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Fareway Announces Grand Opening Date- Oct. 28

Coal Valley Fareway has announced its grand opening will take place on October 28th at 8:00. The new store is located at 109 1st Street, Coal Valley, on the southeast corner of U.S. 6 and 1st Street.

Shelves are going in, the coolers are ready, everything is coming together. In addition to a full-service meat department, the store will offer curbside pickup through their shop.fareway.com website.

Fareway is a family-owned business, and a top 10 employer in Iowa, with over 12,000 employees in a seven-state region currently operating more than 143 grocery store locations in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

Fareway stores are open 6 days a week. Fareway has always been closed on Sundays—a tradition rooted in their belief "that everyone deserves a day to rest and spend time with loved ones". Fareway's founder, Paul S. Beckwith, was inspired by his father's story from the pioneer days: those who paused for rest on Sundays often fared better than those who didn't. Fareway honors that wisdom and continue to protect this time for their employees, customers, and partners.

FAREWAY MEAT & GROCERY

GRAND OPENING

Join Us!

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28TH

8:00 AM

Coal Valley, Illinois

Fresh Food | Great Prices | Friendly Faces

SEE YOU THERE!

Thank You For 25 Years As Your Newsletter Editor

By Drue Mielke, *The Village News* Editor

The Village News was started in 1998 by Anita Hatafsky and Jill Miklas who had the vision and saw the need for a community-wide newsletter containing public events and items of interest in the Coal Valley area.. They did all the editing and design and had it printed and mailed.



Hometown Coal Valley

Thank You For 25 Years!

In March 1999, Lisa Christianson and Barb Byrne took the reigns of editing and producing our community newsletter. Back then, only residents received the newsletter, but now, *The Village News* is accessible by anyone as the Village of Coal Valley includes a link on the village website.

In early September of 2001, there was a call for a community member to take over the duties of editor and publisher. I accepted and completed the upcoming October 2001 newsletter, just prior to the 9-11 terrorist attacks on our nation. Due to the impact on our community, that original newsletter was scrapped and focused on our community pulling together.

This issue marks the 25th year I have volunteered editing and producing *The Village News*. I have enjoyed being a part of the Coal Valley community through the newsletter. Volunteering is one way I can give back to the community I love. As a lifelong Coal Valleyan, I think back to the heritage of Coal Valley and the history I learned living next door to my grandfather, Rudy Mielke, who was a coal miner and operated one of the coal mines in this area.

Coal Valley has grown over the years and is a community that we all can be proud of.

I wish to thank the past editors of *The Village News*; Anita Hatafsky, Jill Miklas, Lisa Christianson, and Barb Byrne; and the entire Coal Valley community for their contributions and readership. In addition, I wish to thank the Village of Coal Valley for providing a link on the village website and Coal Valley Administrator Penny Mullen for her contributions of village related flyers and municipal related news.

The Village News

Our village comes together

A perspective from the editor:

Neighbors and friends, volunteers and supporters have been instrumental in making this newsletter possible. It is a privilege to be able to share the news of our village with you. I hope you will find it interesting and helpful. I am grateful for the support of our readers and the staff of the village who make this newsletter possible. I am grateful for the support of our readers and the staff of the village who make this newsletter possible. I am grateful for the support of our readers and the staff of the village who make this newsletter possible.

Village resolution in memory of victims

Letters to servicemen show support

Meeting our needs and the needs of others

Helping bring our village together

Rock Valley Physical Therapy Marks 5 Years In CV

After five years Bryce Thomsen, PT, DPT, CMT, Clinic Manager, and his amazing team at Rock Valley Physical Therapy's Coal Valley clinic, located at 301 West 1st Avenue, are filled with gratitude and beyond excited at what the future will bring.

"I am a hometown kid, grew up in the Coal Valley area, and lived here my whole life," said Thomsen. "I enjoy working with people in the community I have known for years and look forward to helping those I have yet to meet. Small-town communities are great because people genuinely care about others and their well-being."

