



Village of Downs
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From the Desk of the Mayor - March 2016

The Board continued their March 4th meeting to March 17th in order to focus time on our 2017 budget and the change to a Budget Officer System. Our current Treasurer will assume the role as the budget officer at her \$25/hr. salary. This budgeting system will create a flexible budgeting environment within the Village. The Board continues to be very conservative with our expenditures. We are operating on an 80% budget of our approved appropriations budget. However, we are actually operating at ~80% of that operating budget for overall expenses.

The Board continues to work on revisions to our current code book. We are working to modernize and establish ordinances that are relevant and we are committed to enforce. This month we discussed and will look at Chapters 1 and 6. It is important to get public feedback before we finalize the changes. If you have thoughts or suggestions, please pass them onto myself or another Trustee. Feedback is especially important around outside companies selling door-to-door within the Village.

All these companies must have a permit from the Clerk. You should always ask them to show you their permit before talking with them. If they don't have one, please try and get their name, description of what they are wearing and information about their vehicle (license plate, make, model, color). Please call MetCom (309-888-5030) and give them this information so we can track them down. Doing this is very important to keeping our community safe.

Next month we will be holding the public hearing for the commercial subdivision land in TIF 3 that have been farmed. We will then look to complete the new TIF at the subsequent Board meeting on April 7th, 2016.

Finally, I gave the Board an update on Downs Crossing. I continue to work with parties involved to build out plans to get Downs water improved and extended to Downs Crossing. This is the best choice for the Village because it is the only plan that will provide both funding to improve our water quality and build out infrastructure to serve an area for future commercial development.

Please feel free to contact me with any other questions, explanation or clarification. Please support your local businesses as they rely on YOUR support to stay in business. Thriving businesses will make Downs a more attractive place to live and invest.

In your service,
 Mike James, Mayor
 309-830-7374, Mayor@VillageOfDowns.org

Other Positions and Committee Chairs

Police Chief
 Josh Dingler

Public Works Superintendent
 Kevin Whitehouse

Treasurer and TIF Administrator
 Julie Bakewell

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VILLAGE OF DOWNS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT & BREAKFAST

**Saturday March 26 @ Adkissons
Restaurant and Dooley Park**

**Family Breakfast Buffet: 7 – 10 am @
Adkissons Restaurant**

**Games and Registration: 10 – 10:30 am @
Dooley Park Community Center**

**Easter Egg Hunt: 10:30 – 11 am @ Dooley
Park Community Center**

Bring Your Own Basket!

Join us for family food and fun in the park!

**Sponsored by Adkissons Restaurant, First Financial Bank,
Downs United Methodist Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church,
Living Hope Christian Church and the Events Committee**

Thank you to all our volunteers!

A Look Ahead

QUICK GLANCE AT UPCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

March:

- 3rd – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall
- 10th – Events Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 12th – Recycling Pick-up
- 26th – Recycling Pick-up

April:

- 7th:
 - Public Hearing – FY2017 Budget and Subdivision, 6 pm @ Village Hall
 - Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall
- 17th – Events Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 9th – Recycling Pick-up
- 23rd – Recycling Pick-up

May:

- 5th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall
- 6th & 7th – Garage Sale Days #1
- 12th – Events Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 14th – Recycling Pick-up
- 21st – Dooley Park Car Show 3 – 7 pm (Rainout May 22nd 12am – 4 pm)
- 28th – Recycling Pick-up

Events Committee Direction

FY 2017 PLAN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE AND BOARD

The Events Committee finalized its plan and budget for FY 2017. The Village Board of Trustees approved it at its March meeting. We now need to get volunteers and coordinators lined up for areas listed below. We welcome help and hope that you will give of your time to make our village events better and what you expect/want. There are several ways to do this: come to a meeting, contact a committee member, and/or complete the volunteer form in this flyer.

