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Calendar of Events

January 13, 7:00 pm – GVL Board Meeting at the Lodge

January 14, 9:00 am- Men's Club meeting at the Lodge

10:30 am- Ladies' Club meeting at the Lodge

January 17, 7:00 pm- Hardeman County Commission Meeting, Bolivar Courthouse

February 10, 7:00 pm – GVL Board Meeting at the Lodge

February 11, 9:00 am- Men's Club meeting at the Lodge

10:30 am- Ladies' Club meeting at the Lodge

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Men's Club News

The GVL Men's Club did not meet in December. They invite all men of GVL to join them at their January meeting.

Ladies' Club News

The GVL Ladies' Club did not meet in December. They invite all of the ladies of GVL to join them at their January meeting.

December Board Meeting Recap

There was not a board meeting in December. This was a productive year for GVL and we look forward to an even more productive year in 2023. Come join us at the board meeting to see what we can all do to help make GVL all it can be!

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The GVL Girls' Club had a wreath decorating event in December. Several people participated in this fun event. What a great way to spread holiday cheer!

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Part of the GVL 2025 Plan is improving communication at Grand Valley. CODE RED is one method that will help accomplish this. It is described as a "Reverse 911" call because it calls us, the affected community, in the event of an emergency. All we have to do is sign up! Below is part of a 3 page document explaining what CODE RED is and does. You can click this link or go to [codered_faqs.pdf (nsmithfieldri.org)] to read the entire document.

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Frequently Asked Questions About the CodeRED Emergency Notification System

What is CodeRED and why is it important to me?

CodeRED is an emergency notification service by which public safety can notify residents and businesses by telephone or cellular phone about emergency situations. The system is capable of sending messages only to specific neighborhoods or the entire community.

Does this mean that I will be called constantly?

No. **CodeRED** will be used when emergency situations arise that you should know about.

For what kinds of situations will CodeRED be used?

Severe weather situations, substantial utility outage, evacuation notices, missing or lost persons, fires or floods, major roadway issues, significant criminal situations, chemical spills or gas leaks. In short, **CodeRED** can be used for any emergency alert.

Why do I need CodeRED when I have TV to keep me informed?

CodeRED is provides an additional level of safety. If power goes out, you may not be able to depend upon TV. However, because telephone lines are self-powered and most people now have cell phones, we can continue to keep you informed through messages delivered by **CodeRED**.

How do I know if my phone number is included in the CodeRED service?

All listed and unlisted residential and business phone numbers are included in the **CodeRED** service. If you have moved or changed your telephone number recently, you should update your information using the **CodeRED** "Residential Data Collection" sign up form by clicking here. CODE RED Your old information will automatically be replaced by the new.

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It's Not New News, But Did you know?

The Hardeman County government has contracted with Hospital Wing to care for Hardeman County residents who are in need of emergency air-lift services. Each insured citizen of Hardeman County, in an emergent situation within the Hospital Wing service area, is covered for air ambulance transportation through Hospital Wing at no cost to the citizen.

The helipad at GVL is located on Golf Drive.

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Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department News

Officers are needed for the Fire Department. The Bylaws info is a general overall view of the duties of the Board. Specifics (like pick up the mail, keeping the roster updated, etc. are not included but will be gone over in detail with whoever the Members vote in as Officers.

I will still be having meetings to discuss this with whoever wants to discuss; no specific dates set yet. I'll be glad to talk to any group of folks about this if you want to go over anything, just let me know.
Lona Coffee

THE INFORMATION BELOW IS FROM THE BYLAWS:

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

1. The Officers, a Board Member and the Fire Chief will make up the Board. The Fire Chief will be a non-voting Member. The Officers and Board Member will be determined by a vote of the General Membership at the annual meeting. The Fire Chief will be selected by the Board Members. The officers are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

1. The Board will serve a three (3) year term. After the vote by the General Membership at the first annual meeting, it will be determined which two (2) Board Members (regardless of office) will serve one (1) extra year and which three (3) will be up for re-election after their three (3) year term. The Fire Chief will serve a three (3) year term. After the initial four (4) year term, the term for those two (2) Board seats will be three (3) years. Thus, all Board Members will have three (3) year terms.

To determine which two (2) Board Members will serve an extra year, so that the election years are staggered, have five (5) pieces of paper put into a container. Two (2) of the pieces say "One (1) Extra Year" and the other three (3) pieces of paper say "Three (3) Year Term". Have the newly elected Officers, except for the Fire Chief, pick a piece of paper. Doesn't matter who picks first or last.

Resignation of any Officer/Board Member must be filled within a three (3) calendar month period at a meeting of the General Membership, unless the annual meeting is within six (6) months.

2. An Officer/Director must be able to send and receive emails and texts.

3. If, during the term of office any Officer/Director, it is determined they are not in good standing, that individual will be given seven (7) days to correct the problem. If, at the conclusion of that time, the problem still exists, the Board will be compelled to suspend that Officer/Director. The suspended individual will be given an additional seven (7) days to seek reinstatement. If they are still not in good standing, the Board will use criteria set in ARTICLE III.2. to replace the Officer.

4. The President will preside at all business meetings of the General Membership.

5. The Vice-President, at the request, or in the absence of the President, will preside at all business of the General Membership. The Vice-President will act with all powers of the President in the absence of the President.

6. The Fire Chief will preside at all meetings of the Firefighting Membership.

7. The Secretary will have charge of all books, documents, papers and records of the Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department as the Board may determine. This Officer will attend and keep the minutes of all meetings. They will keep a current copy of the General Membership and the Firefighter Membership with Members in good standing shown, provided by the Treasurer, at all times. The Secretary will perform all duties incidental to this office.

8. The Treasurer will keep a record of all Members of the General Membership in good standing. In addition, a record of all Firefighters in good standing will be maintained. The Treasurer, along with the President, will sign, in the name of and on behalf of, all contracts or agreements authorized by the General Membership, the Firefighters or the Board of Directors. A complete and accurate ledger and accounting of all financial transactions of the Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department will be kept at all times. The Treasurer will perform all duties incidental to this office.

If the Board of Directors determines it is needed, the Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount of not less than $5,000.00 with the premium of the bond being paid from the funds of the Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department.

All checks must bear the signatures of two of the Board Members: specifically, the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Director. It is highly recommended that a Member, not on the Board, reconcile the bank statements.

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During extremely cold weather or winter storms, staying warm and safe can be a challenge. Winter storms can bring cold temperatures, power outages, icy roads, and loss of communication services. To keep yourself and your family safe, here are a few tips to make sure you are prepared for a winter storm.

- Insulate pipes and water lines, especially those along the exterior walls of your home.
- Let faucets drip to help keep them from freezing.
- Disconnect garden hoses and shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.
- Bring pets inside to protect them from the weather.
- If you have no heat, close off unneeded rooms and place towels or rags under the doors to help contain warmth.
- Charge cellphones, portable chargers, and weather radios.
- Make sure you have enough food, water, pet food, etc for several days (You may need a manual can opener).
- Get flashlights and batteries.

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Some people have expressed interest in knowing when the lodge is closed for events. Knowing this will allow people to know when they are not able to go in the lodge to use the restroom, when they should be quiet in the workout room, etc. There may be more events scheduled, but as of November 16, the following list indicated when there are events at the lodge and when the office will be closed.

January 2: office closed for the New Year's holiday
January 14: Event in Lodge