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Purple Violet Shop announces expansion

The expansion of Purple Violet's Coal Valley retail footprint will begin on July 1st when the outside produce market will open with a produce stand providing fresh vegetables and selected fruit.

The produce stand will be remodeled later this year to allow a year-round produce market. Opening date for the year-round has not been set.



Purple Violet Shop will celebrate one year of business on May 1. Visitors stopping in between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on May 1st will receive a free flower.

Purple Violet Shop is located at 206 West 1st Avenue, Coal Valley's U.S. 6 retail strip,

Purple Violet's garden center will also open May 1. Hanging baskets, bedding plants and vegetable plants will be available. Owner Anita Hatalsky shares "We are excited to offer a large selection of native plants for the garden!"

Purple Violet Shop offers flower delivery in and around Coal Valley, as well as nationwide delivery through our reliable florist network. Purple Violet Shop provides same-day flower delivery for your last minute gift needs in Coal Valley as well.



Purple Violet is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday Noon to 5:00 pm. Purple Violet Shop can be reached (309) 524-3777 or at anita@purplevioletshop.com. In addition, Purple Violet is an online florist at www.purpleviolet.com.

Yard waste collection begins for season

Yard Waste pickup began on Wednesday April 7th, 2021. Residents may purchase yard waste stickers at the Village Hall 900 1st St & Blackhawk Bank 200 1st St Coal Valley for \$1.75 each.

Please call the Village Hall to be put on the yard waste list by no later than noon on Tuesday.

Residents are asked to have their yard waste bags stickered and out for pickup no later than 6:00 am on Wednesday mornings.

If you have any questions regarding yard waste or to schedule a pickup, you may contact the Village Hall 799-3604 during regular business hours.



April Village Board Meetings Scheduled

The Village Board meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 P.M.. The next meeting is April 21st.

Agendas and information on attending via Zoom can be found at <https://www.coalvalleyil.org/village-board-meetings-agenda.php>.

For the time being, Coal Valley Village Board Meetings are limited to online public attendance and participation.

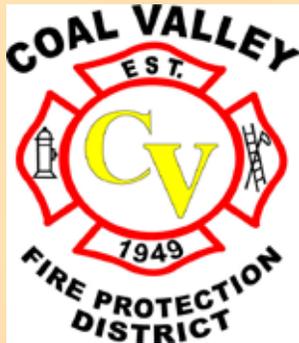
CV Fire Protection District Notes

Dave Dunham, Coal Valley Fire Protection District Fire Chief

submitted by William Head, Assistant Chief

Service Anniversaries in February

**FF/ EMT-P – Tyler Hynes
1 Year of service.**



The members of the Coal Valley Fire Protection District combined to provide 562 1/2 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.

Calls for February 2021

0	Car Fire
8	10-50 (Auto Accidents)
1	Natural Gas/ Downed Power Lines
30	EMS
13	EMS- Orion FPD
4	Backup Ambulance In Service
2	Structure Fire
0	Cancelled per Henry County (Orion FPD)
8	Car Accidents- Orion FPD
3	Fire Standby- Orion FPD
4	Fire Alarm
0	Hazardous Materials
0	Citizen Assist
0	Carbon Monoxide Detectors
0	Fire Prevention
0	Brush Fires
0	Mutual Aid Given- Fire
0	Mudual Aid Received- Fire
11	Mutual Aid Ambulance- Given to neighboring communities
0	CVFPD Posting- Standby for Genesis
0	Genesis Posting- Standby for CVFPD
7	Auto Aid with Colona FPD
0	Illegal Burning
0	MABAS 39 Call Up
0	River Rescue
<u>80</u>	Total calls

How to Detect Toilet Leaks

Toilet leaks may be easy to repair, but detecting them can be a great challenge, especially when they are completely silent. It's nerve racking to view a water bill and see the amount double or triple what you normally pay for. Here is a very quick and easy method to detect a toilet leak.

Method 1 of 2: Using Food Coloring

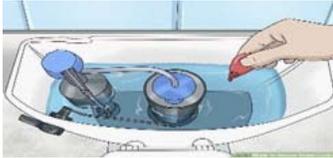
1. Remove the tank lid of the toilet.



Flush your toilet as usual. Wait for the water to rise again to the designated water line of the tank and the toilet to fully complete a flush.



Drop about 4 to 5 food coloring drops in the toilet tank. You may want to use a dark color such as blue or red instead of yellow.



