



HALLOWEEN
TRICK-OR-TREAT TIME
IN COAL VALLEY IS
OCTOBER 31ST FROM 5 - 8PM

Coal Valley Fareway Plans Progressing

BY DRUE MIELKE

There were two public hearings were held at the Coal Valley Planning and Zoning Commission on Wednesday, September 24th at the Coal Valley Village Hall for variance requests for the Coal Valley Fareway Grocery building to be constructed at 109 1st Street, Coal Valley. The variance requests were regarding fencing and the required number of parking stalls. Representing Fareway was Josh Halverson, Fareway engineering manager for new store construction.

The requested variance for the number of parking stalls was to bring the quantity of stalls closer to grocery industry standards. Planning and Zoning member Dale Keppy performed his own investigation on grocery industry standards for parking and he stated that the variance request was within the middle of those standards.

Other site preparation activities that are occurring this month are utility relocations which includes overhead power lines that are visibly flagged.

The Coal Valley Planning and Zoning board approved both variance requests. The meeting agenda and detail information is available at <https://www.coalvalleyil.org/about/planning-zoning/zoning-meetings-agendas/>. The agenda is 2025-PZAgendaPacket09.24.pdf.

The planning and zoning recommendation will now go to the Coal Valley Village Board meeting for review by the village board and subject to approval on October 8th at 6:00 pm at the Village Hall, 900 1st Street, Coal Valley.

Agendas can be found at <https://www.coalvalleyil.org/about/elected-appointed-officials/board-meeting-minutes-agendas/> The public is encouraged to attend.

Free Hazardous Waste Collection Event Scheduled

The Rock Island County Waste Management Agency is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, October 11, 2025, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds, 4200 Archer Drive, East Moline.

The event is open to all Illinois residents and is hosted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Rock Island County Waste Management Agency. For more information, please go to www.ricwma.org or call (309) 788-8925.

<https://signup.com/go/KAoSWGw> or by scanning the QR code.

Acceptable items:

Oil-Based Paints
Paint Thinners
Aerosol Paint
Cleaning Products
Insecticides
Herbicides
Pesticides
Mercury
Gasoline
Anti-freeze
Used Motor Oil
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Household Batteries



Unacceptable items:

Tires
Electronics
Appliances
Latex Paint
Business and Commercial Waste
Controlled Substances
Agricultural Chemicals or Farm Oil
Explosives or Fireworks
Ammunitions
Propane Tanks
Fire Extinguishers
Smoke Detectors
Needles
Lead Batteries
Prescription or OTC Medications





Coal Valley Police Department

Police Calls

	Traffic Tickets	Written Warnings	Ordinance Tickets	Crash Reports	Mental Health	Arrests Made	DUI	Calls For Service	Total Calls
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
April 2025	12	9	2	2	2	2	0	604	633
May 2025	33	2	6	2	0	4	2	474	523
June 2025	7	8	1	2	1	2	0	484	505
July 2025	10	15	0	3	0	0	0	611	639
August 2025	19	36	0	1	0	1	0	632	689
September 2025	4	26	1	0	2	2	0	767	802
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12 MonthTotals	127	144	18	18	10	23	7	5357	5704



