



Marching Maroons To Provide Music In The Park



Submitted by Janice McBride, Village of Coal Valley Trustee

There will be music in the Coal Valley Municipal Park on 1st Street. when The Marching Maroons come to Coal Valley on Saturday, September 26th at 2:00 pm.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Moline High School's award winning marching band, featuring the visual stylings of the MHS Color Guard! Bring your lawn chair and come enjoy Music in the Park.

CV Presbyterian Church To Hold Rummage Sale

Submitted by Connie Moore, Secretary- First Presbyterian Church, Coal Valley

The First Presbyterian Church in Coal Valley, 2431 1st Street will hold a rummage sale on Thursday, October 1 from 4:00 - 8:00 pm; Friday, October 2 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm; and Saturday October 3 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

First Presbyterian Church can be reached at 309-799-3511 or by email at secretary@cvpres.com. Their website is <https://cvpres.com>.



The Coal Valley Village Hall
will be closed Monday, September 7th
in observance of Labor Day.

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UGLY SWEATER PARTY



Fareway Hosts Booth At Farmers' Market



Fareway Stores is already part of our community, participating in Coal Valley's Farmers' Market on Sunday, August 16th. Congratulations to Coal Valley residents Aaron and Sarah Venker on winning the Grizzly cooler!

Niabi Zoo To Host Pints For Preservation

Niabi Zoo will be hosting their annual "Pints for Preservation" on September 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Patrons will be able to sip local brews as they explore Niabi Zoo and see the many animal species.

Niabi Zoo is located at 13010 Niabi Zoo Road, Coal Valley.

Gates close at 8:30 p.m. and samples will be available until 9:45 p.m. All tickets include admission to the zoo, beer samples at more than a dozen tasting stations, and a souvenir tasting glass. Various food trucks will also be onsite to offer food for purchase.

This event is exclusively for guests aged 21 and older. Unfortunately, children and infants are not permitted.

Pints For Preservation will feature twelve stations of local and regional breweries as well as food trucks. Those interested in sponsoring Pints for Preservation should contact sbehrens@niabizoo.com for our sponsorship packet.

Tickets are \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members. Tickets must be purchased by the end of the day on September 17th (tickets will not be sold at the gate). Tickets are date-specific and non-refundable. All sales are final. The purchase will be considered a donation if a ticket holder cannot attend the event.

To purchase tickets, patrons must log in to your Household account or create an account. If you have an account and can't remember your password, contact info@niabizoo.com. If you're a Niabi Zoo Member, you must log in to the Household account associated with your membership to receive the member discount.

To order tickets go to <https://www.niabizoo.com/zoopints>. If you have issues purchasing tickets, please contact us at info@niabizoo.com.





Hometown Coal Valley

BY DRUE MIELKE, EDITOR

Honoring Labor This Labor Day

The first U.S. labor celebration took place on September 5, 1882, in New York City. More than a decade later, on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September a legal holiday. President Grover Cleveland signed the legislation into law, officially establishing Labor Day as a national holiday.

Labor Day is more than a day off from work. It is a time to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of American workers and to remember the labor movement that fought for many of the rights and protections workers benefit from today.

The labor movement played an important role in securing foundational workplace rights, including the eight-hour workday, the 40-hour workweek, improved working conditions, and protections against child labor. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 established important federal standards for minimum wage, overtime pay, and a 40-hour workweek.

One of the most important achievements of organized labor is collective bargaining. Collective bargaining allows workers to negotiate together for better wages, working conditions, benefits, and workplace protections. By uniting as a group, workers have a stronger voice when addressing unfair labor practices and negotiating important terms of employment.

Through collective bargaining and union representation, workers have fought for and gained improvements such as higher wages, employer-provided health insurance, retirement pensions, paid family leave, overtime protections, and safer working conditions.

Workers also have the right to a safe workplace and to protection from harassment and discrimination. These protections help ensure that people can earn a living in an environment where they are treated with dignity and respect.

The right to organize has become a fundamental principle of U.S. labor law. American workers have the right to join a union and to participate in union activities protected by law. Employers are prohibited from using coercion, threats, intimidation, or retaliation to interfere with employees' protected rights to organize and engage in other protected concerted activities.

