heavy rolling machines or special applicators as it can be shoveled or poured into a pothole or utility cut and tamped down with a hand tool. It can be used most anytime of the year, but as the temperatures drop it tends to make the binding component not so reliable. As our temperatures slowly rise, you will see our Public Works crew out filling in these obnoxious cavities. We want to make sure that when they are filled, they stay that way.

In closing, I think its safe to say that we are so over winter and welcome warm and sunny days!

Respectfully,
Annette

Coal Valley Days Update- Stephaine Genova

Dear Coal Valley Community:

SAVE THE DATE!! September 19th- 21st is Coal Valley Days Fall fest. The CV Days board is excited to hold two (2) events this year. Many of you do not know, our carnival backed out last minute to do a larger show in Rockford. The board was left to figure out what to do so we went to Springfield and found us a carnival. We weren't excited at first about the date but then immediately thought, how fun would it be for a fall fest for the community! So, that's what we are doing. We will have all the same things as normal such as car show, parade, vendor fair, bands and beer tent. We are looking for food vendors for the September Fall festival, so if your interested, let us know.

We are still having the July 5th and 6th as Summer festival, but will not have a carnival. The board is getting inflatable bounce items for various age groups so all can enjoy. We will be having fireworks on Friday night. We will have alot of the same items as years past such as the parade, car show, doggie dash, vendor fair, beer tent, and bands. This year we are also bringing a bags tournament and a barbeque cook-off.

We are looking for volunteers and ideas and vendors for both craft and food for both events. If interested, please get in touch with one of the board members, Toney & Steph Genova, Scott Hildebrand, Rob and Darci Pettit, Rachel Raymond, or Jenny Pettit.

As always, go over to the www.coalvalleydays.org website for all the happenings! We hope you are as excited as we are to put on a fall event!!

Best Regards,
Steph Genova

COAL VALLEY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

*hosted by State Senator Neil Anderson
and State Representative Tony McCombie*



**Join State Sen. Neil Anderson and
State Rep. Tony McCombie for a cup of coffee
and a chance to talk about the issues that
matter to you!**

 **Monday, April 8, 2019**
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Coal Valley Village Hall
900 1st Street
Coal Valley, IL 61240

**Come out for an open conversation and a
cup of coffee with YOUR elected officials.**

-  **Get updates on state and local issues.**
-  **Have one-on-one conversations with
Sen. Anderson, Rep. McCombie and
other elected officials.**
-  **Offer your thoughts, ideas, and concerns
on issues that matter to you.**



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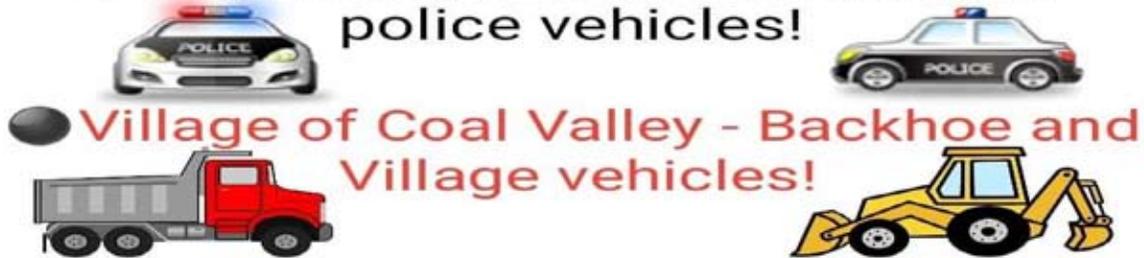
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TOUCH A TRUCK

★ Thursday April 11th at
Bicentennial Elementary School
during Family Fun Night 5:30pm-7:00pm



● Coal Valley Police Department -
police vehicles!



● Village of Coal Valley - Backhoe and
Village vehicles!

