



The Village News



Your hometown Municipal Newsletter

Coal Valley, Illinois

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St. Guiseppe's is coming to Coal Valley

Saint Giuseppe's Pizza is coming soon to Coal Valley.

Owner Joe Schilling is preparing to open Saint Giuseppe's second location in the former Bloomer's Pizza location on Route 6 at 119 W. 1st Avenue. Their current location is in East Moline on Avenue of the Cities.

Saint Joseph is known in Italy as "Saint Giuseppe". Mr. Schilling explains about the name, "In Italy, Saint Joseph represents hard work, it's what my family's all about. My family is Catholic and big fans of St. Joseph as my grandmother was Italian. Their spaghetti recipe is her recipe."

Joe received a message on Facebook about Bloomer's being for sale and at the time, he was looking for "my next big venture and something that we were capable of doing. Never made a jump like this before. Having one location is all you're focused. Having a second location it can become unpredictable."



Joe Schilling preparing a Saint Guiseppe pizza.

Joe's father, Bobby Schilling started in 1997 and Joe bought it in 2017. Joe states that his dad is one of his biggest role models and his hard work mentality comes directly from him by teaching him how to work and respect your work.

"If you work hard, make sure that it's going towards a good cause." Joe prefers a more conservative approach to living and not let your work slip from underneath you. "Make sure the work has results."

Mr. Schilling states that he is "really excited to open up in Coal Valley... everyone from the mayor to the guy that works at the gas station are so excited that we are coming to Coal Valley and the quality of pizza we bring. I feel like being in Coal Valley, with the attitudes that Coal Valley has about their



Hometown Coal Valley

by Drue Mielke

community, that they will appreciate what we bring to the community. People's praise inspires us to do even better."

Jerry Curtner will be managing the Coal Valley location. Mr. Curtner has been with St. Guiseppe for 11 years. Bobby Schilling hired Jerry when he was 15. Jerry has become such a big part of Saint Giuseppe's and Joe explains that to find someone as passionate as he is has played a big part of accelerating business growth. Mr. Schilling states "It is wonderful that he is now taking lead role in the business."

Jerry Curtner relates that his parents had been eating at Saint Giuseppe's since they have been living in Moline.

"Joe's dad asked one day if he was interest in a job. I didn't come in and apply. I was just asked if I was interested." Jerry worked part-time for 4 years and worked in another job and then going full time, four years ago, as his career.



When asked what Jerry enjoys most, he states he "enjoys making the dough, making the sauce, making the pizza and seeing how much people enjoy their pizza."

Jerry Curtner, Manager of the Coal Valley Saint Guiseppe's Heavenly Pizza.

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We are really excited about coming to Coal Valley and bring their pizza to the community. I really like making people happy and getting out to Coal Valley, giving people more options.”

Jerry made a bold move when he came on board, helping out at nights, doing CNC lathe, and Jerry was wanting to make a change. Mr. Curtner took the risk and left that job and he made a lot of sacrifices to help get St. Guiseppes where it is.

Christian values play a major role in how Saint Giuseppe's is run. Owner Joe Schilling explains, “when we talk about making sure employees are happy and that customers get great value in what they pay for. Christian values keep him cognizant of what the pricing should be- a fair price. I want to make sure that when people whether they are atheist, Christian, any faith, leave here with a positive sense.”

A prime goal at Saint Giuseppe's is ensuring that each experience at the restaurant is good. Small positive triggers can influence a chain of positive events. Mr. Schilling states, “Positivity is a big thing for me. If the customer is not satisfied then changes need to be made. Negative experiences can be positive learning experience.”

For the Coal Valley location, four new employees will be hired and staff who currently work at the East Moline location would also fill in. Schilling said he plans to offer delivery shortly after opening and wants to offer half-baked pizzas to take home, which is something he is unable to do at the East Moline store. He plans on offering a couple beers on tap, with a possible pizza buffet down the road.



SAINT GIUSEPPE'S

heavenly pizza



Joe Schilling readying to create a pizza.



Saint Guiseppe's Heavenly Pizza soon to be moving into the building located at the former Bloomer's Pizza location on Route 6 at 119 W. 1st Avenue.

Village conducting hydrant flushing during Oct.

The Village of Coal Valley will be conducting hydrant flushing during the month of October. During hydrant flushing there may be a temporary drop in water pressure at this time. Water may be rusty or cloudy.

Discolored water is not harmful and will clear up in a few hours. Fill a bottle with water and store it in the refrigerator to use for drinking or cooking. Flush your hot water tanks after the cold water clears. Do not wash white laundry during this period (wait until cold and hot water are clear before laundering whites).

