



# The Village News

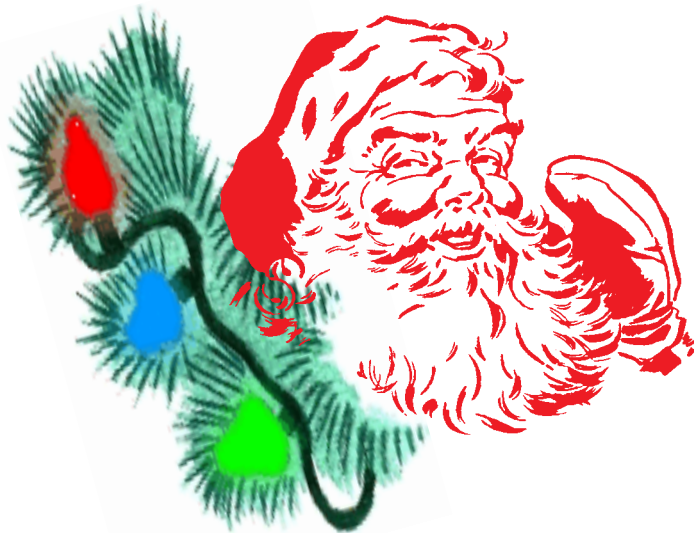
Coal Valley, Illinois

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## Happy Holidays, Coal Valley!

### NOTICE OF CAUCUS

Notice is hereby given

That on **January 12, 2009**

A caucus of the  
**CONSERVATIVE** party

In the Village of Coal Valley

In Rock Island and  
Henry Counties, Illinois

Will be held at:

**COAL VALLEY  
MUNICIPAL CENTER**

**900 1ST STREET**

**COAL VALLEY, ILLINOIS**

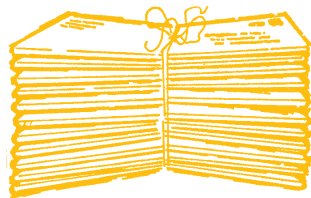
Commencing at: **6:00 P.M.**

For the purpose of nominating  
candidates for the following offices:

**PRESIDENT  
(3) TRUSTEES**

### Ask Your Village News

by *Drue Mielke*



#### Coal Valley Municipal Park

A Coal Valley resident writes in with some questions about the Coal Valley Municipal Park located on 1st Street. I have asked Ross Hall, Coal Valley Public Works Director to answer the questions and to update the residents of the village.

Mr. Hall states that the latest addition to the park is the completion of new restroom facilities. This new building replaces the existing, structure that was in need of replacement. Cement block work for the new restroom is now complete. According to Ross Hall, trusses are coming in and will be set. The roof should be completed by December.

There has been another 35 feet of culvert ordered for the park. As soon as it is delivered, it will be installed on the north end of the park.

Fill has been deposited at the park during construction at the neighboring Bicentennial School. Soil on the site needed to be removed for the new school parking lot. Grading has been done by the school district and has the school district has done a wonderful job of grading and keeping it passable for village crews.

Ross Hall reports that the Coal Valley Municipal Park was fortunate to have not lost too many trees following the July 21st storm. Ross advises that there has not been a need to replace any trees lost during the storm due to the sufficient number of healthy trees still remaining.

## St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church Calendar

Sunday, December 24 4:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.  
**Christmas Eve Masses**

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.  
**Christmas Day Mass**



220 E. 22nd Ave., Coal Valley  
*located downtown, 1 block from post office.*

## Mercury Thermometer Exchange



## Free Digital Thermometer for Coal Valley Residents

(Must have proof of residency)

To help reduce the mercury threat in your home and community, you can dispose of your old mercury fever thermometer at the Village Hall during normal business hours and receive a free digital thermometer (1 free per household). Mercury thermometers are glass, and have a silver temperature display column.

*You Better Watch Out You Better Not Cry You Better Not Pout...*

*Santa Claus Is Coming To...*

# Coal Valley Happy Joe's

## December 6th

## 11 AM until 1 PM



# Home-Heating Safety

submitted by Brett VanScoy, CVFPD – Fire Marshal, 799-5534 ext. 304

It's a cold winter night. You decide to use a space heater, or perhaps light a fire in the fireplace, to save on the heating bill. Comfortable from its warmth as bedtime approaches you think, "What harm could it cause to leave it on overnight?"

Think again. While these heating devices may help you feel cozy and warm, they can become extremely dangerous if not used properly. Home heating equipment was involved in an estimated 62,000 home fires in 2005, according to the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The cost of these fires is more than just property damage. The cost includes roughly 700 lives and roughly 1,500 injuries.

