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Earth Moving Construction at Fareway Site

Construction and earth moving continue at 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.



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL BARTELS, VILLAGE PRESIDENT



National Day of Prayer to be observed in Coal Valley

BY SUE CLEARMAN, COAL VALLEY RESIDENT

The 74th annual National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 7th in Coal Valley on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM, at Coal Valley Municipal Park, Pavilion 1, 1000 1st Street, Coal Valley.

This year's theme is "Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations." "Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples." 1 Chronicles 16:24.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. This is a special day was enacted into law in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. For a full history please click here: <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/about/history>

This is a perfect time for us as grateful citizens to gather together to praise the Lord and pray for our beloved Land.

Those wishing to participate will be gathering on May 7th from 12 noon to 1:00 pm at the Coal Valley Municipal Park at 1000 1st Street to express our thanksgiving to God for His goodness and to ask for His forgiveness, wisdom, strength, grace and mercy as we continue to live in the United States of America.

If you are unable to attend, please pray wherever you are.



ATTENTION!

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY IS IN NEED OF ELECTION JUDGES!

From: The Office of Karen Kinney, Rock Island County Clerk

- Get paid to participate in one of our most treasured Constitutional Rights: Our Right to Vote.
- The compensation for this position is \$175.00 for Election Day.
- This position is for election day only (there are two elections per year), plus one or two days for election judge classes.
- Election Judges must be computer literate.
- Voting hours are 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Election Judge work hours are 5:00 am until all closing of the polls duties are done.
- You must declare a party affiliation, Democratic or Republican, to work. The Independent Party is not established in Illinois. We are required by law to have judges from the Democratic and Republican parties in all of the vote centers.

Once our office receives your information, you will be entered into the Election Judge System. You will then receive a letter regarding the Election Judge Training closer to the next election.

TO BECOME AN ELECTION JUDGE:

Return the form at the bottom of this letter to:

Rock Island County Clerk – 1504 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL 61201.

OR

Apply online at: rockislandcountyil.gov/269/Election-Judges

OR

Email: kshields@rockislandcountyil.gov

cut here if using form

I would like to be an election judge.

Declared Party Democratic Republican

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone number _____



Some things are worth running for.

Gilda's Club Run For Hope

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2026

Time: 5K Race Start 8am | 1 Mile Fun Run Start 9am

Location: The Rock Party Facility, Coal Valley, IL

Costs: Varies based on Registration Type

Back for the fourth year in the gorgeous Village of Coal Valley that offers a unique and fun route. This 5K race and 1 mile Fun Run runs through the scenic neighborhoods of Coal Valley and is about honoring and celebrating everyone in our community that is impacted by cancer.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.csciowaillinois.org/run-for-hope/>



**CANCER SUPPORT
COMMUNITY**

IOWA & NW ILLINOIS AT GILDA'S CLUB

Plant BINGO



RAFFLE BASKETS &
VENDORS WILL BE THERE

8 rounds of bingo with
4 winners each round

PLANTS ARE THE PRIZES

\$30 per person



INCLUDES-

3 REGULAR BINGO CARDS

1 MEGA ROUND CARD AND

2 RAFFLE TICKETS

EXTRA CARDS AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE

APRIL 12 | 1:00 - 4:00

THE STERN CENTER
1713 3RD AVE
ROCK ISLAND, IL



Fundraiser for shelter - 



VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY YEARLY EVENT CALENDAR

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
SNOWMAN CONTEST 	COAL VALLEY KINDNESS CARD EXCHANGE 	EASTER EGG HUNT 
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
COAL VALLEY PARK CLEAN-UP 	MUSIC IN THE PARK 	MOVIE IN THE PARK 
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
BOOM BASH 	MUSIC IN THE PARK 	MOVIE IN THE PARK 
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
TRUNK OR TREAT 	FOOD AND COAT DRIVE 	SANTA IN THE VALLEY/ UGLY SWEATER PARTY 

Robert R. Jones Library Events



MARCH

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

Read Across America Week:

This week is all about imagination without limits. Whether your child loves to build, perform, draw, write, or just dive into a great story – there's something magical waiting for them each day. Join us for one day or come for the whole adventure. Let's make this the most creative week of the year!



