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Village of Coon Valley

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Valley News



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Knutson Memorial Library

Karen L. Bernau, Director

Hours:

Monday 1:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 5:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Thursday 1:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 p.m.— 1:00 p.m.

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New In Town??

Stop by the Village Office
at 205 Anderson Street
for information on garbage
pickup, recycling schedule,
park events and much,
much more.

NEWS FROM KNUTSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

KAREN BERNAU, DIRECTOR

It was a wonderful afternoon on Sunday, February 17th and Knutson Memorial Library's Antique Appraisal Event at the Legion in Coon Valley was the place to be! We had a wonderful turnout of library supporters and antique lovers with items appraised ranging from a high value of \$4-5,000 through several items in the hundreds, to a few items of "sentimental value". The audience was enthralled and entertained as dolls, mirrors, a Lionel toy boat, a life-size carved dog from Germany, silverware, dishes, paintings, local postcards, costume jewelry, and many other interesting items were valued by expert appraiser Mark Moran. In addition, the food (Library Board & Friends) and wine (Vernon Vineyards) was fantastic, the raffle prizes worth winning, and the "best" people (all of you!) were present!

The Library Board would like to give enormous thanks to the local businesses and individuals who contributed raffle items, cash, or in so many other ways to the success of the event. We are so grateful for the support we receive from our community and we strive to give you the best service possible. Your support will be used to fund library programs and improvements, including a much-needed staff workroom renovation. Thank you! There is always a lot going on around town and in the area! Coon Valley now has a web-based Community Calendar to help keep track of what is going on when. It can be seen at www.calendarwiz.com/coonvalley. Make it one of your favorite sites and never wonder what is going on or miss a local event again! If you are part of a local group or organization that would like to have your events included on the calendar, please contact Karen at 452-3757 or by email at kbernaul@wrlsweb.org. If you haven't already done so, please stop at the library and admire the wonderful wall painting done by local artist Sarah Pederson! If you would like to see more of her artwork, check out www.lucidpainting.com. Her work is amazing! The Library Board and the Friends of the Library both contributed funds to make this beautiful addition to the library possible. We hope it will be admired and loved for many years to come. Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner! Keep your eyes on the community calendar (which can also be seen at the library website www.wrlsweb.org/coonvalley) or in the Westby Times for information about upcoming summer programs at the library.

Greetings from your Village President

We are already 3 months into 2013 and I am sure everyone is ready for spring. Here is a recap on some things that are happening in the Village. The Park Board and the Village office are working on a grant for our Village Park. With this grant we hope to make our park more handicap accessible and safer for everyone. The board is also working on possible street construction projects for 2015 or 2016. We recently combined several loans and refinanced with River Bank at an overall lower interest rate which will lower our debt load over a 3 year period. This will hopefully free up money to use on some needed street reconstruction. Spring elections will be held on April 2nd. I encourage everyone to come out and vote. The board is continuing conversations with the members of the Coon Creek Fire Fighters Association and we are closer to a solution regarding billing for 1st responder calls. We appreciate this organizations hard work and their dedication. I greatly appreciate all of the support that the residents have given the Village of Coon Valley board. I would personally like to thank the Village board for all of their hard work and dedication as well as the office, public works department, police department and library staff members. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

"Rick Stegen, Village President "Proud to Serve Coon Valley"

Coon Valley & Area Youth Foundation

The Coon Valley & Area Youth Foundation will be hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt & Party on Saturday, March 30th beginning at 10:30am. This year we will be having it indoors at the Village Hall. Also, instead of hay we now have bright colorful Easter grass for the kids to search through for the eggs. They then trade in the eggs they find for treats at the treat table. There will be face painting and refreshments too. We hope to see lots of little egg-hunters there. Volunteers (even on-the-spot) are very much appreciated. Happy Easter everyone from CVAYF! The next activity after Easter for the Youth Foundation is the Memorial Day Parade. We are proud to show our homage to those who have given us so much. If your child would like to ride our float and help us show our thanks and respect, then you can contact us via our website as Memorial Day approaches or even just show up in the staging area before the parade. The children on our float represent the future that our forefathers fought so hard for, so consider taking the opportunity for them to ride our float. Smile, wave and throw candy! Once summer is here (won't that be nice!) then we will begin our weekly Tuesday swim outings to Westby Pool. Be sure to fill out a registration form current to 2013 and send that with them the first week they go. That form and other information can be found on our website, www.cvayf.org.

44th ANNUAL HUNTER SAFETY RIFLE MATCH

Saturday, May 4th, 2013

Shooting begins at 8:00 a.m.