We should also recognize the value of our union trades. Union workers are highly skilled, motivated, and committed to doing their jobs correctly and safely. Union apprenticeship and training programs help workers develop the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to perform their trades at a high level. This training provides employers and the

public with confidence that these workers are qualified to do the job.

As we celebrate Labor Day, let's remember that the rights and protections many workers enjoy today were not simply given to us. They were earned through generations of workers who organized, stood together, and fought for fairness, dignity, safety, and respect in the workplace.

Let this Labor Day be a day of celebration of work, workers, and the strength that comes when people stand together. We honor those who came before us and appreciate the workers who keep our Quad Cities community moving forward!

Remembering 9/11 25 Years Ago- A Coal Valley Perspective.

September 11, 2026, marks the 25th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our nation where nearly 3000 men and women lost their lives.

This Patriot Day, let's take this as an opportunity to remember those who died, honor survivors, and be grateful and thankful for our first responders right here in Coal Valley,

When this community newsletter was passed to me just days before the attack, I had much of my first issue written. The content and tone of that newsletter changed on 9/11 and its purpose of bringing our community together still remains.

I wanted to share the front page of my first newsletter from almost 25 years ago.- October 15, 2001.



Our village comes together

A perspective from the editor...

Neighbors and friends, co-workers and strangers have found strength in sharing their grief, pain, anger, and resolve after the course of events of September 11th. Churches in the village have seen attendance soar. Synagogues, mosques, churches, other religious bodies throughout our nation have answered the need of a healing nation as it prepares to defend itself against the attack of terrorism and war.

From prayer vigils to neighborhood gatherings, we have found that it is better to talk to each other than to only watch television accounts. Our First Lady, Laura Bush said at a memorial service for United Flight 93, Monday, September 17, 2001, "In hours like this, we learn that our faith is an active faith - that we are called to serve and to care for one another - and to bring hope and comfort where there is

despair and sorrow."

There is good that can be found during this time. We have been brought together and we realize what we share as Americans. We have been shaken by the past events and what seemed important before now seems trivial. We are being made aware of the value of our freedom and its costs.

Although the enemy we face is difficult to see, our country's mission and our military's mission is clear. As President Bush said in his address to a Joint Session of Congress and the American people "...we are a country awakened to danger and called to defend freedom. Our grief has turned to anger, and anger to resolution. Whether we bring our enemies to justice, or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done.

Village resolution in memory of victims

On Sept. 19th a resolution in memory of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on the United States of America was read. Designed and read at the Illinois Municipal League Resolutions Committee meeting, Thurs. Sept. 13, 2001, in Chicago. With modifications it reads in part:

Whereas, the United States of America sustained a horrific terrorist attack on New York and Washington D.C., Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 and the loss of life, property, peace and security for the people of our country has been overwhelming; and people throughout the world have joined the United States and the families of the victims in mourning this senseless loss of life, and decriing the use of terrorist tactics in all forms; and the residents of the Village of Coal Valley, Illinois, the Mayor, Village Board of Trustees, and Village staff join President George W. Bush and the United States Congress in condemning these heinous acts; and the residents of the Village of Coal Valley, the Mayor, Village Board of Trustees and Village staff wish to express their heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims of these violent attacks.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Coal Valley, Rock Island and Henry Counties, Illinois that a moment of silence be taken at the Village Board meeting of Sept. 19, 2001 so that we may join with the families and individuals who have suffered a loss during this national crisis to share their grief, and to symbolize our solidarity with them, and **be it further resolved** that the Mayor and Village Board, on behalf of the residents of Coal Valley, hereby extend its compassion to the victims of this tragedy, their loved ones, the residents and employees of the cities of New York and Washington D.C.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, George W. Bush, the Governor of New York, George Pataki, the Governor of Virginia, James Gilmore, the Mayor of New York, Rudolph Giuliani, and the Arlington, Virginia County Board Chairman, Jay Fiset.

A moment of silence was taken and a copy of this Resolution was sent. A copy is at Village Hall if you wish to read it in full.

May God's love, peace and strength be with America.

