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2nd Alarmers Finds New Home at Coal Valley Fire Dept.

The Moline Second Alarmers Association Air 12, is crucial support vehicle operated by dedicated volunteers. Air 12 is a mobile air replenishment unit that provides on-scene breathing air refill and rehab services, ensuring firefighters can stay safe and effective during prolonged emergencies.

Air 12 assists the are fire departments through Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) by providing on-scene breathing air refill and rehabilitation service. MABAS Units 39 & 43 includes Rock Island County, Henry County, Mercer County as well as the Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department & the Quad City International Airport

Their air System consists of a 6-tank air cascade system, each tank holds up to 6K PSI for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) refills.

Second Alarmers is made up entirely of volunteers and responds to working general alarm fires and bringing essential support to our fire fighting teams. The dedication and expertise of the Second Alarmers make a difference when it matters most.

The Second Alarmers were started in 1952, proudly served the Moline Fire Department for 73 years. On March 21, 2025, the Second Alarmers were notified by the City of Moline that they can no longer use city-owned facilities and vehicles, citing a review of liability and insurance protocols.

In response to this potential loss of essential volunteers, Coal Valley Fire Protection District Chief Dave Dunham proposed the Coal Valley Fire Department as a new operational base for the Second Alarmers group. In doing so, they remain an independent organization and will continue their mission of supporting local fire departments throughout our area. Chief Dunham states "After a discussion with the command staff and fire board, we decided to bring them (Second Alarmers) to Coal Valley. I believe this will be a great asset to Coal Valley and its family."

As of April 1st, the Moline Second Alarmers will have to vacate the city-owned, and previous Moline fire station building, that the group works out of, located at 2702 4th Avenue, Moline. Ken LeMaster, President of the Moline Second Alarmers told KWQC TV 6 News that they also won't be able to take their fire truck that the Moline Second Alarmers had donated to the City of Moline or any of the property on the truck or inside the building that the group had acquired. The fire truck was donated to the City of Moline because the volunteer group could not afford the insurance on it.

An emergency meeting was held on March 25th at the Coal Valley Fire Protection District building with the Moline Second Alarmers to discuss pursuing an agreement. "I think



it's a positive for the Coal Valley Fire Protection District to bring them on," said Chief David Dunham to KWQC "I think there's people there that have talents that could be utilized to help out our fire department district. Coal Valley's a combination fire department. We have 12 full time staff, 16 part-time members, and four volunteers. We're hurting for volunteers just as much as any other agency is. I looked at it totally different than the City of Moline. So, I looked at it as getting volunteers into the organization."

Coal Valley Pandas Group To Host "Past & Present: A Coal Valley History Roundtable"

Join us for an engaging evening of local history as the Coal Valley Pandas host Past and Present: A Coal Valley History Roundtable on Tuesday, April 22nd from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Robert R. Jones Public Library, 900 1st Street, Coal Valley.

This interactive discussion brings together community members, history enthusiasts, and special guests to share stories, photos, and memories of Coal Valley's rich past and evolving present.

Whether you're a lifelong resident or new to the area, this is a fantastic opportunity to connect with neighbors, learn about Coal Valley's heritage, and contribute your own stories to the conversation. Bring your questions, photos, and memories as we celebrate the town we call home!

To register, go to: <https://www.robertrjoneslibrary.org/events-1/coal-valley-pandas-presents-past-present-a-coal-valley-history-roundtable/form>

2nd Alarmers Finds New Home at Coal Valley Fire Dept.



The Second Alarmers meet on Thursday, April 3rd to tour their new home at the Coal Valley Fire Department.



The Second Alarmers were joined by Coal Valley Fire Protection District Firefighters, Chief Dave Dunham, and Coal Valley Fire Protection District Trustees on Thursday, April 3rd, 2025.

Coal Valley Holds Annual Clean-Up Days

The Village of Coal Valley “Clean-Up Days” will be held this year June 25th, 26th and 27th, 2025.

The hours are Wednesday June 25th from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, Thursday, June 26th from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and Friday, June 27st from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be no Saturday drop off hours this year.



Bins will be available for drop off at the Coal Valley Maintenance Garage, 1002 E. 19th Avenue, Coal Valley. No appliances, electronics, hazardous materials, debris from contractors, tires, paint, batteries, motor oil, or propane tanks are allowed. We DO NOT accept E-Waste.

Proof of Residency is required such as a current water bill. If you have any questions prior to the date, please call the Village Hall at 799-3604.

Community-Wide Garage Sale Scheduled

The Annual Coal Valley Community Garage and Yard Sales will be held on Saturday, June 21st, 2025, between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm.

Individuals may choose to keep their sale open longer or even start earlier in the week if they wish. Be aware of the “No Parking” signs posted for Friday, June 20th and Saturday, June 21st.



Residents are encouraged to get their treasures ready to go. As always we all will hope for good weather, big crowds, AND LOTS OF FUN!

