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Coal Valley Fareway Opens



Coal Valley Fareway Meat and Grocery held its official ribbon cutting on Tuesday, October 27th at 5:00 pm alongside community leaders, local officials, and members of the Fareway management team. Speakers included Elias Johnson, Vice President of Corporate Outreach & Communications, Fareway Stores, Inc.; Wesson Kingma, Regional Supervisor, Fareway Stores, Inc.; Michael Bartels, Mayor, Village of Coal Valley; and Reynolds W. Cramer, Chief Executive Officer, Fareway Stores, Inc. "We are excited to welcome everyone to our new Coal Valley store and become part of this strong community," said Reynolds W. Cramer, CEO of Fareway Stores, Inc. "Our team is committed to delivering the highest quality products, outstanding value, and unmatched service Fareway is known for. We look forward to serving area residents for many years."



The Village of Coal Valley also welcomed Fareway's investment in the community. "Fareway's decision to open a store in Coal Valley is a tremendous addition for our residents and the entire region," said Michael Bartels, Mayor of the Village of Coal Valley. "This new store provides convenient access to fresh groceries and quality products while creating jobs and contributing to the continued growth of our community. We are delighted to welcome Fareway to Coal Valley."

Fareway's grand opening was held on October 28th at 7:00. The event marked an exciting milestone as Fareway prepared to welcome customers through our doors for the first time.

The new 17,000-square-foot store is located at 109 1st Street, Coal Valley, on the southeast corner of U.S. 6 (1st Avenue) and 1st Street and features a full-service meat counter, fresh produce, deli featuring made-to-order hot and cold sandwiches, and personalized customer service.including to-your-car carryout. In addition, customers can take advantage of self-service checkout, online shopping and curbside pickup. Customers can shop online for free with a $30 minimum purchase. Customers can make additions to their order within 30 minutes of the pickup time and pick up in as little as 3 hours.

The Coal Valley store offers weekly digital ads which are shared on its social media page. Printed copies are available at the store's entrance.

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. Farway honors that wisdom and continue to protect this time for their employees, customers, and partners.

More Fareway Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Pictures on Page 2.



Fareway Hold Ribbon Cutting- October 27th



The Fareway management team.



Fareway Staff stand ready to serve!



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Reynolds W. Cramer, Fareway CEO stopped to pose "Fareway Frank."



Mayor Michael Bartels, Village Administrator Penny Mullen and village, county, and village planning and zoning elected officials with Fareway staff.

Fareway Grand Opening- October 28th



Customers fill the entryway waiting for the doors to open at Fareway's Grand Opening.



Customer's flock in for Grand Opening at 7:00 am on first official day of business on October 28th.





Well stocked shelves at Coal Valley Fareway.



First day early morning shoppers are greeted at the Fareway meat counter.

Blackhawk Bank & Trust Holds Trunk 'r Treat For Area Kids

The annual "Trunk R' Treat" Halloween event sponsored by Blackhawk Bank and Trust was held in the Coal Valley Municipal Park on Tuesday, October 20th.

Special thanks to Debbie Till, Blackhawk Bank and Trust Coal Valley Vice President and to Blackhawk Bank and Trust for their donations and sponsoring this event.

Photos were contributed by Debbie Till of Blackhawk Bank and Trust- Coal Valley.

















More Trunk 'r Treat photos on page 5.

Blackhawk Bank Trunk 'r Treat Pictures





















Mama B's Venue Opens Doors for Shopping Local

The Village Collective Market opened on Sunday, November 8th at the Mama B's Venue at The Village Square, 201 West 2nd Avenue, Suite 203, Coal Valley.

Started by two local moms, Ellie Bealer and Danielle Denys, who wanted to create more opportunities for small businesses, local makers, and vendors in our community.

Mama B's Venue's goal is to provide a consistent space for local businesses and makers to showcase their products while giving the community more opportunities to shop local and support small businesses. Co-owner Ellie Bealer relates "We're excited to bring vendors and customers together, create a welcoming shopping experience, and continue building opportunities for small businesses throughout the area."









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THE
VILLAGE
COLLECTIVE
market
AT MAMA B'S
201 W 2ND AVE SUITE 203
COAL VALLEY, IL
SUNDAYS 12-4PM



Robert R. Jones Library Events

HIGHLIGHTS:

Coal Valley
Public Library District

NOVEMBER

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

THE BOOK TREE



The Coal Valley Library is proud to be part of the Festival of Trees! Our team helps decorate one of the festival's larger trees, beautifully filled with books and celebrating the joy of reading. Stop by the Festival of Trees to see our book-themed tree and enjoy the holiday magic!

