

# ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

## Musings from the Mayor.....

### THE COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

The Rowan improvement Foundation is a not-for-profit group that was organized in 2016/2017 to support projects and organizations in Rowan with fundraising and to promote the community of Rowan as a fiscal sponsor for grants. Recently the board of directors voted to merge the Rowan Historical Society and Rowan Improvement Foundation into one entity and are in the process of establishing what will be called the Rowan Community Foundation. The 501(c)3 is being re-applied for under this name and by-laws are being updated.

The Executive Board consists of at least nine members, which will include the four officers and/or a representative of Rowan City Government and at least one member each of the Rowan Public Library Board of Directors, the Rowan Historical Society and the Board of the Iowa River Players. Remaining vacancies will be elected by the general membership.

Membership will consist of anyone that is interested in seeing Rowan be successful and grow! The dues to belong the group are \$30 per person and that entitles you to vote in the decisions brought to you by the board of directors. Membership letters will be going out soon to prior Rowan Improvement Foundation and Rowan Historical Society members but if you have not been involved prior and wish to be please feel free to email [lennea.groom@gmail.com](mailto:lennea.groom@gmail.com)

Recently we have had 3 members resign from the executive board. Those positions will need to be filled in the next several months so if you have an interest in filling one of those vacancies please let us know. The current officers for the group are Lennea Groom, President, Terri Avery, Vice President, Kathy Ketchum, Secretary and Aimee Miller, Treasurer. The other members of the board consist of Chris Canon, Luanne Krabbe, Steve Sutter and Dale Arends. Terri Avery and Roger Rietz just turned in their letters of resignation and Joan Rietz resigned some time ago but we were still within by-law requirements.

Currently the group puts on the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Rowan Fun Day. They are also pursuing a Rowan Events Center renovation project.



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## Get to Know Your Neighbor...

### Lennea Groom



Lennea was born and raised in Rowan and for the better part of her life has resided in or near Rowan. Her parents, Tom and Edna Groom resided in the Rowen House south and west of Rowan when she was born. She attended school in Rowan through the seventh grade and in her eighth grade year went to Belmond and graduated from Belmond in 1967. She has two children, Jessica Williams in Colorado Sprngs, CO and Andrew Kalkwarf, in Andover, KS.

Lennea's hobbies include family geneology, the history of Rowan and cooking. She also enjoys traveling both stateside and abroad. Since January 1 of 2022 she has been the mayor of Rowan. In her words, "It has been both an interesting and challenging adventure. I didn't realize all of responsibilities that go with the job both locally and county-wide."

*"I have many fond memories, both old and new, of Rowan and it is my goal to see that this little community continues to thrive and be a place where people want to live and raise a family."*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

**Adult Card Making**  
Tuesday, August 2  
7z00 p,m,  
\$15 Registration Fee  
Space is limited so call  
library to register.

**August Book Club**  
Monday, August 15  
2:00 p.m.

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www.facebook.com/  
therowanlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/therowanlibrary)

[http://  
www1.youseemore.co  
m/NILC/RowanPL/](http://www1.youseemore.com/NILC/RowanPL/)

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

## Stories From the Library

Summer Reading season is officially upon us! So far this summer, doing anything "Beyond The Beaten Path" has involved meeting Madi Ingebritson and Bunny, listening to *The Tale Of Peter Rabbit* and stopping by the raised garden beds in town. Continuing the theme of the summer, we've got activity packets and bingo/activity cards printed out for kids and adults. So, if you or your kids are looking for some fun activities and reading challenges this summer, stop by the library and pick some up. There's more to come this summer, including:

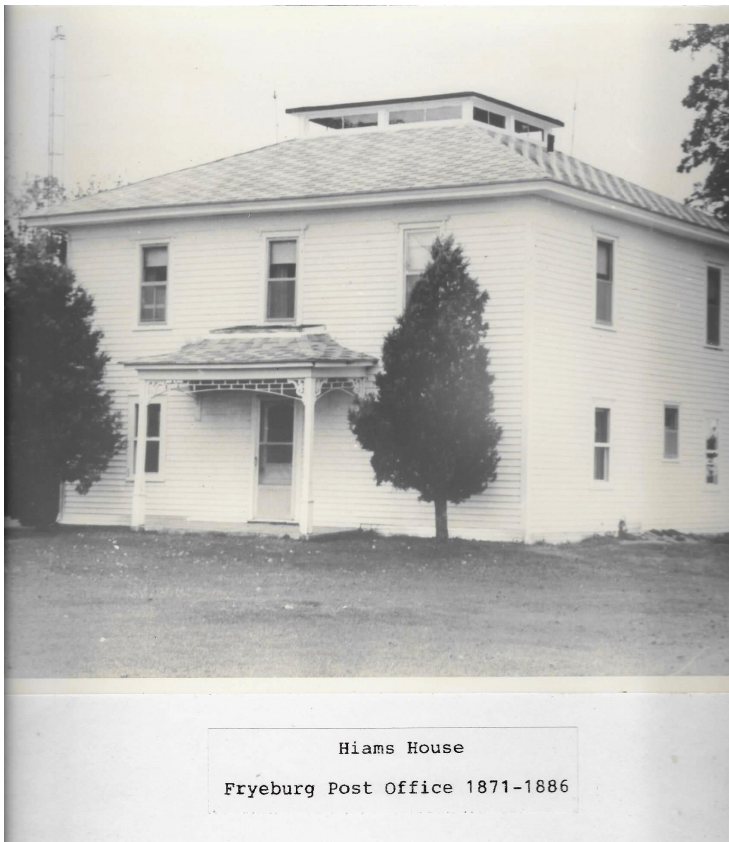
- Adult Card Making (with Vicki Box & Betty Hadley) on Tuesday, August 2nd @ 7pm. Space for this is limited to 10, and a \$15 registration fee will be donated to the library. Contact us to sign up!
- August Book Group, Monday August 15th @ 2pm

Much like last month, watch the library and social media for other programming that is still in the works!

## Memories of Rowan From Times Past



The Rowen House located in Horse Grove south and west of Rowan. The house was located across the road from the log house that Joe & Lainie Haugen live in now on Uptagraph. Built approximately 1855/56.



Hiams House  
Fryeburg Post Office 1871-1886

It was the summer of 1857, that N.N. Hiams and his family came to Iowa township from Amsterdam (Goodell). They settled just across the township line in Blaine township on land that is now known as the Hiams farm. In the fall of 1857 they moved into the new home of frame construction. The Hiams family has continuously occupied house and farm since 1857 until recently when the last of the Hiams descendents in this area passed away. The Hiams home may be the oldest home of frame construction in Wright county.

### Schedule of Events

#### City Council Meeting

Monday, August 1  
7:00 p.m.

#### Highway 3 Corridor Yard Sale

#### Rowan Event Center 901 Broadway St.

Thursday, Sept 1  
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 2  
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept 3.  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Bake Sale Daily**  
**Lunch will be served**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00**  
**p.m. Daily**

#### Items for sale can be brought to the Event Center beginning

Sunday, Aug. 28 from  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 29,  
Tuesday, Aug. 30 &  
Wednesday, Aug. 31

From  
1:00—4:00 p.m.

#### Labor Day

Monday, Sept 5

#### Lions Chicken BBQ

Sunday, Sept. 25  
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



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

**PAY UTILITY BILLS ON  
LINE  
Go to  
cityofrowan.com  
And click on  
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**

**Rowan City Hall  
101 Main Street  
Rowan, IA 50470  
(641) 853-2345  
cityofrowan.com**

**NOTICE  
Rowan City Hall  
Will be closed  
On  
Thursday, August 11th**

**Clerk: Aimee Frohling  
cityofrowan@gmail.com**

**Mayor: Lennea Groom  
(515) 293-1657  
rowanmayor@outlook.com**

The Rowan City Council met on Thursday, July 7, 2022 regular session. In attendance were Mayor Lennea Groom, Council persons, Mark Bruns, Dale Hollman, Virgil Park, Marcos Hurtado and Ashley Bosch. Darrel Steven Carlyle was in attendance from the Wright County Economic (WCED) office.

During public input Mayor Groom reported that Larry Riedel had stopped by City Hall and personally thanked the council for treating Patton Ave. past his house. Darrel Steven Carlyle reported that the Wright County Housing Study is now available on the WCED website. Hollman reported that the fruit trees had arrived and had been planted down by the old ball diamond. Five young people had helped to plant the trees.

Bruns reported that the new radios have arrived and have been installed. It's estimated that a pump seal on the new truck will cost approximately \$6000 to replace. The truck will most likely be returned. No funds have exchanged hands.

Chris Simmons from WMTel was in attendance seeking approval to install fiber optic from Hwy 3 to the water tower, going down the west side of Bingham and down the alley between Main Street and Pesch. The council approved his request.

Brandon Morton was in attendance to answer some questions about the septic system. They have done some sampling over the last week and will try some alternative methods for cleaning filters and screens. A procedure was discussed on what to do if a septic tank alarm goes off. Mort's emergency line needs to be contacted when the alarms goes off. The breaker to the pump should be shut off in the meantime so the pump does not burn up. If this is an emergency such as sewer backing up in a basement or a septic alarm going off the resident should call 1-800-439-6678. In non-emergency situations the resident should contact city hall.

JG Remodeling from Belmond presented a bid to the council for the repairs to the Community Center south wall and to replace the community center roof. He answered several questions about materials he had listed in his bid and will update the changes that were requested. A final vote will take place at the August council meeting. If accepted the work could be completed in September and October of this year.

An estimate to re-codify the city ordinances, which is required by law every five years, was presented from Simmering-Cory our of Storm Lake was discussed. Rowan's city ordinances have not been adjusted to State of Iowa Code since 1998. The estimated cost for this is \$2,500 which would included the codification and the digitizing of the ordinances. The council approved moving forward with this process.

The two bids for Radio Read Water Meters were discussed. It was decided to go with the lower bid from Municipal Supply. The city will purchase the software required and as many new meters as \$11,000 will cover. The money being used for this purchase is money received from the American Rescue Plan Act. The city will received \$11,214.23 last fiscal year and will receive the same amount this fiscal year.



## THE FANTASTICKS

The Fantasticks is a musical allegory about the romance of a young couple, Matt and Luisa, who find their relationship tested by their meddling fathers and a bandit narrator known as El Gallo.

**SHOWING AT THE IOWA RIVER PLAYERS THEATER  
ROWAN, IA**

**901 Broadway Street**

**Friday, August 5th at 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 6th at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 7th at 2:00 p.m.**

**Friday, August 12th at 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 13th at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 14th at 2:00 p.m.**

To purchase tickets go to:

<https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/irp/the-fantasticks-85067>

**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

**City Council**  
**Monday, August 1st**  
 7:00 p.m.

**City Hall will be  
 closed on Thursday,  
 August 11th**

### ROWAN RING

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The deadline for  
 submitting articles for  
 the Rowan Ring is the  
 15th of each month.

**Rowan City Council**  
**Monday, August 1**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Library Hours**  
**Mon, Wed**  
**10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.**  
**Fri**  
**10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**  
**Sat**  
**9:00 a.m.—Noon**

**United Church of Rowan**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Church Service**

## **HWY 3 CORRIDOR YARD SALE**

**Thursday, September 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, September 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, September 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**ROWAN EVENT CENTER**  
**901 Broadway St., Rowan , IA**



**Bake Sale**  
**Daily beginning at**  
**8:00 a.m.**



**Lunch served daily**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Items for the sale can be brought to the Event Center on:**  
**Sunday, August 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, August 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, August 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, August 31 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Proceeds from the sale go to the**  
**United Church of Rowan Outreach Committee**  
**and the UCR Women**

### **AUGUST'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH: Grandma's Secret Ingredient Chicken Salad**

3 Cups cooked chicken (diced)	1/2 Cup olive oil mayonnaise
1 Cup diced celery	1/2 Cup sour cream
1 Cup diced apples or grapes (I use both)	4 Oz. Cool Whip thawed
1 Cup chopped Pecans	Salt and Pepper to taste

#### **Instructions:**

1. In a large bowl, combine chicken, celery, apples, grapes and pecans.
2. Stir in mayonnaise, sour cream and Cool Whip and combine well.
3. Add salt and pepper to taste and stir again.
4. Refrigerate until serving.
5. Serve over lettuce, with crackers or on croissants.

#### **Nutrition Facts:**

Calories 328	Total Fat 21.3 g. (27%)
Cholesterol 84.6 mg (28%)	Sodium 1924 mg (8%)
Total Carbohydrate 8.3g (3%)	Sugars 4.4 g
Protein 25.7 g (51%)	Vitamin C 1%
Vitamin A 4%	