If you see a crew flushing a hydrant on your street, avoid running tap water and using the washing machine or

the dishwasher until the flushing is completed. There is no health hazard associated with the discolored water. Allow a few hours for discoloration to dissipate. To verify

water is clear, run your cold-water tap for a few minutes.

If you encounter discolored water, shut the water off and wait several minutes. After waiting, check the clarity by running cold water for a few minutes allowing new water to work its way into your pipes. If the water is clear it's OK to use. If not, wait a few more minutes and check again. If pressure or volume seems low, check your faucet screens for trapped particles.



WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

The Village of Coal Valley is seeking a qualified individual to fill the full-time position of Water/Sewer Superintendent.

Minimum requirements: State of Illinois Class C Water License, and a minimum 3 years' experience.

Responsibilities include: Plan, direct, manage and maintain water treatment, distribution, and sanitary sewer along with compliance and inspections in accordance with IEPA. Candidate must possess strong knowledge of water distribution, sampling, testing, troubleshooting both water and sanitary sewer. Must possess good communications skills, the ability to handle stressful situations, and the ability to exercise good judgment in ordinary and critical situations. Applicant will have the ability to work normal working hours, overtime and call-in hours when necessary.

Applicant will report to the Village Administrator. Salary will start at \$55,000 (if applicant has appropriate Class C license) along with an attractive benefit package.

Please submit employment application and resume to:

The Village of Coal Valley Attn: Village Administrator
P.O. Box 105, Coal Valley, IL 61240
or e-mail to aernst@coalvalleyil.org
by 5:00 pm October 18, 2019.

Application available at www.coalvalleyil.org

Make Halloween safety a priority

Kids look forward to Halloween for many reasons. They like the dressing up in costumes but the mostly they like it for the candy and treats!

Children should always go out trick or treating accompanied by a responsible adult. If you have a group of kids going, the parents should choose two or three of them to go along and keep an eye on things.

Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you. This way you can check for any problem candy and get the pick of the best stuff!

Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car. Explain why this is not a good idea and what to do if someone approaches them and tries to talk to them

Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

Let them know that they should stay together as a group if going out to Trick or Treat without an adult.

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.



Opening for Village of Coal Valley Planning & Zoning/Board of Appeals

The Village of Coal Valley has an opening on our Planning & Zoning/Board of Appeals.

The Planning Commission's primary role, as its name implies, is to plan. A Planning Commission is a body of citizens that serve within local government, acting as an advisory group to the municipal governing body on issues and policies related to planning, land use regulation, and community development. Along with this role you will also be part of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Zoning Board of Appeals major responsibility is to review questions and appeals which arise under the provisions of the Village's Zoning Code, as interpreted and administered by the Building/Zoning Inspector.

The Board's recommendations go to the Village Board for appropriate action. The Board hears all requests for variations in zoning, various special use permits, and appeals from administrative decisions or interpretations of the Zoning Code.

You also will be compensated for each meeting that is held. The Board meets fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 900 1st Street. Meetings dates are subject to change (holiday's) from the approved schedule.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the village! If you are interested, please contact the Village Administrator at 309-799-3604, ext. 206.

Annette Ernst
Village Administrator

A letter from Village Administrator, Annette Ernst

Village of Coal Valley Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program



Many of you may remember reading a few articles that I have wrote on our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) in the past, so I wanted to update you on the status of that program. On September 18, 2019 our program was audited by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Jamie Just is our MS4 Coordinator and I am his back up.

Anticipating the audit, I was curious as to what to expect, so I did some research and this is what I found. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandates the Illinois Pollution Control Agency (IPCA) to evaluate Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permittees for compliance with the MS4 General Permit. The IPCA does this through compliance audits. Through the MS4 permit, the IPCA relies on permittees to include specific requirements into their Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) to reduce pollutants entering storm sewer systems. During an audit, IPCA staff and permittees discuss the appropriateness of their best management practices (BMPs) and progress towards achieving goals that were identified by the permittee when they applied for, or renewed, their MS4 General Permit.

Audit purposes and types. Audits serve many purposes and are beneficial to us (local MS4 staff), and the IPCA. This was the first audit conducted since the Village implanted our program back in 2003. Moving forward, we were told that we will be audited every 7 years.

1. Determine compliance with the MS4 General Permit. The IPCA staff will evaluate the materials provided prior to, during, and after the audit and responses to the audit questions to determine permit compliance.
2. Technical assistance. The audit is a good opportunity for our local MS4 staff to meet the IPCA staff members and ask questions regarding the MS4 General Permit, your local program, or how other MS4s are implementing their SWPPP.
3. Assist with permit revisions. The IPCA will use feedback and input gathered during the audit to inform future permit revisions.

There are three main reasons that IPCA staff will conduct an audit. Fortunately, this was a routine audit.

1. Routine. These audits are to meet the EPA evaluation mandate and are the majority of the audits conducted.
2. Construction stormwater complaints. If there have been multiple complaints related to construction site activities in one jurisdiction, either observed by IPCA inspectors or received by the public, the MS4 may be flagged for an audit.
3. Duty Officer or other citizen complaints. If there have been multiple Duty Officer complaints or other citizen complaints related to spills, illicit discharges, or other impacts to stormwater, the MS4 may be flagged for an audit.

What to expect during an audit. Regardless of the reason for the audit, the format will be the roughly the same. Every audit will be related to any or all of the six minimum control measures (MCMs).

During the audit, MPCA staff will evaluate permit compliance and program effectiveness based on three areas:

- responses to the audit questions
- whether or not your stormwater program has met the goals of its SWPPP
- other outcomes that your stormwater program has achieved

The audit allows us to describe your unique approach to implementing your SWPPP. Your IPCA auditor will ask questions from a standard questionnaire form to ensure all topics are covered consistently for all permittees. In addition, your auditor will ask questions specific to your MS4 questions if there are areas that the IPCA staff feel need further clarification. The audit will be conversational and will give you ample opportunity to explain your answers and provide background information. You will also be able to ask the MPCA staff questions you have as well.

Post audit. Immediately following the audit, the auditor will provide a debrief in an exit interview to provide a preliminary assessment of your stormwater program based on responses to audit questions, permit requirements, and your SWPPP.

IPCA staff will send you an official audit report, generally within one month of the audit. The audit report will summarize compliance status and may include recommended or required actions for you to take if issues were identified or if the MPCA feels that there are aspects of your stormwater program that could be improved. The primary function of the audit is to assess and improve SWPPPs, but, as with all regulatory programs, there is potential for enforcement actions with financial penalties for alleged violations. If alleged violations are observed, you will have an opportunity to respond to the MPCA in writing.

Overall, the audit took about 4 hours (which included field observations). However, the work doesn't end here. Jamie and I have to make sure that we continue to make our program even more robust in preparation for the next audit in 2026.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jamie Just, MS4 Coordinator at (309) 799-3604, ext. 251, or myself at (309) 799-3604, ext. 206.

A decorative graphic for Halloween. The word "HALLOWEEN" is written in a stylized, dripping yellow font. Above the letter 'O' is a black silhouette of a witch wearing a pointed hat and riding a broomstick. To the right of the witch is a glowing jack-o'-lantern with a carved face. The entire graphic is set against a light orange background with a red scalloped border.

Coal Valley
Trick or Treat Hours
October 31st 2019
5:30pm – 7:30pm

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 recklessly.

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.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES



Village Ordinances to keep you in the know...

GARBAGE RECYCLE & REFUSE

Discontinuance of refuse services for residents that are absent from the Village for two consecutive months or longer has been amended. A Village resident requesting refuse relief must fill out an application for the request, which may be obtained on the Village website or at the Village Hall. Verbal requests will not be accepted.



BURNING

BURNING LEAVES AND OTHER LANDSCAPE WASTE

It shall be lawful to burn dry leaves and/or other dry landscape waste, such as grass, tree limbs, shrub trimmings and other materials accumulated as a result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees, in the Village between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Following the foregoing designated burning times, fires resulting from burning leaves and other landscape waste shall be completely extinguished and shall not be allowed to continue to smolder beyond the designated burning time.



ATTENDANCE

Burning of leaves and other landscape waste shall be constantly attended by a competent person until the fire is completely extinguished

DEPOSITING AND BURNING LEAVES, OTHER LANDSCAPE WASTE, AND REFUSE ON VILLAGE RIGHT-OF-WAYS, STREETS, AND SIDEWALKS

It shall be unlawful to deposit and/or burn leaves, landscape waste, or refuse on any Village Right-of-Ways, concrete or asphalt surfaced streets or sidewalks in the Village (See also Section 26, Chapter 1 Streets, Division 1 Streets, Title IX, STREETS, PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY).

LOCATION

Burning of leaves and other landscape waste shall take place only on the premises from which such leaves and other landscape waste was derived.

BURNING REFUSE

It shall be unlawful at any time to burn rubbish or trash, including but not limited to waste paper products and garbage, or waste material from construction, demolition or renovation of buildings.

PARKING PROHIBITED DURING SNOW REMOVAL

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a vehicle to remain on any Village Street, Avenue, alley, cul de sac or village parking lot within the Village following a snowfall occurrence of two inches or more:

Whenever the Village Administrator, Village President, or Chief of Police, perceives an emergency to exist in the Village; or in any section or sections thereof, because of snow, freezing rain, sleet, ice, snowdrifts or other natural phenomena which create hazardous conditions or impede the free movement of fire, police, health, emergency or other vehicular traffic or otherwise endanger the safety and welfare of the public, the Village Administrator, Village President, or Chief of Police may declare an emergency to exist. Primary notification will be made by sending Notification of Snow Emergency to the local media with a request to broadcast the emergency.



Any agent or employee of the village designated to enforce the parking ordinances of the city is hereby authorized to cause any motor vehicle parked in violation of this section to be towed from any street, alley, cul-de-sac, or village parking lot. In such a case, the owner of the vehicle may be assessed the cost of towing and any storage charges in relation thereto, subject to the owner's right of appeal to the Village Administrator, Village President, or Chief of Police.

This ordinance applies to all Village streets and roads, there will be no signs posted about moving vehicles when we have a snow fall of 2 or more inches.

Coal Valley Lions Club



Presents



1st Annual

Christmas

King & Queen

Ages 4yrs - 8yrs

(current ages at time of entry)

Photo Contest

Photo entry starts October 1

See a Lion for more info

\$5.00 Entry Fee

Proceeds received will go for use for Lions Projects

Help Us, Help Others

More Info?

Email: sundaysandy45@gmail.com

or 309 781-7968 leave Message

2019 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
CHRISTMAS KING & QUEEN CONTEST AGE 4-8years
CONTEST DATES FOR ENTRY: October 1 – 31
\$5.00 ENTRY FEE.

PLEASE CHECK ONE: BOY _____ GIRL _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____

PHONE#: _____

Email _____

**PLEASE BRING FORM, ENTRY FEE (CASH, CHECK or M/O&A 5x 7
PORTRAIT OF THE CHILD to Happy Joes Coal Valley Oct 1, 8, 10, 15, 22&24.**

**Between 5-6 PM. If YOU WANT YOUR PICTURE BACK, PLEASE BRING AN
ENEVELOPE WITH POSTAGE FOR SENDING IT BACK TO YOU.**

OR MAIL FORM, ENTRY FEE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER & 5 x 7
PORTRAIT OF CHILD TO:

Sandy Muse

1518 25thAve. Apt. 300

Moline Il 61265

(Each Child will only be known by a number ONCE ENTER)

Voting will be done by .25¢ a vote. (\$1 = 4 VOTES) Voting from November
6 – 30

The finalist to be displayed at Blackhawk Bank Coal Valley and on the
Coal Valley Lions Facebook Page.

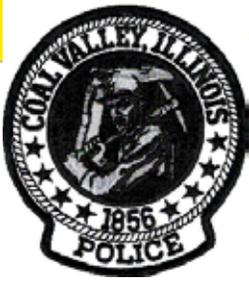
Each child finalist will be assigned a number and the number will sent to
the parent by mail or email, IF registered by mail.

Voting can be done by cash or check at site or check or Money order by
mail. And if by mail it must be postmarked by 11/30 or on Facebook with
including the number.

The child with the most votes wins in each category.

ENTRY FEE: CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE TO: COAL VALLEY LIONS

**Winner will be announced at WHEN SANTA COMES TO THE VALLEY put on by
the Coal Valley Lions at Happy Joes**



From the desk of
Chief Jack Chick

I would like to congratulate Officer Logan Thomas for receiving the 2019 AAIM Award (Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorist) for DUI Enforcement for the Coal Valley Police Department. This is the 3rd consecutive year that Logan has won this award for the Coal Valley Police Department and I am truly thankful and proud of his dedication. Congratulations Logan and keep up the great work and effort!!

Chief Jack E. Chick



**FLU SHOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
October 31, 2019
10am – 12pm
Village Hall Board Room
900 1st Street**



**The Village of Coal Valley Parks will close
on Thursday October 31st, 2019**



TRUNK 'R TREAT

PRESENTED BY:
BLACKHAWK BANK & TRUST
VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND
6:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL PARK, COAL VALLEY

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTICIPANTS:

COAL VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT · COAL VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT · G&L AUTO · COUNTRY STYLE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH · THE ROCK · 7-ELEVEN · SHELL · SUBWAY · COAL VALLEY LIONS CLUB
CORN CRIB NURSERY · HAPPY JOE'S/RUDY'S TACOS · GIT-N-GO · POLISHED REFLECTIONS · ARGO MANAGEMENT
JEEP JAMMERS · VERNON COMPANY/VALLEY TV SERVICE CENTER · GWEN ESCAJEDA & PAM LAWSON
DOLLAR GENERAL · ST. MARIA GORETTI

HALLOWEEN PHOTO BACKDROP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO TAKE PHOTOS OF YOUR LITTLE GHOULS!
DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA.

