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Santa Visits Coal Valley

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Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived at The Rock on December 20th with cookies, a hot cocoa bar, crafts and photo booth. Thank you to Mulligans Pub, The Rock Party Facility and Fareway for supporting the event along with the Coal Valley Event Committee.



Christmas Tree Pick-up on Wednesday, January 14th

If you have a Christmas tree to be discarded, Republic Services will be picking up Live Christmas trees on Wednesday January 14, 2026.

Remove all lights, ornaments, and stands from the tree. Make sure the tree is not wrapped in any plastic or placed inside a plastic bag.

Please put the tree at the curb by 6:00 am

2026 Coal Valley, IL

Recycling, Trash and Yard Waste Collection Calendar

Holidays
 Recycling
 Trash
 Yard Waste

JANUARY						
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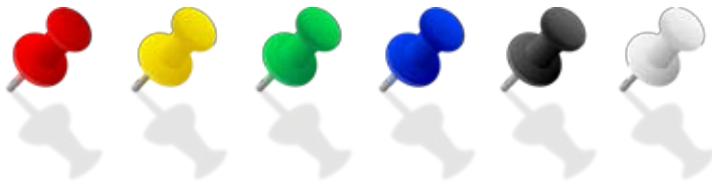




Coal Valley Police Department News

Coal Valley Police Chief Whitney swore in Kelsey Steele as a new Officer to join the Coal Valley Police Department squad. Officer Steele came to us as a seasoned 911 Dispatcher, and has started her 16 weeks at the academy this week.

The police department congratulates her and is excited to watch her grow in her new career!





VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY YEARLY EVENT CALENDAR

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

JANUARY

see <https://www.facebook.com/VillageofCoalValley> for further details as soon as available.

SNOWMAN CONTEST



FEBRUARY

COAL VALLEY KINDNESS CARD EXCHANGE



MARCH

COAL VALLEY PARK CLEAN-UP



APRIL

EASTER EGG HUNT



MAY

MUSIC IN THE PARK



JUNE

MOVIE IN THE PARK



JULY

BOOM BASH



AUGUST

MUSIC IN THE PARK



SEPTEMBER

MOVIE IN THE PARK



OCTOBER

TRUNK OR TREAT



NOVEMBER

FOOD AND COAT DRIVE



DECEMBER

SANTA IN THE VALLEY/UGLY SWEATER PARTY



Robert R. Jones Library Events

JANUARY

Coal Valley
Public Library District

HIGHLIGHTS:

SWEET READS FOR WINTER!

Join our all-ages Candy Land-themed Winter Reading Program! Track your reading, move through colorful candy lands, and earn sweet prizes all season long. Starts January 2!



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V. 11:00 AM: Music + Movement	30 11:00 AM: Ready - to - Rave: Toddler Bash 5:30 Puzzle party	31 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 5:00-7:00 PM Drop in New Year Around the World	1 Closed in Observance of New Year's Day	2 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 2:00 PM: Frozen Bingo Bash!	3 10:00 AM: Sensory Saturday
5 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V. 11:00 AM: Music + Movement	6 11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time 6:00 PM: Improving Online Health Literacy	7 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 2:00 PM: Board + Beyond: Games Club 3:30 PM: Knot Crafters	8 11:00 AM: Little Learners Story Time 3:15 PM: Eagle Eye Readers Book Club	9 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 3:00 PM: Agents of the Library	10 11:00 AM: Tots Together Social Hour
12 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V. 11:00 AM: Music + Movement	13 11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time 5:00 PM: Literary Flavors Book Club	14 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 2:00 PM: Board + Beyond: Games Club 3:30 PM: Art + Audio Club	15 11:00 AM: Little Learners Story Time 2:45 PM: Puzzlers 3:15 PM: Read to a Dog 5:00 PM: Creative Crafters	16 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 4:30 PM: Candy Chaos: Teen After Hours Club	17 10:00 AM: Sensory Saturday
19 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V. 11:00 AM: Music + Movement	20 11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time 6:00 PM: Valley Readers Book Club	21 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 2:00 PM: Board + Beyond: Games Club 2:30 PM: Craft + Color 3:30 PM: Teen Craft Club	22 11:00 AM: Little Learners Story Time 3:00 PM: S.T.E.M. Challenge 4:00 PM: Pizza + Pages Book Club	23 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 3:00 PM: Lego Club Free Build	24 11:00 AM: Tots Together Social Hour
26 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V. 11:00 AM: Music + Movement	27 11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time 5:00 PM: Coal Valley Pandas: Past and Present History Roundtable	28 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 2:00 PM: Board + Beyond: Games Club 3:30 PM: Art + Audio Club	29 11:00 AM: Little Learners Story Time 3:00 PM: Kids Creative Studio	30 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 3:00 PM: Pokemon Club	31 11:00 AM: Tots Together Social Hour

