



## CV Fareway Grocery Store Breaks Ground

Ground-breaking ceremony was held on Friday, November 21st at 11:00 am for the Coal Valley Fareway Grocery building to be constructed at 109 1st Street, Coal Valley. The new store, approximately 17,000 square feet, will be constructed at the southeast corner of 1st Street and Route 6. The project is tentatively planned for completion in the fall of 2026.

Speakers at the event were Coal Valley Mayor Michael Bartels and representatives from Fareway- Reynolds Cramer, CEO, Fareway Stores, Inc., Josh Halverson, Fareway Stores, Inc. Project Coordinator, and Koby Pritchard, Fareway Stores, Inc. Director of Real Estate.

"Communities depend on a local grocer to offer high-quality products at affordable prices with unmatched service. We look forward to offering these qualities to Coal Valley and area residents with a new Fareway store," said Fareway CEO Reynolds W. Cramer. "We want to thank city officials and other local leaders for helping make this project possible."

The new store will feature Fareway's signature offerings, including the best in fresh, highest-quality meat with a full-service butcher counter, farm-fresh produce, low competitive prices, and exceptional customer service, including to-your-car carry-out. Customers will also enjoy modern conveniences such as FastLanes self-service checkout, online shopping, and curb side pick-up through <https://Shop.Fareway.com>.

"Today is a significant day for Coal Valley as we break ground on our new Fareway Store. I'm truly grateful for our community and excited that this moment has finally arrived," Michael Bartels, Coal Valley Mayor, said. "My thanks go to the Fareway team, Village Administrator Penny Mullen, Village Board, and our residents for their support and confidence in this project. Together, we're bringing a full-service, quality grocery store that will benefit Coal Valley for many years to come."

The community came out in large numbers for the ground-breaking which was posted on social media inviting all interested to attend. Photos on page 3.

Fareway Stores, Inc. looks forward to serving Coal Valley and surrounding communities with its tradition of quality, service with gratitude, and value. Today, Fareway is one of the largest employers in Iowa. They currently operate almost 140 store locations in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri, and South Dakota, with more store openings coming soon.



Josh Halverson, Fareway Stores, Inc. Project Coordinator; Koby Pritchard, Fareway Stores, Inc. Director of Real Estate; Michael Bartels, Coal Valley Mayor; and Reynolds Cramer, Fareway Stores, Inc. CEO.



More photos on  
pages 2 & 3.



# Community shows support for Fareway



Almir Beganovic, Regional Supervisor, Fareway Stores, Inc.



Area elected officials and Coal Valley staff help celebrate Fareway's entry into the Coal Valley market. From left to right: Bob Arnold, Jim Rose, and Bob Mathias of Coal Valley Planning and Zoning; Dale Keppy, Coal Valley Planning and Zoning; Elissa Bundy, Coal Valley Village Clerk; Penny Mullen, Village Administrator and Director of Finance; Michael Bartels, Coal Valley Village President; James Mountain, Village of Coal Valley Trustee; Laura Rigg, Village of Coal Valley Trustee; Thomas House, Village of Coal Valley Trustee; Drue Mielke, Rock Island County Board Member; Senator Michael Halpin; and Representative Daniel Swanson. Also in attendance were Stanley Engstrom, Village of Coal Valley Trustee; and Ruben Escajeda, Coal Valley Township Trustee.





# Community Turns Out For Fareway



Mayor Michael Bartels

Representative  
Dan Swanson

Senator  
Michael Halpin





# David Baraks Receives De Vought Founders Award

BY GERRY STAHR- PRESIDENT - TRUSTEE, COAL VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

David Baraks has been awarded the Henry "Hank" De Vought Founders Award at the Coal Valley Firefighters Appreciation Dinner, held on Saturday, November 8th at Oakwood Country Club, Coal Valley.

The Henry "Hank" De Vought Founders Award was established and named after a leader and a strong visionary who was truly devoted to the mission of the Coal Valley Fire Protection District with a passion for helping our citizens.

Award recipients are selected by the Board of Trustees that follow the same philosophy and possess the same leadership vision as did Henry "Hank" De Vought, the Coal Valley Fire Protection District's founder. The award is given to a person who has made a significant difference to the District as a whole and their work will be seen for years to come.

