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Coal Valley, Illinois

“Building Community Throughout Our Village.”

## James Morris Named New CV Police Chief

The Village of Coal Valley has appointed James Morris as new Chief of Police. Chief Morris brings leadership, professionalism, and a strong commitment to public service as he assumes this role with the Coal Valley Police Department. A 26-year resident of Coal Valley, Chief Morris has strong ties to the community and a deep understanding of the village he now serves.

“I am honored to be selected as the next Chief of Police for the Village of Coal Valley,” said Chief Morris. “With over 25 years of law enforcement experience, I have dedicated my career to public service, and it is especially meaningful to now serve the community that my family and I have proudly called home for many years. I am truly grateful for this opportunity and excited for this next chapter. I look forward to working alongside our officers and residents to strengthen community relationships and continue moving Coal Valley forward”.

“We’re excited to bring James Morris on as our new Police Chief. He’s a Coal Valley resident who knows his community well, and he brings a ton of experience from his 25 years in law enforcement and his time as the Rock Island Assistant Chief of Police,” said Village President Michael Bartels.

James is looking forward to jumping in and working with the talented officers we already have on staff. This is about taking a great foundation we already have and working together to keep Coal Valley safe and forward-thinking for years to come,” said Village President Michael Bartels.

The Village also extends its best wishes to Chief Whitney as he retires after 27 years of dedicated, professional service to the Village and its community.

Chief Morris officially began his duties with the Village of Coal Valley Police Department on April 20. Please join in to welcome Chief Morris to Coal Valley.



VILLAGE PRESIDENT MICHAEL BARTELS WELCOMES JAMES MORRIS AS THE VILLAGE’S NEW POLICE CHIEF.

PHOTO BY PENNY MULLEN- VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

## Swearing In Ceremony Held For CV Fire District Firemen

A swearing in ceremony was held on Friday, May 1st Coal Valley Fire Station, Coal Valley Fire Protection District (CVFPD) President Gerry Stahr welcomed all attendees and gave remarks. The swearing in ceremony included the swearing in of fire chief, deputy chief, captains, lieutenants, 1st shift firefighters, 2nd shift firefighters, and 3rd shift firefighters. The district officially swore in 24 members, with two additional members set to be sworn in the coming months.

Fire Chief Dave Dunham began his remarks highlighting that “in January 2019, the CVFPD started providing fire protection and ambulance service with 6 full-time staff to supplement the volunteers. Today we will have 26 full-time members.”

As part of its continued growth and commitment to the future, the Coal Valley Fire Protection District has made the decision to bring all personnel in-house. This means the district will now directly employ its members rather than partner with a contracted service.

The fire department has transitioned from a volunteer fire department and will now have 26 full-time members. In 2018, the district hired six full-time Firefighter/EMTs and Paramedics. At that time, personnel services were provided through Kurtz EMS. In March 2020, the district transitioned to Paramedic Services of Illinois, continuing to grow and strengthen staffing levels through contracted personnel over the years. These partnerships played an important role in enhancing emergency services and supporting numerous surrounding communities.

Chief Dunham states that, “we want to take this moment to recognize the volunteer men and women who have walked through these doors and given countless hours in service to this community. Your dedication, sacrifice, and commitment will never be forgotten. We are sincerely grateful for the service and partnership provided by Kurtz EMS and Paramedic Services of Illinois throughout the years, and we look forward to what the future holds for the Coal Valley Fire Protection District.”

Chief Dunham closed his remarks with, “I hope our founder, Hank DeVooght, is proud of what we have accomplished here today.”

The Coal Valley Fire Department is located at 103 West 18th Avenue, Coal Valley and is a career fire department dedicated to protecting the residents, businesses, and visitors of the Coal Valley community. The fire prevention district encompasses areas in Henry and Rock Island Counties.

