

ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

Musings from the Mayor.....

NOTICE #1

**Wright County is now under a burn ban!
THERE IS NO OPEN BURNING OUTSIDE!
No sticks, leaves, garbage in a barrel with
lid or on the ground until further notice.
FINES WILL BE GIVEN!**

NOTICE #2

**The city will be flushing the fire hydrants during
the day on Saturday, October 29, 2022.**

**This maintenance may affect water pressure
temporarily as well as increase the amount of
rust in the system. If this is noticed, run cold wa-
ter until clear to avoid discoloration of clothing,
etc.**



As I am sure many of you have noticed the parking area in front of old city hall and library has been fenced off. This is for the safety of our citizens. The building is in danger of collapse and we don't want people parking or walking in front of the building. The city council is aggressively looking into solutions for the demolition of the building and hope to have that completed before the snow flies! Keep your

fingers crossed for us and keep the white stuff up North!



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Get to Know Your Neighbor... Rella Fanselow

If you visit the Rowan Library on Monday's each week you are probably familiar with the smiling face of Rella Fanselow. Rella has worked at the library for almost 16 years. She started work in January of 2007 when the new library was completed.

Rella lives south of Rowan on a farm that she and her husband, Duane farmed for many years. At the time of his death Duane had retired from farming and was working winters for Monsanto Seed Co. (formerly Asgrow Seed Company) in Clarion. Rella still lives in the house and loves taking care of her yard and enjoys the country life. She also loves to read and quilt.

Rella has four daughters scattered about the country and enjoys having two girls and two boys as grandchildren. She finally got some boys!

In the photo above, Rella is presenting Addi Hollman with a Certification of Appreciation for her Monarch butterfly during the Summer Reading Program during the Summer of 2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

**Monday, November 11
2:00 p.m.
Book Club**

**November is National
Novel Writing Month.
Watch for upcoming
announcements and
events.**

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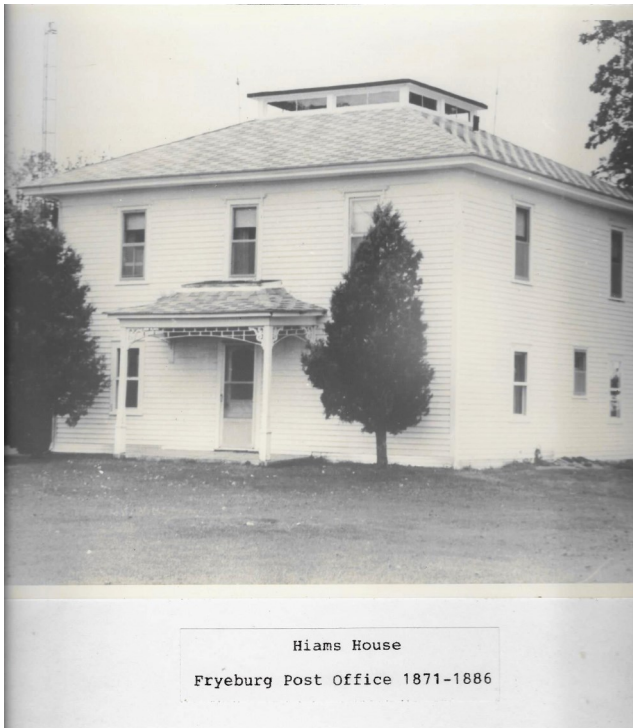
Stories From the Library

We have talked an awful lot about story in this space over the last eight months. One of the things we haven't touched on is the way that some stories take an unexpected turn right when we're feeling comfortable enough to start putting down roots.

As it turns out, that's exactly what has happened in my own story. Sara and I will be moving up to the lakes area in December and so my last day will be on Saturday, December 3rd. Being director here in Rowan has been one of the greatest joys of my life, and I know that I'll see you somewhere down the road. Stories have twist and turns, after all.....and they leave impressions on your heart that bring you back over and over again.

A huge THANK YOU to the staff and board for the great success on Tuesday evening for the Fall Fund-raiser. Thank you also to the community for making it happen!

Memories of Rowan From Times Past



THE
HIAMS
HOUSE
And
FRYBERG
POST OFFICE

Hiams House
Fryeburg Post Office 1871-1886

THE FOWLER HOUSE



Both of these homes were at one time premier homes in and around Rowan.

The Hiams house located at ??? Victor Avenue south of Rowan was built circa 1871. It remained the family home until just several years ago when the last Pete Hiams passed away. The farm is now owned and farmed by Tony Holmes. The house still stands.