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BURNING

BURNING LEAVES AND OTHER LANDSCAPE WASTE

It shall be lawful to burn dry leaves and/or other dry landscape waste, such as grass, tree limbs, shrub trimmings and other materials accumulated as a result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees, in the Village between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Following the foregoing designated burning times, fires resulting from burning leaves and other landscape waste shall be completely extinguished and shall not be allowed to continue to smolder beyond the designated burning time.



ATTENDANCE

Burning of leaves and other landscape waste shall be constantly attended by a competent person until the fire is completely extinguished

DEPOSITING AND BURNING LEAVES, OTHER LANDSCAPE WASTE, AND REFUSE ON VILLAGE RIGHT-OF-WAYS, STREETS, AND SIDEWALKS

It shall be unlawful to deposit and/or burn leaves, landscape waste, or refuse on any Village Right-of-Ways, concrete or asphalt surfaced streets or sidewalks in the Village (See also Section 26, Chapter 1 Streets, Division 1 Streets, Title IX, STREETS, PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY).

LOCATION

Burning of leaves and other landscape waste shall take place only on the premises from which such leaves and other landscape waste was derived.

BURNING REFUSE

It shall be unlawful at any time to burn rubbish or trash, including but not limited to waste paper products and garbage, or waste material from construction, demolition or renovation of buildings.

DISPOSAL
It shall be unlawful at any time to dispose any leaf/yard material into any creek, stream, ravine or street.

PARKING PROHIBITED DURING SNOW REMOVAL

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a vehicle to remain on any Village Street, Avenue, alley, cul de sac or village parking lot within the Village following a snowfall occurrence of two inches or more:

Whenever the Village Administrator, Village President, or Chief of Police, perceives an emergency to exist in the Village; or in any section or sections thereof, because of snow, freezing rain, sleet, ice, snowdrifts or other natural phenomena which create hazardous conditions or impede the free movement of fire, police, health, emergency or other vehicular traffic or otherwise endanger the safety and welfare of the public, the Village Administrator, Village President, or Chief of Police may declare an emergency to exist. Primary notification will be made by sending Notification of Snow Emergency to the local media with a request to broadcast the emergency.

Any agent or employee of the village designated to enforce the parking ordinances of the city is hereby authorized to cause any motor vehicle parked in violation of this section to be towed from any street, alley, cul-de-sac, or village parking lot. In such a case, the owner of the vehicle may be assessed the cost of towing and any storage charges in relation thereto, subject to the owner's right of appeal to the Village Administrator, Village President, or Chief of Police.

This ordinance applies to all Village streets and roads, there will be no signs posted about moving vehicles when we have a snow fall of 2 or more inches.



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Village reminds parking rules during snow emergencies

The Village of Coal Valley wishes to remind residents of the importance removing snow from sidewalks and proper snow removal from driveways and other areas.

SNOW REMOVAL

All abutting property owners shall be responsible

To remove within a reasonable time from the portion of any public sidewalk abutting said property all snow and ice.

To refrain from putting, pushing, blowing of otherwise depositing any snow removed from a public sidewalk of private property upon any improved public roadway.

For purposes of this Section, "reasonable time" shall mean that snow removal shall be within twenty-four (24) hours after cessation of a snowfall, or, if a snowfall ceases in the nighttime hours, within twenty-four (24) hours after sunrise.

PENALTY.

Any person violating the provisions of this Chapter shall be in accordance with Title I Division V Chapter 1 Section 3 of the Code of Ordinance for the Village of Coal Valley for each offense.

South County Fire Protection Districts Join Forces- "Stronger Together"

by Deputy Chief of Operations Greg Marty, Coal Valley Fire Protection District

For several years, the Blackhawk Fire Protection District, Coal Valley Fire Protection District, and Coyne Center Fire Protection Districts, have operated together through a series of intergovernmental agreements (IGAs). After years of teamwork and collaboration, the members have decided it's time to operate under one new name: South Rock Fire!

The South Rock Fire is an intergovernmental partnership among fire protection districts in south-central Rock Island County, Illinois, established to enhance emergency response capabilities for all participating communities. "Stronger Together."



South Rock Fire is one name that represents a shared goal. Providing top-tier fire and emergency services to South Rock Island County and all surrounding areas. In response to the nationwide decrease in volunteerism and the rapid increase in call volume and service demands, all three districts understand one thing: none of us can survive alone.

Instead of trying and failing to operate as three self-sufficient fire departments, we are 'better together' if we operate as one team with three stations and room to grow.

Fire Station 19 (The Blackhawk Station), Fire Station 24 (The Coal Valley Station), and Fire Station 26 (The Coyne Center Station) cover all three districts for 24/7 fire suppression and rescue services.

From these three stations, South Rock Firefighters provide high-quality advanced life support (ALS), paramedic ambulance service to the Orion Community Fire Protection District, the Sherrard Fire and Rescue, the Green Township Fire Protection District (Viola Fire and Rescue and Matherville Fire Department), and the Reynolds Volunteer Fire Protection District.

Each district shall operate autonomously, with local control over all collected tax dollars, and will maintain separate district boards. However, nearly all aspects of response, training, and planning are and will continue to be done as a TEAM! Most of our responders are proud members of IAFF Local 5637!

As the fire districts share resources, eliminate redundancy, reduce expenses, and operate as fiscally responsibly as possible, we will continue to increase staffing, available 24 hours a day, to respond to any need in South Rock Island County, as well as areas of Henry County and Mercer County that fall within districts we serve.

South Rock firefighters respond to over 3,000 calls for service each year across the Blackhawk, Coal Valley, and Coyne Center Fire Protection Districts. These include emergency medical calls, fire responses, and mutual aid responses across our contracted service areas.

South Rock Fire currently staffs three fire stations in southern Rock Island County with full-time paid members for the fastest immediate response possible.
We utilize 8-10 full-time members each day in various roles, plus part-time and paid-on-call (volunteer) personnel, to provide fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services.

Fire Station 24 – Coal Valley

Station 24 is located in Coal Valley and is staffed with four members assigned to two primary apparatus:

Ambulance 2451 - Two firefighter/paramedics/EMTs

Engine 2464 - Two firefighters/EMTs. These personnel also cross-staff a paramedic-level squad and a water tender depending on the nature and location of the emergency.

Fire Station 19 – Blackhawk (Milan)

The Blackhawk Station is located in Milan and provides both fire and emergency medical services.

Ambulance 2452 - Staffed with two firefighter/paramedics.

Squad 5 - Staffed by a combination of full-time and part-time personnel. Personnel assigned to Squad 5 also cross-staff an engine, water tender, or ladder truck, depending on the incident type and location. Additionally, the Blackhawk Station maintains a roster of paid-on-call (volunteer) firefighters who respond to the station during serious emergencies to provide additional staffing and operational capabilities. **Continued on page 11.**

Fire Station 26 – Coyne Center

The Coyne Center Station is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with two South Rock Fire Firefighters assigned to Ambulance 2453.

These cross-trained firefighter/paramedics/EMTs also jump to a pumping apparatus to respond immediately to structure fires throughout the Coyne Center Fire Protection District, saving time, lives, and property. Coyne Center volunteer firefighters are dispatched to all emergencies throughout their district.



Duty Chief - All Stations

A Duty Chief is also on duty 24/7 to provide incident command and leadership support to all three fire districts. All Fire Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs who serve each response area share this responsibility on a rotating schedule- Three Stations. One Coordinated Response.

One of South Rock Fire's greatest advantages is our ability to coordinate personnel and equipment across all three fire stations. All three stations are automatically dispatched to structure fires and other serious incidents, allowing firefighters, paramedics, and specialized apparatus to respond from multiple locations without waiting for additional resources to be requested.

Our firefighters and paramedics are cross-trained, meaning the same personnel can respond on an ambulance, fire engine, squad, ladder truck, or water tender depending on the needs of the incident.

Why do the fire departments operate this way?

At first glance, this staffing and response model might seem complicated. However, it is a practical and efficient approach to providing fire protection and emergency medical services across a large geographic area that includes municipalities, residential neighborhoods, commercial properties, heavy industrial areas, and rural communities.

By combining the capabilities of full-time, part-time, paid-on-call, and volunteer firefighters, we can maximize available resources, reduce unnecessary duplication, improve response capabilities, and ensure that our communities receive the highest possible level of service while remaining responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. Most importantly, this partnership allows the fire districts to put more trained firefighters and paramedics on emergency scenes, sooner, especially in remote areas.

South Rock Fire is about more than a new name. It represents a commitment to regional cooperation, responsible use of public resources, and providing the best possible emergency services to the people we serve.

Want to learn about opportunities to join?

Stop by the Blackhawk Station and Coyne Center Station to learn about volunteer opportunities. Stop by the Coal Valley Station to learn about full-time and part-time opportunities.

A South Rock Fire Facebook page has been established to keep everyone up-to-date at .https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61595063825988 .





The Coal Valley Village Hall will be closed November 26 & 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.