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# Swearing In Ceremony Held For CV Fire District Firemen



Pictured: Left to right Back, FF/EMT Tyler Vandewater, FF/PM Evan Ineichen, FF/PM Alexander McVay, Lt/PM James Fairman, Lt/EMT Chad Reader, Capt/PM Collin Dunn, Deputy Chief Jeremy Krotz, Capt/EMT Michael Walz, Lt/PM Jason Snider, FF/EMT Chase Servison, FF/PM Russell Prunty, FF/PM Austyn Wiesman, FF/PM Nicholas Aguilar. Left to right front: FF/PM Nicholas Hanks, FF/EMT Tyler Mangels, FF/PM Scott Heston, FF/EMT Seth Hannah, FF/EMT Luc Harkey, Trustee/Treasurer Drue Mielke, Fire Chief David Dunham, Trustee Mark Gast, Capt/PM John Erickson III, FF/EMT Austin Brasmer, FF/EMT Barry Groesch, FF/EMT Thad Jacobs, FF/PM Nicholas Grier, Not pictured: Trustee/President Gerry Stahr and retired Trustee/President David Baraks.



## *A letter from our Police Chief- Jamie Morris*



I'm honored to introduce myself as the new Chief of Police for the Village of Coal Valley. My name is Jamie Morris, and after 25 years in law enforcement,

I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve this community, one that my family and I have proudly called home for many years.

Throughout my career, I've had the privilege of working alongside dedicated officers and serving communities with professionalism and respect. Those experiences have shaped who I am as both an officer and a leader, and I'm excited to bring that perspective to Coal Valley.

For me, policing is about people. It's about building relationships and earning trust. I look forward to getting to know the residents, business owners, and families who make Coal Valley such a special place.

As the Chief, my commitment is to lead with integrity, support the officers who serve this community, and work in partnership with all of you to keep Coal Valley safe and welcoming.

If you see me around town, please don't hesitate to say hello. I look forward to meeting you.

## **Work Begins on CV Pickleball Court**



**CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY FOR THE NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS AT COAL VALLEY MUNICIPAL PARK ON 1ST STREET. CREWS BEGAN WORK IN APRIL.**

**PHOTO BY PENNY MULLEN- VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

## *Officer Steele New Police Academy Grad*

Coal Valley Police Department's newest recruit, Officer Kelsey Steele, graduated from the Police Academy at Sauk Valley Community College on Thursday, April 23rd. The department is excited for her to begin her Police Field Training Officer (FTO) program and meet our community.

An FTO program is a structured, post-academy training phase where probationary officers are mentored by experienced FTOs. It focuses on applying academy learning to real-world patrol work, ensuring competency in law enforcement tasks, evaluating performance via Daily Observation Reports (DORs), and ensuring safe, professional police work.


**Congratulations, Officer Steele!**





## **Movie Night in the Park: Zootopia**


It's time for **Movie Night in the Park!** Join us for an evening of family-friendly fun as we watch Disney's *Zootopia* under the stars.


In this animated adventure, a determined bunny police officer and a clever fox team up to solve a mystery in the bustling city of Zootopia. With plenty of laughs, heart, and a positive message for all ages, *Zootopia* is perfect for the whole family.