Replace the toilet lid and wait 20 to 30 minutes.



Survey the toilet bowl. If the water is clear, there is no leak. If the water has changed color, there is a leak present.

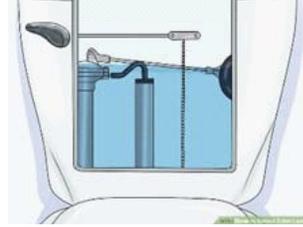


Repeat the process with all toilets in the house, if applicable. This is very important to see if the issue is coming from one specific toilet or happening in multiple ones.



Method 2 of 2: Looking for Other Signs

1. Look at the water level. First, remove the toilet tank lid. If the water level is well above the overflow pipe, check the float. The float rises with the water and tells the inlet valve on the ballcock (the float) when to shut off the water valve. If the water keeps flowing past the overflow tube, there is likely a leak.



To check the inlet valve, flush the toilet and lift the rod that holds the float as the water rises. If you hear the water stop, the problem is caused by the float, and it likely needs to be replaced. A new float and rod are very easy to replace and will only cost a few dollars at the hardware store.

2. Test the flapper. If the water level of the tank is not surpassing the overflow tube, but you still hear or see excess water flowing into the bowl, it's time to check the flapper. The flapper is a round rubber seal that sits at the bottom of the tank. Its purpose is to stop the water inside the tank from entering the toilet bowl.[4]



Turn off the water supply valve near the toilet, and check if the water level in the tank decreases. If there is a decrease after 15-20 minutes, the problem could be due to the flapper. There could either be a leak in the flapper, or the chain may be too tight.

Fiber Network Expanded

Geneseo Communications has announced expansion of its 100% fiber network in Coal Valley that will deliver Internet speeds up to 1 gigabit with unlimited data use.

The first phase, which can be viewed at www.fiberfast.com, is expected to be completed by the end of 2021. “We are excited to be expanding our network into the neighboring community of Coal Valley,” said McClain. “We are grateful for the cooperation of the Village of Coal Valley and look forward to continuing our work with village leaders to provide services that vastly surpass those of existing providers. Our expansion supports the vision to further the development and maintenance of public infrastructure to meet current and future needs of the Village.”

“Geneseo Communications’ investment in our village is an investment in a brighter future for our citizens,” said Annette Ernst, Coal Valley Village Administrator. “Access to a fiber-optic network is a multi-faceted economic driver. Availability of fiber-optic broadband is a requirement for all levels of education and commerce.

Geneseo Communications expansion of high-capacity, reliable broadband positions Coal Valley for further economic growth strategies, as well as helps meet a growing demand for improved communication within our community.”

“This announcement comes at a great time for the Village of Coal Valley,” Village President Mike Bartels said. “As our community continues to grow, it is vital that we are able to provide fast, reliable, and affordable fiber optic options. At no time has that been more apparent than during the COVID-19 pandemic as virtual learning and remote work made the need for increased broadband access even more apparent,” he said.

Designs are underway and construction is prepared to begin within phase one this Spring. With

Village Water Quality Report Available Online

The Village of Coal Valley water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), also known as a safe drinking water or water quality report, is an annual report that summarizes the quality of drinking water Coal Valley’s community public water systems.

The purpose is to raise customers’ awareness of where their drinking water comes from, the quality of their drinking water, what it takes to deliver water to their home and the importance of protecting drinking water sources.

Coal Valley has two separate systems. A majority of the village is served by the report called 2020 CCR – Water Report. The remainder of the Village of Coal Valley located in Henry County near the golf course is served by a report called 2020 CCR – Oak View Estates Water Report. Both reports are located at:

<http://coalvalleyil.org/docs/2020CCRRReportCoalValley.pdf>

<http://coalvalleyil.org/docs/2020CCRRReportOakViewEstates.pdf>

Easily Report Street Light Outages

Do you have a street light out on your street, or see one in the Village that is out? It’s easy to report one! Just go to MidAmerican’s website at <https://www.midamericanenergy.com/street-light-repair-form> to let them know.

the launch, Geneseo Communications will offer fully symmetrical speeds up to 1 Gigabit per second with unlimited data usage. When Geneseo Communications’ construction is complete, locations within phase I will have the option to add streaming TV service as well as have the bandwidth to power multiple devices including home automation technologies. To learn more about this project visit www.fiberfast.com.