★ Brought to you by The Coal Valley PTA
and The Village of Coal Valley ★

Village of Coal Valley

Saturday June 22nd, 2019

The Annual Coal Valley Community Garage and Yard Sales will be held on Saturday, June 22nd between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm. Individuals may choose to keep their sale open longer or even start earlier in the week if they wish. There will be no parking along the east side of East 4th Avenue and East 5th Street coming off of 1st Street and parking only on the west side of the streets & the north side of the avenues on Friday June 21st & Saturday June 22nd. Signs for that will be posted by the police. Get all of your treasures ready to go, and we'll hope for good weather, big crowds, AND LOTS OF FUN!

Pat Anderson, Coordinator
(309) 738-7779



Boy Scout Troop 118 News

by Tim Aumuller, Scout Master

Annual Mulch Sale

The Boy Scouts from Troop 118 are announcing our annual mulch sale! We are offering natural hard wood, dyed brown and red mulch this year. These are 2 cubic foot bags of mulch for \$3.50 (Same price as last year). The price is the competitive and includes delivery to your driveway (within the village limits of Coal Valley)!

Orders are due by Saturday, April 13th. Delivery will be on Saturday, April 27th. If you have any questions, please e-mail your questions to amyschelker@gmail.com, or Tim @ familyus@icloud.com

The profits from the sale are used to support Troop 118's Outdoor Program each year.

We thank you for your continued support!

Boy Scout Food Drive

Coal Valley residents, it is time again for the Troop 118 Food Drive. Each year your generosity has allowed us to collect approximately 4000 food items.

Be proud of that accomplishment! All donations stay in the Coal Valley Food Pantry. The Coal Valley Food Pantry helps an average of 53 households each month and is located in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church.

We hope that you can help us to support the food pantry again this year. Donations will be collected on March 23, 2019, starting at 9:00 AM. If you do not wish to donate, please leave the bag on your door knob or we will ring your door bell just in case you forgot to set out your donation. If you have any questions, or we miss your donation, please email me at familyus@icloud.com.

You can also call the First Presbyterian Church at 799-3511 and leave a message if needed.

Tim Aumuller, Scout Master, Troop 118
THANK YOU in advance for your support.



Boy Scout Troop 118 Mulch Order Form

Name: _____

Delivery address: _____

Phone: _____

Number of bags: Brown Mulch _____ Designer Red Mulch _____ Natural Hardwood _____

Enclose your check payable to Boy Scout Troop 118 with your order, and mail to:

Boy Scout Troop 118

C/o Amy Schelker

706 East 5th Street

Coal Valley, IL 61240



Bicentennial School News

KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION FOR 2019 – 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

It is that time of year when Bicentennial School is pre-registering next year's kindergarten students. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be at least 5 years old by September 1, 2019. Please mail or drop off the form below to Bicentennial, 1004 First St, Coal Valley, IL 61240. You may also call the school at 743-1614 with your child's name, address, phone number, and date of birth.

The school will then send you an invitation to the pre-registration activities. Bicentennial's Pre-registration Open House will be Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 5:30-7:00pm. Students are invited to come to the school event; they will have an opportunity to see their new classroom and meet the teachers.

Pre-Registration Information Request

Parent's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

PTA News

Coal Valley PTA Meeting, Membership, and More: Interested in helping out your school and meeting new people? Join PTA! Bicentennial has a very active and involved PTA that has done many things for the students. Last year our PTA gave back a total of \$10,616 to our school which was able to fund flexible seating stools for each classroom as well as making a large donation towards the outdoor space. Principal Etheridge has planned in the future. Meetings this year are on the following Tuesday nights: April 2nd and May 7th. They are held at 6:30 in the Bicentennial Library. Need a sitter? Don't worry! Childcare is provided. We try to keep the meetings to one hour or less. Membership cost is \$7 for a single and \$9 for a couple. For each time you attend a meeting, your name will be entered into a drawing for a prize and each child that attends will be entered too! Any questions please contact Heather Schmooke, 1st Vice President.