October

- 4 Sat. **Coal Valley Fire Protection District Special Board Meeting**, 9:00 am at the fire station located at 103 W. 18th Avenue, Coal Valley.
- 7 Tue. **Storm Warning Siren Test** at 10 a.m.
- 7 Tue. **Coal Valley Township Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Coal Valley Township Hall, 104 W. 1st Avenue, Coal Valley
- 8 Wed. **Village Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 10 Fri. **Coal Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, 10:00 am at the fire station located at 103 W. 18th Avenue, Coal Valley.
- 11 Sat. **Hazardous Waste Collection Day**, 11:00 am. - 3:00 p.m. at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds, 4200 Archer Drive, East Moline.
- 13 Mon. **Columbus Day**
- 13 Mon. **Moline-Coal Valley School District #40 Board of Education Meeting** 6:00-8:00pm, at the Moline Education Center 1900 52nd Avenue, Moline. <https://www.molineschools.org/our-district/board-of-education/board-meeting-dates>
- 14 Tue. **Colona Township Meeting**, meets 7 p.m. at 801 1st Street, Colona. <https://www.colonail.com/township> For more information, call the Colona Township office at 309-792-8770 or 309-792-8774.
- 15 Wed. **Rock Island County Forest Preserve Executive Committee Meeting**, 9:30 am at the Rock Island County Building, 1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island.
- 16 Thur. **Lions Club Dinner Meeting**, 7:00 p.m. at Happy Joe's, 320 W.1st Avenue (U.S. 6), Coal Valley.
- 16 Thur. **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.
- 21 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.robertjoneslibrary.org/events>.
- 21 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,
- 21 Tue. **Trunk 'R Treat**, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Coal Valley Municipal Park, 1000 1st Street, Coal Valley.
- 23 Thur. **Henry County Board Meeting**, 6:00pm, Henry County Courthouse, Room 102J, 307 West Center St., Cambridge.
- 27 Mon. **Moline-Coal Valley School District #40 Board of Education Meeting** 6:00-8:00pm, at the Moline Education Center 1900 52nd Avenue, Moline. <https://www.molineschools.org/our-district/board-of-education/board-meeting-dates>
- 15 Wed. **Orion Community Unit School District #223 Board Meeting** at the District Office, 1002 11th Ave., Orion, at 7:00 pm. <https://www.orionschools.us/o/ocusd/page/meeting-dates-and-agendas>
- 22 Wed. **Zoning Commission Meeting**, (HELD IF NEEDED, check www.coalvalleyil.org) 6 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall, 900 1st St. Coal Valley.

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- 27 Thur. **Thanksgiving**



TRUNK 'R TREAT

OCTOBER 21
6-7 PM

COAL VALLEY
MUNICIPAL PARK

Thank you to our participants:

Coal Valley Police Department, Coal Valley Fire Department, Coal Valley Township, G&L Auto, The Rock, First Presbyterian Church, 7-Eleven, Shell, Subway, Coal Valley Lions Club, Country Style Ice Cream, New Hope Baptist Church, Happy Joe's/Rudy's Tacos, Argo Management, Valley Hair, Jeep Jammers, The Kids Corner, St. Maria Goretti, Twisted Leather Dance, Purple Violet Shop, Rock Valley Physical Therapy, Git-N-Go, Realtor Jeff Norton, Bi-State Barricade, Bicentennial School, Blackhawk Area Special Education/Denise Durbin, Gwen & Ruben Escajeda, Coal Valley Chiropractic, Rock Island County Teen Federation 4-H, Party Designs by Calesia, and Robert R. Jones Library.



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Marching Maroons are coming to CV

SUBMITTED BY JANICE McBRIDE- COAL VALLEY
TRUSTEE

Saturday, October 18th at 4:00 pm there will be music in the Municipal Park on 1st Street. Come early and enjoy some snacks from Doggy Fresh food truck.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Moline High School's award winning marching band, featuring the visual stylings of the MHS Color Guard!



The Village News

is a resident driven,
community publication
published at the beginning of
the month.

Residents are encouraged to
contribute.

Deadline for submission is the
20th of each month.

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.

Illinois Extension Celebrates 4-H Week- Oct. 5 - 11

JENNY GARNER, EXTENSION DIRECTOR IN HENRY, MERCER, ROCK ISLAND,
STARK COUNTIES

University of Illinois Extension is proud to celebrate National 4-H Week from October 5–11. The Rock Island County Board approved the 4-H Week Proclamation and recognizing it at their September 16 meeting.

Illinois Extension youth development program coordinators and 4-H youth will be visiting county board meetings this month with a cookie delivery and to talk about their 4-H experience. These visits start next week with the Mercer County Board and continue into the following week with the Stark County Board, and wraps up the third full week of October with the Henry County Board and the Rock Island Board. This annual celebration honors a program that fosters belonging, learning, and leadership among youth in Moline.



Highlights for National 4-H Week include:

October 5–11: Tune in to WRMJ for youth testimonials and look for club displays across Mercer and Rock Island counties.

October 11: 4-H will shine at WQPT's Imagination Station with nature-based science activities and PBS character appearances.

October 14 at 6 PM: Teen Teacher program kickoff at our Milan office for junior high and high schoolers interested in building their leadership skills by leading educational activities.

Throughout October: School outreach includes Cooking 101 and Inside Out Art sessions.

October 23: We'll be at United Township High School's College and Career Readiness Fair sharing 4-H opportunities.



START YOUR 4-H ADVENTURE!



Discover endless possibilities with 4-H!

Connect at go.illinois.edu/4-Hlearnbydoing
or call your county 4-H office.