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>2 10:00 AM: Knitting & Crochet Club</p> <p>11:00 AM: Music & Movement</p> <p>3:00 PM: Postcards From My Future</p>	<p>3 11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time</p> <p>2:00 PM Creative Expressions Cardmaking</p> <p>3:00 PM: Colorful & Crafty Castle Creations</p>	<p>4 11:00 AM: Wee-Littles Art Start</p> <p>3:00 PM: "Be Our Guest" Reader's Theater</p>	<p>5 11:00 AM: Little Learners Story Time</p> <p>3:00 PM: Adopt-a-Sidekick Adventure</p> <p>6:00 PM: Gluten Free Sourdough Workshop</p>	<p>6 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</p> <p>3:00 PM: Pixar Short Story Workshop</p>	<p>7 10:30 AM: Sensory Saturday</p>
<p>★ ★ ★ READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK! ★ ★ ★ We're celebrating all week long with extra-special after-school fun for kids each day! ★ ★ ★</p>					
<p>9 10:00 AM: Knitting & Crochet Club</p> <p>11:00 AM: Music & Movement</p>	<p>10 11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time</p> <p>5:00 PM: Literary Flavors Book Club - One Sheet Wonders</p>	<p>11 11:00 AM: Wee-Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: Board + Beyond Games Club</p> <p>2:30 PM: Craft and Color</p>	<p>12 11:00 AM: Little Learners Story Time</p> <p>3:15 PM: Caterpillar to Monarch Book Club</p> <p>4:00 PM: Teen Craft Club: String Art Project</p>	<p>13 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</p> <p>3:00 PM: Agents of the Library</p> <p>TOP SECRET = STRICTLY PRIVATE =</p>	<p>14 11:00 AM: Tots Together Parents Group</p>
<p>16 10:00 AM: Knitting & Crochet Club</p> <p>11:00 AM: Music & Movement</p>	<p>17 11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time</p> <p>3:00 PM: At The End of the Rainbow</p> <p>6:00 PM: Valley Readers Book Club</p>	<p>18 11:00 AM: Wee-Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: Board + Beyond Games Club</p> <p>4:00 PM: Teen Gamers Club</p>	<p>19 11:00 AM: Little Learners Story Time</p> <p>3:15 PM: Read to a Dog</p> <p>5:00 PM: Creative Crafters</p>	<p>20 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</p> <p>3:00 PM: Would You Survive?</p>	<p>21 10:30 AM: Sensory Saturday</p>
<p>23 10:00 AM: Knitting & Crochet Club</p> <p>11:00 AM: Music & Movement</p>	<p>24 11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time</p> <p>3:00 PM: From Page to Stage: Charlotte's Web</p>	<p>25 11:00 AM: Wee-Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: Board + Beyond Games Club</p>	<p>26 11:00 AM: Little Learners Story Time</p> <p>4:00 PM: Pizza & Pages Book Club</p>	<p>27 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</p> <p>3:00 PM: Pokemon Club</p> <p>4:30: March Madness After Hours</p>	<p>28 11:00 AM: Tots Together Parents Group</p>
<p>30 10:00 AM: Knitting & Crochet Club</p> <p>11:00 AM: Music & Movement</p>	<p>31 11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time</p> <p>6:00 PM: Write Your Legacy</p>	<p>1 11:00 AM: Wee-Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: Board + Beyond Games Club</p>	<p>2 11:00 AM: Little Learners Story Time</p> <p>3:15 PM: Caterpillar to Monarch Book Club</p>	<p>3 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</p>	<p>4 10:30 AM: Sensory Saturday</p>

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

Easter Egg Hunt!

Coal Valley Municipal Park

March 28th, 2026

Egg Hunts, Prizes & Family Fun!

Starts at 10:00 AM!



Presented by  Blackhawk Bank & Trust & The Village of Coal Valley



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 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
January 2026	8	9	0	0	1	2	0	438	458
February 2026	10	19	0	0	0	2	0	363	394
12 Month Totals	149	162	13	15	7	26	7	6125	6504



calendar of events

March

- 3 Tue. **Storm Warning Siren Test** at 10 a.m.
- 3 Tue. **Coal Valley Township Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Coal Valley Township Hall, 104 W. 1st Avenue, Coal Valley
- 8 Sun. **Daylight Saving Time Begins** Remember to set clocks ahead one hour
- 9 Mon. **Moline-Coal Valley School District #40 Board of Education Meeting** 6:00-8:00pm, Bicentennial Elementary, 1004 1st St., 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.
- 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. **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 Wed. **Village Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 13 Fri. **Coal Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, 10:00 am at the fire station located at 103 W. 18th Avenue, Coal Valley.
- 17 Tue. **General Primary Election** On Election Day the polls are open from 6 am until 7 pm.
- 17 Tue. **Saint Patrick's 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. **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.
- 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.
- 28 Sat. **Easter Egg Hunt** 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Park, 1000 1st St. Coal Valley.

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- 21 Tue, **Niabi Zoo Opening Day**, at 10:00 am - 4:00 pm., 13010 Niabi Zoo Road, Coal Valley. 309-799-3482.
- 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.robertrjoneslibrary.org/events>.
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Mark Your Calendar

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Hometown Coal Valley

by Drue Mielke

On February 21st, our Rock Island County Animal Shelter celebrated 20 years at the "Garrison Road" location off U.S. 150 just west of Coal Valley.

The shelter's address is 4001 78th Avenue, Moline. QC Paws was on hand for the festivities.

Rock Island County Animal Shelter Director Samantha Wiley was kind of enough to give me a tour and I wanted to share some pictures here.

All my pets have come from this shelter. At the shelter, you can spend time in the cat room and let your potential new pet pick you. Whether you adopt a puppy, mature dog, cat or kitten, pets are good for your health. Pets have been shown to be emotionally and physically beneficial. They provide a sense of purpose, fulfillment, and can reduce stress and loneliness.

The frequency of a cat's purr typically ranges from 25 to 150 Hertz. This range is significant because it aligns with frequencies used in sound therapy, which are known to promote healing in both humans and animals. The vibrations produced during purring can stimulate tissue regeneration, improve bone density, and accelerate healing processes for injuries and fractures. The soothing sound of a cat's purr can trigger the release of endorphins, which are natural pain relievers. This effect can help alleviate chronic pain and discomfort.

The Rock Island County Animal Shelter has a great selection of animals- all screened for good health and behavior. Spaying and neutering are included in the pet adoption fee.

The shelter's philosophy is that every dog and cat is a living, feeling being who, more often than not, would make a wonderful companion if given a chance. The shelter strives to increase those chances through pet adoption services and support of companion-animal sterilization.





BICENTENNIAL SCHOOL NEWS

BICENTENNIAL KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Pre-Registration and Open House is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th at 5:30 - 7:00pm, at Bicentennial School. All potential Kindergarten students for 2026-2027 and their parents are encouraged to attend the open house. Students must be at least 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2026 to register. Please share this information and form with any neighbors or friends who have a child who may be registering for Kindergarten! Please cut 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:
