

Viral Video Prank Leaves Locals Fooled And Disappointed

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BETHALTO - The sign wasn't up for very long, but it did get a lot of people talking. Could the Riverbend area finally be getting a Chick-fil-a?

Well, Bethalto Police Department said that it was too good to be true as the sign was put up as a prank Tuesday morning.

After a public works employee notified the police about the sign, they came out quickly to take it down and confirmed that a Chick-fil-a is indeed not coming to Bethalto at the present time.

The trend of putting up these "Coming Soon" signs came about from the viral video app TikTok. Such pranks could be deemed as a violation of the city ordinance, but since authorities are unsure of who put up the sign, it looks as if no further action will be taken, the Bethalto Police said.

The Bethalto PD did take to their Facebook page and made the best out of the situation.



Bethalto Police Department

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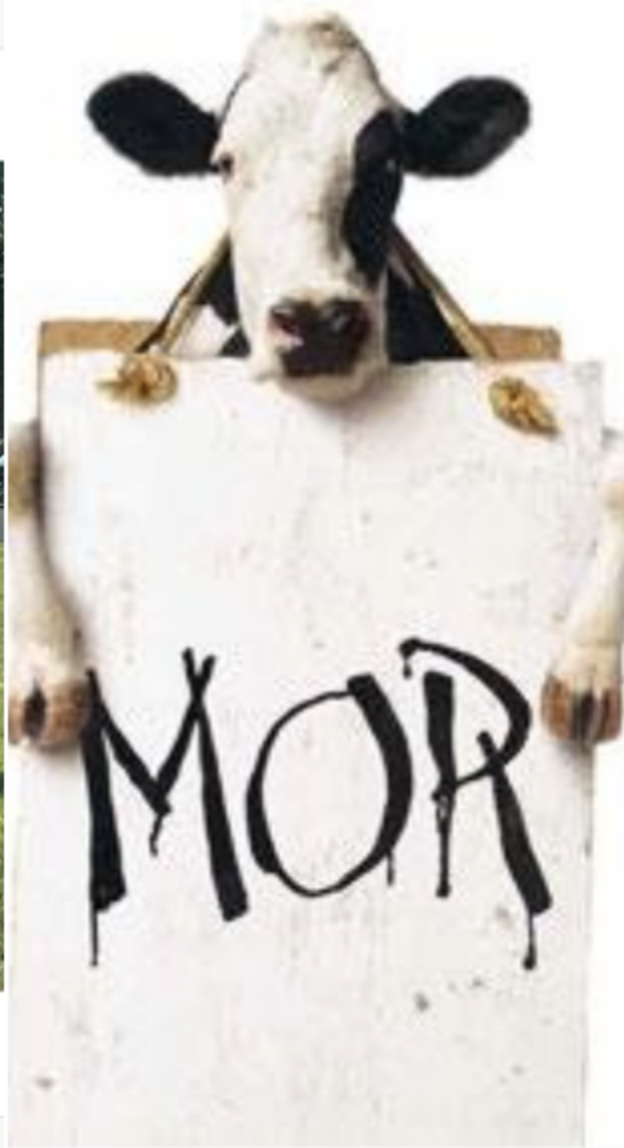
So once again Bethalto's been hit with a tick tock challenge but this time we captured the offenders. The suspects, Larry, Mooow, and Curley arrived in town early this morning in a blacked out cargo truck, that they parked under a canopy near the intersection of Route 140 and 111. They snuck out onto private property at the intersection where they installed a large "Coming Soon Chick Fil A" sign. They attempted to flee but officers quickly apprehended them. The trio was taken into custody, mainly because the officers were upset that it was just a prank, but we ended up charging them with a local ordinance of "Disappointing a Community". As part of an agreed upon adjudication for the charge the trio will help public works with picking up straw and hay that got blown into the roadways during last weeks storm at some area construction sites. Booking photos of the suspects are attached. If you see them out and about don't hesitate to let them know how disappointed you are.

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