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ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

Musings from the Mayor.....

ROWAN LOSES ANOTHER ICON!



Dolly Riley's barn, located on the property now owned by Glenn and Vicki Box, bit the dust on Thursday, August 11th while Vicki was looking out an east window. It has continued to go down a little more each day since. Vicki says there is a stairway to the upstairs at the back of the barn that is keeping the north end of the barn from collapsing. Dolly used to have a milk call and would peddle fresh milk around town each day carrying the buckets of milk on a yoke over her shoulders.



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Get to Know Your Neighbor...

Mark & Deb Bruns



Mark Bruns is the current owner/operator of Bruns Machine and Welding on Main Street in Rowan. Mark purchased the business from Al Bruns on September 1, 1984.

Mark and Deb moved into Rowan in 1993 and have raised two sons, Michael and Dustin, since coming to town. Michael currently resides in Colorado and Dustin lives in rural Alexander. Deb is employed by the USDA-FSA in Clarion.

Mark has also served as the Rowan Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Chief for over 30 years and as a member of the Rowan City Council for 22 Years. One of Mark's favorite pastimes is hunting, especially pheasant and coyotes.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

September 12, 2022
2:00 p.m.
Book Club

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

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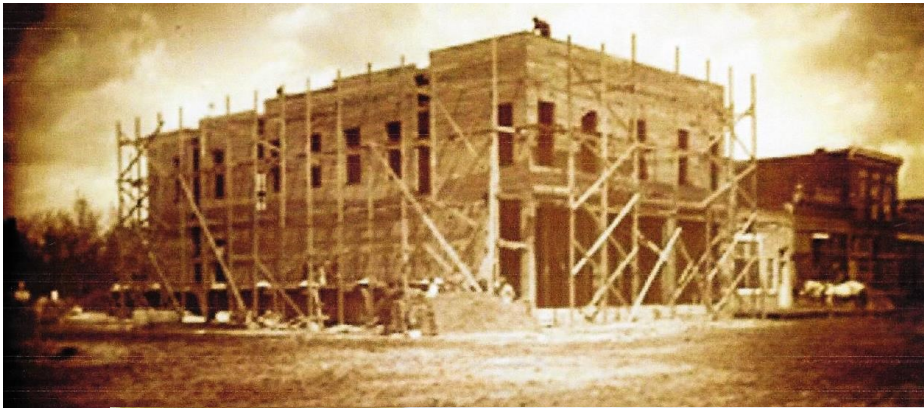
Stories From the Library

Most people know about the books we have to check out. And the DVDs. And the newspapers and magazines that are available here in the library. And EVERYONE knows about (and loves) the cards that Vicki sells.

What you may not know is that we've also got postcards, notecards, t-shirts, coffee mugs, and CDs for sale in the library as well.

Oh, and if you're ever in need of some Rowan History, we have some books written by local historian Verle Crafton for sale. In addition, we also have a few copies of the Rowan Centennial book left, as well as a couple of the books on the Belmond tornado in 1966.

Memories of Rowan From Times Past



The top photo is the Bingham Building that was constructed in 1900-1902 on the west corner of Main Street where the playground is currently. It was completed in 1902 and the completed building is the middle photo. The bottom photo is the 3 brick buildings on Main Street built in 1904 after Main Street burned. All three of those buildings are still standing and are currently owned by Mark Bruns and Dale Hollman.

Schedule of Events

City Council Meeting
Monday, September 5
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. 11
11:00 a.m.—It's gone!

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

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

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

The Rowan City Council met Monday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rowan Community Center with the Mayor and 3 council members present, Virgil Park, Dale Hollman, and Mark Bruns. Mark reported that three members of the RFD attended grain bin rescue training at the Dows Fire Department. The Fire Chief reported that the truck that was going to be purchased has been returned to the previous owner. He will contact the administrator of the grant that was received to see if it is okay to use the funds to help purchase another piece of equipment that is needed. In the Maintenance Report it was reported that there is a leak in the northwest downstairs bathroom at the Events Center. Rusty Steenblock has been contacted to repair the leak. Also, a small sink hole on the north end of town was reported to City Hall. A pipe is visible in the hole. The Mayor will flag the hole for Maintenance to follow up on.

Jarika Eisentrager, Wright County Emergency Management, was in attendance. Discussed the previous Rowan plan and the current County plan. The Rowan Lions Club is sponsoring a project to purchase an automatic generator at the church. In Rowan's original plan the church was designated as the primary storm shelter in town. Jarika suggested that the city also look into purchase a generator for the Community Center that could then be designated as the Emergency Command Center if that is needed for the emergency. The council needs to set up a chain of command and a basic procedure for Emergency Management. Tornado sirens were also discussed. Rowan has not activated their warning siren for many years. Rowan is the only community in Wright County that does not have an automated siren that can be activated by the county com center. The dispatcher will be contacted to see what it would take to bring the town up to code. Jarika provided the mayor with several sample Emergency Management Plans from other small Iowa communities.

The mileage resolution was presented for the second time and once again failed due to lack of motion.

Discussion regarding lack of communication from both WC Sheriff and the City Attorney was discussed. Discussed other options for City attorney. The motion was made and carried to stop paying the contract amount to the Sheriff's department for a code enforcement agreement that is not being followed.

The next Rowan City Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.



Rowan Lions Club Annual Chicken BBQ

A Tradition Dating Back 70 Years

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Rowan Events Center

Serving from 11:00 a.m.

until it's gone!

1/2 Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole
Slaw, Roll, Ice Cream & Drink

\$12.00

Or Hot Dog Dinner

\$6.00

Carryouts Available!

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.

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, September 5th
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.



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

SEPTEMBER'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH: Cheesy Party Burgers

Football season is right around the corner and Cheesy Party Burgers are perfect for tailgating or a watch party.

Yield: 12 Burgers

1 pound lean ground beef
1 t. salt
1 t. pepper
1/ t. smoked paprika

2 C. Diced onion (about 1 whole onion)
3-4 cloves garlic, minced
1 10 oz. can Ro-Tel Diced Tomatoes & Green Chilies, drained
12 slices cheddar cheese
12 dinner rolls (I prefer Hawaiian rolls)

Glaze:

1/ C. butter
2 T. brown sugar
1 T. Worcestershire sauce

1 T. mustard powder
1 T. sesame seeds

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat 9x13 baking dish with non-stick cooking spray.**
- 2. Brown beef and in a large skillet and season with salt, pepper, cumin, mustard powder, and paprika. Add the onion and garlic and cook stirring occasionally until beef is browned and onions are golden. Stir in drained tomatoes until well combined. Stir in drained tomatoes until well combined.**
- 3. Place bottom half of buns in prepared pan. Top with beef and sliced cheese. Finish off with the top half of the buns.**
- 4. Mix all the ingredients for the glaze in a sauce pan over medium heat until melted, smooth and combined. Pour over the buns.**
- 5. Bake at 350 degrees F for 25 minutes.**