Village Board Meetings Scheduled

The Village Board meetings are open to the public and are held the SECOND Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Meetings are held at the Coal Valley Village Hall, 900 1st Street.

Agendas can be found at <https://www.coalvalleyil.org/about/elected-appointed-officials/board-meeting-minutes-agendas/>

The Village News

is a resident driven, community publication published monthly. Residents are encouraged to contribute.

Please submit articles for publication to Drue Mielke, editor and publisher to cvnews@coalvalleyil.org or call (309) 235-7493 or text for quick response.

Yard Waste Collection Begins April 2nd

The first day for yard waste collection begins on Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025.

Stickers may be purchased at the Village Hall and at Blackhawk Bank, 200 1st Street, Coal Valley, for \$2.25 each.

As a reminder, please call the Village Hall to be put on the yard waste list by no later than noon on Tuesday and have your yard waste bags stickered and out for pickup no later than 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings.



Do not place yard waste in your garbage or recycle totes. By doing this, your garbage or recycle may not get picked up. If you have any questions regarding yard waste or to schedule a pickup, you may contact the Village Hall at 309-799-3604 during regular business hours.

Niabi Zoo Opens April 22nd- Announces Free Days

Niabi Zoo, located at 13010 Niabi Zoo Road, Coal Valley will open on April 22nd. Opening day’s hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Visit the 40-acre zoological park to see nearly 200 species in the Quad Cities. Season hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last entry/admission at 4 p.m.

Free Admission Days are September 16-19, September 23-26, September 30-October 3, October 7-10, October 14-17. and October 21-24. Free admission does not include payment for parking, rides, feed etcetera.



Tickets can be purchased online or at admission gates. In 2025, ticket prices will be the same whether purchased online or at the gate. This makes it simpler and more convenient for guests.

Niabi Zoo is owned and operated by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District.

Experiences	
Hours and availability may vary. Fees for zoo experiences remain unchanged from previous years, offering affordable access for visitors.	
Train ride (ADA Compliant) <i>(Ages 2 and up require a ticket)</i>	\$4.75
Carousel ride (ADA Compliant) <i>(Any rider requires a ticket. one adult can stand next to the child with no charge)</i>	\$4.50
Guinea Pig feeding <i>(weather dependent)</i>	\$5.00
Koi pond feeding	\$2/bag
Domestic animal feeding <i>(closes @ 4pm)</i>	\$2/bag
*As of 2025, we have updated our pricing structure. Ride and feed experiences will now be the same price for all guests, and member discounts will no longer apply. This change simplifies the process and helps support infrastructure improvements and high-quality animal care, ensuring the best experience for both visitors and animals.	



Yard Waste Pickup starts Wednesday April 2nd

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at the Village of Coal Valley or
Blackhawk Bank (Coal Valley)

Cost: \$2.25 per sticker

Get your **yard waste stickers** today or
call the Village Hall @ 309-799-3604
to sign up for a **yard waste cart** for
\$9.75 a month.

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the yard waste list by no later than noon on Tuesday &
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or even start earlier in the week if they wish. Be aware of the NO PARKING signs posted for
Friday June 20th & Saturday June 21st. Get all of your treasures ready to go, and we'll hope for
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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
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
March 2025	7	9	1	1	1	4	1	375	399
	Traffic Tickets	Written Warnings	Ordinance Tickets	Crash Reports	Mental Health	Arrests Made	DUI	Calls For Service	12 Month Total Calls
12 MonthTotals	108	177	34	24	21	33	8	3593	3998

Robert R. Jones Library Events



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Coal Valley Public Library District

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

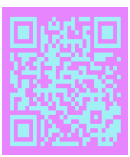
HIGHLIGHTS: PEEP DIORAMA CONTEST

Get ready for a sprinkle of magic, a dash of creativity, and a whole lot of Peep-tastic fun! Join us in transforming those iconic marshmallow Peeps into miniature masterpieces inspired by your favorite books or movies.