Rock Island County 4-H 309-756-9978
Mercer County 4-H 309-513-3100
Henry/Stark Counties 4-H 309-932-3447

Robert R. Jones Library Events



OCTOBER

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:

PROJECT SPUDWAY A MASHTERPIECE COSTUME CONTEST



"Think you've got what it takes to turn a plain potato into a spud-tacular masterpiece? Join our Costume Contest and transform your tater into your favorite character or creature - no carving, just paint, props, and loads of creativity!"

Submit your entry by October 20th!

SCAN HERE



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>29 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</p> <p>11:00 AM: Music + Movement</p> <p>4:30 PM: Fright Club: Teen Writing Series</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:00 PM: CV Pandas Past & Present: A Coal Valley History Open House</p>	<p>1 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: Board + Beyond: Games Club</p> <p>3:30 PM: Knot Kraffers</p> <p>6:00 PM: Walking Club</p>	<p>2 11:00 AM: Toddler Tales Story Time</p> <p>3:15 PM: Caterpillar to Monarch Book Club</p>	<p>3 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</p> <p>3:00 PM: Lego Club Challenge</p>	<p>4 10:30 AM: Sensory Saturday</p>
<p>6 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</p> <p>11:00 AM: Music + Movement</p> <p>4:30 PM: Fright Club: Teen Writing Series</p>	<p>7 2:00 PM: Creative Expressions: Card Making with Donna</p> <p>5:00 PM: Family Game Night</p>	<p>8 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>3:30 PM: Pokémon Club</p> <p>6:00 PM: Walking Club</p>	<p>9 11:00 AM: Toddler Tales Story Time</p> <p>3:15 PM: Eagle Eye Readers Book Club</p> <p>6:00 PM: Coffee Shop 101</p>	<p>10 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</p> <p>3:00 PM: Pokémon Club</p>	<p>11 11:00 AM: Tots Together Social Hour</p>
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<p>27 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</p> <p>11:00 AM: Music + Movement</p> <p>4:30 PM: Fright Club: Teen Writing Series</p>	<p>28 3:30 PM: Creepy Candy Bingo Bash</p> <p>8:00 PM: Write Your Legacy</p>	<p>29 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: Board + Beyond: Games Club</p> <p>2:30 PM: Craft + Color</p> <p>6:00 PM: Walking Club</p>	<p>30 11:00 AM: Toddler Tales Story Time</p> <p>3:00 PM: Kids Creative Studio</p> <p>5:00 PM: Creative Crafters</p>	<p>31 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</p>	<p>1 10:30 AM: Sensory Saturday</p>

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



All New Family Education Program

This fall through spring, Niabi Zoo is bringing conservation to your backyard! In this 12-class series we will explore many aspects of conservation from learning how to identify native bumblebees and plants to building animal homes for your yard. If you and yours want to learn together about how to take an active role in conservation, this family-friendly class series is for you! Participants of all ages are welcome.

Select **Learn More** below to see prices and discounts for each 2-hour individual class. You can attend a single class, a group of classes, or all of the classes in this all new family-friendly series at which individuals can also attend.

CONSERVATION STARTS IN YOUR BACKYARD



FALL 2025 / SPRING 2026

INSECT INN

OCTOBER 11, 2025

KIT COST:
\$30

CAN WE BUG YOU FOR A SECOND?
LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BUGS IN OUR LOCAL ECOSYSTEM
AND MAKE YOUR VERY OWN BUG HOTEL FOR YOUR BACKYARD.

SHELTER FOR THE
SHADOWS

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

KIT COST:
\$30

EEK!
NO ONE LIKES GETTING BITTEN BY MOSQUITOS. BUILD A HOME FOR
THE SKEETER-EATERS ^BATS^ TO TAKE HOME. HELP BATS HELP YOU.

BACKYARD BOTANIST
PART I

NOVEMBER 15, 2025

KIT COST:
\$15

WANT FLOWER-POWER?
GROW YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON HOW TO PREP A GARDEN AND GROW
SEEDS OVER THE WINTER FOR SPRING PLANTINGS.

CARBON MISSION

DECEMBER 6, 2025

WE ARE ON A "MISSION POSSIBLE" TO CUT CARBON.
LEARN HOW YOU CAN MINIMIZE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT.
DUN DUN DUN-DUN! DUN DUN DUN-DUN! DO-DO-DOOOOO! DO-DO-DOOOOO!