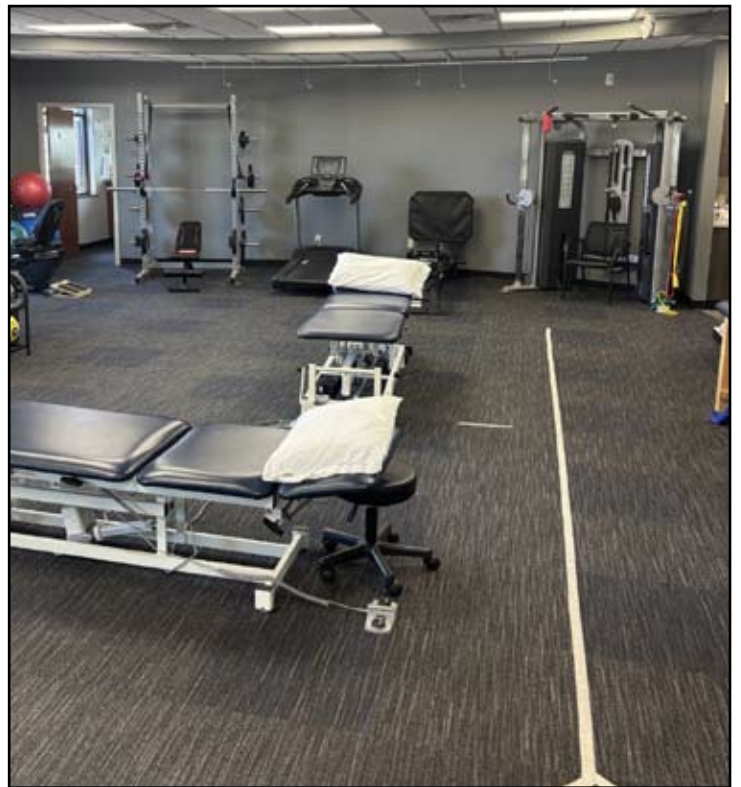
Thomsen is blessed to have an amazing Rock Valley team in Coal Valley. Nathan Ackert, PT, DPT, OCS, CMT, Emily Wampler PTA, and Caylin Lopshire, Clinic Experience Specialist, are the perfect pieces to the clinic puzzle.

"Our team is pretty dynamic," Thomsen said. "Emily is our running specialist and heavily involved with the running communities in the Quad Cities. She continues to develop her expertise as she is now LSVT (Parkinsons) trained."

Nathan Ackert is versed in all areas but has seen a large uptick in patients who require dry-needling services and who are having difficulty with vestibular conditions. He is great at connecting with patients.

Everyone who has come into the clinic is welcomed by Caylin Lopshire, Clinic Experience Specialist. Rock Valley Physical Therapy receives many compliments for how helpful and nice she is to interact with.

Rock Valley Physical Therapy is located at 301 West 1st Avenue, Coal Valley. They can be reached by telephone at (309) 704-0400.



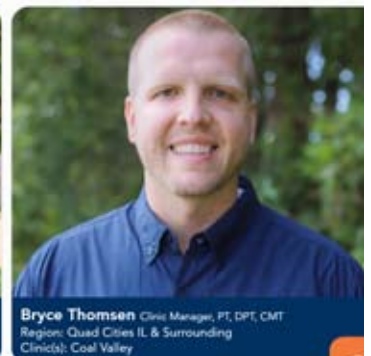
Emily Wampler PTA
Region: Quad Cities II. & Surrounding
Clinic(s): Coal Valley, Geneseo



Nathan Ackert PT, DPT, OCS, CMT
Region: Quad Cities II. & Surrounding
Clinic(s): Coal Valley



Caylin Lopshire Clinic Experience Specialist
Region: Quad Cities II. & Surrounding
Clinic(s): Coal Valley



Bryce Thomsen Clinic Manager, PT, DPT, CMT
Region: Quad Cities II. & Surrounding
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Free Hazardous Waste Collection Event Scheduled

The Rock Island County Waste Management Agency is co-hosting with Illinois EPA a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, October 10, 2026, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds in East Moline., 4200 Archer Drive, East Moline.



The event is open to all Illinois residents and is hosted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Rock Island County Waste Management Agency. For more information, please go to www.ricwma.org or call (309) 788-8925.

Do you have old household cleaning supplies? Lawn and garden chemicals? Used motor oil? Illinois residents with these types of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) will have the opportunity to dispose of these materials for FREE at an upcoming HHW collection event.

Waste material accepted at the event are:

- Adhesives
- Aerosol Paint
- Anti-Freeze
- Cleaning Products
- Flammable Solids
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Gasoline
- Herbicides
- Household Batteries
- Insecticides
- Mercury
- Oil-Based Paints
- Paint Thinners
- Pesticides
- Sealers
- Used Motor Oil

Latex paint WILL NOT be accepted at the event. Latex paint is not hazardous. It can now be safely recycled at PaintCare locations across Illinois. Keep paint in its original container and take it to a location nearest to you. For locations that accept latex paint and more information about PaintCare, visit <https://www.paintcare.org/states/illinois/>

Other materials that will not be accepted at the event include:

- Agricultural Chemicals
- Ammunitions
- Appliances
- Business and Industrial Wastes
- Controlled Substances
- Electronics
- Explosives
- Farm Oil
- Fireworks
- Fire Extinguishers
- Latex Paint
- Lead Batteries
- Needles
- Prescriptions or OTC Medications
- Propane Tanks
- Smoke Detectors
- Tires

Trunk 'R Treat Event To Be Held Oct. 20th at 6pm

Join us at Coal Valley Municipal Park on Tuesday, October 20th from 6:00–7:00 pm for Trunk 'R Treat for candy, costumes, and spooky fun. Bring your little ghouls and goblins for a safe, sweet night out!

Trunk 'R Treat is sponsored by Blackhawk Bank and Trust and the Village of Coal Valley.

calendar of events



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



VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY YEARLY EVENT CALENDAR

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

TRUNK OR TREAT



FOOD AND
COAT DRIVE



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UGLY SWEATER PARTY



October

- 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. **Columbus Day**
- 12 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>
- 13 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.
- 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.
- 20 Tue. **Valley Readers Book Club**, at 6:00 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 Tue. **Henry County Board Meeting**, 6:00pm, Henry County Courthouse, Room 102J, 307 West Center St., Cambridge.
- 22 Tue. **Trunk 'R Treat**, 6:00-7:00 pm at Coal Valley Municipal Park.
- 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. **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.
- 31 Sat. **Halloween**

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- 26 Thur. **Thanksgiving Day**



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
September	9	27	0	3	0	3	1	759
Total #	112	152	15	18	8	22	4	5112



Coal Valley Police Department News

CV Police Welcome New Recruit- Officer Ashton Struble

The Coal Valley Police Department is pleased to announce our newest recruit, Officer Ashton Struble. He was sworn in August 28th and he's already hitting the ground running at Sauk Valley Police Academy.

The police department is excited to be at full staff as Ashton will Graduate in December. Congrats and Good luck, Officer Struble!



Robert R. Jones Library Events



OCTOBER

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

HIGHLIGHTS:



HALLOWEEN BABY BOO BASH

Friday, October
30th at 11:00 AM

Get ready for a spooktacular dance party made just for our littlest ghouls! Come dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy music, dancing, festive fun, and plenty of Halloween magic. Perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and their caregivers!



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 10:00 AM: Knitting & Crochet Club 11:00 AM: Music + Movement 	29 10:00 AM: Unwind & Align - 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 10:00 AM: Unwind & Align - Chair Yoga 11:00 AM: Littles Play Café 3:15 PM: Lego Club Challenge	2 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 2:00 PM: Booked for the Movies Screening - Perks of Being a Wallflower 	3 10:00 AM: Sensory Saturday
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900 1st Street, Coal Valley, Illinois | 309-799-3047 | www.robertrjoneslibrary.org



CV Fire Protection District

Dave Dunham, Coal Valley Fire Protection District Fire Chief

BUILDING UPDATE

Progress continues on the new Coal Valley Fire Protection District building. Crews have completed the exterior walls and have begun pouring concrete, moving closer to the next phase of construction.