The Fowler house is located at 135 Main Street in Rowan. The structure still stands but is in very poor repair and has not been inhabited for several years. Flo Fowler tapped flowing wells in the Rowan area.

Schedule of Events

City Council Meeting
Monday, November 7
7:00 p.m.

NOTICE
The City of
Rowan will be flushing
fire hydrants during
the day on Saturday,
October 29th.

Saturday, October 29
4:00—6:30 p.m.
Trunk or Treat &
Halloween Supper
Serving from
5:00—6:30 p.m.
Pulled Pork Sandwiches
or Hot Dogs, Chips,
Drinks and a Bar.

Wednesday, Nov. 9th
United Church of
Rowan Fall Dinner and
Bazaar.
Dinner 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3 rd
5:00—7:00 p.m.
Annual Tree Lighting
And Soup Supper
Rowan Community
Center
Santa is coming to
town!
Rowan Community
Foundation Bake Sale
in Library

From the Clerk's Corner.....

**PAY UTILITY BILLS
ONLINE
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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The Rowan City Council met on Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. with five Council Members, the Mayor and the City Clerk present. There was also one member of the public present at the meeting.

There was no public input at the meeting. Fire Chief Mark Bruns reported that the fire department has purchased nozzles with monies from the Barkema Trust and they were received and the department worked with them at the last meeting.

City Hall recently took advantage of a Surplus Sale at Simpson College and got a computer desk and two file cabinets free. Virgil Park made the trip to Indianapolis to pick up the furniture.

The Council approved to let bids for snow removal at the November 7th meeting and approved Trunk or Treat for October 29th at the Community Center from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. They also approved the Fall Maintenance Contract for Sewer Filter Cleaning.

It was announced at this meeting that the city clerk has taken on a position with the city of Woolstock. She will be working in Woolstock on Fridays. She will continue to be City Clerk in Rowan, Alexander and Meservey.

The city is going to sell the John Deere 345 Lawn Mower and the C Farmall Tractor with a 6' Woods Mower Deck. There has not been a decision for sure when and how bids will be taken on these two items. The city has purchased a new Toro mower from Doug's Small Engine in Garner. Bids for mowing with the city's mower will be let in the Spring of 2023.

Rowan's Annual Tree Lighting and Soup Supper will be held on Saturday evening December 3rd. The city has also purchased 6 new Christmas decorations to go on the light poles on Main Street. Alliant Energy will be installing brackets and hanging the lights for the city as part of their community service. More details are located elsewhere in this issue.

There was considerable discussion about the condition of the old library building. The mayor requested a motion for whatever needs to be done to put a fence around the front of the building to the outside edge of the parking area. Hollman made a motion, seconded by Park to do so. Bruns and Hollman will look into what it takes to construct.

During the council planning session in September council members reviewed multiple city ordinances and made changes recommended by the Sims and Corey to meet state codes. The council will review Chapter 155 which pertains to Building and Land Use Regulations. The council will also discuss any fine amounts throughout the codes that needs to be defined.

Other projects on the agenda included an Emergency Management Plan for Rowan which will be worked on over the next few months. The mayor will contact the contractor regarding the roof and siding on the community center. The council is also looking into lettering on the Fire Department and the Water Department and the abandonment of 121 Main Street. The paperwork for that petition on 121 Main Street has been turned over to the a new attorney.



***ROWAN ANNUAL
TREE LIGHTING***

Saturday, December 3rd

Just before 5:00 p.m.

**Soup Supper 5-7 p.m.
Community Center**

ROWAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Bake Sale in Library

Santa & Mrs. Claus

Will Make an Appearance

Glove and Mitten Giveaway

Sponsored by Rowan Lions Club

Come see our new

Christmas Decorations on Main Street!

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, September
5th
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
Monday, November 7
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



**TRUNK OR TREAT &
HALLOWEEN SANDWICH SUPPER**

Saturday, October 29, 2022
Trunk or Treat 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Supper 5:00—6:30 p.m.
Pulled Pork Sandwich or Hot Dogs
Chips, Bar and Drink
Free Will Offering
Proceeds go to
Rowan Community Foundation

**FALL BAZAAR & SUPPER
Rowan Church Women
Wednesday, November 9, 2022**

MENU

Scalloped Chicken or Beefburgers
Choice of Salads & Pies
Serving 5:00 to 6:45 p.m.
Carryouts Available
Adults \$7.00 Childrne under 12 \$3.00

BAZAAR

Auction begins at 7:00 p.m.
Crafts and Goodies!

