

# ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

## Musings from the Mayor.....

The weather is finally cooperating with us and it's good to see everyone working in their yards and enjoying their decks and patios.

Cleanup Days in Rowan went very well and we are classifying the weekend as a success. It was a learning experience and there are things we will change in the future but all and all it went well.

You will be interested to know that approximately 3 tons of garbage was collected in the two dumpsters on Main Street and cost the city (taxpayers) \$426.40 to take to the landfill. Mark Thayer was able to collect 4500 pounds of recyclable metal around town so he was pleased with his day too. I know that some of you have items left on your curbs and that is because it was not items that Mark is able to pick up for recycle. Much of it should have gone in the dumpsters up town. Also, neither place was able to take TVs or computer monitors and that is something that we know for the future. We did find out that Buck Thompson's recycle in Belmont will take TVs and monitors so that would be a possibility if you have some to dispose of.

The hazardous waste collection on Monday evening from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. was also successful. The Wright County Landfill was able to dispose of approximately 1700 pounds of hazardous waste for the community. One thousand pounds of that was latex paints.

I would just like to remind everyone that, although that was a good start, we still have work to do to clean up our great, little town. Garbage and recycle are available to everyone living in town. Garbage is picked up on a weekly basis on Tuesday. Recycle is picked up twice a month (the first & third Friday). Cont. on Page 6



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## Get to Know Your Neighbor... Virgil and Virginia Park



Virgil and Virginia moved to Rowan on December 19, 1999 to relocate for a job. Virgil worked for EDS in Clarion for 2 years. He then went to work for North Central Cooperative in Clarion and retired from there in February of 2017. He currently serves as the town maintenance man for the city buildings.

Virgil is a member of the Rowan Fire Department, the Rowan Lions Club and has been on city council since October of 2007. He and Virginia have three daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren with two more on the way in August.

Virginia worked at the hospital in Clarion as an activity director and also at PSI in Belmond. She loves bird watching and loves to crochet. They are a huge asset to the town of Rowan.

*"We have been married for 57 beautiful years and look forward to many more:"*

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

**Book Club**  
**Monday, June 20th**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Summer Reading**  
**Plans coming soon!**  
**This year's theme**  
**"Read Beyond the**  
**Beaten Path"**

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

## Stories From the Library

Books, movies, graphic novels, video games, television, streaming services... stories can be told through so many different mediums. Is there one (or more) of these delivery services that you prefer? Or do you consume story across many, if not all, of these? Sometimes we can get it in our heads that one medium is better than another. For years I thought that printed books were the "true" path, and I'm not ashamed to admit I was wrong. These days, I love listening to audiobooks as much as reading physical books; and I've read more on my Kindle in recent years than I would have expected. Last month, I challenged you to read outside of your comfort zone as part of our focus on Reading Beyond the Beaten Path this summer. This month, I challenge you to, sometime this summer, find a new (to you) way to con-

# Rowan Fun Day!

Rockin' Rowan!

Saturday, June 4th, 2022

Main Street,  
Rowan, Iowa



- Lions Pancake Breakfast
- Kid Power Pedal Pull
- Belt Sander Races
- Shine & Show Car Show
- Walking Taco & Sloppy Joe Lunches
- Bake Sale



- Storyteller Iris Eriksen
- Pancake Flipping Contest
- Free Throw Contest
- Crafts & Face Painting
- Money Scramble

**Buy a button  
for \$5, and  
have fun all  
day long!**

- Dramapalooza
- Water Balloon Toss
- Auction & 50/50 Drawing
- And SO MUCH MORE!

Lawn Chairs  
are encouraged



## IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

In a community this size it takes the entire population working together to put on an event of this magnitude. Rowan does it various time throughout the year and always supports the events with vigor and positivity. Very seldom do the words, "That will never work." get uttered. This event supports 3 groups in town that are vital to this community and the surrounding area. They are the Rowan Library Endowment, The Rowan Historical Society and the Iowa River Players.

Other groups such as The Rowan Lions Club, United Church of Rowan, Ours and Hours Club, and Come Join Us pull there weight in making the day a success as well. But the people that don't get recognized enough are the local and area businesses that always support the events financially either by donating to the function itself or by advertising on KLMJ radio that promotes our local activities.

In the past these sponsors have all contributed in one way or another: Bruns Machine & Welding, Aldrich Tree Farm, Ewing Funeral Home, Farm Nutrients, First Bank Hampton, First State Bank Belmond, Greenbelt Bank Belmond, First Citizens Bank Clarion, Iowa River Players, Meyer Ag Service, Muhlenbruch Insurance, Nature's Woodshop, Rowan Improvement Foundation, Smith Crop Insurance, Worden Truck Repair, Casey's General Store, MT Shearing, Iowa Specialty Hospital and T&S Sanitation. I am sure I've missed someone but not intentionally. Thanks to all of you.

### Schedule of Events

**Pancake Breakfast**  
Monday, May 30th  
7:00-9:00 a.m.

Lions Pancake Breakfast at  
Rowan Events Center  
(School House)

**Memorial Day Service**  
Monday, May 30th  
10:00 a.m.  
Graceland Cemetery

**Rowan High School  
Triennial Reunion**  
Monday, May 20th  
11:00 a.m.  
Rowan Events Center  
(School House)  
Alumni & Friends  
Welcome  
Free Will Offering  
Lunch

**IRP Theater Tour**  
Monday, May 20th  
After Alumni Meeting  
IRP Theater  
Rowan Events Center  
(School House)

**Rowan Fun Day**  
Saturday, June 4  
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.  
Pancake Breakfast  
9:30 a.m.  
The Fun Begins  
11:00 - 1:00 Lunch  
More details on  
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LINE  
Go to  
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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**

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Mayor: Lennea Groom  
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rowanmayor@outlook.com**

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

The Rowan City Council met on Monday, May 2, 2022. Lennea Groom opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with 3 council members, Mark Bruns, Dale Hollman and Ashley Bosch present. Virgil Parks and Marcos Hurtado were both absent from the meeting. Minutes of both April meetings were approved and financials were approved as presented. Financial reports are available from the City Clerk upon request.

During public input Mayor Groom reported that she had been in contact with Site Services out of Algona regarding the old library and city hall building to look at asbestos abatement for the building. Site Services is going to present a bid to the city for the abatement and feel that the building would still qualify for DNR grants for demolition of the building once the asbestos is removed. They estimated the abatement to run approximately \$15,000 but will submit a formal bid for the project. Groom also reported that she thought it would be beneficial to provide a small dumpster by the west door of the Community Center for garbage. The current 55 gallon barrel on Main Street does not have a lid and garbage often blows out of the barrel. A 96 gallon dumpster can be rented for \$30 per month. The council approved the idea and T&S Sanitation will deliver the dumpster soon.

The Fire Department reported that the burn pile located on Bingham Ave. had been burned. A different truck has been purchased to be used as a township truck. No maintenance report was available.

The Public Hearing was opened for the FY 2022 Budget Amendment second hearing. No public was present. The motion was made to approve the Budget Amendment and a roll call vote resulted in unanimous approval. Mark Bruns moved to waive the 3rd reading, Bosch seconded and motion carried. The Public Hearing was closed.

A representative from Core and Main gave a presentation regarding a bid to upgrade water meters to a radio system. There was much discussion and many questions and answers and it was decided to ask for an updated quote to be presented at the June meeting.

Only one bid was received for mowing. The bid came from Tami Hollman for \$15/hour and gas and was accepted by the council. No bids had been submitted for the Community Center Roof project or the Community Center Siding Replacement project. It was decided to try to contact some area contractors and see if they would be willing to bid the jobs.

City-wide cleanup will be held the weekend of May 14 and 15 and Monday, May 16. A list will be compiled and distributed around town on what items can be delivered where and what items will not be accepted for pickup or dumpsters.





*Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pull.*

*Participants qualify for State Competition! Come join the fun!*

## **ROCKIN' ROWAN!**

### **FOR ROWAN FUN DAY 2022**

**8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Lions Pancake Breakfast**

**8:30 a.m. until sold out Bake Sale**

**8:30 a.m. –1:30 p.m. Shine and Show Car Show**

East End of Main Street

**9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Join in the Fun!**

Crafts & Face Painting in the Library, Belt Sander Races, Cake Walk and Free Throw Contest on Main Street, Money Scramble & Big Bubbles at the Play Ground,

**10:00 a.m. Kid's Power Pedal Pull**

**10:30 a.m. More Fun**

Water Balloon Toss and more of the activities listed above.

**11:00 a.m. Drama Palooza**

On the Main Street Stage

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch in Community Center**

Walking Tacos, Beefburgers & HotDogs

Root Beer Floats & Popcorn

**1:00 p.m. Story Teller Iris Eriksen**

**1:30 p.m. Auction & 50/50 Raffle Drawing**

**Bid on a chance to throw a pie in the Mayor's Face!**

**A \$5 BUTTON BUYS YOU FUN FOR ALL DAY!**

### **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.**

### **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, June 6**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Library Hours**  
**Mon, Wed**

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

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

The garbage bags for T&S Sanitation are available at the library on Main Street.

The landfill fees that are included in the monthly water bills pay for recycle. Yellow recycle barrels are available from city hall for \$10.00.

Mark Thayer is willing to pay for any metal that people want to dispose of and is located right here in town for your convenience. He is very willing to come get a junk vehicle out of your yard for you. All that is necessary is to give him the title to the vehicle, he will come get it and haul it away for you. If it has tires on it he can just come hook onto it and pull it down the street. Give Mark a call at MT Shearing at (641) 853-2207 or stop by and see him in the yard.

## **JUNE'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH: Rhubarb Dump Cake**

**4-5 C. Rhubarb, chopped**  
**1 C. White Sugar**  
**1 pkg. Yellow Cake Mix**

**1 C. Water**  
**1/3 C. Butter, melted**  
**Cooking Spray**

- 1. Preheat oven at 350F. Spray a 9x13 pan with cooking spray**
- 2. Add the rhubarb to the pan and spread out evenly on the bottom of the pan.**
- 3. Sprinkle the sugar over the rhubarb. Follow by sprinkling the yellow cake mix evenly over the sugar and rhubarb.**
- 4. Pour over the water and melted butter evenly. DO NOT MIX**
- 5. Bake for 45 minutes until bubbling and the rhubarb is tender and the top is slightly browned.**