 **Where:** Coal Valley Municipal Park, 1000 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

 **When:** Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> @ dusk.

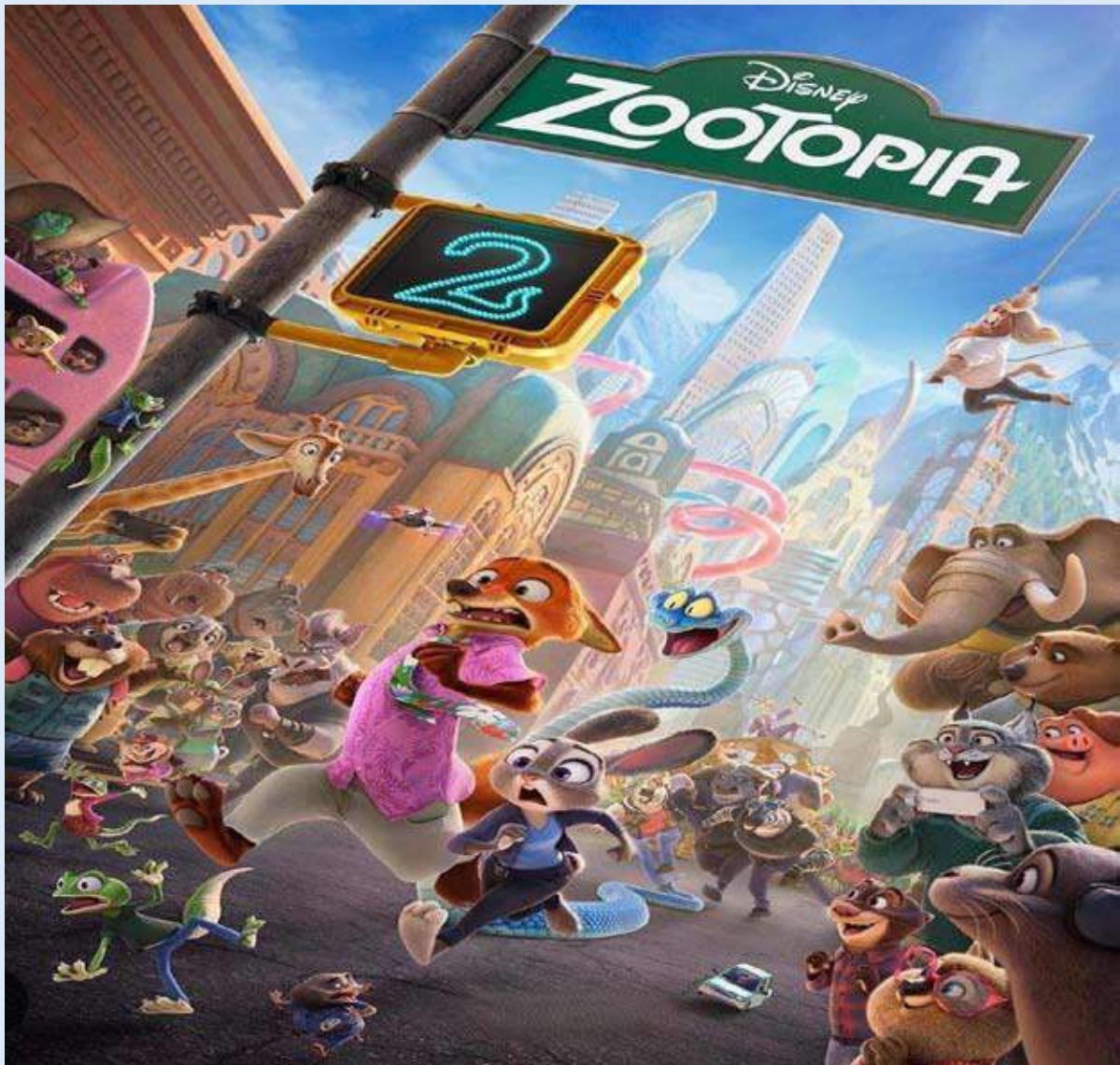
 **Movie:** *Zootopia*.

 **Food Available:** Taqueria Any Lu, Longbranch Chuck Wagon & TC'S Kettle Corn.

 **What to bring:** Blankets & Chairs.

 **Who:** All ages welcome!

The movie will begin at dusk, so come early to pick your spot and enjoy a relaxing summer evening with friends and neighbors. We hope to see you there for another great community event.



**THE VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY PROUDLY PRESENTS**

**FOOD!**

**MUSIC!**

**FUN!**

**COAL VALLEY  
BOOM BASH!**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH | 5 - 11 P.M.  
COAL VALLEY MUNICIPAL PARK | 1000 1ST STREET**



# VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY YEARLY EVENT CALENDAR

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
COAL VALLEY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP 		MOVIE IN THE PARK  BOOM BASH 
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
	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 

# Coal Valley Parks Open

The Village of Coal Valley parks are open for this season. Reservations are available for the Municipal First Street park pavilions with a \$50.00 deposit;. Other Village parks are on a first-come, first-served basis. Additionally, non-residents will be required to pay a non-refundable \$ 10.00 per hour fee to reserve the park. As a reminder, the village will refund your \$50.00 deposit provided the pavilion is left clean afterward.

Please call the Village Hall at 309-799-3604 during regular business hours to make reservations.

# Village Board Meetings Scheduled

The Village Board meetings are open to the public and are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Meetings are held at the Coal Valley Village Hall, 900 1st Street.

Agendas can be found at <https://www.coalvalleyil.org/about/elected-appointed-officials/board-meeting-minutes-agendas> .

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# Yard waste collection begins for season

The first day of yard waste collection is Wednesday, April 1st, 2026. Yard Waste pickup has begun and residents may purchase yard waste stickers at the Village Hall 900 1st St & Blackhawk Bank and Trust located at 200 1st Street, Coal Valley, for \$2.25 each.

Please call the Village Hall to be put on the yard waste list by no later than noon on Tuesday.