Largest need for volunteers right now:

- 1) 4th of July – Door-to-door donation collectors, advertising, donation collectors on 4th: FYI...the event committee is planning ONLY the following for July 4th: Freedom run, volleyball tourney, parade, music entertainment, food vendors and fireworks. If you are going to coordinate something additional and need/expect funding, we need to know now.
- 2) Any other event where you would like to help

**** More information and registration forms are available on the Village website or at the Village Hall**

Finance Trustee Position Open

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVICE TO YOUR VILLAGE

The Mayor will be accepting letters for consideration for only this position. Your term of office will be the remaining months until April 30, 2017. If you decide to continue, you will need to run for a four-year term in the 2017 April election. You will be paid \$125 per regular or special board meeting.

You are eligible to be a Trustee if you are a registered voter and a resident of Downs for at least one year prior to the date of the election. A person is not eligible to take the oath of office for a municipal office if that person is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(a)(b)] s.

Grand Marshal

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL JUNE 1, 2016

We are now accepting nominations for the 2016 Grand Marshal. If you have someone you wish to nominate, please complete the form in the flyer and return to me before June 1, 2016.

Door-to-Door Sales

DID YOU KNOW THIS?

As Spring arrives so do outside companies coming to your house to try and sell you something. All these companies must have a permit from the Clerk prior to knocking on your door. You should always ask them to show it to you before talking with them.

If they don't have one, please write down their name, description of what they are wearing, and try to get all the information you can on their vehicle (license plate, make, model, color). Please call MetCom (309-888-5030) and give them this information so we can track them down. Doing this is very important to keeping our community safe.

No Dumping!

THIS IS YOUR WARNING

Whomever is dumping their grass, trash, etc. in Kickapoo Park or the Dooley Park dumpsters this will be your warning to STOP! My plea to the folks that care about their village, please be on the lookout for these folks, ask them to STOP and/or report them to MetCom, Chief Dingler, Maureen Roach or Village Hall.

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VILLAGE OF DOWNS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OVERVIEW
7:00 PM
March 3, 2016

Village Hall
211 S. Seminary St,
PO Box 18
Downs, IL 61736

1. Mayor Mike James called the March 3, 2016 meeting to order at 7:04pm.
2. Roll call was taken with Trustees Goveia, Messamore and Keylin all present. Trustee Roach teleconferenced in. Lush were absent. Mayor James declared a quorum was present to do business. Also present were Clerk James, Treasurer Bakewell and Attorney Dawn Wall.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was taken.
4. A motion to approve the agenda order and content was made and approved.
5. All Mayor, trustee and committee reports can be found in the flyer.
6. Public Comment
 - Eric Shangraw, from PDC (AREA), wanted to thank the board for considering their request to eliminate curb side recycling.
7. A motion to approve items contained within the consent agenda was made and approved.
8. A motion to approve consent agenda was made and approved.
 1. Motions
 - a. Motion to Approve the February 4, 2016 Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. Motion to Approve Purchase of a Water Main Locator not to Exceed \$2,500
 - c. Motion to Purchase Neptune Handheld and Belt Clip not to Exceed from Ferguson Water Works \$6385.50
 - d. Motion to Approve the Retention of the Curbside Recycle Pickup for the Remainder of the Current Contract as Outlined in the Contract
 - e. Motion to Approve the Submitted FY2017 Event Plan and Budget from the Events Committee
9. New Business
 1. Resolutions
 - a. A motion to approve Resolution 2016-R04 Authorizing and Approving the Village of Downs to enter into a Contract for July 4, 2016 Fireworks Display with Sky Magic Pyrotechnics was made and approved.
 2. Motions
 - a. A motion to approve continuance of the Village of Downs Regular Board Meeting to March 17, 7:00 pm at the Village Hall was made and approved.
10. A motion to approve the payment of bills was made and approved.
11. Executive session was not entered.
12. A motion to continue at 9:17pm. was made approved.

Julie James
Village of Downs Clerk



2016 DOWNS RECYCLING INFORMATION

We are picking up recyclables EVERY OTHER WEEK. Your schedule is shown below in the shaded areas.