Hometown Coal Valley

by Drue Mielke

Thankfulness and Gratefulness

November holds two important holidays in which we should stop, reflect, remember, and be thankful.

Veterans Day

On Veterans Day, as a country, we set aside a day to honor and remember the brave men and women who served our country to preserve our freedom. We thank all veterans for serving our nation and for the sacrifices they have made.

As I am now a full-time substitute teacher in Moline-Coal Valley Schools at Roosevelt Elementary, I had the opportunity to hear Moline American Legion Post #246 Commander Jack Achs presentation on the history and meaning of our American Flag and our flag's proper respect and display.

In addition, he reminded us of the sacrifice our Veterans and active-duty servce men and women made (and are making) by serving our country and putting the lives of others ahead of their own. On thisVeterans Day, we remember and are thankful for their defending our lives and our liberty!

Thanksgiving

As a nation, we trace our Thanksgiving holiday back to the Pilgrims who initially settled in the Netherlands. There they found that they could worship without government interference. But overtime in the Netherlands, the Pilgrims again were seeking a new religious home.

Coming to North America on the Mayflower was a treacherous voyage with strong storms in the Atlantic. The winter of 1620-1621 was extremely brutal.

Those who made it through were met with two friendly American Indians who greeted the Pilgrims and made peace. The Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to plant corn and capture eels for food. At harvest time in 1621, the Pilgrims gave thanks to God and celebrated with a three-day feast with the American Indians.

It is from this peaceful beginning that we draw from for our Thanksgiving today, a celebration of freedom in the New World that people from around the world will seek, the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free" will find a home as Americans.

In addition, being thankful can be a private affair. There can be personal things that come to mind for which we are thankful. My personal thanks includes my good health and the doctors that helped me get there!

For others, perhaps it is a bountiful harvest for our farmers. Maybe it is being thankful for having friends and family that we cherish in our lives. We can be thankful for the strength in our community where organizations and churches can be a lifeline to those in need. The efforts of Mr. Thanksgiving, Bob Vogelbaugh, come to mind.

Bob Vogelbaugh will continue the 57th Annual Thanksgiving Meal that is helping make Thanksgiving brighter, This Thanksgiving tradition will continue at Mercado on Fith, 423 12th Street, Moline on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th. Dinner will be served from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Guests attending can dine-in or may walk up. No drive-through is available.

Since 1971, Bob Vogelbaugh— known affectionately as Mr. Thanksgiving— has welcomed everyone to a fully prepared Thanksgiving meal, providing warmth, nourishment, and a sense of belonging for thousands each holiday. What began as a small gesture at Mr. Vogelbaugh's grocery store in downtown Moline has grown into a beloved annual tradition, drawing together people from all walks of life to celebrate Thanksgiving as a community.

Over the years, the "Mr. Thanksgiving Meal" has expanded to serve thousands of people, with each gathering embodying Mr. Vogelbaugh's heartfelt commitment to ensuring that no one is alone or without a meal on Thanksgiving Day

The "Mr. Thanksgiving Meal" would not be possible without the incredible generosity of the corporate sponsors: R.I.A. Federal Credit Union, Mercado on Fifth, and Hy-Vee. Hy-Vee will once again prepare, provide and help serve meals on Thanksgiving Day. Their contributions help us bring warmth, comfort, and a hearty Thanksgiving meal to those in need within our community. From food and supplies to logistics and essential support, these sponsors enable us to make this cherished event a reality.

The community is encouraged to get involved. Monetary donations can be made and volunteers can sign up through the event website at www.mrthanksgiving.com.

This Thanksgiving, let us focus on the good that we have in our lives, the good people around us, and the blessings in our community and country- and be Thankful!





November

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

3 Tue. **Election Day**

9 Mon. **Moline-Coal Valley School District #40 Committee of the Whole & Board of Education Meeting** 6:00-8:00pm, at the Butterworth Elementary School, 4205 48th St., Moline. https://www.molineschools.org/our-district/board-of-education/board-meeting-dates

10 Tue. **Rock Island County Forest Preserve Executive Committee Meeting**, 9:30 am at the Rock Island County Building, 1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island.

10 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.

11 Wed. **Veterans Day**

11 Wed. **Village Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center Hall.

12 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.

17 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.robertrjoneslibrary.org/events.

17 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.

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. **Henry County Board Meeting**, 6:00pm, Henry County Courthouse, Room 102J, 307 West Center St., Cambridge.

20 Fri. **Coal Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting,** 10:00 am at the fire station located at 103 W. 18th Avenue, Coal Valley.

25 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.

26 Thur. **Thanksgiving Day**