

# ROWAN RING

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## City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

### Musings from the Mayor.....

Well, it's been an interesting first three months in my new role and I do have to say I have learned many things including what can get done and what takes effort to get accomplished. Also, the time commitment that is expected outside of the city limits of Rowan.

Twenty years ago I chaired the committee that planned and organized the Rowan Centennial. It was a fun and rewarding experience and I was so proud of how this little community stepped forward and cleaned up and spruced up the town. In five more years 2027 we will celebrate 125 Years! It is my sincere hope that we can accomplish that again! We have a lot of work to do!

On March 21st the City Council will be holding their first quarterly planning meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The first topic of discussion will be learning if it's possible for us to hire a Code Enforcement Officer to help us enforce our ordinances and become more compliant with the ordinances. We have not been able to do that for many years because the Wright County Sheriff's Department will not enforce Municipal Ordinances any longer. The public is welcome to attend these meetings and any other city council meetings. After all, we are elected to serve you!

The council will be reviewing each of the city's existing ordinances between now and the end of 2023 at which time we will recodify the ordinances.

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## Get to Know Your Neighbor... Ashley and Dylan Bosch



Ashley Bosch is the newest member of the Rowan City Council. She agreed to and was appointed by the City Council to fill Lennea Groom's seat on the council. Ashley and Dylan purchased Berne and Kathy Ketchum's house on Main Street. With only two months under her belt she's been a great asset for the council.

"Hello, I'm Ashley. I joined city council in January 2022. My husband Dylan and I moved to Rowan about 2 years ago. We have an energetic 2 year old and we are expecting our second baby due this summer. Dylan and I moved here from Jewell where we both worked in the Ames area. We enjoy camping, playing board and card games with friends and family, and we enjoy traveling. I'm looking forward to serving on city council to make Rowan an exciting and inviting place to live and raise a family. "

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

**Monday, April 18th**  
2:00 p.m.  
Book Club

**Wednesday,**  
**April 20th**  
4:00 p.m.  
Storytime with  
Sensory  
Imagination  
All ages welcome!  
Featured Storybook  
"The Black Book of  
Colors" by Menena  
Cottin. For more infor-  
mation stop in the Li-  
brary!

Librarian: Steve Sutter  
641-853-2327  
Stevesutter  
@rowan.lib.ia.us

## Stories From the Library

It's hard to believe that I've been the library director for almost a year! That time has gone by so fast, and the hours have been full of great people, programs, and (of course) stories.

We've done some great things this past 12 months: We learned about butterflies with Addi Hollman, made windchimes with Joyce, and read our way through the rainbow for last year's summer reading program. We added some great technology (a projector and a PA system) that will help with programming going forward, and we also brought in some magnifiers to help with some of that small print....

And we've got so much good stuff planned for 2022! Watch for a book group in April, a chance to read off the beaten path this summer, and a storytime from the good people at the Iowa Library for the Blind & Print Disabled.

- Steve



*Rowan Fire Department Bunker Gear being donated.*

## Bomberos of Valor

### (Bomberos helping Bomberos)

The Rowan Fire Department has discovered a way to repurpose their outdated bunker gear and are spearheading a program to do so. Bomberos helping Bomberos is a group located in Dallas, TX and spearheaded by Pedro Arevalo. They gather expired fire gear by US Federal Standards and takes it to departments in Mexico and even as far south as Central America.

On Thursday, March 10 KCCI television came up from Des Moines and interviewed firefighters Joe West and Mark Pluff on how this project got off the ground and the broadcast aired on Friday, March 11 during the Morning Show and also the noon news.

Other area fire departments are being contacted to donate their old gear and everything will be driven to Dallas late March or early April. Currently it can all be hauled in a car but if donations keep coming in it may require renting a U-Haul to get it transported.

Donations for gas money to help with expenses can be made to Rowan City Hall or dropped in the night deposit box in the library. Gas cards rather than cash donations are encouraged.

## Schedule of Events

### **Monday, March 21:**

7:00 p.m. Quarterly City Council Planning Meeting at Community Room. City Code Enforcement Officer research. Open to public

### **Monday, April 4:**

7:00 p.m. April City Council Meeting at City Hall. Open to the public

### **Saturday, April 16:**

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg hunt at the Main Street playground. Toddlers through 6th grade. Donated wrapped candy can be left at the library and the United Church of Rowan. Sponsored by Ours and Hours Club.

### **Monday, April 18:**

2:00 p.m. Book Club at the Library

### **Wednesday, April 20:**

4:00 p.m. Storytime at the library. All ages welcome

### **Saturday, April 23rd:**

10:00 a.m. Raising School Ready Readers at the Community Center. Registration required by April 15th by contacting Missy Loux at 515-532-3453 or [mloux@iastate.edu](mailto:mloux@iastate.edu).

## **Bids being Accepted:**

**Bids for the Community Building Roof Repair and also the South Wall Repair are being accepted at this time.**

**Specs for both projects are available from City Hall and also at [cityofrowan.com](http://cityofrowan.com)**

**Bids are due into City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. April 28, 2022 And will be opened at the City Council Meeting on May 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

**The City of Rowan is not obligated to accept the lowest bid.**

**PAY UTILITY BILLS ON LINE  
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MAKE PAYMENT**

**Office Hours:  
Thursday 2:00 -5:00 pm  
1st & 3rd Saturdays  
9 a.m.—Noon  
Tuesday after regular council meeting 10:00 a.m.—Noon**

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## **From the Clerk's Corner.....**

The Rowan City Council met on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Present at the meeting was Mayor Lennea Groom, Council Members Mark Bruns, Dale Hollman, Virgil Parks, Marcos Hurtado and Ashley Bosch and City Clerk, Aimee Miller.

During Public Input there was discussion regarding drain at corner of Bingham and Patton, property owner keeps building up the dirt/ lawn and it doesn't allow water to drain properly. The mayor will talk to owner. The full dumpsters at a property on Main Street were also discussed. It was approved to use Community Beautification Funds to have dumpsters hauled away and not returned unless approved by the city. Mark Thayer has been notified of the decision.

Groom opened the Public Hearing for FY 23 Budget. No public input. Public Hearing was closed. The Fiscal Year Budget for 23 was approved and it was approved to waive the 3rd reading of the budget.

It was brought to the attention of the council that the Janitor for the Community Center has not received a wage increase since being hired in 2007. The current salary is \$13.39/hour and it was approved to award a \$2.00/hr. increase.

Brandon and Kent Morten were present at the meeting and several issues with the septic system were discussed and some concerns clarified with the council. Council had been withholding payment of several bills until issues could be resolved. Those issues were agreed upon and the bills adjusted and approved as presented.

Dale Hollman presented the specifications for the repairs for the south side of the Community Center and also for the repairs that are required for the roof. These projects will be presented in two separate bids and will be due in city hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2022. The notices will be published at the post office, on the city website and in several area papers.

The council has been discussing a Code Enforcement Officer for several months. The Wright County Sheriff's Department will no longer process code enforcement for the city. At our 1st Planning Meeting on March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Clarion City Manager, Clint Middleton and Wright County Economic Development Director, Darrell Steven Carlyle will attend the meeting to answer questions and make suggestions. The City of Clarion has hired a person to do code enforcement and has already entered into an agreement with the City of Dows to share that person. Rowan would like to determine if that would be feasible for our community too. Middleton had already shared with the mayor and city clerk that our ordinances would all need to be reviewed and updated to allow proper enforcement. The public is welcome to attend this meeting if they are interested.





***Food Pantry at the Rowan Community Center***

## **Wright County Extension Service**

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Wright County Office is pleased to announce that as a recipient of the Growing Together Iowa Grant, a raised bed and container gardens will be established in Rowan. All produce harvested will be distributed through the new Rowan Food Pantry, located at the Community Center. Children's educational gardening programs will also take place at the community garden; schedule to be announced next month. Look for an announcement later this Spring on the location of the gardens. For those interested in donating produce from their gardens or participating in the Wright County Extension Office Grow-a-Rpw program contact Missy Loux at (515) 532-3453 or [louxm@iastate.edu](mailto:louxm@iastate.edu).

### **Literacy Activities for Families with Young Children Coming to Rowan**

Activities and family time combine for learning and fun in the introductory session of Raising School Ready Readers program coming to Rowan in April.

This one session introduction to the 5-week Raising School Ready Readers series will be held on Saturday, April 22nd from 10 am-11:30 am at the Rowan Community Center. The program is free; registration is required by April 15th. To register contact Missy Loux at (515) 5323453 or [louxm@iastate.edu](mailto:louxm@iastate.edu). Thank you to the Rowan Public Library, First Bank in Clarion and the Rowan Lions Club for sponsorship of this event.

### **Food Pantry Hours Monday**

**10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.**

### **Wednesday**

**10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

### **Friday**

**10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

### **Saturday**

**10:00 a.m.-Noon**

### **Raising School**

### **Ready Readers**

**Saturday, April 22nd**

**10 am to 11:30 am**

**Rowan Community**

**Center**

**“The kids really love coming to the sessions because they play games and spend time with their parents, while parents are learning and practicing easy techniques to help their children become successful readers and writers,” says Loux!**

### **ROWAN RING**

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The City of Rowan has the right to refuse any or all bids.,

### **Musings from the Mayor cont...**

This is required by law every five years. The ordinances are available to the public on the City of Rowan website by going to [cityofrowan.com](http://cityofrowan.com) and clicking on the link for Code of Ordinances.

This newsletter will be available on a monthly basis in the water bill or via email. Hard copies are available at the Rowan Library.

If you are not currently receiving this newsletter via email and wish to do so please send your email address to [rowanmayor@outlook.com](mailto:rowanmayor@outlook.com) and you will be added to the email listings.

## **APRIL'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH: Amish Breakfast Casserole**

### **Great for Easter Morning Breakfast**

Prep Time: 15 Min. Cook Time: 1 hr. Makes 15 Servings

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 lb. sliced bacon, diced                    | 1 1/2 C. small curd cottage cheese |
| 1 med. Sweet onion, chopped                  | 1 1/4 C. Swiss cheese, shredded    |
| 6 large eggs, lightly beaten                 | 1 lb. mild, bulk sausage           |
| 4 C. frozen hash browns,<br>Shredded, thawed | 1/2 red bell pepper diced          |
| 2 C. cheddar cheese, shredded                | 1/2 green bell pepper diced        |
|  | fresh, snipped chives for garnish  |

1. In a large skillet, cook bacon and onion until bacon is crisp, drain.
2. In a separate skillet cook sausage and bell peppers until sausage is cooked through
3. In a very large bowl combine the remaining ingredients, stir in bacon and sausage mixtures.
4. Transfer to a greased 13 in. x 9 in. x 2 in. baking dish. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until set and bubbly. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.