● Denotes a holiday.

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NO CHANGE due to Thanksgiving.

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NO CHANGE due to Christmas.

Please have your recyclables at the curb by 6:00 a.m. Items collected at curbside are picked-up in a single stream process; it is no longer necessary to separate your recyclables for collection. All containers must be rinsed out before pickup, this will reduce contamination and odors.

Acceptable items include:

- #1 through #7 (except #6 - Styrofoam) Plastics excluding containers that have contained hazardous or flammable chemicals in them
- Cardboard broken down no larger than 2 ft. x 2 ft. bundled or contained
- Newspapers, catalogs, phone books, magazines and junk mail
- Steel, aluminum and bi-metal cans
- Clear glass bottles and jars
- Cereal and gift boxes

Questions or comments contact us:

217-935-5652

www.pdcarea.com



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FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF DINGLER:

Hello, and thank you for spending the time to read and share this with your neighbors. We have had a busy Febuary and quite the chaotic start to March. We had a House and a Vehicle broken into, and this is something I would like to retify. The solution to this one is two fold.

It will take an effort on my part and an effort on yours. Downs Police Department is in dire need of help. As the Chief and sole officer here I have been streaching every hour for productivity that I can. With everything that is required of me and then to everthing that is asked of me, and topped off with a few surprises. I am maxed out and will be asking the village, (You wonderful folks) to help me. We need more help in the department. To properly give this town the coverage it needs and deserves. The department needs to expand and it will need your support. I believe that my time here has shown you all that your young Police Chief has the drive and the passion to protect this town, but with fairness and community driven tactics that is nessisary here in Downs. A great deal can be done from a staffed department and this proud village would benefit from well trained officers policing the community. Please take the time to talk to your Village Board Trustees, let them know how you feel. Share your concerns so that The Downs Police Department can address them to the best of our ability.

The second fold is that I need you folks to lock up your houses and cars when your not using them. The only things that this town has had broken into since I have been Chief are the cars, garages, and houses left unlocked. There is another factor in this, please call 309 888 5030 (The police non-emergency number) when you see suspicious people lurking about, or soliciting without a permit. Once you call the non-emergency number, THEN call your neighbors, not the otherway around. This will allow us to respond more quickly and possibly catch those responsible. Thank you

THIS MONTHS HIGH LIGHTS:

Thought these individuals prefer to remain unnamed, I will commend them in their actions in helping solve one crime, and also provided the Police Dept with information on suspicious behavior that resulted in quick reaction to warn our youth on the dangers of a vehicle that was seen at our gas station. The Schools reacted quickly and properly. Here are the details of the incident. Last week I was advised by the Mayor that a resident saw a suspicious van parked at the BP selling items out of the van. The concerned individuals told their parent who told the Mayor. I was given a description of the vehicle and did some research. These vans have been seen around many towns with lots of warning being posted on facebook and other forms of media chat. This prompted me to pass this info onto the HS and they talked passed on my concerns. Quick thinking and care for this community created a safer town.

Thank you.
 Chief Joshua Dingler

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 309 378-3221
 309 378-2911 ext 300
 309 888-5030

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STREET REPORT for March 2016

*With the weather starting to change, we will be working on spring clean up from the snowplowing this winter and road repairs. I would also like to remind residences that we will start our debris pickup on the **first Monday of each month**, beginning in April and continue thereafter. If the weather is bad on that Monday, then the next nice day we will do the pickup. Please re-read the rules below.*

The following rules apply:

- 1. **Pickup will be on the 1st Monday of each month:** If weather, holidays or unforeseen circumstances prevent us from picking up on this day, then pickup will be the following day.*
- 2. Items to be picked up must be burnable (Ex. Leaves, sticks, branches, brush, etc.)*
- 3. All items must be on a curb or driveway, as close to the road as possible, without creating a hazard in the road. (NOTE: since we use a backhoe in most cases, to accomplish this, we **DO NOT** want to tear or rut up anyone's yards or ditches. If we cannot reach it from the road or a driveway, we **WILL NOT** pick it up. If you cannot get the debris near the road, **PLEASE CALL** me to make arrangements at 309-838-6031.)*
- 4. There is to be **NO BURNING** in **DITCHES**. This causes clogging and backups in our culverts. This is one of the primary reasons we are providing this service.*