In the mid 1960's David Baraks became a rookie volunteer firefighter. In a few years he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He later took a break to raise his family.

In 1993 David Baraks was appointed to the Board of Trustees by the Rock Island County Board Chairman. In 1995 the voters of the District began electing the Board Trustees and he was elected and

re-elected over a 30 year period retiring from service in 2025.

During Mr. Baraks' entire 30 years he served as Board President.


During his time on the Board he was involved with many changes. The major changes included evolving from volunteer ambulance service to contracting full time paramedic level service and eventually in house full time paramedic firefighters. The District also offered contracted Emergency Medical Services to neighboring Fire Protection Districts.

Mr. Baraks was also President when the District expanded and updated the fire station in 2002. During his tenure the apparatus and equipment was upgraded to meet safety requirements and fire fighting efficiency.

David believed that training and education was necessary for both the Board of Trustees and fire fighters. His constant leadership throughout his tenure has given the people of the Coal Valley Fire Protection District safer, better place to live, work, and play.



The Henry "Hank" De Vought Founders Award presentation. From left to right: Drue Mielke, Trustee; Mark Gast, Trustee, David Baraks; Gerry Stahr, President/Trustee; and Chief Dave Dunham.



*Hi,  
there,  
Boys  
and  
Girls*

**I'M  
COMING  
TO**

**THE ROCK**  
Reception Facility  
302 1st Street, Coal Valley

**Saturday, December 20th  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Time for mom & dad  
to get pictures with  
Santa and Mrs. Claus !**



**The Village Hall will be closed on  
December 24th, December 25th,  
and January 1st, 2026  
in observance of the Holidays.**



# CV Firefighters Honor David Baraks At Appreciation Dinner



Coal Valley Fire Protection District firefighters at the Coal Valley Firefighters Appreciation Dinner, held on Saturday, November 8th at Oakwood Country Club, Coal Valley.

## Be Sure To Use Space Heaters Safely This Winter Season

FROM: SAFE ELECTRICITY, ELECTRICAL SAFETY FOUNDATION, AND NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

<https://www.nfpa.org/>

To use a space heater safely, place it at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, on a flat, level surface, and never leave it unattended or use it while sleeping.

Always plug it directly into a wall outlet, not an extension cord, and ensure it has safety features like a tip-over switch and a seal of approval from a nationally recognized testing company. Keep water away from electric heaters and place them in high-traffic areas to avoid tripping hazards.

### Placement and surroundings:

Keep heaters at least 3 feet away from furniture, drapes, bedding, and other combustible items. Place the heater on a solid, flat, and level surface to prevent it from being knocked over. Position the heater out of high-traffic areas to avoid tripping hazards. Never use electric space heaters near water, such as in a bathroom.

### Electrical safety:

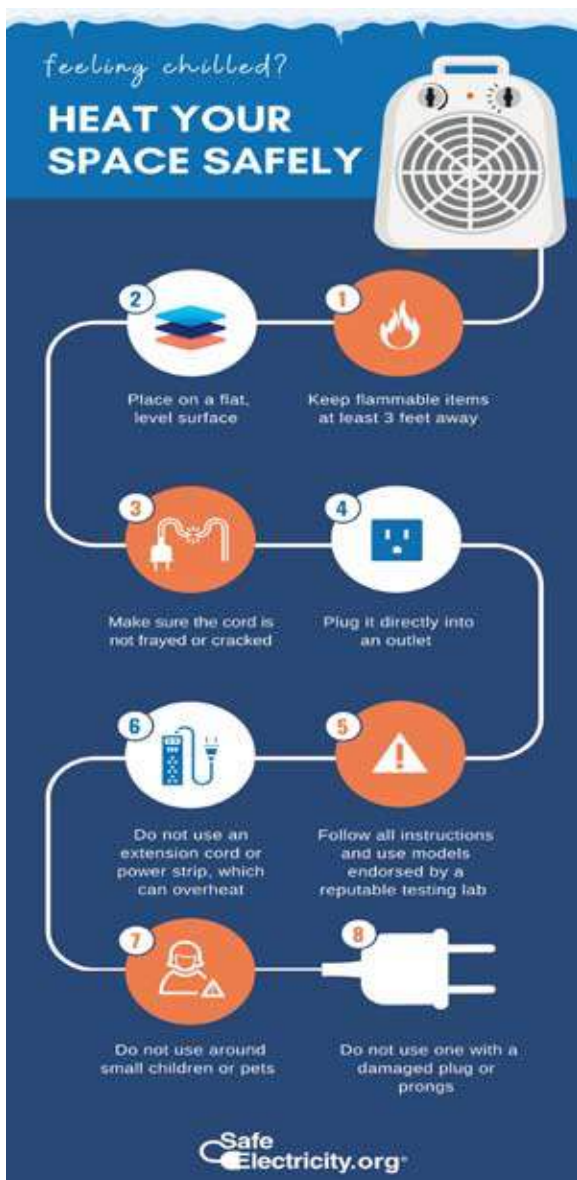
Plug the space heater directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord or power strip, as they can overheat. Ensure the heater is plugged directly into the outlet, not using a multi-outlet surge protector. Periodically check the cord for any damage, such as frayed wires or cracked insulation.

