



# THE VILLAGE NEWS



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Coal Valley, Illinois

“Building Community Throughout Our Village.”

## Coal Creek Inn is Open for Business

BY DRUE MIELKE, EDITOR

Coal Creek Inn located in downtown Coal Valley is rolling along! If you haven't been there yet, Coal Creek Inn is located across from the post office at 110 E. 22nd Avenue and is located (as some may remember) in the former Joe's Place and prior to that, Lucky 8.

Come in for lunch or dinner and bring any growler in to have it filled with Coal Creek Inn's signature beer “Coal Creek Gold” or any of the great brews they have to offer. Their helpful staff will be glad to take your order!



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AUBRY TINDAL, COAL CREEK INN'S GENERAL MANAGER POURS ONE OF THEIR CRAFT BEERS.

### COAL CREEK INN

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CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE!!! (309)-517-0112

#### STARTERS

**Chips & Salsa - \$5**

#### ELOTE DIP

Corn crumbles on a bed of fries topped with queso, green onions, jalapenos, & a sprinkle of Tajin seasoning \$11

#### TACO BALLS

Spicy cream cheese, jalapenos, and tomatoes rolled to perfection then baked breaded & fried. Served with spicy ranch. \$11

#### PICKLED ONION RINGS

House made pickled onions, breaded & deep fried to perfection. Served with ranch \$10

#### Philly Tots

Bed of tots topped with queso, house cut steak, grilled mushrooms, & grilled onions. \$15

#### Spinach Dip

Cream cheese, spinach, roasted red peppers, & carrots. Served with tortilla chips. \$10

#### Wings

6 for \$9.99 or 12 for \$17

Unbreaded chicken wings, choice your wing sauce & dressing for dipping.  
Sauces: Buffalo, BBQ, Cayenne, Teriyaki, Sweet Thai Chili, Garlic Parmesan.

#### HANDHELD N' STUFF

Comes with your choice of one (1) side.

#### THE PHILLY

Tender sliced cheese steak, topped with white cheddar cheese sauce & served on a hoagie roll \$14

#### THE REUBEN

House roasted corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese & 1000 island dressing on rye bread \$12

#### PORK TENDY

Classic breaded or grilled hand held pork ribs on a toasted brioche bun \$14  
Add cheese for \$1.50

**GRILLED CHEESE**- Melted cheddar, American, & Swiss cheese toasted to perfection on sourdough. \$10

**B.L.T.**- Bacon, lettuce, and tomato on sourdough \$11

**MINDY'S MAC**- A creamy bed of mac & cheese topped with sauer kraut & garlicky breadcrumbs \$12  
Add chicken or pork for \$4

#### THE SMASH FACTORY

All burgers are made from our ground in-house beef blend (80/20 lean beef and pork).  
Comes with your choice of one (1) side.

#### THE SMASHER

Two 3oz smash patties topped with onion, pickle, & lettuce \$10  
Add a patty for \$2.00  
Add cheese for \$1.50 (2 sides)

#### SHRED & SWISS

Two smash patties, sautéed mushrooms and Swiss cheese \$14

#### WAKE UP SMASHED

Two smash patties topped with Swiss cheese, cheddar cheese, a hamburger & an over easy egg \$14

#### NACHO BURGER

Two smash patties topped with queso, elote dip, & jalapenos \$14

#### Tangler

Two smash patties topped with pepperjack cheese, fried onion strings, bacon, & a BBQ drizzle \$14

#### PATTY MELT

House roasted corned beef, smash patty, grilled onions, & Swiss cheese on rye bread \$14

#### CHICKEN

Comes with your choice of one (1) side.

**CHICKEN & WAFFLES** Fried chicken breast, bacon, a hot honey sauce drizzle and two waffles \$15

**SPICY CHICKEN** "Caution: this one is hot!" (Ask for "no sauce" for a traditional chicken) Fried chicken breast topped with a spicy hot sauce, lettuce, sticks on a brioche bun \$14

**CHICKEN SPINNER** Grilled chicken breast topped with cheddar cheese & smash dip on a brioche bun \$14.50

**CHICKEN STRIPS** Hand breaded, comes w/ choice of sauce \$12

#### SIDES

FRENCH FRIES, TATAR TOTS, COTTAGE CHEESE, \$2. MAC N CHEESE, SALAD, SWEET POTATO FRIES.

**WON'T SOMEBODY THINK OF THE CHILDREN?!** Kids menu options are \$4 and served with your choice of a side.  
CANARY BITES / MAC & CHEESE / GRILLED CHEESE  
CHICKEN TENDERS / CHEESEBURGER

## The Village News

is a resident driven, community publication published on the first of each month. Residents are encouraged to contribute. Deadline for submission is the 20th of each month. Please submit articles for publication to Drue Mielke, editor and publisher to cvnews@coalvalleyil.org. Please feel free to call my cell at (309) 235-7493 or text for quick response.



Blackhawk Bank & Trust and The Village of Coal Valley held their 3rd Annual Trunk 'R Treat event on Tuesday, October 25 at the Coal Valley Municipal Village Park from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Many Coal Valley businesses participated supporting the Coal Valley Community in an active way.



SANTA'S COMING

HAPPY JOES

DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

11:00 TO 1:00

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# BICENTENNIAL SCHOOL NEWS

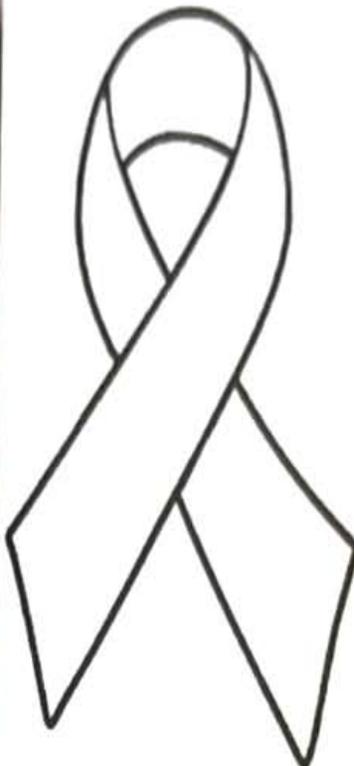
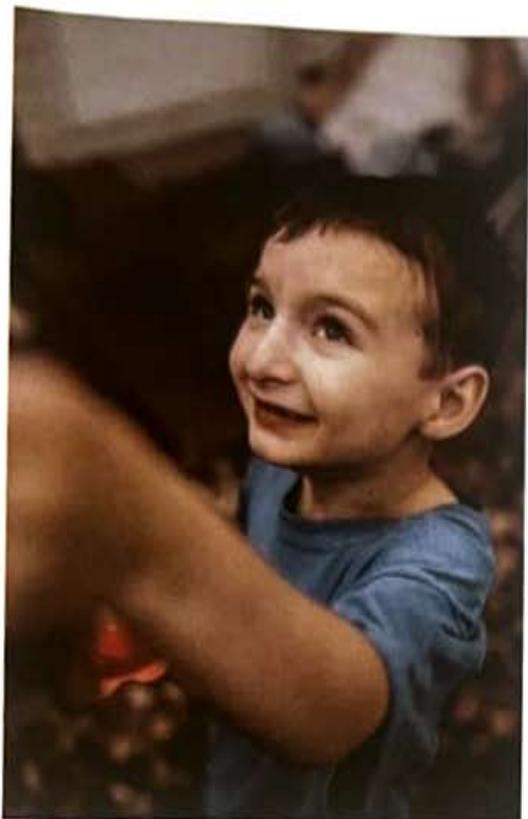
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BY STEVEN ETHERIDGE, PRINCIPAL-  
BICENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

Bicentennial students were challenged by the student council to collect at least 15 boxes of canned goods for the Student Hunger Drive at Moline High School. Our students ended up collecting 26 boxes!

To show their appreciation, Bicentennial teachers competed in a Minute to Win it competition and two lucky students were able to throw a pie at Mr. Etheridge's face. (picture on right.)





**#LoveForLiam**

**The Benefit**

- Spaghetti Dinner
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Raffle
- Slide Show
- Cash Bar
- Kids Area
- Bake Sale
- & much more

**JAN 15, 2023 4P-7P**  
**LIAMS BENEFIT**

**@ The Rock**

302 1<sup>st</sup> St Coal Valley, IL 61240

Liam needs the support of our community! Please join us for a spaghetti dinner to help fund Liam's upcoming reconstruction surgery of his right leg and groin. This is a huge expense out of his family's pocket in which they cannot afford at this time. Without the surgery, Liam is at risk for continuous infectious diseases, sepsis and cellulitis that put him in the ICU. Due to his immunocompromised health condition (SCID) Liam cannot fight off infections like everyone else.

**For donations and general information contact:**

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 SARAH APODACA 309-314-4655 SarahJApodaca@hotmail.com

**In Advance:**

- \$10 per Adult
- \$5 per Child  
(12 and under)

**At the door:**

- \$12 per Adult
- \$6 per Child  
(12 and under)

Pay ahead with venmo:

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Sarah-Apodaca-11

Paypal:

MaryMatheson95@gmail.com



# Hometown Coal Valley

BY DRUE MIELKE, EDITOR

## Happy Holidays!

As this year draws to a close, I wish to thank you for the privilege of being your newsletter editor. When the torch was passed to me to edit The Village News in October 2001, right on the heels of the 9/11 attack against our nation. That was probably one of the most difficult newsletters to do but also one of the most meaningful for me as it fit one of the purposes the newsletter was set out to fulfill- to unite and create community in our village.

This online edition provides those who live outside our village boundary to still read about Coal Valley and be part of the greater community.

If you are new to the village, I want to take this moment **Wish You Welcome!** We are an inclusive and diverse community with a proud heritage dating back to the coal mining

days over 150 years ago.

Mining in Coal Valley continued until the 1950s, my great-grandfather and grandfather being coal miners and owning three of Coal Valley's mines. You can read some of Coal Valley's rich history at <https://coalvalleyil.org/history.php>.

Residents and business owners in the village are encouraged to submit articles for the newsletter. Articles about events must be open to the public. All submissions

are subject to approval and I ask that they be sent to [cvnews@CoalValleyIL.org](mailto:cvnews@CoalValleyIL.org) one week prior to the end of the month.

I am always looking for ways to improve our newsletter. Please feel free to drop me a line at

[cvnews@CoalValleyIL.org](mailto:cvnews@CoalValleyIL.org) or call me at (309) 235-7493.



*Thank you for allowing me to serve.  
Have a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year 2023!*