In your service,

Dan Lush

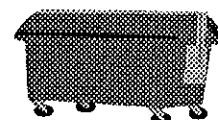
*Village of Downs Trustee – Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks
309-838-6031*

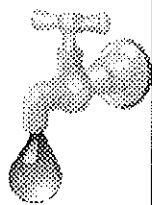
RECYCLING UPDATE

After discussion at the recent March board meeting, and reviewing responses from the citizen survey, it was decided that there will be no changes to the current Area Disposal contract. Therefore, the bi-monthly curbside recycling pick-up will continue per contract agreement. The current contract is valid until April 30, 2017. Please recycle. For more information regarding recycling dates and items to recycle, please visit the [Village website](#). Thanks for your feedback.

Submitted by

Maureen Roach, Public Safety Trustee





VILLAGE OF DOWNS BILLING
211 S. Seminary St. PO Box 18
Downs, IL 61736
309-378-3221
Monday through Friday 8-12 noon
Contacts: Ruth Hood, Janice Cuba, Cheryl Bach
Drop box for payments available 24 hours a day.



ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING BILLING ISSUES NEED TO BE DIRECTED TO THE VILLAGE HALL AT 378-3221 DURING OFFICE HOURS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8-12.

REMINDER: The billing due date is the 15th of the month. Payments received after the 15th are subject to the late fees.



If using on-line banking to make your payments please be aware that the Village does not receive the funds via a transfer. Physical checks have to be sent to the Village, so time for the checks to arrive through the mail needs to be allowed for. Usually bill pay through your bank is at no fee, but you need to check with your bank. E-pay is available by clicking on the link provided on the villageofdowns.org site. There is a fee for making a payment with this option.

Water Emergencies such as no water or water leaking need to be reported to Kevin Whitehouse at 378-2137 or 319-1010. The Public Works trustee is Paul Messamore and he can be reached at 217-621-8127.



SEWER: Thank you to everyone that has made their monthly payments on the loan for the BNWRD connection. June 1 will be the last time your account will be charged for the loan amount. Once all payments on the loan are complete, paperwork marked paid will be sent to you.

All properties still using a septic system, but have access to the sewer main will be required to connect on or before June 1, 2019 and abandon the private sewer serving the property. Should any of those properties change ownership, sewer connection is required within 180 days of the closing on the property. Additionally, any new building constructed on property within 200 feet of the sewer line will also be required to connect.

Those that have not paid the BNWRD fee need to be aware that the fee is currently \$2,975, but is subject to change May 1st which is the start of BNWRD's fiscal year. Any changes to this fee will be posted in the flyer.



Garbage contact is Area Disposal and they can be reached at 800-935-5652, or contact Maureen Roach, Public Safety Trustee, at 830-3606.

REMINDER: Yard waste, construction materials and electronics will not be picked up by the garbage company. Items containing Freon need to be drained before being placed out for garbage pickup.



Curbside recycling is the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Please be advised that there is to be NO Styrofoam, plastic bags and lids from bottles when recycling.

ATTENTION:

Families in the Downs/Tri-Valley community in need of a computer should contact the Downs Village Hall at 309-378-3221, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Parks Committee Report

The Parks Committee approved a final change to the Dooley Park Pavilion rental agreement. The new agreement form and checklist will be put into effect after the publication of the March flyer. If you want to rent the Pavilion for an event, fill out the agreement in the Village Office and pay the rental fee. Many thanks to Janice Cuba, Pavilion reservations are now listed on the Village Web Calendar of Events. By checking that calendar, you can see what dates and times are available for rental. The rental calendar is filling up. If you plan to use the Pavilion for an event, it would be a good idea to reserve your date early.