DO NOT place yard waste in your garbage or recycling totes- doing so may prevent your garbage or recyclables from being collected.

Residents are asked to have their yard waste bags stickered and out for pickup no later than 6:00 am on Wednesday mornings.

If you have any questions regarding yard waste or to schedule a pickup, you may contact the Village Hall 309-799-3604 during regular business hours.



## Village of Coal Valley Annual Community Garage and Yard Sales

**A date has been scheduled for the village-wide garage and yard sales on Saturday, June 13th, 2026.**

**More information will be available on the Village website at [www.coalvalleyil.org](http://www.coalvalleyil.org), the Village of Coal Valley Facebook page and The Village News.**





# calendar of events

## May

- 5 Tue. **Storm Warning Siren Test** at 10 a.m.
- 5 Tue. **Coal Valley Township Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Coal Valley Township Hall, 104 W. 1st Avenue, Coal Valley.
- 8 Fri. **Coal Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, 10:00 am at the fire station located at 103 W. 18th Avenue, Coal Valley.
- 10 Sun. **Mother's Day**
- 11 Mon. **Moline-Coal Valley School District #40 Board of Education Meeting** 6:00-8:00pm, at Wilson Middle School, 1301 48th St, Moline.
- 12 Tue. **Rock Island County Forest Preserve Executive Committee Meeting**, 9:30 am at the Rock Island County Building, 1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 13 Wed. **Village Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 16 Sat. **Armed Forces Day**
- 19 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>.
- 19 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.
- 20 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))
- 21 Thur. **Henry County Board Meeting**, 6:00pm, Henry County Courthouse, Room 102J, 307 West Center St., Cambridge.
- 25 Mon. **Memorial Day**. Municipal offices closed.
- 26 Tue. **Moline-Coal Valley School District #40 Board of Education Meeting** 6:00-8:00pm, at the Moline Education Center 1900 52nd Avenue, Moline.
- 27 Wed. **Zoning Commission Meeting**, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall, 900 1st St. Coal Valley.

## June

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- 18, 19, & 20 **Spring Clean-Up Days** (see article on page 9.)
- 18 Thur. **Henry County Board Meeting**, 6:00pm, Henry County Courthouse, Room 102J, 307 West Center St., Cambridge.
- 19 Fri. **Juneteenth**
- 21 Sun. **Father's Day**
- 21 Sun. **1st Day of Summer**
- 22 Mon. **Moline-Coal Valley School District #40 Board of Education Meeting** 6:00-8:00pm, at the Moline Education Center 1900 52nd Avenue, Moline.
- 24 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.
- 27 Sat. **Gilda's Club Run For Hope** For more information, go to: <https://www.csciowailinois.org/run-for-hope/>
- 27 Sat. **Coal Valley Boom Bash** 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Fireworks begin at dusk at Coal Valley Municipal Park on 1st Street. Moonshine Run Band from 7:00 pm - 11:00pm.

**June 8-July 31**  
Registration will be available soon.

**FREE**

# Coal Valley Park Program

**Age:**  
Kindergarten  
completion  
through sixth  
grade

**Starts on Monday**  
**June 8th**  
@ Municipal Park

**Fun & Creative  
Outdoor Activities**

**MUST BE A COAL VALLEY  
RESIDENT**

**9AM to 12PM  
Every Mon, Wed, Fri.**

**Activities:**  
**Art & Science Projects | Sports & Games  
& More!**

For more information:  
Contact us at 309-799-3604 or [www.pmullen@coalvalleyil.org](mailto:www.pmullen@coalvalleyil.org)

## The Village News

is a resident driven, community publication published monthly. Residents are encouraged to contribute.

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

## Coal Valley Holds Annual Clean-Up Days

The Village of Coal Valley “Clean-Up Days” will be held this year June 18th, 19th and 20th.

The hours are  
 Thursday, June 18th, from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm,  
 Friday, June 19th, from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm,  
 and Saturday, June 20th, from 7:00 am to noon.



Bins will be available for drop off at the Coal Valley Maintenance Garage, 1002 E. 19th Avenue, Coal Valley. No appliances, electronics, hazardous materials, debris from contractors, tires, paint, batteries, motor oil, or propane tanks are allowed. No E-Waste will be accepted.

Proof of Residency is required such as a current water bill. If you have any questions prior to the date, please call go to the Village website at [www.coalvalleyil.org](http://www.coalvalleyil.org) or visit the Village of Coal Valley Facebook page.