### Operation and supervision:

Turn the space heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep. Never leave it running unattended. Keep children and pets away from the heater and supervise them closely. Do not use space heaters to dry clothes, warm bedding, or cook food.

### Purchase and maintenance:

Buy heaters that are tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing company like UL (Underwriters Laboratories). Look for a heater with a tip-over safety switch that automatically shuts off the unit if it is knocked over. Always unplug and safely store the heater when it is not in use.





**Saturday, December 20th**

**SANTA IN**

**THE VALLEY**



**Santa & Mrs.  
Claus**

**Craft**

**HOT COCOA BAR**

**The Rock 3-5**

At this holiday season, I wish to thank our readers for the opportunity to help bring you the news of our village. It is a privilege to serve.

Thank you!  
Drue Mielke, Editor, The Village News







# Hometown Coal Valley

by Drue Mielke

## Coal Valley Holiday events for friends and family

Looking for holiday events to get into the spirit of the season? Well, for the kids, Santa is coming to town right here in Coal Valley on December 20th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at The Rock, 302 1st Street, Coal Valley. This **“Santa In The Valley”** event is a great time to get pictures of the kids with Santa. I’ve not seen Santa this year at the mall so this is nice appearance! Also, there will be crafts and a hot cocoa bar available at **“Santa In The Valley”**. See flyer on page 6.

Another event open to the public, also on December 20th starting at 8:00 pm is the **“Ugly Christmas Sweater Bar Crawl”**. Now’s the time to pull out your ugliest, most over-the-top holiday sweater! The **“Crawl”** starts in downtown Coal Valley at Coal Creek Inn, 110 E. 22nd Avenue.

Grab your passport at Coal Creek Inn at 8:00 pm. and then head across the Village Green to Bourbons Bar and Grill 119 E. 22nd Avenue A.

Next, the **“Ugly Christmas Sweater Bar Crawl”** heads from the Coal Creek valley and over 1st Street Hill (Welch Hill) to the Rock River valley to Mulligan’s Valley Pub, 310 W. 1st Avenue (U.S. 6). After that, it’s on to Crabby’s Bar and Grill 826 W. 1st Avenue (U.S. 6). Check out page 8 for full details!

Thank you to Mayor Bartels and the Village of Coal Valley for fostering the Event Committee to promote community engagement, foster civic pride, and enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors through well-planned events,

## Village reminds parking rules during snow emergencies

The Village of Coal Valley wishes to remind residents of the importance removing snow from sidewalks and proper snow removal from driveways and other areas.

### SNOW REMOVAL

All abutting property owners shall be responsible

To remove within a reasonable time from the portion of any public sidewalk abutting said property all snow and ice.

To refrain from putting, pushing, blowing of otherwise depositing any snow removed from a public sidewalk of private property upon any improved public roadway.

For purposes of this Section, “reasonable time” shall mean that snow removal shall be within twenty-four (24) hours after cessation of a snowfall, or, if a snowfall ceases in the nighttime hours, within twenty-four (24) hours after sunrise.

### PENALTY.

Any person violating the provisions of this Chapter shall be in accordance with Title I Division V Chapter 1 Section 3 of the Code of Ordinance for the Village of Coal Valley for each offense.