We do offer reduced rental rates for non-profit organizations and community support groups. At present, community support groups include: Senior Citizens, Downs Citizens in Action, Tri-Valley student groups, and local church youth groups. If your group feels you may qualify for community support group status, bring your information to a Parks Committee meeting for consideration. When renting the Pavilion, show proof of non-profit status or inclusion on the community support group list.

We plan to offer three fundraisers at Dooley Park this year. Two will be breakfasts and one will be an evening meal. The April 23rd breakfast celebrates Earth Day and will feature information on recycling and its positive effects on the environment.

We are seeking estimates on repairing the urinal and water heater in the Youth Center. The committee decided to use the remaining funds in our Maintenance, Repairs & Improvements Budget to replace two toilets in the Pavilion.

Donations to the parks this year have exceeded our budgeted income in that category. Thanks to all who so generously support our parks. We are waiting for further news on the status of a possible State Farm Grant to the parks. The committee reviewed last year's budget and agreed on a Parks Budget Proposal for 2016-17. Major changes included an income boost from property taxes and a larger expense budget for maintenance, repairs and improvements.

In February, the Food Pantry created 38 boxes and distributed all of them. The 4-H club plans on making cards to put in next month's boxes. The Pantry team included 17 volunteers! Huge thanks to Linda Bowman and each and every volunteer for their service to the people of Downs. The Methodist Church collected donations for the boxes. These were needed items in categories that the Food Bank does not provide. Many thanks for their thoughtful generosity.

The Parks Committee welcomes new members. If you have an interest in joining this committee, come to our next meeting in Dooley Park Pavilion at 6:00PM on Monday, March 21, 2016 or get in touch at parks@villageofdowns.org.



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VILLAGE OF DOWNS DOOLEY PARK PAVILION RENTAL AGREEMENT

I, _____ (renter), wish to rent Dooley Park Pavilion for _____ (event). I agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this rental agreement between myself and the Village of Downs and with all applicable laws and regulations. It is agreed that:

1. I will have the use of Dooley Park Pavilion for the rental period of
 _____ (beginning) to _____ (ending) on _____, 20____
 _____ (beginning) to _____ (ending) on _____, 20____
 _____ (beginning) to _____ (ending) on _____, 20____
2. I shall pay the Village **\$40.00** rent upon signing this rental agreement. If I show proof of being a 503c or am listed as a community support group, I shall pay the Village **\$20.00** upon signing this rental agreement.
3. I will be given a key for use during the above rental period **only** and am responsible for its return. **Failure to return the key or to use it outside the rental period will result in loss of ability to use or rent Dooley Park Pavilion.** The key must be returned to the Village Office on the day of the event either in person at the office between 8:00 AM and Noon Monday through Friday or by slipping it into the secure slot on the alley side of the Village Hall. The fee for a lost key is **\$100.00**.
4. I am responsible for all damages caused by myself or my guests to Dooley Park Pavilion/property, the surrounding premises, the furniture, fixtures, and equipment contained therein during the rental period. I am responsible for cleaning the building and surrounding premises during and immediately following the rental period. I have received and read the Dooley Park Pavilion Clean-up Checklist. **Failure to carry out these responsibilities will result in loss of ability to use or rent Dooley Park Pavilion.**
5. I shall indemnify and hold the Village harmless from any claims or judgments for property damage or bodily injury (including death) made or rendered against the Village because of an occurrence arising out of my use of Dooley Park Pavilion and shall be responsible for all costs of defense incurred by the Village, including attorney's fees.
6. I will monitor the conduct of my guests to ensure their conduct does not damage Dooley Park Pavilion or adjacent properties, disturb neighboring residents or property, and does not break the terms of this agreement or other applicable laws and regulations.

I hereby consent to the conditions and terms of this rental agreement and agree to be bound by the same.

RENTER'S Signature: _____ DATE: _____
RENTER NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

VILLAGE OF DOWNS DOOLEY PARK PAVILION CLEAN-UP CHECKLIST
Please sign and return this checklist to the Village Office with the key. Thanks.

