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Coal Valley, Illinois

“Building Community Throughout Our Village.”

## Coal Valley Boom Bash Was a Smash!

By Penny Mullen- Coal Valley Village Administrator

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our 3rd Annual Boom Bash! What an incredible turnout and a fantastic evening of community, fun, and celebration.

We are grateful to all of the residents, visitors, volunteers, sponsors, vendors, first responders, and staff who helped make this event such a success. Seeing so many people come together to enjoy the festivities reminds us what makes our community so special.

Thank you for making the 3rd Annual Boom Bash one to remember—we can’t wait to see you again next year!



## CV Farmers Market Now Every Sunday

The Village of Coal Valley is hosting their Farmers Market on Sundays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Coal Valley Municipal Park, 1000 1st Street, Coal Valley.

The market features a morning packed with fresh produce, baked goods, local honey and small-town goodness.



## Residents Utilize Coal Valley Clean-Up Days

The Village of Coal Valley “Clean-Up Days” was held June 18th, 19th and 20th at the Coal Valley Maintenance Garage. Thank you to Coal Valley Public Works in their helping residents unload and dispose of items in this year’s clean-up days.



# Follow Fareway Coal Valley's Progress Online

Fareway Stores Coal Valley is excited to start up our social media page on Facebook for the Coal Valley Fareway. They are asking to please give a "like", share with a friend, and help get this page out in the community that they are so excited to join!

Fareway will update our progress with construction, post about our job opportunities, share opening date once finalized, and provide some fun giveaways and prizes!

Please check out the new page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61591155335146>



Photo taken June 11, 2026 by Drue Mielke.



## VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY YEARLY EVENT CALENDAR

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
	<p>MUSIC IN THE PARK</p>	<p>MOVIE IN THE PARK</p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>TRUNK OR TREAT</p>	<p>FOOD AND COAT DRIVE</p>	<p>SANTA IN THE VALLEY/ UGLY SWEATER PARTY</p>

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

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

MUST BE A COAL VALLEY RESIDENT

### Activities:

Art & Science Projects | Sports & Games & More!

For more information:

Contact us at 309-799-3604 or [www.pmullen@coalvalleyil.org](http://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.



**JULY 14-18, 2026**

4200 Archer Drive, East Moline  
[www.rockislandfair.org](http://www.rockislandfair.org)



THURSDAY, JULY 16 | 8:00 PM  
GOOD N' ROWDY BAND



FRIDAY, JULY 17 | 8:00 PM  
LACY'S DITCH



SATURDAY, JULY 18 | 8:00 PM  
LOS SEMBRADORES DEL NORTE



Sponsored By:  
 IL State Representative Dan Swanson  
 Heritage Woods of Moline

# VETERAN & SENIOR FAIR



Wednesday  
 July 29



Illinois Lions Club  
 Vision Screening



9am-12pm



Free Haircuts  
 for Veterans  
 Provided by:  
 Rayz Barber Shop



The Rock  
 302 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
 Coal Valley, IL 61240



Retired flag drop off  
 location

**FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**\*BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS**

**\*VENDOR INFORMATION \*GIVEAWAYS**

**AND PRIZES \*FREE REFRESHMENTS**



Call (309) 736-5655 or email [marketing@hw-moline-slf.com](mailto:marketing@hw-moline-slf.com)

# QC Paws Hosts Plant Bingo

QC Paws will be hosting “Plant Bingo” on Sunday, August 9th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at The Stern Center, 1713 3rd Avenue, Downtown Rock Island.

The event will feature an afternoon of fun, prizes, and plenty of plants. Whether you’re a seasoned plant lover or just starting your collection, Plant Bingo is a great way to spend the day with fellow plant enthusiasts while

having a chance to win beautiful plants and plant-related prizes. In addition, there will be raffle baskets.

QC Paws exists to support the needs of the animals of the Rock Island County Animal Care and Control Shelter. The shelter is located at 4001 78th Avenue, Moline, QC Paws web site is [www.qcpaws.org](http://www.qcpaws.org).

