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"Building Community Throughout Our Village."

Trunk 'R Treat to be held on October 25th

Blackhawk Bank & Trust and The Village of Coal Valley will be hosting the 3rd Annual Trunk 'R Treat event on Tuesday, October 25 at the Coal Valley Municipal Village Park from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

This is a safe, fun place to bring your kiddos where Coal Valley businesses are supporting the Coal Valley Community in an active way. Children are encouraged to wear a costume or can come as they are. Parents and family are reminded to bring their cameras and camera phones.

Village Board Meetings Scheduled

The Village Board meetings are open to the public and are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 P.M. Meetings are held at the Coal Valley Village Hall, 900 1st Street.

Agendas can be found at <https://www.coalvalleyil.org/village-board-meetings-agenda.php>.

Save the date!

TRUNK 'R TREAT

6-7 PM
OCTOBER 25

MUNICIPAL PARK
COAL VALLEY

Presented by:

Blackhawk BANK & TRUST

VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY

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The Village News

is a resident driven, community publication published on the first of each month. Residents are encouraged to contribute. Deadline for submission is the 20th of each month. Please submit articles for publication to Drue Mielke, editor and publisher to cvnews@coalvalleyil.org. Please feel free to call my cell at (309) 235-7493 or text for quick response.

Drivers- please use caution & patience during harvest time

by Drue Mielke and from resources from Jeremy C. Nagel of Michigan Farm News

The fall harvest season has begun. Coal Valley residents are asked to be aware of farm equipment on area rural roads.

Coal Valley, formed as a mining town in the mid-1800s has become a wonderful suburban community situated amongst farmland and dairies. During this time of year please remember that the farmer's livelihood is based on getting their crops to market. Tractors typically go only 15 to 20 miles per hour, and farmers do their best to move to the side to let traffic pass. Too often, it's reported that motorists become impatient, rude and yell expletives, and drive reckless.

You may encounter farm equipment on busy highways



such as U.S. 6, U.S. 150, Indian Bluff Road, and even John Deere Road in Moline if they go via Colona. Although urban, there are fields that are only accessible from this Illinois state highway route 5 in Moline.

No matter how slow and bulky it is, farm equipment has as much right to the roadway as passenger vehicles, so it's time for motorists to take caution and exercise patience and restraint. Tractors, combines and trucks towing wagons move dramatically slower than the average vehicle. A car going 55 mph can take 300 feet of breaking distance—that's a football field—to avoid rear-ending farm equipment traveling 15 mph.

Farm equipment makes wide turns; watch for turn signals and hand motions. Yield to wide, approaching vehicles and give the equipment the proper amount of room for you and their safety. Using the "buffalo" approach is not safe as farm equipment is often wider than a normal traffic lane. Approaching motorists should pull off in a safe location to allow it to pass.

Slow down in rural areas. Motorists traveling on two-lane rural roads and county roads must anticipate farm

machinery and be prepared to slow down or stop during this season.

Maneuvering farm equipment to the side of the road can be dangerous. Unlike most motorists, farmers are acutely aware of the condition of unpaved shoulders. Soft, wet or steep shoulders can cause some farm vehicles to tip over.

Heed the Triangle. Farm equipment's visibility is amplified with distinctive slow-moving vehicle (SMV) emblems—the bright orange, reflective triangles trimmed in red. SMV emblems warn motorists that the vehicle they're approaching is only capable of about 25 mph, and should therefore be approached with caution. Use of the emblem is required by law on all "implements of husbandry," including tractors, combines and other farm equipment.



Unlike most traffic markers, SMV emblems are widely available for purchase, but their only legal use is on the back of a vehicle with a maximum designed speed of 25 mph. Their misuse—often as driveway markers—dilutes their effectiveness and is a violation of the state motor vehicle code.

Tips for Motorists

- Normal traffic laws apply. Don't pass in no-passing zones or within 100 feet of intersections, railroad crossings or bridges.
- Farm equipment makes wide turns; watch for turn signals and hand motions.
- Yield to wide, approaching vehicles. Farm equipment is often wider than a normal traffic lane. Approaching motorists should pull off in a safe location to allow it to pass.
- Don't assume the farmer knows you're there. Most are aware of the traffic around them, but their equipment is much louder than conventional vehicles.

Tips for Farmers

- Comply with all applicable laws. All farm equipment must bear an SMV emblem. Flashing lights or rotating beacons do not fulfill SMV emblem requirements.
- Replace faded SMV emblems and/or reflective material on outboard edges of implements. Add extra reflective material such as truck tape or implement marking kits.
- Clean dirt from lights and reflectors to help ensure maximum visibility.
- Safety chains are required on all trailers, drawn vehicles and equipment.
- Avoid heavy traffic times and bad weather whenever possible.