- Remove all remnants of decorations (examples, not inclusive: string, balloons & shards, tape. . .)
- Fold all chairs and tables and return to the storage racks
 - *Cleaned (top, bottom, legs)
 - *Undamaged
- Sweep or dust mop all floors
 - *Kitchen
 - *Bathrooms
 - *Foyer
 - *Main Room
- Wet mop all hard floors – leaving no footprints
 - *Kitchen
 - *Bathrooms
 - *Main Room
- Take all garbage from the main room, kitchen, restrooms, and parking lot to the dumpster and replace garbage bags in receptacles.
- Thoroughly clean and sanitize kitchen sinks, counters, stove tops, ovens, microwave, coffee pots, and roasters.
- Wipe down bathroom fixtures if accidents or spills occurred.
- Return thermostat temperature to 62 degrees.
- Leave soiled dishtowels and cleaning rags on the kitchen counter.
- Turn off all lights.
- Lock all doors: side, back, and front.
- No signs or posters are allowed on the walls. No thumbtacks, tape, staples, or putty are to be used on walls, tables, or ceiling inside or outside of the building.
- No parking where posted.
- No SMOKING in the building or within 15 feet of any entrance.
- No alcoholic beverage allowed on Village property.
- No animals allowed in building except for service animals.

[Please note: Refusal to follow these rules will result in you or your group's suspension from using the property in the future.]

I, _____, left the Pavilion clean according to this checklist.

Comments:

The sewer lift station delivered 1,557,000 gallons to BNWRD for the month, averaging 64,200 per day. The total water pumped for the month was 1,860,700 gallons, averaging 53,700 gallons per day. The average iron concentration in the finished water was .43 PPM. Testing was performed feeding a polymer solution into the treatment process to enhance filtration and reduce iron and color. The result was not positive. Additional analysis by the chemical supplier is needed to find a solution. No water leaks were experienced for the month.

Kevin Whitehouse
Village of Downs
Public Works Superintendent
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309-378-2137
downswaterplant@hotmail.com

BUILDING REPORT:

One new build and two remodel permits were issued in February.

The old school house and the commercial properties on Seminary were both given a phase one permit. The school will have the old bell tower taken down, as work on the roof and outside surfaces are repaired. A decision as to whether the bell tower will be repaired and remounted will be determined later.

Mary Goveia 309-212-0594

TRI-VALLEY PROM UPDATE-2016

PROM- "A Starry Night"

Date: April 23, 2016

Times: 8-11pm

Location: Miller Park Pavilion-Bloomington (Parents can come and watch the outdoor grand entrance and announcing of couples at 7:45pm)

Picture Location: Miller Park Pavilion beginning at 8pm

Coronation: 10pm (Parents of the Court are invited to attend)

AFTER PROM

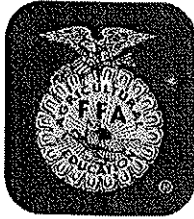
Location: Tri-Valley High School

Times: 11pm-3am

Activities: Karaoke, DJ/Pictures, Inflatables, Airbrush Tattoos, Caricatures, Snack Room/Coffee Bar, Tons of Prizes!!!

Tri-Valley FFA
503 E. Washington
Downs, Il 61736

CONTACT: Kristin Myers
Agriculture/Horticulture Instructor
309-378-2911



For Immediate Release

Tri-Valley FFA Greenhouse

Downs, Il- The Tri-Valley FFA members will be holding a greenhouse sale on Saturday, April 30th from 8am-3pm, Sunday, May 1st from 12pm-3pm and Friday, May 13th from 8:30-2:30pm.

The FFA members will be selling a variety of annuals, perennials, foliage plants, hanging baskets and vegetables. Some of the plants include, wave petunias, vinca, impatiens, begonia, marigold, alyssum, zinnia, geraniums, hostas, daylilies, tomatoes, peppers, houseplants, and various hanging baskets.