# 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/>



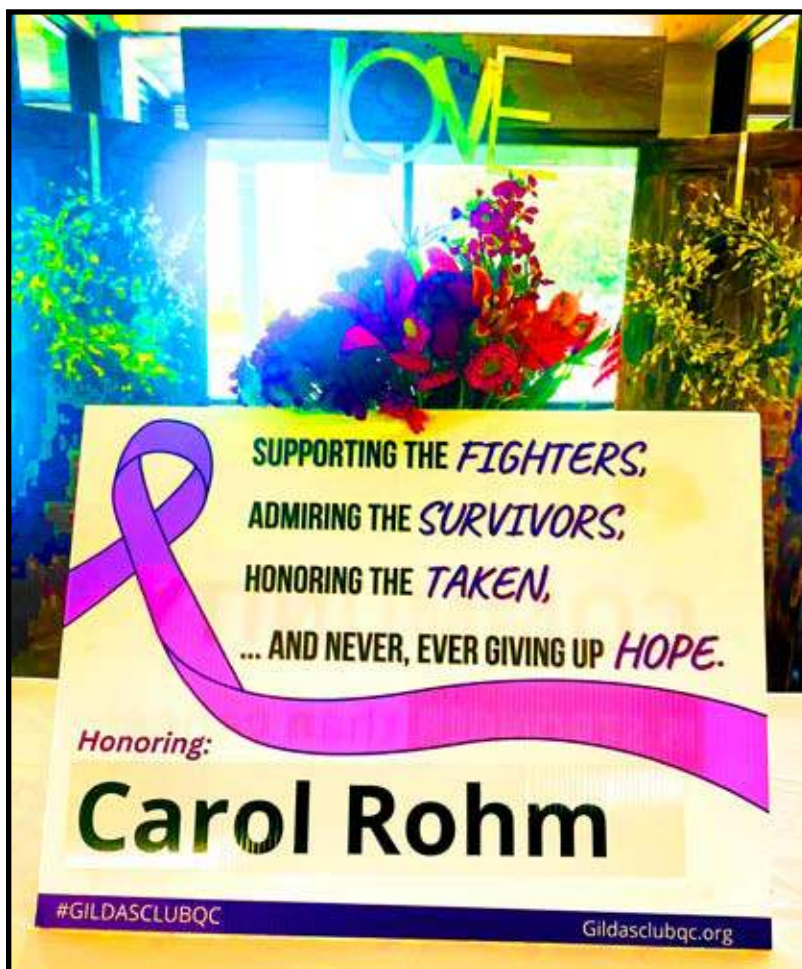
## Volunteers are needed!

Sign up at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/IL/CoalValley/GildasRunForHope>

Custom race bibs for you to show who you are running for.

You also have the option to honor a loved one with a yard sign with their name along the race route.

Whether they are currently living with cancer, a survivor, or were lost to cancer. After the race, you can pick your sign up to keep for your yard.

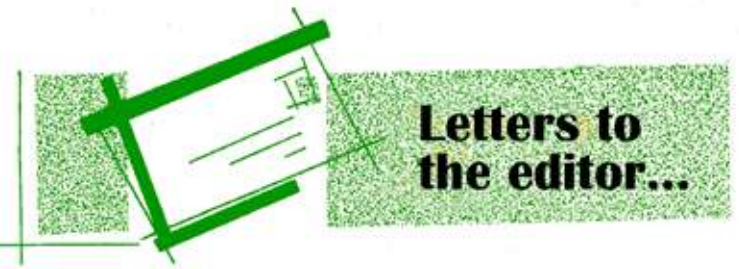




# Hometown Coal Valley

BY DRUE MIELKE, EDITOR

## *The Origins of Memorial Day*



## National Day of Prayer Follow Up

Memorial Day- A day we remember the men and women that gave their lives in service in the U.S. military to preserve our freedoms. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, and volunteers often place American flags on each grave site at national cemeteries. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time. In Coal Valley, the Coal Valley Township places flags on graves to honor the fallen veterans.

I wish to share information from the Veterans Affairs (VA) website:

Originally called "Decoration Day", Memorial Day originated three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, when the head of an organization of former Union soldiers and sailors - the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) - established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The cemetery already held the remains of 20,000 Union dead and several hundred Confederate dead.