MARCH 31ST - APRIL 26TH

Scan me



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>31 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>1 5:00 PM: Pajama Story Time</p>	<p>2 10:30 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: S.T.E.M. Challenge</p> <p>3:15 PM: IRL Hangout</p> <p>4:00 PM: Knot Krafters</p>	<p>3 10:30 AM: Read + Rhyme Baby Time</p>	<p>4 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>5 10:30 AM: Sensory Saturday</p>
<p>7 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>3:15 PM: Meet + Greet - "How I became a Pirate." by Circa Under 21</p>	<p>8 5:00 PM: Literary Flavors Book Club</p> <p>5:00 PM: Pajama Story Time</p>	<p>9 10:30 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: Pokémon Club</p> <p>3:15 PM: IRL Hangout</p> <p>4:00 PM: Knot Krafters</p>	<p>10 10:30 AM: Read + Rhyme Baby Time</p> <p>3:30 PM: Eagle Eye Readers Book Club [9 - 11 years old]</p> <p>6:00PM: Poetry Playground Writing Circle</p>	<p>11 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>12</p>
<p>14 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>15 3:30 PM: Caterpillar to Monarch Book Club [5-9 years old]</p> <p>6:00 PM: Valley Readers Book Club</p> <p>5:00 PM: Pajama Story Time</p>	<p>16 10:30 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: Be A Maker</p> <p>3:15 PM: IRL Hangout</p> <p>4:00 PM: Teen Craft Club</p>	<p>17 10:30 AM: Read + Rhyme Baby Time</p> <p>2:45 PM: Puzzlers</p> <p>3:15 PM: Read to a Dog</p> <p>5:00PM: Creative Crafters</p>	<p>18 10:30 AM: Manipulation Stations</p> <p>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Family Game Day Hangout</p> <p>3:45PM: Teen Gamers Club</p> <p>Closed in observance of Spring Holiday!</p>	<p>19</p>
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<p>28 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>29 3:30 PM: Weird + Wonderful Creations</p> <p>5:00 PM: Pajama Story Time</p> <p>6:00 PM: Verses + Vibes Open Mic Night</p>	<p>30 10:30 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:30 PM: Craft + Color</p> <p>3:15 PM: IRL Hangout</p> <p>4:00 PM: Pokémon Club</p>	<p>1 10:30 AM: Read + Rhyme Baby Time</p>	<p>2 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>3 10:30 AM: Sensory Saturday</p>

PEEP DIORAMA VOTING

900 1st Street, Coal Valley, Illinois | 309-799-3047 | www.robertrjoneslibrary.org

The Village Hall will be closed on Friday April 18, 2025 in observance of Good Friday

Coal Valley Public Library District
Coal Valley Pandas Past & Present
 A Coal Valley History Roundtable

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 Apr 22, 2025, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
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calendar of events

April

- 1 Tue **Storm Warning Siren Test** at 10 a.m.
- 1 Tue. **Coal Valley Township Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Coal Valley Township Hall, 104 W. 1st Avenue, Coal Valley
- 8 Tue. **Rock Island County Forest Preserve Executive Committee Meeting**, 9:30 am at the Rock Island County Building, 1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island.
- 8 Tue. **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.
- 9 Wed. **Village Board Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall, 900 1st St. Coal Valley.
- 9 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.
- 11 Fri. **Coal Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, 10:00 am at the fire station located at 103 W. 18th Avenue, Coal Valley.
- 14 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.
- 15 Tue. **Valley Readers Book Club**, meets 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>.
- 15 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.
- 16 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)
- 17 Thur. **Henry County Board Meeting**, 6:00pm, Henry County Courthouse, Room 102J, 307 West Center St., Cambridge.
- 17 Thur. **Lions Club Dinner Meeting**, 7:00 p.m. at Happy Joe's, 320 W.1st Avenue (U.S. 6), Coal Valley.
- 17 Thur. **Kindergarten Pre-Registration and Open House**, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Bicentennial School, 1004 1st Street, Coal Valley.
- 17 Thur. **Holy Thursday**
- 18 Fri. **Good Friday**, Village of Coal Valley offices closed.
- 19 Sat. **Coal Valley Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt**, Coal Valley Municipal Park.
- 20 Sun. **Good Friday**, Village of Coal Valley offices closed.
- 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

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THE VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY PROUDLY PRESENTS

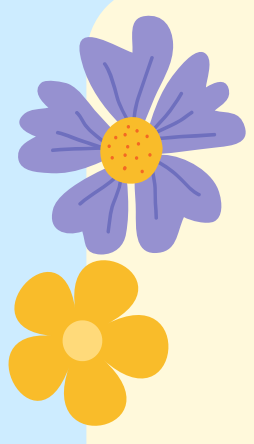
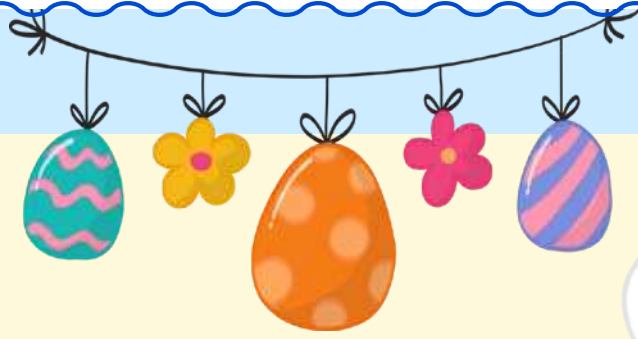
FOOD!

MUSIC!

FUN!

COAL VALLEY BOOM BASH!

SATURDAY, JULY 5TH | 5 - 11 P.M.
COAL VALLEY MUNICIPAL PARK | 1000 1ST STREET



**COAL VALLEY LIONS
PRESENTS**

EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025
AT 10:00 AM**

**EASTER BUNNY
ON SITE FOR PICTURES AT 9:30 AM**

**COAL VALLEY
MUNICIPAL PARK**





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

Or call the school at 309-743-1614

Thank you.

Child's Name:

Birthdate:

Parent's Name:

Phone:

Address:

e-mail:
