



## Bicentennial PTA Hosts Fundraiser on March 7th

Bicentennial Elementary School will be holding a carnival fundraiser on Friday, March 7th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The event is hosted by the Coal Valley PTA.

This is one Bicentennial's largest fundraiser. This year, Party Designs by Calesia LLC is transforming the school into a candy dreamland.

The school carnival will feature games, raffles, food, and fun. Details are at <https://www.facebook.com/events/3953259568290950>.

The mission of PTA is to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in schools and to encourage parent and public involvement in public schools. Bicentennial Elementary is located at 1004 1st St, Coal Valley.



## Bicentennial Presents *CandyLand Carnival!* Friday, March 7th 5:30-7:30PM

Join us for a night of classic carnival fun at Bicentennial Elementary. We will have games to play in each classroom, an inflatable obstacle course in the gym, and chances to win at the well-known claw machine! In addition, we will have food available in the cafeteria, a 50/50 raffle, and a variety of raffle baskets! This is a fun family event that helps support our school's fundraising efforts and is one of the largest fundraisers of the year!

**A "Sweet" Deal:**  
Give \$5 to donate 1 Crumbl cookie and 1 two-liter bottle of pop for the cookie & pop walk games!

**Raffle Basket Donations:**  
Each grade level is asked to send in items toward their basket's theme. Parents may send in items or monetary donations towards their grade level raffle basket.

**Volunteer!**  
Each classroom will host a carnival game. We need 2 volunteers to work each 1/2 hour time slot during the carnival. Or sign up to help in the cafeteria or the gym!

**Wristbands:**  
Purchase wristbands in advance for \$10/student. Tickets & wristbands available at the door, but prices increase. Wristbands will allow for unlimited play and use of the obstacle course. (Claw machine is a separate charge)

**\*Bring cash!**

**Family Dinner & Drink Deal!**  
For only \$20, you'll get a large pizza, breadsticks, 4 drinks, and NO waiting in line!



# BICENTENNIAL SCHOOL NEWS

## **BICENTENNIAL KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION**

**Kindergarten Pre-Registration and Open House is scheduled for Thursday, April 17th at 5:30 - 7:00pm, at Bicentennial School.**

**All potential Kindergarten students for 2025-2026 and their parents are encouraged to attend the open house. Students must be at least 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2025 to register.**

**Please share this information and form with any neighbors or friends who have a child who may be registering for Kindergarten!**

**Please print the form off below, complete, and return to school**

**Or email [jekstam@molineschools.org](mailto:jekstam@molineschools.org)**

**Or call the school at 309-743-1614**

**Thank you.**

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**Child's Name:**

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**Birthdate:**

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**Parent's Name:**

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**Phone:**

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**Address:**

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# Coal Valley Police Department Police Calls

	Traffic Tickets	Written Warnings	Ordinance Tickets	Crash Reports	Mental Health	Arrests Made	DUI	Calls For Service	Total Calls
February 2024	11	14	3	8	1	6	0	189	232
March 2024	8	23	1	3	1	3	1	158	198
April 2024	8	4	13	1	1	2	0	172	201
May 2024	16	18	5	1	2	1	0	275	318
June 2024	16	27	3	1	3	3	0	299	352
July 2024	4	27	2	3	2	5	0	297	340
August 2024	9	23	0	2	2	5	1	347	389
September 2024	5	7	2	5	5	2	1	260	287
October 2024	9	17	2	2	2	1	1	236	270
November 2024	4	6	2	2	0	0	0	240	254
December 2024	5	8	0	0	1	3	2	309	328
January 2025	5	2	0	2	0	2	1	326	338
February 2025	12	6	3	1	1	2	0	299	324
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12 MonthTotals	101	168	33	23	20	29	7	3218	3599

# Robert R. Jones Library Events



Toddler Program	Monday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Grade School Program	Tuesday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Middle/High School Program	Wednesday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Adult Program	Thursday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
All Ages - Family Program	Friday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
	Saturday	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

## HIGHLIGHTS:

### READ ACROSS AMERICA

Join us at the library March 3rd - 7th to celebrate **Read Across America!** Enjoy themed activities, read with a book buddy and do a specialized scavenger hunt all week!

**READ MORE**



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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>3 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</p> <p>10:30 AM: Music + Movement</p> <p>1:00 PM: Mahjong Meet Up</p> <p>3:00 PM: "Oh The Places You'll Go!" - Silly Stations!</p>	<p>4 2:00 PM: Creative Expressions Card Making</p> <p>3:00 PM: Cat + The Hat S.T.E.M. Challenge</p> <p>5:00 PM: Pajama Story Time</p>	<p>5 10:30 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>3:15 PM: Teen IRL Hangout</p>	<p>6 10:30 AM: Read + Rhyme Baby Time</p> <p>3:00 PM: One Fish, Two Fish, Bingo Wish!</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM: Early Bird Sensory Play</p> <p>10:30 AM: Manipulation Stations</p> <p>2:00 PM - 4:00PM: Family Game Day Hangout</p> <p>3:45 PM: Teen Gamers Club</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>10 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</p> <p>10:30 AM: Music + Movement</p> <p>1:00 PM: Mahjong Meet Up</p> <p>3:00 PM: Mario Game Day</p>	<p>11 5:00 PM: Pajama Story Time</p> <p>5:00 PM: Literary Flavors Book Club</p>	<p>12 10:30 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: Pokémon Club</p> <p>3:15 PM: Teen IRL Hangout</p> <p>4:00 PM: Knot Krafters</p>	<p>13 10:30 AM: Read + Rhyme Baby Time</p> <p>3:30 PM: Eagle Eye Readers Book Club [9 - 11 years old]</p>	<p>14 10:30 AM: Manipulation Stations</p> <p>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Family Game Day Hangout</p> <p>3:45 PM: Teen Gamers Club</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>17 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</p> <p>10:30 AM: Music + Movement</p> <p>1:00 PM: Mahjong Meet Up</p> <p>3:00 PM: Lego Club Challenge</p>	<p>18 3:30 PM: Caterpillar to Monarch Book Club [5-9 years old]</p> <p>5:00 PM: Pajama Story Time</p> <p>6:00 PM: Valley Readers Book Club</p>	<p>19 10:30 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: Be A Maker</p> <p>3:15 PM: Teen IRL Hangout</p> <p>4:00 PM: Teen Craft Club</p>	<p>20 10:30 AM: Read + Rhyme Baby Time</p> <p>2:45 PM: Puzzlers</p> <p>3:15 PM: Read to a Dog</p> <p>5:00 PM: Creative Crafters</p>	<p>21 10:30 AM: Manipulation Stations</p> <p>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Family Game Day Hangout</p> <p>3:45 PM: Teen Gamers Club</p>	<p>22</p>
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900 1st Street, Coal Valley, Illinois | 309-799-3047 | www.robertrjoneslibrary.org