Coal Valley Village Administrator and Director of Finance, Penny Mullen receives a 15 year service award from Mayor Michael Bartels at the November 12th Village Board Meeting.





COAL VALLEY'S 1ST ANNUAL

# UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER

## Bar Crawl

Pull out your ugliest, most  
over-the-top holiday sweater

**Starting at 8:00 pm**

**SATURDAY**

**20**

**DECEMBER**

Grab your passport at Coal Creek starting at 8pm and  
head to Bourbons, Mulligan's & Crabby's.



# COAL VALLEY CHURCHES Celebrate Christmas

## Trinity Lutheran Church

Phone: (309) 799-5650

Email: [trinity.cv.welcome@gmail.com](mailto:trinity.cv.welcome@gmail.com) and  
[trinityCV1@gmail.com](mailto:trinityCV1@gmail.com)

Website: <https://trinitylutherancv.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TLC.CV.IL>

Pastor: Rev. David C. Anderson

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturdays:** 4:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

**Sundays:** 9:00am (Sanctuary & Parking Lot), Social time with snacks follows worship. Sunday morning worship will be broadcast to the parking lot. If you plan to attend from your car, please park in the front row and tune your radio to 100.3FM. (Please keep in mind that handicapped spots are reserved for those with that need). Ushers will be on hand to guide you and answer any questions.)

**Sunday Morning Bible Class:** begins around 10:15am

### Advent Services-

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. on December 3, 10, and 17.

**Christmas Eve:** Wednesday, December 24th at 6:00 pm.

**Christmas Day:** Thursday, December 25th, at 9:00 am.

Trinity Lutheran Church's congregation actively supports the Coal Valley Food Pantry at the First United Presbyterian Church, providing food and monetary donations along with willing volunteers for Holiday Baskets and regular food distributions throughout the year.



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## First Bible Missionary Church

1611 1st Street

Coal Valley

Call for Worship Schedule

799-3764

## Saint Maria Goretti Church – St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish



220 E. 22nd Avenue / P.O. Box 159, Coal Valley

Phone: (309) 799-3414 (Office)

Email: [StMariaGorettiParishCV@gmail.com](mailto:StMariaGorettiParishCV@gmail.com)

Website: <https://www.smgcv.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/coalvalleysmg>

Pastor: Father Anthony (Tony) Ego,  
309-799-3414 OR 309-581-2923 and Press 1.

### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve, December 24 Mass:** 4:00PM

**Christmas Day, December 25 Mass:** 10:00AM

**Solemnity of Mary, New Year's Day January 1, 2026**  
**Mass:** 10:00AM

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturdays:

**4:00 Mass – Coal Valley**

**5:30 Mass – Orion**

#### Sundays:

**8:30 am Mass – Orion**

**10:00 am Mass – Coal Valley**

**Tuesdays: 8:00 am Mass – Orion**

**Wednesdays: 9:00 am Mass – Coal Valley**

**Thursdays: 8:00am Mass – Orion**

**Fridays: 9:00 am Mass – Coal Valley**

**Reconciliation, Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:30 PM, or by appointment.**

On Monday, September 29, 2025 St. Maria Goretti Church became a merged parish with the name St. Gabriel the Archangel. It consists of one parish with two church locations; Mary Our Lady of Peace Orion and St. Maria Goretti Coal Valley site.





# COAL VALLEY CHURCHES Celebrate Christmas

## First United Presbyterian Church

2431 1st Street, Coal Valley  
799-3511

secretary@cvpres.com

website: <http://cvpres.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cvpres22>

Pastor Dr. Andrew McDonald

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sundays: 10:30 am

**December 14 - Children's Christmas Pageant**

**December 16 - Hope Circle Christmas Lunch 12pm at  
Lavender Crest, 5401 US Highway 6, Colona.**

**December 24 - Christmas Eve Service- 8:00 pm**

The Coal Valley Presbyterian Church is the home of the Coal Valley Food Pantry. The food pantry's goal is to serve the community of Coal Valley by providing food to those families who may be living without enough. The food pantry is a joint effort between several churches in the community. The hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m.



