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HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT TIME IN COAL VALLEY IS OCTOBER 31ST FROM 5 - 8PM

Make Halloween safety a priority

Kids look forward to Halloween for many reasons. They like the dressing up in costumes but the mostly they like it for the candy and treats!

Children should always go out trick or treating accompanied by a responsible adult. If you have a group of kids going, the parents should choose two or three of them to go along and keep an eye on things.

Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you. This way you can check for any problem candy and get the pick of the best stuff!

Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car. Explain why this is not a good idea and what to do if someone approaches them and tries to talk to them

Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

Let them know that they should stay together as a group if going out to Trick or Treat without an adult.

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



Village Moves to One Monthly Meeting

by Drue Mielke

The Village Board voted at the Wednesday, September 18th meeting to amend ordinance to hold one monthly meeting, going forward. Previously, the Coal Valley Village Board has been meeting twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 P.M.

Meetings will now be held the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Coal Valley Village Hall, 900 1st Street. If village business warrants it, a special meeting can be called in addition to the one, monthly meeting.

Agendas can be found at <https://www.coalvalleyil.org/village-board-meetings-agenda.php>. The public is welcome.

Fareway Site Preparation Continues

by Drue Mielke

Site preparation is continuing for the planned Fareway grocery store that has a tentatively planned opening in 2026. The future store will be located at the southeast corner of 1st Avenue (U.S. 6) and 1st Street, Coal Valley.

The demolition contract was awarded at the Wednesday, September 18th Coal Valley Village Board meeting and demolition commenced on Tuesday, October 1st with the tearing down of a duplex located at 106 and 110 E. 2nd Street, Coal Valley.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

Village of Coal Valley Implements CodeRED Emergency Notification System

Participation by residents in the Village of Coal Valley's g in CodeRED emergency notification system has begun. The notification system is designed to help keep residents safe in the event of an emergency.

Alerts are sent from your local public safety agency by mobile app, SMS text, email and more.



If you are a resident of the Village of Coal Valley, visit the website at <https://coalvalleyil.org> or go directly to <https://accountportal.onsolve.net/coal-valley-il-alerts> to register to receive emergency alerts. Residents and visitors can also download the CodeRED app to receive alerts directly to their Smartphone.

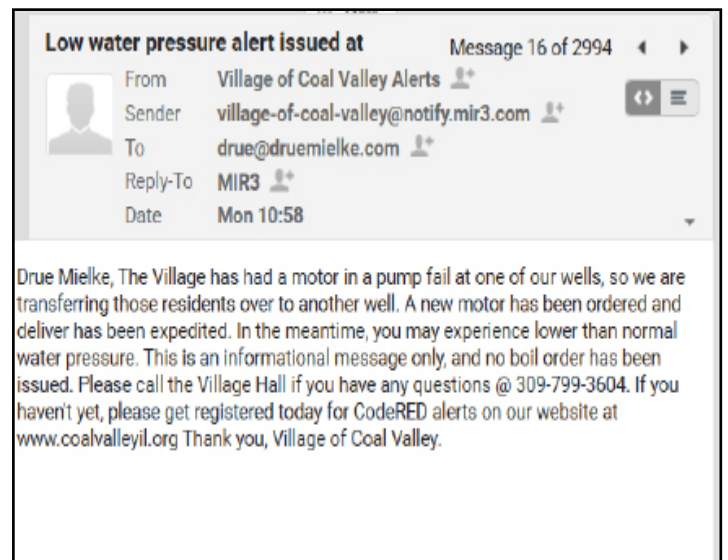
The system delivers emergency messages to your landline as well as to your registered mobile device, text and email. The CodeRED Weather Warning system is an opt-in service that automatically notifies those enrolled of tornado, flash flood, and severe thunderstorm warnings just moments after an alert is issued by the National Weather Service (NWS).

A "call area" will be marked, identifying street addresses. Telephone numbers will be matched up electronically to these addresses through the use of Geographical Information Systems. A pre-recorded message will be sent out via the telephone with information about the incident and instructions for action to be taken. The message will play when answered by a live person

or an answering machine. The system makes three attempts to connect to each number. If you choose to opt in for text messages and/or email alerts, those will also be sent utilizing a similar process.

These notifications will help keep residents better aware of occurrences in the village.

Below is an example of a notification that was sent out from Coal Valley's CodeRED system on Monday, September 30th during a Village of Coal Valley water system pump failure which caused low water pressure.



Register for CodeRED

Did you know it's free to register for CodeRED? It's an important and easy step to help ensure your family is informed and prepared for any emergencies in your area. If your contact information is not in the database — or is outdated — you will not receive alerts.

Follow these steps to register for CodeRED:

Visit the website:
www.coalvalleyil.org

From the main homepage, click on the CodeRED logo

Enter all required fields as indicated by the asterisks

Download the CodeRED mobile app on the App Store or Google Play

When will you receive alerts?

CodeRED will only be used for emergency situations to keep you informed. These are just a few examples of the types of alerts you might receive.



Wildfire



Flood



Boil Advisory



Criminal Activity



Missing Person/
Children



Evacuation

What you need to know

- Alerts are location based, and alert only residents in the affected area.
- You may select the types of alerts you wish to receive, from general (community information) to emergency alerts.
- CodeRED app for your mobile device is available for download from the App Store or Google Play.

Download the app today!





Coal Valley Police Department

Police Calls

| | Traffic Tickets | Written Warnings | Ordinance Tickets | Crash Reports | Domestic Calls | Mental Health | Arrests Made | DUI | Calls For Service | Total Calls |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-----|-------------------|-------------|
| September 2023 | 14 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 224 | 263 |
| October 2023 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 226 | 253 |
| November 2023 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 147 | 162 |
| December 2023 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 198 | 221 |
| January 2024 | 15 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 163 | 195 |
| February 2024 | 11 | 14 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 189 | 235 |
| March 2024 | 8 | 23 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 158 | 200 |
| April 2024 | 8 | 4 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 172 | 205 |
| May 2024 | 16 | 18 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 275 | 321 |
| June 2024 | 16 | 27 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 299 | 355 |
| July 2024 | 4 | 27 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 297 | 348 |
| August 2024 | 9 | 23 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 347 | 391 |
| September 2024 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 260 | 291 |
| | Traffic Tickets | Written Warnings | Ordinance Tickets | Crash Reports | Domestic Calls | Mental Health | Arrests Made | DUI | Calls For Service | Total Calls |



Save the Date!

Trunk 'r Treat

OCTOBER 22
6-7 PM

COAL VALLEY
MUNICIPAL PARK



Presented by:



Blackhawk
BANK & TRUST

VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY

First Presbyterian Church News



1st Presbyterian Church Annual Rummage and Bake Sale

Friday, October 4th, 8am to 1pm and Saturday, October 5th, 8am to 1pm. held at 2431 First Street, Coal Valley,

Robert R. Jones Library Events



October

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| Toddler Program | Monday | 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM |
| Grade School Program | Tuesday | 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM |
| Middle/High School Program | Wednesday | 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM |
| Adult Program | Thursday | 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM |
| All Ages - Family Program | Friday | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM |
| | Saturday | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM |

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| <p>30 10:00 AM : Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</p> <p>10:30 AM : Music + Movement</p> <p>1:00 PM : Mahjong Meet Up</p> <p>4:00 PM : Knot Krafters Club</p> | <p>1 9:00 AM : Early Bird Sensory Play</p> <p>10:15 AM : Fellowship Footsteps Walking Book Club</p> | <p>2 10:00 AM : Medicare Presentation Q+A</p> <p>10:30 AM : Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM : S.T. E. M. Challenge</p> <p>3:30 PM : Teen Advisory Board</p> | <p>3 10:30 AM : Toddler Tales Story Time</p> | <p>4 10:30 AM : Manipulation Stations</p> <p>2:00PM - 4:30PM: Game Day Hangout</p> | <p>5 Drop In: Weave + Relax Crochet Club</p> <p>11:00 AM : History of the Deere Wiman House Swimming Pool</p> |
| <p>7 10:00 AM : Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</p> <p>10:30 AM : Music + Movement</p> <p>1:00 PM : Mahjong Meet Up</p> <p>4:00 PM : Knot Krafters</p> | <p>8 10:15 AM : Fellowship Footsteps Walking Book Club</p> <p>5:00 PM : Literary Flavors Book Club</p> <p>5:30 PM : Build & Bond: Family LEGO Night</p> | <p>9 10:00 AM : Medicare Presentation Q+A</p> <p>10:30 AM : Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>1:00 - 3:00 PM : Game Day Hangout</p> | <p>10 10:30 AM : Toddler Tales Story Time</p> <p>3:30 PM : Eagle Eye Readers Book Club [9 - 11 years old]</p> | <p>11 10:30 AM : Manipulation Stations</p> <p>2:00PM - 4:30 PM: Game Day Hangout</p> | <p>12 Drop In: Weave + Relax Crochet Club</p> |
| <p>14 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY</p> <p>CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY</p> | <p>15 10:15 AM : Fellowship Footsteps Walking Book Club</p> <p>3:30 PM : Caterpillar to Monarch Book Club [5-9 years old]</p> <p>6:00 PM : Valley Readers Book Club</p> | <p>16 10:30 AM : Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM : Be A Maker!</p> <p>3:30 PM : Teen Craft Club</p> | <p>17 10:30 AM : Rhyme Time for Tots</p> <p>2:45PM : Puzzlers</p> <p>3:15 PM : Read to a Dog</p> <p>4:30 PM : Creative Crafters</p> | <p>18 10:30 AM : Manipulation Stations</p> <p>2:00PM - 4:30 PM: Game Day Hangout</p> <p>LAST DAY TO BRING IN YOUR BUNION FOR THE VOTING CONTEST</p> | <p>19 Drop In: Weave + Relax Crochet Club</p> <p>10:30 AM : Sensory Saturday</p> |
| <p>21 10:00 AM : Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</p> <p>10:30 AM : Music + Movement</p> <p>1:00 PM : Mahjong Meet Up</p> <p>4:00 PM : Pokémon Club</p> | <p>22 Pajama Story Time</p> | <p>23 10:30 AM : Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM : Pokémon Club</p> <p>3:30 PM : Teen Makerspace</p> | <p>24 10:30 AM : Toddler Tales Story Time</p> <p>4:00 PM : Pizza + Pages Book Club</p> <p>4:30 PM : Whispering Pages Book Club</p> | <p>25 10:30 AM : Manipulation Stations</p> <p>2:00PM - 4:30 PM: Game Day Hangout</p> <p>4:45 PM : After Hours Club: The Haunted Stacks</p> | <p>26 Drop In: Weave + Relax Crochet Club</p> |
| <p>28 10:00 AM : Knit + Crochet Club of C.V.</p> <p>10:30 AM : Music + Movement</p> <p>1:00 PM : Mahjong Meet Up</p> | <p>29 Weirid + Wonderful Creations</p> | <p>30 10:30 AM : Wee Littles Art Start</p> <p>2:00 PM - 4:00PM: Drop in Halloween Craftivities</p> | <p>31 10:30 AM : Toddler Tales Story Time</p> | <p>1 10:30 AM : Manipulation Stations</p> <p>2:00PM - 4:30 PM: Game Day Hangout</p> | <p>2 Drop In: Weave + Relax Crochet Club</p> <p>11:00 AM : Meet The Author Bill Hampes-Cowboy Courage</p> |

Highlights:
PUMPKIN ART CONTEST
 Turn a pumpkin into your Favorite Book Character! Show off your imagination to everyone who visits the library! Bring your Pumpkin in by **October 18th** to be in the voting contest. Then Pick up by **October 28th**.