The greenhouse is located on the south side of Tri-Valley High School. All proceeds from the greenhouse sale will go to the Tri-Valley FFA Organization.

The FFA is a national organization of more than 600,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Tri-Valley FFA Greenhouse Sale

YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF ANNUALS, PERENNIALS, FOLIAGE PLANTS, VEGETABLES
AND HANGING BASKETS!

8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Saturday, April 30th

12:00 PM-3:00 PM
Sunday, May 1st

8:30 AM-2:30 PM
Friday, May 13th
(During Tri-Valley Civil War Daze)

Wave Petunia
Vinca
Impatiens
Gazania
Begonia
Marigold
Pansy
Geranium

Zinnia
Celosia
Salvia
Potato Vine
Dusty Miller
Purple Coneflower
Black-eyed Susan
Shasta Daisy

Daylily
Hosta
Delphinium
Gaillardia
Herbs
Ivy
Tomatoes
Peppers

AND MUCH MORE!!!

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Downs Village Market

Produce and More

Stop in at the Market Committee tent
to get your
Friend of the Market Card
and earn rewards
for frequent attendance!



LOCAL

Wednesdays

4 pm to 6 pm

June through September

MARKET

- Local and Select Regional Produce
 - Meat
 - Baked Goods
 - Arts and Crafts
 - Plants & Flowers

Located just off I-74 by the rail road tracks on the South side of Downs, the Downs Village Market is a friendly, small town farmers' market featuring convenient parking and great vendors with quality products. Come see us this summer!

Information Cheryl (309)378-4396 or Peggy (309)378-4098
marketmaster610@gmail.com



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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

EASTER CELEBRATION

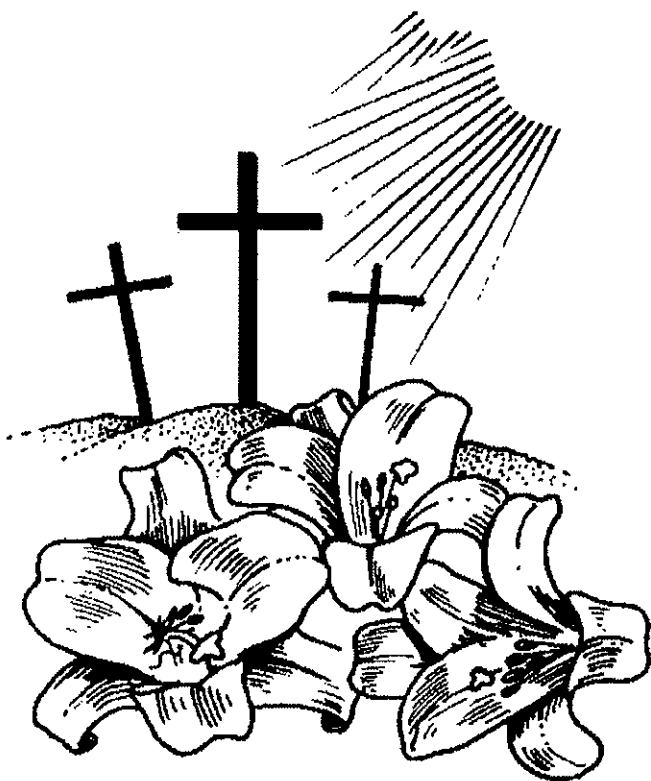
At Tri-Valley
High School

10:00 a.m.

Worship

9:30 a.m.

Coffee & Pastries



24th Annual!

JOIN US FOR A



FISH FRY

Menu

February 19

March 4 & 18

Time

5pm to 7:30pm

St. Mary
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- Catfish / Walleye
- French Fries
- Cole Slaw
- Green Beans
- Homemade Desserts
- Drinks

Donation

- \$ 8.00 for Adults
- \$ 4.00 for Kids 6-12
- FREE for Children 5 and under

Pizza & Grilled Cheese

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Downs Self Storage

119 Shaffer Drive

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