[Learn More & Register](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know you need to keep your dog on a leash at all times when not on your property? Leashing your pet helps keep the public and your pet safe. It's the law to leash your pets when walking along roads, sidewalks and in our parks.



TITLE VI – POLICE REGULATIONS

Section 5. DOG AT LARGE

The owner, possessor, or keeper of any dog shall not permit the dog to be at large off the premises or property of such owner, possessor or keeper unless the dog is under restraint at all times. A dog is under restraint within the meaning of this Chapter if the dog is controlled by a leash “at heel” beside a competent person, and is obedient to that person’s commands; or under the control of a competent person while on or within a vehicle being driven or parked on the streets.

A festive Halloween-themed poster for 'Boo at the Zoo'. The left side features a black spiderweb, a string of orange and black bunting, and three cartoon spiders wearing orange witch hats. The right side contains the event title and details. The text is as follows:

BOO AT THE ZOO

OCTOBER 25 & 26

Boo at the Zoo Activity Hours:
10 am-3 pm

Zoo Admission Hours:
10 am-5 pm, Last entry @ 4 pm

**CANDY, ACTIVITIES,
AND MORE!**

Costumes encouraged



Hometown Coal Valley

BY DRUE MIELKE, EDITOR

A Walk Through History

The last meeting of the Coal Valley Pandas “Coal Valley Pandas Past and Present- A Coal Valley History Roundtable” on September 30th brought several historical maps and memorabilia. Scott Parsons was on hand adding many historical events pertaining to our Coal Valley history.

Below is a map of the Countyline Mine that Rudy Mielke, my grandfather owned and managed. It was located just south of Coal Valley at the Henry County / Rock Island County line, but mostly in Rock Island County.

Coal Valley Pandas Schedule Next History Open House

by Drue Mielke

Coal Valley Pandas will be holding their next meeting of “Coal Valley Pandas Past and Present on A Coal Valley History Roundtable” will be held on January 27, 2026 by the Robert R. Jones Public Library. Angie Armstrong, Library Adult Services Coordinator, initiated the event on behalf of the library and our community and received help through volunteer efforts of Coal Valley resident, Scott Parsons.

Attendees are encouraged to bring memorabilia, historical documents, photos, and historical artifacts, photos, and memories of Coal Valley’s rich past and evolving present.

The next date for the Coal Valley Pandas meeting has been set for Tuesday, January 27th at 5:00 PM at Robert R. Jones Library, 900 1st Street, Coal Valley.



Make Halloween safety a priority

Kids look forward to Halloween for many reasons. They like the dressing up in costumes but the mostly they like it for the candy and treats!

Children should always go out trick or treating accompanied by a responsible adult. If you have a group of kids going, the parents should choose two or three of them to go along and keep an eye on things.

Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you. This way you can check for any problem candy and get the pick of the best stuff!

Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car. Explain why this is not a good idea and what to do if someone approaches them and tries to talk to them

Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

Let them know that they should stay together as a group if going out to Trick or Treat without an adult.

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



It's Pumpkin Month

FROM ILLINOIS EXTENSION NEWSLETTER BY KRISTIN BOGDONAS,
ILLINOIS EXTENSION NUTRITION AND WELLNESS EDUCATOR

October is National Pumpkin Month—a great time to celebrate this versatile fruit grown close to home. Illinois produces over 90% of the processed pumpkins in the U.S., with most grown within 90 miles of Peoria.



Fun Pumpkin Facts

- Pumpkins are 90% water and part of the cucurbit family.
- They range from under 1 lb to over 1,000 lbs.
- Vines can grow up to 30 feet and take 120 days to mature.
- Largest pumpkin pie: Over 350 lbs and 5 feet wide.

Pumpkin FAQs

- Early pumpkin pie: Colonists baked pumpkins filled with milk, spices, and honey in hot ashes.

Nutritional Perks

Pumpkins are rich in beta-carotene, which converts to vitamin A and supports immune health, vision, and may reduce cancer risk.

Easy Pumpkin Chili: Brown 1 lb ground beef with ½ cup chopped onion. Drain excess fat. Add 1 can pumpkin, 2 cups water, 1 can kidney beans, 1 package taco seasoning, and 1.5 teaspoons chili powder. Bring to a boil, cover and simmer 30 minutes. Top with cheese and sour cream if desired.

Illinois Extension Newsletter can be found at https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2025-10/oct_2025_newsletter_unit_7_1.pdf