**new hope**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

706 1st Street, Coal Valley  
(309) 373-3559

website: <https://www.newhopecv.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/newhopecoalvalley>

Pastor Interim: Jerry Higdon

### Sunday Worship Schedule:

Bible Study for all ages in the Lower Level – 9:30 AM to 10:20 AM

**Worship Together & on Facebook Live – 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Men's Discipleship Breakfast-** 2nd Saturday of every month – 8:00 am

**Women's Bible Verse Study -** Wednesdays through December 10th – 10:30 am – Noon

**Wednesday Night Bible Study -** Wednesdays – 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm.

**Men's Prayer -** Wednesdays – 8:00 am



## Safety tips to follow this holiday season

As we approach the holiday season, it's time to revisit some safety tips that will minimize your risk of being a victim of a burglary or theft. Criminals will often take the path of least resistance. This reality has led to the concept of target hardening. Please follow some of the following tips to help prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

Almost half of all residential burglaries resulted in thieves gaining entry through unlocked doors or windows. Windows are left opened and unlocked far more often than doors, so make sure you lock them as well. Think about placing an item in the window track to prevent it from being opened from the outside.

- Most burglars enter through back doors or garage doors.
- To keep burglars away from your house or apartment, make their work difficult, risky, and less profitable
- Use a high quality deadbolt lock on your doors.
- Sliding doors are a favorite with burglars. Entry can be prevented simply by placing a dowel rod in the track.
- Have motion detector lights directed towards doors and windows
- Have interior and exterior lights on timers when not at home. It is inexpensive and provides an illusion that someone is home.
- Trim trees and shrubs near windows and doors so they cannot be used as a hiding place by burglars.
- Take advantage of the home check by completing the patrol check form. You can either stop by or we can email you the form. The information on the form will be kept confidential and will be shredded upon your return. However, the form and service does not relieve the home owner of his/her responsibility to prudent behavior.

### Going Away on Vacation or for The Weekend?

- Have a neighbor you trust pick up your mail and newspapers or cancel them while you are gone.
  - Allow your neighbor to park in your driveway to give the impression that someone is coming and going.
  - Make sure you don't leave any signs of going out of town on your answering machine or Facebook™.
- Remember burglars go through neighborhoods looking for signs of vacancy. In the evening, they look for darkened houses or lights that have been left off too long. If you see something suspicious, call police right away.

### Safety While Shopping

- Keep packages out of sight, preferably in the trunk where they would be less accessible.
- Park in well lit areas of the parking lot.
- Hide cell phones and GPS units where they cannot be seen from outside the vehicle. Remove the GPS mount while inside shopping.
- Consider the purchase of a car alarm.
- Be alert to suspicious activity. If something doesn't look right, it probably isn't.
- Shop with friends, make your shopping experience an event. It's more fun and provides safety in numbers.



# Robert R. Jones Library Events



## DECEMBER



**Coal Valley**  
Public Library District

- Toddler Program
- Grade School Program
- Middle/High School Program
- Adult Program
- All Ages - Family Program

