

## **Town of Coon Newsletter – Spring 2026**

### **Calendar of events –**

April 7 – Election Day (Polls open 7AM to 8PM)

April 10- Spring Clean Up 8AM to 5PM

April 11 – Spring Clean Up 8AM to 2PM

April 21 – Town Board Meeting 5:30PM

April 21 – Annual Town Meeting 6:30PM

### **Vernon County Dairy Breakfast -**

Jerod and Stacey Fleming and Family will be hosting the Vernon County Dairy Breakfast on June 13, 2026. They operate a 600 acre organic dairy farm and milk 105 cows. Serving will be from 7AM to 11AM. The preliminary plans include a shuttle bus which will pick up and drop off at the Coon Valley Sales Barn.

I believe this is only the second time this event has been in the Town of Coon. The last time the breakfast was in 1990 hosted by Verlin and Jan Ille. We currently have only four active dairy farms in the Town of Coon.

### **Community Development Block Grant -**

After the La Farge dam was canceled quite a few acres of land was returned to the Hochunk Nation. Through that action Vernon County receives about 1.2 million dollars per year. In the past few years the Vernon County Board has put \$150,000 into a Community Development Block Grant program. Municipalities can apply for grants up to a \$10,000 grant which they must match. This allows for 15 grants throughout the county.

The Town of Coon has successfully used two of these grants to update our town hall and shop. The hall and shop are 40 years old and we continue to identify needed maintenance. This year we have applied for cost sharing to seal coat the entrance roads to the town hall as well as the parking lot. The grant will cover 50% of that cost which is estimated at \$10,787.00.

### **Road Maintenance -**

The flood loan is now set up on a payment schedule so we can get back to our annual seal coating plan. We have gotten bids from Fahrner and Scott Construction on the following: Neprud Road, Tri-State Road/Oak Lane, Old Line Road, Langarrd Lane, and the town hall parking lot and access roads.

### **Bridge replacement -**

Engineering for the Dodson Hollow Bridge is complete. The engineering is cost shared at 80% federal funding and 10% county and 10% local. The Infrastructure Bill increased the construction portion to 100% federal. Construction is set to begin in June.

### **Watershed Councils -**

The Town of Coon has two watershed councils – the Coon Creek Community Watershed Council and the Bad Axe Watershed. Both watershed groups continue to promote conservation here in the Coulee Region. The planned decommissioning of the

erosion control dams is delayed due to federal funding. All methods of conservation are even more important. Please check both council websites for meeting sites and dates. There is no cost to attend.

The Coon Creek Community Watershed Council has their annual Conservation Day(Confluence) at the Chaseburg Village Park this year on Saturday May 2 from 11AM to 5PM.

Recently CCCWC along with two other local watershed councils got a grant for \$100,000 to help continue their work.

#### **Coon Creek Fire Commission News -**

Ken Phillips was elected in December as the new Fire Chief. The new Assistant Chief is Jacob Nichols. The big item on the list is replacing the 1990 water tender and the 1991 fire truck. Initial talks have been to buy a water tender/pumper. That one truck will replace the two older trucks.

Like everything else the cost has gone up. The 1991 fire truck cost \$117,000 fully equipped. Initial estimates for a tanker/pumper are around \$600,000.

#### **Website & Town Newsletter -**

Our website became outdated. The new site address is **[townofcoon.com](http://townofcoon.com)**.

#### **Site Attendant -**

Joe Cade is our Saturday site attendant. Arnie Koll continues to work occasionally in the spring/summer.

#### **Collection site guidelines -**

1. This site is for Town of Coon residents and property owners (**No friend's garbage**).
2. We collect general garbage and recyclables on Saturdays from 8:00AM to 2:00PM and Wednesdays from 4:00PM to 8:00PM. **No appliances or large items are allowed during these hours.**
3. General garbage must be bagged. Recyclables should be placed in the proper containers. If you have questions ask the attendant on duty. Joe Cade is our site attendant.
4. The Town of Coon has Spring Clean Up on the second Friday and Saturday of April and Fall Clean Up on the second Friday and Saturday of October each year. We collect everything except hazardous chemicals. Call Stacey Sanborn at the Vernon County Landfill for hazardous waste. The number is 634-2900. The Vernon County Landfill accepts appliances weekdays throughout the year.
5. The attendant has the authority to **not** accept your material. Please follow these guidelines.

**Note: On October 14th the Wednesday collection hours switch to 2:00PM to 6:00PM till April 2027.**

**Burning -**

Spring is a poor time to burn. It is dry until the green grass gets here. If you have a need to burn the first thing to do is call Fire Chief Ken Phillips 608-780-5973. By calling you could avoid a fire call charge.

If you have interest in becoming a fireman or 1<sup>st</sup> Responder give Ken a call.

**Site permits –**

Call Clerk Sara Rudie at 797-3739 for a site permit application. Sara's email address is [towncoonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:towncoonclerk@gmail.com). Mailing address: P.O. Box 523, Coon Valley, WI 54623. The site permit application is also available on the town website.

If you have zoning or local ordinance questions the people to contact is Zoning Committee Chairman Alan Seelow at 608-606-3424 or Zoning Administrator Gary Stendalen at 632-1032.

**Road issues or concerns -**

There is an answering machine at the shop for your convenience. The phone number is 634-3624. Dennis Purvis is our Town Patrolman and the Assistant Patrolman is Gary Stendalen.

**Assessor –**

Our new assessor is Barrett Brenner from Chimney Rock Appraisal. His address is 348 Mirror Lake Drive, Mondovi, WI 54755. Barrett's phone numbers are: Office 715-926-3199. Mobile 715-5591433.

**Note – Please forward this letter to tenants or anyone else that may not receive it.**

Sincerely,

Town of Coon Board

Chairman Orlan D. Bakkum – 452-3370	Supervisor Kevin Mathison-606-6869
Supervisor Kevin King – 608-632-1665	Treasurer Jan Ihle – 452-3548
Clerk Sara Rudie – 797-3739	Town Shop - 634-3624
Zoning Administrator Gary Stendalen - 632-1032	