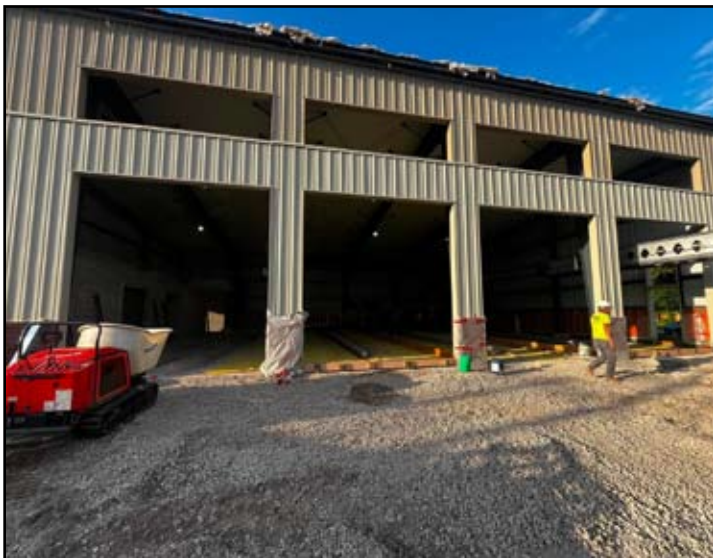
The new gear room is now complete. What was formerly the bunk room has been transformed into a dedicated gear storage area.

This new space will:

1. Get gear off the apparatus floor and create additional space in the apparatus bay.
2. Keep turnout gear away from vehicle exhaust and other potentially hazardous contaminants.
3. Provide a dedicated, adequately ventilated area for storing our gear.

These improvements will help create a safer, cleaner, and more efficient environment for our crews while also making better use of our existing space.

More updates will be forthcoming as progress on the facilities continues as construction moves forward!



COAL VALLEY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

PEOPLE • PROFESSIONALISM • PRIDE • SERVICE

LAST WEEK ON THE JOB

COAL VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 13 – SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

FIRES	EMS / MEDICAL	MVC	HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS	SERVICE CALLS	GOOD INTENT CALLS	FALSE ALARMS
2	36	6	3	5	4	2

TOTAL CALLS
58

Our members continue to serve the community with dedication, professionalism, and a commitment to making Coal Valley a safer place to live, work, and visit.

Thank you to our members for all you do!

COAL VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

TRADITION • TEAMWORK • COMMUNITY • ALWAYS READY

Greg Marty Named Deputy Chief of Operations -Coal Valley Fire Protection District

The Coal Valley Fire Protection District is pleased to announce the appointment of Greg Marty as Deputy Chief of Operations, effective September 1, 2026.

Chief Marty comes to Coal Valley Fire Protection District following his retirement from Rock Island Fire Department after a distinguished 25-year career. Chief Marty had served in a variety of roles at Rock Island Fire Department including Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Fire Marshal, and most recently Deputy Chief.

Chief Marty brings a wealth of experience and numerous professional qualifications to CVFPD, including EMT-Paramedic, HAZMAT Technician, and Fire Investigator, along with countless other certifications and areas of expertise.

In addition to his service at Rock Island Fire Department, Chief Marty has also been a tremendous leader in the fire service. He has served as President of the Quad City Fire Marshal's Association, Chairman of the MABAS Division 43 Fire Investigation Team, and currently serves as the Vice President of the Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

Chief Marty holds a Bachelor's degree in Fire Administration and Management. He is also currently obtaining his master's degree in Forensic Fire Investigation from Oklahoma State University, as well as the Chief Fire Officer certification from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association.

As Deputy Chief of Operations Chief Marty will oversee day-to-day operations, serve as the Fire Marshal, the training program manager, and assist with various other administrative functions.

The addition of Chief Marty is crucial to Coal Valley Fire Protection District as we continue to progress as a fire district. His experience and leadership will continue to move the Coal Valley Fire Protection District in the right direction.

Please join us in welcoming Deputy Chief of Operations Greg Marty to Coal Valley Fire Protection District!



Deputy Chief Greg Marty and Jessie Marty at the fire station.



Deputy Chief Greg Marty is congratulated by Fire District President Gerry Stahr.