## Plant BINGO



RAFFLE BASKETS & VENDORS WILL BE THERE



8 rounds of bingo with 4 winners each round

PLANTS ARE THE PRIZES

\$30 per person



**AUGUST 9 | 1:00 – 4:00**

THE STERN CENTER  
1713 3<sup>RD</sup> AVE  
ROCK ISLAND, IL

INCLUDES-  
3 REGULAR BINGO CARDS  
1 MEGA ROUND CARD AND  
2 RAFFLE TICKETS

→ EXTRA CARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

→ OUTSIDE FOOD ALLOWED

→ CASH BAR



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Fundraiser for shelter - 



# Henry County Fair In Pictures

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# HENRY COUNTY FAIR

"The Best Week of the Year"

June 16th - 21st, 2026





## July

- 7 Tue. **Storm Warning Siren Test** at 10 a.m.
- 7 Tue. **Coal Valley Township Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Coal Valley Township Hall, 104 W. 1st Avenue, Coal Valley
- 8 Wed. **Village Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 10 Fri. **Coal Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, 10:00 am at the fire station located at 103 W. 18th Avenue, Coal Valley.
- 13 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.
- 14 Tue. **Rock Island County Forest Preserve Executive Committee Meeting**, 9:30 am at the Rock Island County Building, 1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island.
- 15 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 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 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>.
- 21 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.
- 22 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.
- 23 Thur. **Henry County Board Meeting**, 6:00pm, Henry County Courthouse, Room 102J, 307 West Center St., Cambridge.

## August

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# Hometown Coal Valley

BY DRUE MIELKE, EDITOR

## Gilda's Club Run For Hope

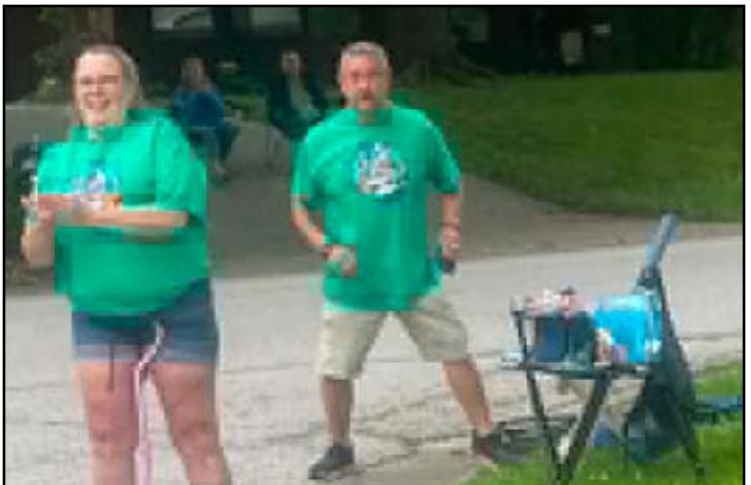
What's better than supporting Gilda's Club? Walking with friends in Gilda's Club Run For Hope in Coal Valley.

Thank you to Jeff Norton and The Rock for again hosting this event. I know there is a tremendous amount of volunteers that go into the fund raiser for support for cancer survivors .

I really enjoyed being able to participate in the event as a walking entry and walking with longtime friends.

It was nice seeing the volunteers along the way and being surprised to see a Moline Senior High School class of '81 alum, Susan Ford Spenard, waving pom poms in "high school fashion."

Coal Valley Trustee Stan Engstrom and Julie Engstrom provided one of several water stations. Thank you to all the water station volunteers!



**CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY**  
IOWA & NW ILLINOIS AT GILDA'S CLUB





# Coal Valley Police Department Police Calls

	Traffic Tickets	Written Warnings	Ordinance Tickets	Crash Reports	Mental Health	Arrests Made	DUI	Calls For Service	Total Calls
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
May 2026	30	29	13	5	1	2	0	472	552
June 2026	9	12	2	2	4	3	0	745	777
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12 MonthTotals	166	212	19	22	9	26	6	6568	7028