Julie Berg
Village Board of Trustees

Letters to servicemen show support

St. Maria Goretti Parish families are encouraged to write letters of support to those serving our country in the military. Armed service members names will be posted in our weekly bulletin. These men and women need our support, encouragement, and prayers.

Meeting our needs and the needs of others

Churches in the village have been holding numerous special services, prayer groups, and activities. Churches in the village include Trinity Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, 2815 W. 3rd Street, 799-5650; New Hope Baptist Church, 706 1st Street, 799-7897; Nazarene Church of Coal Valley, 103 E. 3rd Street, 799-7761; Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church 210 E. 22nd Avenue, 799-3414; First Presbyterian Church, 2431 1st Street, 799-3511; and Bible Missionary Church, 1611 1st Street, 799-3764.

St. Maria Goretti church holds parish mission

Saint Maria Goretti Church will have a Parish Mission November 11th - 14th. Father Jim Marchionda, a preacher who is a world-renowned musician and Sister Ann Willits, a gifted storyteller will be the mission leaders. Morning Mass will be at 9:00 AM and evening service at 7:00 PM Monday through Wednesday with a concert and reception following the Wednesday evening service. A musical program will also be presented to the residents of Oak Glen County Home on Tuesday morning.

Helping bring our village together

I am proud to continue *The Village News* as its new editor and wish to thank Barb and Mike Byrne for the excellent job that they have done. One vision I had for the newsletter was to help unite our village by keeping residents in touch with the community. If you know of an event or article that you would like to share with *The Village News*, please e-mail me at cnews@tr@aol.com or drop off the submission at the village hall with your name and how I can reach you if there are any questions.

Drue Mielke, editor



calendar of events

September

- 1 Tue. **Storm Warning Siren Test** at 10 a.m.
- 1 Tue. **Coal Valley Township Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Coal Valley Township Hall, 104 W. 1st Avenue, Coal Valley
- 7 Mon. **Labor Day**
- 9 Wed. **Village Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.
- 10 Thur. **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 Fri. **Patriot Day**
- 11 Fri. **Coal Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, 10:00 am at the fire station located at 103 W. 18th Avenue, Coal Valley.
- 14 Mon. **Moline-Coal Valley School District #40 Committee of the Whole & 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>
- 14 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.
- 15 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>.
- 15 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.
- 15 Tue. **Rock Island County Forest Preserve Meeting** Immediately following the Rock Island County Board Meeting, County Board Chambers on the 3rd floor of the County Office Building located at 1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island.
- 16 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)
- 17 Thur. **Henry County Board Meeting**, 6:00pm, Henry County Courthouse, Room 102J, 307 West Center St., Cambridge.
- 23 Wed. **Village of Coal Valley Zoning Commission Meeting**, (HELD IF NEEDED, check www.coalvalleyil.org) 6 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall, 900 1st St. Coal Valley.
- 28 Mon. **Moline-Coal Valley School District #40 Board of Education Meeting** 6:00-8:00pm, at the Moline Education Center 1900 52nd Avenue, Moline.

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- 31 Sat. **Halloween**



Coal Valley Police Department

Police Calls

Year	Traffic Tickets	Written Warnings	Ordinance Tickets	Crash Reports	Mental Health	Arrest Made	DUI	Calls for Service
2026								
January	8	9	0	0	1	2	0	438
February	10	19	0	0	0	2	0	363
March	18	14	0	4	0	5	2	345
April	12	15	0	1	0	0	0	334
May	30	29	13	5	1	2	0	472
June	9	12	2	2	4	3	0	745
July	8	17	0	3	1	2	0	868
August	8	10	0	0	1	3	1	788
Total #	103	125	15	15	8	19	3	4353

Niabi Zoo Plans Dinosaur Dig Sand Play Area

The Rock Island County Forest Preserve District was awarded \$527,800 in grant funds from the Open Space Land Acquisition development grant. The funds will be used to install an outdoor splash pad, outdoor educational deck, and dinosaur dig area at Niabi Zoo. The dinosaur dig area will combine educational play, accessibility, durability, and long-term value while complementing the existing playground and enhancing the overall visitor experience. The proposed Dinosaur Dig is designed to create an engaging destination where children and families can explore, discover, and learn through imaginative play.