CV Fire Protection District Notes

Dave Dunham, Coal Valley Fire Protection District Fire Chief

submitted by William Head, Assistant Chief

The members of the Coal Valley Fire Protection District combined to provide 635½ hours of service during the month of June.

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.

Service Anniversaries

August: Captain Jeremy Krotz – 20 years of service.

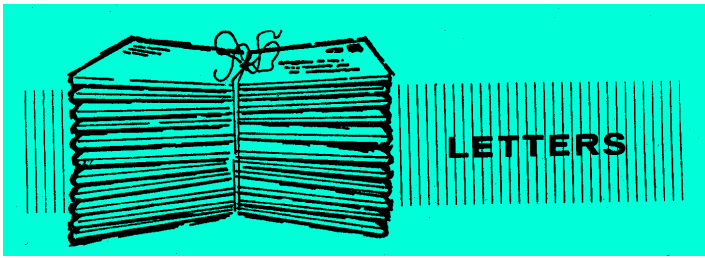
EMT-P Brady DePoorter – 2 years



Calls for the month of July 2022

- 0 Car Fire
- 2 10-50 (Auto Accident)
- 1 Natural gas / Power Lines
- 77 EMS
- 25 EMS – Orion FPD
- 14 EMS – Coyne Center FPD
- 0 2nd Ambulance in Service
- 0 2453 Ambulance used to respond
- 9 Structure Fire
- 4 Cancelled Per Henry County (Orion FPD)
- 0 Cancelled Per Coyne Center FPD
- 0 Car Accidents Orion FPD
- 0 Car Accidents Coyne Center FPD
- 3 Fire Stand-by Orion FPD
- 0 Fire Stand-by Coyne Center FPD
- 0 Natural gas / Power Lines Coyne Center FPD
- 2 Fire Alarm
- 0 Hazmat
- 0 Citizens Assist
- 0 CO Detector
- 0 Fire Prevention
- 0 Brush fires
- 9 Mutual Aid Fire - Given
- 0 Mutual Aid Fire - Received
- 31 Mutual Aid Ambulance – Given to neighboring communities.
- 0 Mutual Aid Ambulance Received
- 0 CVFPD Posting – Standby for Genesis
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- 7 Auto Aid w / Colona FPD
- 3 Auto Aid w / Coyne Center FPD
- 0 Illegal Burning
- 0 MABAS 39 Call Up
- 0 River Rescue

150 Total calls



Volunteers helping out at Bicentennial School

Diane Wadsworth sent in a letter noting that Coal Valley parents and children were performing a good deed at the Bicentennial School on August 21st. Diane writes “They were freshening up the landscaping in front of the school on a Sunday morning in August. Kudos to all of them for their efforts in helping out our local school and community. It’s helpful people like them that make a positive difference in our village!”

Thank you to Diane Wadsworth for sharing this with us through the newsletter!





Village Ordinances to keep you in the know...

APPLICATION

Any persons owning property within the Village where weeds and/or grass are permitted to grow must cut the grass and/or weeds before it reaches 10 inches in height. Tree debris cannot remain on the ground for more than 60 days.

REMOVAL OF WEEDS, GRASS AND TREE DEBRIS

The Building Inspector/Property Maintenance Officer or his agent of the Village shall give reasonable notice to a property owner for neglect of any property within the Village. Upon refusal and/or neglect of any property the Building Inspector/Property Maintenance Officer may issue an ordinance violation to the property owner. If the maintenance of the property becomes the responsibility of the Village, the property owner will bear the cost for the service (TITLE VII HEALTH & SANITATION, CHAPTER 2 PLANTS & WEEDS, SECTION 3).

DEPOSITS ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

It shall be unlawful to deposit on any street any material which may be harmful to the pavement, or any waste material, or any glass, or other articles which may do injury to any person, animal or property. It shall be unlawful to deposit on any public sidewalk any material which may be harmful to the pavement of any waste material, or any glass or other articles which might cause injury to persons, animals or property. (TITLE IX STREETS, PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY, CHAPTER 1 STREETS, SECTION 24.1 & SECTION 25.1).

PENALTY

Any property owner violation the provisions of this chapter shall be fined in accordance with TITLE I DIVISION V CHAPTER 1 SECTION 3 of the code of ordinances for the Village of Coal Valley for each offense. Each day's continuance or existence is a separate offense.