Monday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div>1</div> <div>10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</div> <div>11:00 AM: Music + Movement</div> 	<div>2</div> <div>11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time</div> <div>2:00 PM: Creative Expressions: Card Making with Donna</div> 	<div>3</div> <div>11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</div> <div>2:00 PM: Board + Beyond Games Club</div> <div>3:30 PM: Art + Audio Club</div> 	<div>4</div> <div>11:00 AM: Toddler Tales Story Time</div> <div>3:15 PM: Caterpillar to Monarch Book Club</div> 	<div>5</div> <div>10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</div> <div>3:00 PM: Kids Advisory Board</div> 	<div>6</div> <div>10:30 AM: Sensory Saturday</div> 
<div>8</div> <div>10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</div> <div>11:00 AM: Music + Movement</div> 	<div>9</div> <div>11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time</div> <div>5:00 PM: Library Flavors Book Club - Christmas Cookie Exchange</div> 	<div>10</div> <div>11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</div> <div>2:00 PM: Board + Beyond Games Club</div> <div>3:30 PM: Art + Audio Club</div> 	<div>11</div> <div>11:00 AM: Toddler Tales Story Time</div> <div>3:15 PM: Eagle Eye Readers Book Club</div> 	<div>12</div> <div>10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</div> <div>3:00 PM: Pokemon Club</div> 	<div>13</div> <div>11:00 AM: Tots Together Social Hour</div> 
<div>15</div> <div>10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</div> <div>11:00 AM: Music + Movement</div> 	<div>16</div> <div>11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time</div> <div>6:00 PM: Valley Readers Book Club</div> 	<div>17</div> <div>11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</div> <div>2:00 PM: Board + Beyond Games Club</div> <div>3:30 PM: Teen Craft Club: DIY Ornaments</div> 	<div>18</div> <div>11:00 AM: Toddler Tales Story Time</div> <div>2:45 PM: Puzzles</div> <div>3:15 PM: Read to a Dog</div> <div>4:00 PM: Pizza + Pages Book Club</div> <div>5:00 PM: Creative Crafters</div> 	<div>19</div> <div>10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</div> <div>3:00 PM: Agents of the Library</div> 	<div>20</div> <div>10:30 AM: Sensory Saturday</div> 
<div>22</div> <div>10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</div> <div>11:00 AM: Music + Movement</div> 	<div>23</div> <div>11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time</div> <div>6:00 PM: Write Your Legacy</div> 	<div>24</div> <div>Closed for Winter Holiday</div> 	<div>25</div> <div>Closed in Observance of Christmas Day</div> 	<div>26</div> <div>10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</div> <div>3:00 PM: Lego Club Free Build</div> 	<div>27</div> <div>11:00 AM: Tots Together Social Hour</div> 
<div>29</div> <div>10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</div> <div>11:00 AM: Music + Movement</div> 	<div>30</div> <div>11:00 AM: Ready-To-Rave Toddler Bash!</div> <div>5:30 PM: Puzzle Party</div> 	<div>31</div> <div>11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start</div> <div>5:00-7:00 PM: Drop in: New Year Around the World</div> 	<div>1</div> <div>Closed in Observance of New Year's Day</div> 	<div>2</div> <div>10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</div> <div>2:00 PM: Frozen Bingo Bash!</div> 	<div>3</div> <div>10:30 AM: Sensory Saturday</div> 

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

**READY-TO-RAVE TODDLER BASH!**

Tiny dancers, big moves! Join our Ready-to-Rave Toddler Bash on Dec 30—glow sticks, bubbles, and non-stop wiggles await.

Registration required!



900 1st Street, Coal Valley, Illinois | 309-799-3047 | [www.roberttrjoneslibrary.org](http://www.roberttrjoneslibrary.org)

## Village of Coal Valley Water Quality Report Available Online

The Village of Coal Valley water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), also known as a safe drinking water or water quality report, is an annual report that summarizes the quality of drinking water Coal Valley's community public water systems.

The purpose is to raise customers' awareness of where their drinking water comes from, the quality of their drinking water, what it takes to deliver water to their home and the importance of protecting drinking water sources.

Coal Valley has two separate systems. A majority of the village is served by the report called **2024 CCR – Water Report**. The remainder of the Village of Coal Valley located in Henry County near the golf course is served by a report called **2024 CCR – Oak View Estates Water Report**.

Both reports are located at:  
<https://www.coalvalleyil.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/CoalValley-CCR-Report.pdf>  
<https://www.coalvalleyil.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/CoalValley-2024-Oak-View-Estates-CCR-Report.pdf>

## The Village News

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 Drue Mielke, editor and publisher to  
[cvnews@coalvalleyil.org](mailto:cvnews@coalvalleyil.org) or  
 call (309) 235-7493  
 or text for quick response.



