

ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

Musings from the Mayor.....

I want to thank everyone in the Rowan Community for helping to make “Rockin’ Rowan” Fun Day 2022 another great success! Despite the threatening weather forecast for that day we were able to be on Main Street without any major glitches.

The Rowan Lions Club Pancake Breakfast kicked off the day again this year and as usual was a popular event! Nick Loux cooked up a cake pan full of “flopjacks” for the Pancake Toss on Main Street. The competition was fierce but Austn Isaacson and AJ Schubert finished in first place take out the previous champions, Randy and Marcia Burt. In all fairness, Marcia had a different partner this year so she might have been at a slight disadvantage. The Riedel Family competed (as the Riedel’s usually do) in this competition. Be thinking about next year, everyone!

As usual the Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pull out of Hanlontown, IA was one of the kid’s favorites. There were kids in every age group and I think all participants went home with a trophy! Younger and older kids alike had a good time with the cakewalk. There was 19 cakes donated. Thank you to everyone who donated! Boys of all ages were trying their skills st the Belt Sander Races as well! Sure wish, Jimmy Johnson could have been there to watch!

The Iowa River Players presentation by the Main Street Stage was well attended and so was Iris Eriksen’s Storytelling in the Library.

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Get to Know Your Neighbor...

Steve & Sara Sutter



Steve and Sara Sutter may be relative newcomers to the community, but they already feel deeply connected to Rowan. Steve started as the library director in April of 2021, and Sara has been the pastor at the Presbyterian Church in Goldfield since 2016.

The past year has seen Steve start a book group at the library and help to get the Food Pantry up and running. He's thrilled to be part of such a kind, thriving community and is looking forward to big things in the year to come, both inside the library and outside of it. Sara, on the other hand, has an active Bible study at the church, and has recently started an "Explore More" group that enjoys adventuring around the state.

In their free time, Steve enjoys reading, playing guitar, and video games. Sara enjoys playing the piano and the xylophone, crocheting, and reading.

"The best part of my job is the people I get to see every day. Everyone has been so friendly and is so willing to go out of their way to help out a neighbor or have a bit of good conversation. It gives you such hope for the future."

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Friday, July 15th
10:00 a.m.
Madi Ingebritson
Life with Rabbits

Book Club
Monday, July 18
2:00 p.m.

Summer Reading Pro-
gram (mid July-Mid
August, with other ac-
tivities surrounding it)

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

Stories From the Library

Do you ever find yourself explaining a current struggle to a friend, only to have them come up with a quick solution to whatever it is you've been agonizing over? I know I do, and their response is always something I never would have thought of. One of the new additions to the library in the last month is the small treasure chest that sits in front of the counter. We're using it as a suggestion box. So, if there's a book series you think we ought to bring in, or a program you'd like to see us plan, or a service we don't currently offer that you think we should... drop us a line and let us know!

Also, don't forget to watch the library and the Facebook page for news about Summer Reading that is coming SOON!

We are thrilled to have Madi Ingebritson come talk to us about her life with rabbits on Friday, July 15th at 10:00 a.m. You need to sign up for this event.

Memories of Rowan From Times Past



Belmond Independent, Thursday, July 23, 1987-Page 4

It happened . . .

Way Back When

1927

Rowan news: At the meeting of the school board last Tuesday the bus drivers were hired for next year. There have been four routes consolidated and

Mr. John Kehler will have that and will operate a motor bus. The other routes will be taken care of by Messrs. Sylvia, Box, Tudor and Hinckley.

1927

Arvid Haugen with John Kehler, bus driver. Rowan's 1st Motorized Bus 1927.
published photo by ARVID July '87



Lois Holmes
Eldon Anderson
Mary Holmes
Audrey Hammond
Arlyn Erickson
Lavenn Hill

Danheld Hackbarth
Garold Martin
Willis Mohlenbrock
Fonda Martin
Marcelene Jacobson
John Holmes

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Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 2

At Lake Cornelia

8:00 a.m. Pancakes

11:00 am Kids Games

In the Park

7:00 pm Boar Parade

Dusk- Fireworks

Monday, July 4th

Belmond

10:00 a.m. Parade

FunActivities and Food
all day

7:00 p.m. Fireworks

Thursday, July 7th

7:00 p.m. Council

Meeting

Friday, July 15th

Summer Reading at the
Rowan Library.

Program Is

Madi Ingebritson

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Life with Rabbits

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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, June 6, 2022 at the Community Center on Main Street. There were five council member present and the mayor and city clerk. One member of the public attended. The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

During the public input, Larry Riedel expressed to the council that he would really like to see some dust control put on Paatton Street south of his residence and for the entire length of the street. He expressed that it would benefit the whole town since there is a lot of truck traffic on that street and the dust is carried by the summer south winds across the entire town. Bosch said she would get an estimate from the County Secondary Roads department for leveling/filling potholes and dust control. A second estimate will be requested from Woody's Dust Control. The Mayor expressed that there had been multiple compleaints regarding a resident who has up to 10 dogs living in their residence. A letter will be sent to the owner of the dogs for a start.

During the Fire Department Report problems were discussed with radio/pagers. The mayor said she would bring it up at the next Emergency Management meeting. The council voted to to accept Chris Cannon as a new member of the department. During Maintenance Parks reported that the A/C at library had been recharged. It would cost approx. \$250/year to have it checked annually and recharged if needed. The council agreed to contact Rusty Steenblock and put it on an annual schedule to be checked around May 1. Park also reported that he had sprayed all the parking lots and playground in town for weeds. He would like to seed the speed limit sign put back up on Pritchett and was given permission to do so.

Dan Ashworth representing Municipal Supply, Inc presented a demonstration and quote for radio read meters. A vote will be made at the July meeting between quotes form Core & main and Municipal.

A contractor was scheduled to come the following Thursday to give a bid on the Community Center Roof and the South Siding damage. The contractor did come on that Saturday and will provide a quote prior to the planning meeting on June 20th.

There was much discussion about the people burning garbage in town. Currently the Ordinance doesn't allow for any kind of burning outside of cooking/recreational. Council would like to amend the Ordinaance to allow for the burning of ya;rd debris, etc. The clerk and mayor will research this.

An estimate has been received for the asbestos removal in the old library. The possiblility of a DNR grant for that purpose sill be researched.

There was not any progress made on the Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement Agreement or playground equipment at this time. There were no building permits.

Have a BANG UP 4TH Just Keep it Quiet and Follow State of Iowa Code

The State Code breaks fireworks into two group Consumer Fireworks and Novelty Fireworks. Consumer Fireworks are the ones sold at the fireworks stands and are arial display and bottle rockets, firecrackers, cherry bombs etc. and not legal in Rowan. A special permit issued by the city is required to use Consumer Fireworks within the city limits. Novelty Fireworks are described as party poppers, drop pops, snakes, and some sparklers. Novelty fireworks may not have more than 0.25 grams of explosive mixture must state on their packaging "not subject to D.O.T. Hazardous Materials Regulations." Novelty fireworks can be used in the city limits of Rowan but must not include bottle rockets or any aerial displays or firecrackers.

Violation of state code may result in significant fines if not obeyed.

A Couple Fun Day Photos



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, June 6
7:00 p.m.

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

Rowan City Council
Wednesday, July 6
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

Musings from the Mayor cont...

Bonnie Leist and Karen Hotchkiss with all of their elves were in charge of the noon lunch again this year. According to Bonnie, the menu item of choice this year was walking tacos. The Library board served delicious root beer floats for dessert. A great way to top off the lunch. Heather Baumgartner manned the bake sale tables for the day and did very well too. We are still waiting on some proceeds to come in and some bills to arrive but I make sure I let everyone know how the day went when we have the information.

Thank you to everyone who donated funds to help with expenses and all that pay for radio adverting to get the word out for the day! As I said in last month's newsletter, it take a village.

We are open to new ideas for next year and will begin planning soon so if you have ideas to share. Don't be afraid to email me or call me with your suggestions.

JULY'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH: White Sangria

The fresh fruit makes this a gorgeous addition to any BBQ and with the 4th of July coming up it's perfect! This recipe is a Moscato sangria but you can certainly go drier (my perference) and use other white wine such as Pinot Grigio or Chardonnay.

750 ml Moscato (or Riesling or Whate Zin)

1/2 C. orange liquer (triple sec)	1 liter club today
1 medium peach, sliced	1 medium apple sliced
1 medium orange, unpeeled & sliced	1 small lemon, unpeeled and sliced
10 medium strawberries, stems removed and halved	
16 medium blueberries	16 medium blackberries

Fresh mint for garnish

1. Pour wine into a large pitcher. Add liqueur and soda water. Stir to combine.
2. Add all the fruit and stir
3. Allow to sit and mingle in the refrigerator for a few hours. Serve chilled. Garnish with fresh mint if desired.

NOTE: I would make two batches if you are having more than 5-6 people!