Registration—8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Westby Rod & Gun Club Grounds (CTH P by Ski Jump)

Trophies for Top Shooters & Teams

Food & Refreshments Available

Food will be prepared by Sheriff John Spears

Must be present to win door prizes

Guest Speaker to be Announced

For more information contact

C.V. Police Chief Jay Engelhart

452-3884

COON CREEK RENDEZVOUS

June 21-22, 2013

Camping—\$20.00

Old Fashioned Swimming Hole

Trout Fishing

Primitive Dress Required for Campers

Adult & Youth Games

Saturday

Black Powder Shoot-CV Conservation Club

Additional times of events to be announced in the Westby Times

Coon Creek Trout Festival

Coon Valley

June 15, 2013

The Coon Valley Business Association and Trout Unlimited will once again host Coon Creek Trout Festival—Trout Fest on the Village park grounds in Coon Valley. The festival's focal point is the Trout Fishing Derby at Coon Creek which will be stocked with over 400 rainbow, brown and brook trout. Complimenting the fishing contest are a variety of angler educational programs, an expo, Classic Car show, art and craft fair, kid's activity and live entertainment. For more details go to the festival website at www.cooncreektroutfest.com.

Schedule of Events

10 am Gates Open

Please bring lawn chairs.

NO CARRY IN FOOD OR BEVERAGES!

Local and National Vendors

Kids Trout Derby (10am - 1pm) Please bring personal fishing gear.

Classic Car Show (10am -3pm) at Mega Parts

Kids inflatables & Games (10am -5pm)

Canoe & Kayak Demos (In water demos start at 1pm)

Bobber Race 6pm (\$1 each. 1st prize = 50%of total!)

Presentations

Fly fishing & Fly Tying Lessons 11am - 4pm

Kids Games and Prizes

Raffles and Giveaways

Bean Bag Tournament (Click to Sign up!)

Food (11am - 7pm) & Beverages(10am -11pm)

Music

The Freezers 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.



VILLAGE WIDE RUMMAGE SALES

June 14-15, 2013

The Coon Valley Business Association is sponsoring a Village Wide Rummage Sale on June 14th and 15th in conjunction with Trout Fest. If you would like to host a rummage sale during this time, please contact Tiffany Rundhaugen. Her cell phone number is 608-792-5484, e-mail: jtrundhaugen@yahoo.com or visit her Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ThriftyPickins. Tiffany will be publishing a list of rummage sales on the 14th and 15th along with times and a brief list of items. This list will then be distributed to local business and will be available at the Village Office. **Contact Tiffany by May 15th** if you want to be part of the Village wide rummage sales. The Coon Valley Business Association will be including the Village wide rummage sale on the Trout Fest fliers as well as in the Foxy Shopper.

2013 WIC Clinics

Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Coon Valley Village Hall Meeting Room

March 27, June 26, September 25,

Thursday December 19

For more information call (608)637-5260.

Wanted

The **Coon Creek Fire & Rescue Association** is looking for able-bodied, dependable men and women willing to give of themselves at least two Mondays a month and also be willing to complete entry level training. Must be willing to miss a holiday or two, an anniversary, birthday parties, a playoff game, dinner at the in-laws, and even experience some sleepless nights. Put yourself at the mercy of the elements: thunderstorms, driving rains and flooding, brutal cold, blistering heat, and occasional high winds or a tornado or two. Occasional heavy lifting is encountered – usually when already wearing 60 lbs of gear. We have some of the latest and greatest equipment that is a fantastic complement to our primitive hand tools. Pay? Excellent holiday spending money! If this sounds like you, Coon Creek Fire & Rescue has an opening tailored for you. Stop and talk to Fire Chief Russ Cornford anytime at his shop – Star Auto on Bothne Drive in Coon Valley or call 452-3077 during normal business hours.

A REMINDER

FROM FIRE CHIEF RUSS CORNFORD

Leaves and Lawn clippings and garbage of any kind cannot be burned within the Village limits. Please haul all lawn debris to the brush and grass clipping site located near the sewer plant and dispose of your burnable garbage with your regular garbage pickup.

Thank You.

ELECTIONS

The Spring Election will be held on **April 2nd** at the Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt Street. The polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. If you are not registered to vote, please



bring your drivers license or valid identification and proof of residency. The Village president and three trustee positions on the Village board are up for re-election as well as three Westby School Board seats, State Superintendent, Justice of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Judge. On May 7th Westby School District will hold a special Referendum Election. The purpose of this referendum is to allow the school district to exceed the revenue limit.

COON VALLEY COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

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| April 1 | Park Opens |
| April 2 | Spring Election |
| | DON'T FORGET TO VOTE |
| April 6 | WCCV Lady Stars - Girls Softball Fundraiser |
| April 9 | Westby Varsity Baseball Game |
| | Veterans Memorial Park—4 p.m. |
| April 12 | CV Business Assoc. Bingo Night |
| | Village Hall 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| | Food and refreshments |
| April 19 & 20 | Park Cleanup Days |
| April 24 | Property Tax Open Book - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Village Hall |
| April 27 | Middle Coon Valley Lutheran Church rummage sale |
| | 7a.m. to 1p.m. @ Village Hall |
| April 27 | St. Marys Catholic Church - Spring Luncheon 11:00 - 1:00 |
| | Raffle & Prizes |
| May 4 | Hunter Safety Rifle Match - Westby Rod and Gun Club grounds |
| May 12 | Happy Mother's Day |
| May 14 & 15 | Hydrant Flushing |
| May 18 | St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club Chicken Q |
| May 27 | Memorial Day |
| June 8 | MOPAR Car Show |
| | Mega Parts and Village Hall |
| June 14 & 15 | Village Wide Rummage Sales |
| June 15 | Trout Fest—Veteran's Memorial Park |
| June 16 | Happy Father's Day |
| June 21-22 | Family fun @ Coon Creek Rendezvous |