# calendar of events

## December

- 2 Tue. **Storm Warning Siren Test** at 10 a.m.
- 2 Tue. **Coal Valley Township Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Coal Valley Township Hall, 104 W. 1st Avenue, Coal Valley
- 8 Mon. **Moline-Coal Valley School District #40 Board of Education Meeting** 6:00-8:00pm, at the Moline Education Center 1900 52nd Avenue, Moline.
- 8 Mon. **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.
- 9 Tue. **Rock Island County Forest Preserve Executive Committee Meeting**, 9:30 am at the Rock Island County Building, 1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island.
- 10 Wed. **Village Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 10 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 Fri. **Coal Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, 10:00 am at the fire station located at 103 W. 18th Avenue, Coal Valley.
- 16 Tue. **Rock Island County Board Meeting**, 5:30 pm, County Board Chambers on the 3rd floor of the County Office Building located at 1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island.
- 17 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))
- 18 Thur. **Henry County Board Meeting**, 6:00pm, Henry County Courthouse, Room 102J, 307 West Center St., Cambridge. <https://www.orionschools.us/o/ocusd/page/meeting-dates-and-agendas>
- 18 Thur. **Lions Club Dinner Meeting**, 7:00 p.m. at Happy Joe's, 320 W.1st Avenue (U.S. 6), Coal Valley.
- 20 Sat. **Santa In The Valley**, 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. at The Rock, 302 1st Street, Coal Valley. See page 6.
- 20 Sat. **Ugly Sweater Bar Crawl**, Starts at 8:00 p.m. starts in downtown Coal Valley at Coal Creek Inn, 110 E. 22nd Avenue. See page 8 for details..
- 21 Sun. **1st Day of Winter / Winter Solstice**
- 24 Wed. **Christmas Eve**
- 25 Thur. **Christmas Day**
- 31 Wed. **New Year's Eve**



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- 19 Mon. **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**.
- 20 Tue. **Valley Readers Book Club**, 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>.
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- 22 Thur. **Henry County Board Meeting**, 6:00pm, Henry County Courthouse, Room 102J, 307 West Center St., Cambridge.
- 26 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>
- 28 Wed. **Zoning Commission Meeting**, (HELD IF NEEDED, check [www.coalvalleyil.org](http://www.coalvalleyil.org)) 6 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall, 900 1st St. Coal Valley.

*Happy Holidays from  
The Village of Coal Valley*

**In observance of the holidays,  
the village hall will be closed  
December 24, 2025, December 25, 2025,  
and January 1, 2026**





# Coal Valley Police Department

## Police Calls

	Traffic Tickets	Written Warnings	Ordinance Tickets	Crash Reports	Mental Health	Arrests Made	DUI	Calls For Service	Total Calls
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
October 2025	19	17	2	1	0	2	1	567	609
November 2025	13	6	0	0	0	2	2	390	413
	Traffic Tickets	Written Warnings	Ordinance Tickets	Crash Reports	Mental Health	Arrests Made	DUI	Calls For Service	12 Month Total Calls
12 MonthTotals	146	144	16	15	8	26	9	5838	6202



*Two special events to brighten your holidays!*

**Sunday, December 7th**  
**12:00–4:00 p.m**

# 19<sup>th</sup> Century *Christmas*

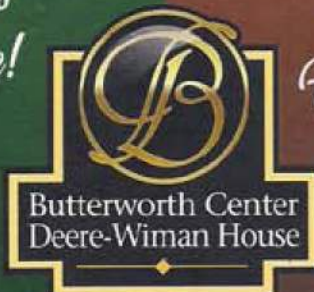
Step back in time and experience the charm of a 19th century holiday celebration. Explore both historic homes, beautifully decorated for the season, and enjoy live music, festive refreshments, and family fun throughout the afternoon.

## *Highlights include:*

Visit Santa Claus in  
Butterworth Center's Oak Room  
(enter through the Port Cochere)  
Crafts, face painting, and caricature  
artists in Deere-Wiman Carriage House  
Refreshments in both Butterworth  
Center and Deere-Wiman  
Carriage House



*Live holiday music in both homes*  
*Free admission All ages welcome!*



**Thursday, December 18th**  
**6:30 p.m.** Butterworth Center Library

# *Christmas Piano Concert*

Featuring  
**Christian Gozales and Ricardo Abapo Jr.**



Experience an inspiring evening of music performed by a distinguished group of Filipino professional pianists from across America, including one guest performer traveling from the Philippines. This ensemble of artists represents an exceptional level of artistry; each pianist holds or is pursuing advanced degrees in piano performance or pedagogy.

Join us for a program celebrating shared cultural heritage through classical works, unique new arrangements premiering at Butterworth Center, and a selection of Christmas songs from both American and Filipino traditions.

Presented as a cultural gift to the community, this concert is open to all and designed to bring people together through the universal language of music.

**Free admission | Seating is limited**

*From our homes to yours, we wish you  
all the very best this holiday season  
and hope to see you soon!*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION - 309-743-2701 - [www.butterworthcenter.com](http://www.butterworthcenter.com)**