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

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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
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
December 2025	7	6	0	3	0	3	1	420	440
12 Month Totals	148	142	16	18	7	26	8	5949	6314



January

- 1 Thur. **New Year's Day**
- 6 Tue **Storm Warning Siren Test** at 10 a.m.
- 6 Tue **Coal Valley Township Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Coal Valley Township Hall, 104 W. 1st Avenue, Coal Valley
- 9 Fri. **Coal Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, 10:00 am at the fire station located at 103 W. 18th Avenue, Coal Valley.
- 12 Mon. **Colona Township Meeting**, meets 7 p.m. at 801 1st Street, Colona. For more information, call Colona Twp. office at 792-8770 or 792-8774.
- 12 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>
- 13 Tue. **Rock Island County Forest Preserve Executive Committee Meeting**, 9:30 am at the Rock Island County Building, 1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island.
- 14 Wed. **Village Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 14 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.
- 15 Thur. **Lions Club Dinner Meeting**, 7:00 p.m. at Happy Joe's, 320 W. 1st Avenue (U.S. 6), Coal Valley.
- 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.robertrjoneslibrary.org/events>.
- 20 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.
- 21 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)
- 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) 6 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall, 900 1st St. Coal Valley.

February

- 2 Mon. **Storm Warning Siren Test** at 10 a.m.
- 2 Mon. **Ground Hog Day**
- 3 Tue **Coal Valley Township Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Coal Valley Township Hall, 104 W. 1st Avenue, Coal Valley
- 9 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.
- 9 Mon. **Moline-Coal Valley School District #40 Board of Education Meeting** 6:00-8:00pm, at Washington Elementary School, 1550 41st St., Moline.
- 10 Tue. **Rock Island County Forest Preserve Executive Committee Meeting**, 9:30 am at the Rock Island County Building, 1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island.
- 11 Wed. **Village Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 11 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 Thur. **Lincoln's Birthday**
- 13 Fri. **Coal Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, 10:00 am at the fire station located at 103 W. 18th Avenue, Coal Valley.
- 14 Sat.. **Valentine's Day**
- 16 Mon. **Presidents Day**
- 17 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 Wed. **Ash Wednesday**
- 18 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)
- 19 Thur. **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.
- 19 Thur. **Henry County Board Meeting**, 6:00pm, Henry County Courthouse, Room 102J, 307 West Center St., Cambridge.
- 19 Thur. **Lions Club Dinner Meeting**, 7:00 p.m. at Happy Joe's, 320 W. 1st Avenue (U.S. 6), Coal Valley.
- 22 Sun. **Washington's Birthday**
- 23 Mon. **Moline-Coal Valley School District #40 Board of Education Meeting** 6:00-8:00pm, at the Moline Education Center 1900 52nd Avenue, Moline.
- 25 Wed. **Zoning Commission Meeting**, (HELD IF NEEDED, check www.coalvalleyil.org) 6 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall, 900 1st St. Coal Valley.