



Santa Visits Coal Valley

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL BARTELS

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

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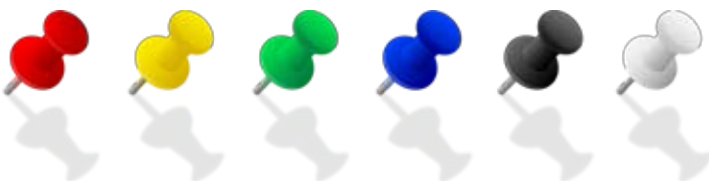




Coal Valley Police Department News

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

- 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

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

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Hometown Coal Valley

by Drue Mielke

Auld Lang Syne & A Look Back

Happy New Year! And should old acquaintance be forgot? Never!

Debbie Till Celebrates 50 Years in Banking

This last month marked Debbie Till's 50th year in banking. The Coal Valley community is lucky to have Debbie here at Blackhawk Bank & Trust in Coal Valley.

Debbie Till reflects on her career at Blackhawk Bank and Trust, the relationships she's built, and how banking has evolved over five decades in this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceaVz6-nn7Q>.



Fareway Coming to Coal Valley

Fareway held its ground-breaking this fall and the entire community is looking forward to having a grocery store back in the village. In the October village board meeting, Trustee Engstrom stated, "I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Penny (Mullen) and Mike (Bartels) for their incredible efforts in bringing a grocery store to our community." Many may not realize the amount of time, negotiation, and persistence required to make this happen. Previous attempts over the years faced challenges, but their dedication and hard work finally made it possible. From reaching out to numerous retailers to navigating property and resident negotiations, their commitment was key to this success. Thanks to them, we now have a valuable resource in our village."

2025 Marks 25th Year For Editor

2026 marks my 25th year of sharing and gathering news and pictures of events for our community in your newsletter. It proves that time flies when you do what you love.

"The Village News" was started by Coal Valley residents Anita Hatalasky and Jill Miklas as co-editors. As former Trustee Julie Berg noted in March 1999, together, they took this concept and "created what has become a vital link of community information for our Village residents and organization".

"Two women from our community stepped forward to continue the



Auld Lang Syne

Scottish traditional



newsletter without hesitation... Lisa Christison and Barb Byrne," Mrs. Berg continued. I've included a front page of one of the earlier *The Village News* from October 2000 on the left.

In September 2001, Barb Byrne and Lisa Christison sought a new newsletter editor and I was given the opportunity. This was just days before the 9-11 attack. I had already had the next issue's front page done but when our nation and community were faced with these tragic events, I started over. Below is that first issue that I did for our community. I remember we were all in shock.

It became important to include our American Flag in the masthead in addition to the Village of Coal Valley logo.

Notification is available via email when the newsletter is published online, please email village administrator Penny Mullen at pmullen@coalvalleyil.org and ask to be added to the list.

Thank you for reading! It is an honor to give back to our community!





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 2026	7	6	0	3	0	3	1	420	440
	Traffic Tickets	Written Warnings	Ordinance Tickets	Crash Reports	Mental Health	Arrests Made	DUI	Calls For Service	12 Month Total Calls
12 MonthTotals	148	142	16	18	7	26	8	5949	6314



calendar of events

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.robertjoneslibrary.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**
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- 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.robertjoneslibrary.org/events>.
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