Property Tax Assessments

April 24, 2013

Village Hall Meeting Room - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On April 24th an assessor from Associated Appraisal, the company that does the property assessments for the Village, will be here to answer questions you may have about your property assessment for 2013. If you have questions or concerns about your assessment, please call Associated Appraisal at 1-800-721-4157 for an appointment. Bring with recent appraisals of your property and insurance policies showing the value of insured property.

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NOTES FROM POLICE CHIEF JAY ENGELHART

- ◆ All your vehicles in or out of service must be registered with the Department of Transportation.
- ◆ Since the grass cutting season is soon upon us, this is just a friendly reminder that grass clippings and other debris from your yards cannot be blown into the streets. There is a \$150 citation if caught doing this. Grass, leaves, branches and any larger lawn debris must be brought to the brush and grass clipping site located on Jack Berg Lane near the sewer plant.
- ◆ Spring is here and the snow will soon be gone. This is a good time to look around your yards and do a little spring cleanup. Pet owners, please take extra care to cleanup pet feces that may have accumulated in the snow over the winter.

Thank you.

REMINDER

You must obtain licenses for all dogs and cats within the Village by April 1st. Licenses are available at the Village Office. There is a \$3.00 fee for neutered and spade animals and a \$8.00 fee for animals that are not neutered or spade.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Office Hours: 9:00 am—12:00 pm & 1:00 pm— 5:00 pm

Closed on Thursdays

Village Board Meetings: second Tuesday of every month @7:00 pm Village Hall Meeting Room—Committee's— meet as needed

Water & Sewer Billings are generated quarterly

Garbage Information: Garbage is picked up every Wednesday. Recycling is picked up on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. However, if the actual major holiday falls on a Monday or a Tuesday the garbage will be picked up on Thursday instead.

If you are in need of a dumpster or you need to dispose of a large item or appliance, please call Town & Country Sanitation at 1-800-626-1915. Large items are picked up only on recycling days and require advance notice to Town & Country.

Please Remember!!! All lids must be removed from plastic and glass bottles, jugs, and recycling containers. Town & Country Sanitation will not pick up any recycling with lids still attached. Compact fluorescent bulbs cannot be put in the recycle bins. ACE of La Crosse, Home Depot and Menards will recycle the bulbs for free. Vernon County Solid Waste/Recycling Facility charges .50 cents per bulb (both small and large tubes). They can be contacted at (608)634-2900.

Garbage bags are available for purchase at Kwik Trip, Chances Are, Main Street Mercantile and the Village Office in Coon Valley. Large bags (33-gallon) come in packs of ten for \$20.50 and packs of five for \$10.25. Small bags (15 gallon) come in packs of ten for \$13.00 and packs of five for \$6.50. Kwik Trip sells only large bags in packs of ten. Chances Are and Main Street Mercantile sells individual bags.

To reserve a park shelter, the Village Hall meeting room or the hall contact the Village Office at 452-3168.

Meeting Room Rental rates:

Resident: \$30 Non-Resident: \$40

A \$20 key deposit is required at time of rental. The deposit is returned when the key is returned to the Village office.

Park Shelter Rental rates:

Shelter 1 (contains stove & refrigerator) - \$45

Shelter 2 & 3 - \$35

Holocaust Survivor to Speak at Westby Fieldhouse - April 10th

Holocaust Survivor Samuel R. Harris will be speaking at the Westby Area School District Fieldhouse on April 10th at 10 a.m. Samuel was only four years old when World War II broke out in 1939. For decades, Samuel R. Harris rarely spoke about his experiences as a Holocaust survivor. Though it is difficult for him to share the stories of surviving the Nazi concentration camps as a child, he is committed to helping future generations understand this important and terrible part of the world's history. All are invited and encouraged to come hear this dynamic speaker.

Park Cleanup Days

Spring cleanup in the park is tentatively scheduled for April 19th-20th with rain dates of April 26th-27th. Volunteers are needed and lunch will be served. If you have questions, please contact Roger Niedfeldt at 452-3254 or the Village office at 452-3168.

NOTICE

FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

MAY 14th & 15th

STARTING AT

11:00 P.M. UNTIL 7:00 A.M.

The flushing will cause decreases in water pressure. You may also experience some discoloration in your water. Please avoid doing laundry during this time.

Coon Valley Public Works Dept