## March

- 4 Tue **Storm Warning Siren Test** at 10 a.m.
- 4 Tue. **Coal Valley Township Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Coal Valley Township Hall, 104 W. 1st Avenue, Coal Valley
- 5 Wed. **Ash Wednesday**
- 7 Fri. **Coal Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, 10:00 am at the fire station located at 103 W. 18th Avenue, C.V..
- 7 Fri. **Bicentennial School Carnival**, , 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Bicentennial School, 1004 1st Street, Coal Valley.
  
- 10 Mon. **Moline-Coal Valley School District #40 Committee of the Whole & Board of Education Meeting** 6:00-8:00pm, Black Box at the Bartlett Performing Arts Center, Moline High School 3600 Avenue of the Cities, Moline.
- 10 Mon. **Colona Township Meeting**, meets 7 p.m. at 801 1st Street, Colona. For more information, call the Colona Township office at 309-792-8770 or 309-792-8774.
- 11 Tue. **Rock Island County Forest Preserve Executive Committee Meeting**, 9:30 am at the Rock Island County Building, 1504 3rd Ave. Rock Island.
- 12 Wed. **Rock Island County Board Committee of the Whole Meeting**, 5:30 pm, County Board Chambers on the 3rd floor of the County Office Building located at 1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island.
- 12 Wed. **Village Board Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall, 900 1st St. Coal Valley.
- 17 Mon. **St. Patrick's Day**
- 18 Tue. **Valley Readers Book Club**, (excluding Dec.), at 6:30 p.m. in the Coal Valley Municipal Center meeting room, 900 1st St. Contact the library at 799-3047 for more information or register online at <https://www.robertrjoneslibrary.org/events>.
- 18 Tue. **Rock Island County Board Meeting**, 5:30pm, County Board Room on the third floor of the County Office Building, 1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island,
- 19 Wed. **Orion Community Unit School District #223 Board Meeting** at the District Office, 1002 11th Ave., Orion, at 7:00 pm. (regular session meetings are also live-streamed on the school district's website. [www.orionschools.us](http://www.orionschools.us))
- 20 Thur. **Spring Begins**
- 20 Thur. **Henry County Board Meeting**, 6:00pm, Henry County Courthouse, Room 102J, 307 West Center St., Cambridge.
- 20 Thur. **Lions Club Dinner Meeting**, 7:00 p.m. at Happy Joe's, 320 W.1st Avenue (U.S. 6), Coal Valley.
- 26 Wed. **Zoning Commission Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Mun. Ctr Hall.

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- 17 Thur. **Holy Thursday**
- 18 Fri. **Good Friday**
- 22 Tue. **Earth Day**
- 23 Wed. **Zoning Commission Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Mun. Ctr Hall.
- 23 Wed. **Administrative Professionals Day**
- 25 Fri. **Arbor Day**
- 28 Mon. **Moline School District 40 School Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. Moline High School Bartlett Performing Arts Center, 3600 Avenue of the Cities

# Wine & Design- Paint a Painted Dog at Niabi Zoo

Niabi Zoo in Coal Valley is presenting a “Wine and Design” event at Niabi Zoo on Friday, March 21st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Participants will enjoy their favorite wine while learning about endangered African painted dogs and how to paint them during this special Wine and Design.

Niabi Zoo is located at 13010 Niabi Zoo Road, Coal Valley and is owned and operated by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District.

All skill levels are welcome. Participants do not need to be an artist to enjoy learning. Participants must be age 21 and over.

Special guest for this event will be Dr. Greg Rasmussen from Painted Dog Research (PDR) in Zimbabwe, Niabi’s long-time conservation partner. He will share features and stories about painted dogs in Africa and the collaborative work that Niabi Zoo is doing with PDR. Proceeds will go to support the continued conservation efforts of PDR to protect painted dogs in the field.



**Dr. Greg Rasmussen from Painted Dog Research**

## About the Artist

Pat Beréskin has been teaching art for 28 years at the Beréskin Gallery & Art Academy in Bettendorf. She has shown her art in Chicago and continues to serve as an “Artist in Residence” for the community. Pat was the artist at our 2024 Wine and Design teaching how to paint a snow leopard to help with the Zoo’s recovery and rebuilding the cat habitats.

Online registration is <https://www.niabizoo.com/events/wine-design>. Entry cost is \$50 which includes art supplies, animal inspiration, and of course, wine (plus other drink options). Proceeds will go to support the continued conservation efforts of PDR for painted dogs in the field.



## Questions?

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309-799-3482 Ext. 243.