Home heating fires are largely preventable when you know the rules. The **Coal Valley Fire Protection District's** goal is to reduce the number of home-heating fires in our community. But we need your help. We are urging **Coal Valley** families to use extra caution this winter when heating your home.

The majority of heating fire deaths are caused by space heaters! Most heating fires are caused by creosote build-up in the chimney.

To help keep our community safe and warm this season, **Coal Valley Fire Protection District** recommends that you follow these guidelines:

Space heaters need space. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.

Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.

Inspect for cracked, frayed or broken plugs or loose connections. Replace before using.

Have your chimney inspected each year and cleaned if necessary.

Use a sturdy fireplace screen.

Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container.

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For

The best protection interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home — when one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

Never use an oven to heat your home.

For fuel assistance, contact the National Fuel Funds Network at 1-202-824-0660.

With simple precautions, help us meet our goal of decreasing home-heating fires this winter.

# CV Fire Protection District Notes

Dave Dunham, Coal Valley Fire Protection District Fire Chief

submitted by Assistant Chief William Head

Calls for the month of October 2008	
21	EMS
1	CO <sup>2</sup> Detector
0	Fire Alarm
0	Car Fire
2	10-50 Auto Accident
1	Citizen Assist
1	Gas Leak
2	Assist Police Department
1	Brush Fire
0	Investigation Call
0	Hazmat
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25	Calls Total

## Notes from the Chief

We would like to thank everyone that stopped by the fire station on Halloween night for treats, to tour the station and look over the trucks.

Did you know the fiscal year for the fire department begins on October 1st and ends on September 30th of each year? For the year of October 1 2007 through September 30, 2008, the volunteer members of the Coal Valley Fire Department put in a combined total of 3,400 hours of service between responding to calls for help and on-going training. That is equal to 141.6 days or 4.72 months. Wow that's a lot of time!

Thank you for your support!

Your Coal Valley Fire Department

Village of Coal Valley  
Water and Sewer  
Bill Direct Payment  
Now Available!

If interested forms are available  
at the Village Hall or at  
Blackhawk Bank and Trust, Coal Valley.

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## December

- 2 **Storm Warning Siren Test** at 10 a.m.
- 2 **Coal Valley Township Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 3 **Village Board Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 4 **Lions Club Board Meeting**, 6:30 p.m. at CV Presb. Church.
- 7 **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**
- 8 **Moline School District 40 School Board Meetings**, 7:30 p.m. at 1619 11th Avenue, Moline.
- 17 **Village Board Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 18 **Sociable Seniors** meet at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2815 W. 3rd Street (Oak Glen Rd) at noon for potluck dinner.
- 19 **Lions Club Dinner Meeting**, 6:30 p.m. at Denny's Restaurant, 2601 52nd Avenue, Moline.
- 21 **Winter Begins**
- 21 **Hanukkah Begins at sundown.**
- 24 **Christmas Eve**
- 25 **Christmas Day**
- 26 **Kwanzaa Begins**
- 31 **New Year's Eve**

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Drue Mielke, Editor



## January

- 1 **New Year's Day**
- 6 **Storm Warning Siren Test** at 10 a.m.
- 6 **Epiphany**
- 6 **Coal Valley Township Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 7 **Village Board Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 8 **Lions Club Board Meeting**, 6:30 p.m. at CV Presb. Church.
- 12 **Moline School District 40 School Board Meetings**, 7:30 p.m. at 1619 11th Avenue, Moline.
- 14 **Conservative Party Caucus in the Village of Coal Valley**, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall, 900 1st Street, Coal Valley, for the purpose of nominating candidates for offices of President and 3 Village Trustees.
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- 15 **Lions Club Dinner meeting**, 6:30 p.m. at Denny's Restaurant, 2601 52nd Avenue, Moline.
- 19 **Martin LutherKing Jr. Day**
- 20 **Valley Readers Book Club**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Coal Valley Municipal Center meeting room, 900 1st St. Contact the library at 799-3047 for more information
- 21 **Village Board Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 26 **Moline School District 40 School Board Meetings**, 6:00 p.m. at 1619 11th Avenue, Moline.
- 28 **Zoning Commission Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Mun. Ctr Hall.



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## Newsletter Deadline

Article submission deadline for The Village News is the 15th of the month at 4:30 pm. Submissions can be e-mailed to [coalvalleynewsletter@mchsi.com](mailto:coalvalleynewsletter@mchsi.com), mailed to P.O. Box 105, Coal Valley, IL 61240, or dropped off at the Village Hall, 900 1st Street.

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