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1st Presbyterian to hold bake and rummage sale

First Presbyterian Church, Coal Valley is holding a rummage sale this on Friday, October 7th and Saturday, October 8th, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on both days. A Bake Sale will also be held during the rummage sale.

First Presbyterian is located at 2431 1st Street, Coal Valley. Sunday School is at 9:15 am and worship is 10:30 am on Sundays.



Trunk ‘R Treat to be held on Oct. 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.

Trash collection reminder

The Village of Coal Valley is reminding residents to have their garbage and/or recycling out by 6:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and bulk items/yard waste carts/bags out by 6am on Wednesdays. Items not out on time can sometimes miss the collection truck.

Yard waste carts are available for an annual fee of \$108.00. A charge of \$9.00 per month will be added to the utility bill. Please call the Village Hall for more information (309) 799-3604.

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 VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY
BANK & TRUST

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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.

National 4-H Week is Oct. 2-8

2022 National 4-H Week is October 2nd through October 8th. Youth are encouraged to join 4-H and make 4-H what they want it to be. 4-H is Illinois' largest out-of-school youth organization, where kids and teens learn by doing with fun, hands-on activities that teach skills for successful

In 4-H, members decide what topics and projects that interest them. They are part of a family working together. At club meetings, members learn how to get along with others build skills with the help of adult 4-H volunteers who want youth to succeed. 4-H introduces you to potential careers and then gives youth training to get the career they want.

Illinois 4-H is part of University of Illinois Extension. Our unit serves the counties of Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Stark. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact 4-H educator Jennifer Peterson via email at jpetersn@illinois.edu or call her at 309-932-3447.



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

The Rock Island County Board has declared 15th of September through 15th of October, 2022 to be recognized as Hispanic Heritage Month to celebrate the Hispanic Culture in Rock Island County.

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, the County of Rock Island recognizes the contributions made by and the importance of the presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and recognizes, honors, and thanks, the courage of those who went from Hispanic immigrant to defender of this great Country of ours and to those who were killed/missing in action, prisoners of war and to those who were emotionally, mentally, or physically scarred, and those who were able to return home safely.



Encouraging Pet Adoptions

The County Board of Rock Island County proclaims October as "A Home for Every Pet Month" in Rock Island County and encourages the adoption of animals from area shelters.

Each year, more than 6 million pets end up homeless in the U.S and in our community there are thousands of pets awaiting homes on any given day, The animal shelter employees in our community work tirelessly to help homeless pets and volunteers in our community help support homeless pets through donations of time and funds.

Pets make life better by giving people love, companionship and comfort; getting us outside for exercise; and helping us build social connections. Our community recognizes the benefits of pets and is working to lower the rate for pet homelessness.

Those interested in volunteering at the Rock Island County Animal Care and Control Shelter may email qcpaws@yahoo.com to register. They will notify you as to the location and the dates that are available for volunteer orientation. For more information you can call (309) 558-3647. The Rock Island County Animal Shelter is located near Coal Valley just off U.S. 150 at 4001 78th Avenue, Moline.

Harvest season means motorist caution and patience

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.