General John Logan who was the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed it in his General Order No. 11.

The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant and other Washington officials presided. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

### Local Observances Claim To Be First

Today cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, Ga., claim the title, as well as Richmond, Va. The village of Boalsburg, Pa., claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

### Official Birthplace Declared

In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. There a ceremony on May

We want to thank everyone who came to pray for our country on May 7th at noon at the municipal park on 1st Street. We had a nice gathering of faithful people, and we appealed to our righteous, holy, and sovereign God to forgive us of our sins and hear our prayers to heal our land and the globe.

We prayed for many categories: national, state, and local leaders, courts of justice, the military, the church, young people, families, national morality, our schools, law enforcement, fire department and EMTs, the aged, the unborn, the media, the unemployed, our medical community, nursing homes and elder care personnel, for national protection and peace among nations.

We were blessed to have Pastor Tim Carr and his wife Ginny with us who have faithfully ministered at the First Bible Missionary Church on 1st street for over 30 years. They have accepted another call to a church in Kentucky with a 300-acre site to minister to "at risk" children. We thank them for their faithful service here and pray God's blessings on them as they relocate.

Thank you for supporting this effort to pray for our nation and may God bless us as we endeavor to glorify Him in all that we do.

Greg and Sue Clearman

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5, 1866, was reported to have honored local soldiers and sailors who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-mast. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day. The Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities. It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971 Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.



# Coal Valley Police Department

## Police Calls

	Traffic Tickets	Written Warnings	Ordinance Tickets	Crash Reports	Mental Health	Arrests Made	DUI	Calls For Service	Total Calls
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
March 2026	18	14	0	4	0	5	2	345	388
April 2026	12	15	0	1	0	0	0	334	362
12 MonthTotals	160	173	10	17	4	25	8	5825	6222

# Robert R. Jones Library Events



# MAY



	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

Summer Reading Sign Up Night!

Plant a seed, grow a reader... and maybe take home a new plant too! Join us for our Summer Reading Sign Up Night with interactive stations, a book garden, and plant swap!

PLANT A SEED, READ

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>27 10:00 AM: Knitting &amp; Crochet Club</p> <p>11:00 AM: Music and Movement</p>	<p>28 11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time</p> <p>5:00 PM: Coal Valley Pandas History Roundtable</p>	<p>29 11:00 AM: Wee-Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: Kids Creative Studio</p>	<p>30 10:00 AM: Landscape Design 101</p> <p>11:00 AM: Little Learners Story Time</p> <p>11:30 AM: Four Seasons of Unique Garden Tasks</p> <p>3:30 PM: Pokémon Bingo</p>	<p>1 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</p> <p>3:00 PM: Agents of the Library</p>	<p>2 10:30 AM: Sensory Saturday</p>
<p>4 10:00 AM: Knitting &amp; Crochet Club</p> <p>11:00 AM: Music and Movement</p>	<p>5 11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time</p> <p>5:00 PM: Literary Flavors Book Club</p>	<p>6 11:00 AM: Wee-Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: Who Would Win?</p> <p>4:00 PM: PNG Craft Club</p>	<p>7 11:00 AM: Little Learners Story Time</p> <p>3:15 PM: Caterpillar to Monarch Book Club</p> <p>6:00 PM: Mind Diet Eating For Brain Health</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</p>	<p>9 11:00 AM: Tots Together Parents Group</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>Closed for Memorial Day</p>	<p>26 11:00 AM: Little Scientists Story Time</p> <p>6:00 PM: Write Your Legacy</p>	<p>27 11:00 AM: Wee-Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM: Kids Creative Studio</p>	<p>28 11:00 AM: Little Learners Story Time</p> <p>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM: SRP Sign Up Night</p>	<p>29 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations</p>	<p>30 11:00 AM: Tots Together Parents Group</p>

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



# COAL VALLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING TIMES



April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027

April 7

October 6

May 5

November 3

June 2

December 1

July 7

January 5/2027

August 4

February 2/2027

September 1

March 2/2027

## SPECIAL MEETINGS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 14/2026

7:00 PM

ROAD & BRIDGE BUDGET

March 2/2027

6:30 PM

TOWN BUDGET

March 2/2027 6:45 PM

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 7 PM  
AT THE COAL VALLEY TOWNSHIP HALL  
104 WEST 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE  
COAL VALLEY ILLINOIS  
ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH