

ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

Musings from the Mayor.....

Avian Influenza 2022 (Bird Flu)

According to directions from Sandy McGrath, Wright County Sanitation Director all persons with backyard chicken flocks need to be monitoring their birds for the Avian Influenza that has been infesting large and small flocks in Iowa. Many of the counties surrounding Wright County have already experienced outbreaks in both private and commercial flocks.

Out of respect for your neighbor's flocks please keep an eye on your flocks and if you see any changes in your flock or a bird dies suddenly please contact a veterinarian and keep your flock contained and follow recommendations. If you have questions you can contact Sandy McGrath at 515-532-3461 or Wright County Extension & Outreach at 515-532-3453.

City-wide Cleanup

It's time to do our "Spring Cleaning" and we will be conducting a city-wide cleanup the weekend of May 14th, 15th and Monday, May 16th. MT Shearing and the Wright County Area Landfill are contributing their services to make this possible.

The Wright County Area Landfill Authorities Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Trailer will be in Rowan on Monday, May 16, 2022 at the Rowan Fire Station from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Residents of Rowan are invited to bring any of the following household hazardous waste for collection: **Oil-based or Latex paint, Insecticides, Paint Thinner, Furniture Stripper, Wood Preservative, Aerosol Cans, Photographic Supplies, Rug Cleaner, Furniture Polish, Spot Remover, Air Freshener, Household Batteries, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Pool Chemicals, Weed Killers, Fertilizers, Slug Bait, Rat Poison, Kerosene, Varnish, Gasoline, Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Drain Opener, Oven Cleaner, Glue, Cement, Florescent Bulbs, and Ballasts.** This is available to only residents of the city of Rowan, businesses and rural residents are not eligible.

MT Shearing will be providing two options. Dumpsters will be placed on Main Street in front of the old barber shop for garbage that is not considered recyclable beginning Saturday, May 14th

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Get to Know Your Neighbor... Marcos & Monica Hurtado

Marcos and Monica Hurtado moved to Rowan from Belmond in 2019. They purchased the house at 124 Main Street in October from Craig & Linda Williams, although they never had the pleasure of meeting them.

Marcos joined the city council by appointment on December 2nd of 2019. He says that he thinks this council has a good mix of people with good feed back to improve the community. He and Monica have a vested interested in the Rowan Food Pantry and are active contributors of fresh tomatoes contributed by the “Bushel Boys” Greenhouse in Mason City.

Both Marcos and Monica work for Hoover Hatchery in Rudd, IA.

“Rowan is a small, quiet town with friendly people. That’s what we were looking for.”

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Taco Fundraiser
Wednesday, May 4
5:00—7:00 p.m.

Book Club
Monday, May 16
2:00 p.m.
Everyone welcome.

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

Stories From the Library

When you walk into the library, how do you decide what to check out? Do you look at new arrivals? Do you keep making your way through a current series? Do you go back to an old favorite that you have read and loved previously? When you branch out and read a new (to you) author, what convinces you to try that book? Reading something out of our current comfort zone can be nerve wracking for all of us, but this summer, that’s what I’m going to challenge myself to do. The theme for this year’s summer reading program is Read Beyond The Beaten Path, and what better way to do that than by picking up something by an author who’s new to you!

Watch for more information to come, and I hope you’ll join me in reading off the beaten path!



Lee Aldrich attending the opening night of "Squabbles", the longest running play play in the history of the Iowa River Players theater.

DRAMAPALOOZA DAY CAMP

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There is always something special at our community theater and right now, Dramapalooza Day Camp is being planned for each Saturday morning in May, culminating with a performance at Rowan Fun Day on June 4th. Third through seventh graders all around the county are welcome to register for this event which has been held annually since 2000 at the Iowa River Players Theater on Broadway Street in Rowan. Practice on the stage builds confidence, teamwork and communication skills. We are proud that many fine young actors have come through this introduction to stagecraft. Registration forms will be found on www.onthestage.ticket/irp.

IRP invites you to volunteer for a general Set Work Day on Saturday, April 23 starting at 10:00 am with lunch served at noon. We'll need to help taking apart and storing the set from "Squabbles" so we can build the set for "The Fantasticks" (the musical in August). Call Luanne @ (319) 231-7828 to reserve your place at lunch.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 28th

Mowing Bids due at City Hall by 5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 2nd

City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Wednesday, May 4th

Taco Fundraiser for Library from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 14,

Sunday, May 15 and

Monday, May 16

City-wide Cleanup

Dumpsters for Garbage will be placed in front of old barber shop Saturday morning by 9:00 a.m.

Curbside for MT Shearing will be picked up beginning Monday at 9:00 a.m. and Hazardous Chemicals will be collected at the Fire Station from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Monday.

Monday, May 30th

7:00-9:00 a.m. Lions Pancake Breakfast at Rowan Events Center
10:00 a.m. Memorial Day Services at Graceland Cemetery
11:00 a.m. Triennial School Reunion at Rowan Events Center.

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

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
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**

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From the Clerk's Corner.....

The Rowan City Council met on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rowan 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.

Public Input consisted primarily around junk on properties in town, including furniture, cars, pickups, appliances etc. Past due water bills were also discussed.

The fire department reported that they backflushed the backwash tanks. They are waiting for a time when there's 2 days of an Easterly wind (not gale force) to burn the city brush pile located at 1016 Bingham Ave. There is a whole pallet of items to be sent to the outfit in Texas that has been donated by other departments, there are a few things that have been donated that can not be sent to them that may be refurbished for the Rowan department's use.

In new business there was a motion by Bruns to advertise the 2022 mowing bids with bidders using their own equipment, 2nd by Hurtado. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 28th. A motion was made by Hollman and seconded by Parks to authorize the city clerk to apply for a card through First Citizens Bank in Clarion. The motion was approved. Cancellation of USDA Grant funds was the next item on the agenda. The project is completed so funds can be returned that were not needed. Motion by Hollman and 2nd by Bruns to release the unused grant funds from the sewer project was approved. Also accepted was the bid for Spring filter cleaning with Mort's Water Company.

The remainder of the meeting was spend discussing Rowan Clean-up Days. MT Shearing will provide pick up services for free and Wright Co. Landfill offers a free service to collect hazardous waste. A motion by Parks and seconded by Hollman was made to set May 14th as Rowan Cleanup Day. That has since been updated to be the weekend of May, 14 & 15th and ending on Monday, May 16th. Two dumpsters will be located in front of the old barber shop for items that are not listed on the the MT Shearing or Wright County Landfill lists to be placed and the city will pay to have those dumpsters taken to the landfill. They will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14th and removed on Monday, May 16th in the evening. The items that can qualify for Wright County Hazardous waste should be brought to the fire station from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16th. All other recyclables can be placed curbside and will be picked up by MT Shearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022.



Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pull.

Participants qualify for State Competition! Come join the fun!

ROWAN FUN DAY 2022

Rowan Fun Day is an annual fundraising event that supports basically three organizations or groups within the community consisting of The Rowan Public Library, Rowan Historical Society and The Iowa River Players. The event is sponsored by the Rowan Improvement Foundation.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 and is centered on Main Street in Rowan. The day begins at 8:00 a.m. with Rowan's famous pancake breakfast by the Rowan Lions Club. The fun begins following the breakfast!

Plans this year include the Kid's Power Pedal Tractor Pull that will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Main Street. Participants only need a \$5.00 Fun Day Button to participate and it includes age groups from 4—11 years. Three trophies are presented per age group. There will be fun events for kids of all ages including a Cake Walk, Water Balloon Toss, Egg Race, etc. The Rowan Library is also planning some fun activities. Other events include a Shine and Show Car Show and Lazy J Ranch Petting Zoo!

Lunch will be available in the Community Center beginning at 11:00 a.m. The menu will include Walking Tacos, Beefburgers and Hot Dogs!

Admission is a button that costs \$5.00 per person. Buttons will be available for purchase in advance of June 4th. More details will be made available as plans progress. Plan to join us on June 4th for a Fun Day in Rowan!

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 May 2nd
 at 7:00 p.m.

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Saturday, May 14
Sunday, May 15
Monday, May 16
 Read articles for
 Details on which items
 qualify for each
 location.

Rowan Fun Day 2022
Saturday, June 4, 2022
Main Street Rowan
Pancake Breakfast
Pedal Tractor Pull
Cakewalk
Lazy J Ranch Petting
Zoo
Shine & Show Car
Show
Dramapalooza—IRP

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 via email, please send
 your email address to
rowanmayor@outlook.com
 Or
cityofrowan@gmail.com

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

2022 Mowing Bids

Bidders will be expected to use their own Equipment.

There is Approximately 17 lawns that the city presently mows. Bids will be accepted at Rowan City Hall Until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 28th The winning bid will be accepted at the City Council Meeting on May 2, 2022 and the winner will be notified following the meeting.

Musings from the Mayor cont...

...at 9:00 a.m. and will be collected Monday, April 16, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Recyclable items including: **Appliances, Anything with a Cord (ex: air compressors, battery chargers), Motors (ex: air compressors, battery chargers) anything with metal (ex: pots, pans and furniture with metal frames and springs) Aluminum, Batteries (anything with a batter inside it), Junk Cars, Wire, Copper, Campers, Farm Machinery, Tin, and Brass.** These items need to be curbside at your residence.

If you have junk vehicles that you would like hauled away please contact Mark Thayer at MT Shearing and he will work with you on getting it removed.

If anyone has questions please contact city hall (641-853-2345) for more details and remember this only applies to residents of the City of Rowan.

MAY'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH: CREAMY CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

These are the creamiest chicken enchiladas you will ever find. Great for celebrating Cinco de Mayo.

12 soft taco flour tortillas

2 chicken breasts cooked and shredded

2 cans cream of chicken soup

2 cans diced green chili's

1 pint sour cream

4 oz. ream cheese, softened

4 cups Colby jack cheese grated

1. In a large bowl, mix cream of chicken, green chili's, sour cream and cream cheese until well combined. Add salt and pepper to taste.
2. Remove about 1/3 of mixture in a separate bowl and set aside. Add the shredded chicken to remaining mixture.
3. Spray a 9x13 pan and also spread a little bit of your plain green chili mixture on the bottom. Place a large spoonful of the chicken mixture in a tortilla and add a generous amount of cheese. Roll up and place in your pan. I can usually fit two rows of 6, horizontally in the pan. When the pan is full, top with remaining soup mixture and cheese.
4. Cover with foil and cook at 350 degrees for an hour. About 15 minutes before you take pan out, remove the foil.