Robert R. Jones Library Events

September

Toddler Program [0-5]	Monday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Kids Program [5-10]	Tuesday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tween Program [10-12]	Wednesday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Teen Program [12-17]	Thursday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Adult Program [18+]	Friday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
All Ages - Family Program	Saturday	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

HIGHLIGHTS:

HONEY + HEALTH

Honey is a true superfood with unique characteristics and nutritional value. Learn how to maximize honey in the kitchen and enjoy taste tests of common and rare varieties. Presented by Kristin from Illinois Extension Office.



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 1 11:00 AM: Little Scientists StoryTime 2:00 PM: Creative Expressions	1 11:00 AM: Little Scientists StoryTime 2:00 PM: Caterpillar to Monarch Book Club 4:00 PM: Cocoa + Convo's: Teen Advisory	2 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 2:00 PM: Caterpillar to Monarch Book Club 4:00 PM: Cocoa + Convo's: Teen Advisory	3 9:00 AM: Walking Club 9:30 AM: Moms Who Read: Playdate Book Club 10:00 AM: Chair Yoga 11:00 AM: Littles Play Café 3:15 PM: Lego Club Challenge	4 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 	5 10:00 AM: Sensory Saturday
7 LABOR DAY The library will be closed in observance of labor day	8 9:00 AM: Walking Club 10:00 AM: Chair Yoga 11:00 AM: Little Scientists StoryTime 4:00 PM: The Hive: Tween Advisory Board 5:00 PM: Cook Book Club	9 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 2:00 PM: Series Book Club 4:00 PM Teen Craft Club	10 9:00 AM: Walking Club 10:00 AM: Chair Yoga 11:00 AM: Littles Play Café 3:15 PM: Kids Creative Studio	11 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 	12
14 10:00 AM: Knitting & Crochet Club 11:00 AM: Music + Movement 3:00 PM: Agents of the Library	15 9:00 AM: Walking Club 10:00 AM: Chair Yoga 11:00 AM: Little Scientists StoryTime 4:00 PM: Open Play Hour 6:00 PM: VR Book Club	16 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 3:00 PM: Graphic Novel Book Club 	17 9:00 AM: Walking Club 10:00 AM: Chair Yoga 11:00 AM: Littles Play Café 2:45 PM: Puzzlers 3:15 PM: Bow Wow with Books: Read to a Dog!	18 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 2:00 PM: Painting Workshop 	19 10:00 AM: Sensory Saturday
21 10:00 AM: Knitting & Crochet Club 11:00 AM: Music + Movement 3:00 PM: Choose Your Own Adventure 5:00 PM: Honey Health	22 9:00 AM: Walking Club 10:00 AM: Chair Yoga 11:00 AM: Little Scientists StoryTime 4:00 PM: Makerspace 6:00 PM: Write Your Legacy	23 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 2:00 PM: Simply Handmade 4:00 PM: Thrills & Chills Teen Book Club	24 9:00 AM: Walking Club 10:00 AM: Chair Yoga 11:00 AM: Littles Play Café 3:15 PM: Pokemon Club 5:00 PM: Creative Crafters	25 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 4:00 PM: Guess That Theme Song 	26
28 10:00 AM: Knitting & Crochet Club 11:00 AM: Music + Movement 3:00 PM: Biz Quest 4:00 PM: Manga Club 6:00 PM: Booked for the Movies	29 9:00 AM: Walking Club 10:00 AM: Chair Yoga 11:00 AM: Little Scientists StoryTime 4:00 PM: Hands on Studio	30 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 4:00 PM: Fantasy Writing 101 	1 9:30 AM: Moms Who Read: Playdate Book Club 11:00 AM: Littles Play Café 	2 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 	3 10:00 AM: Sensory Saturday

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Coal Valley In Pictures



Sundays 9am -1pm
Coal Valley Municipal Park
1000 1st St Coal Valley

- Fruits & Veggies
- Artisan Foods
- Handmade Crafts
- Natural Products
- Beverages
- Food Truck
- Playground
- Pickleball Courts