

ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

Musings from the Mayor.....

Following the October 30th County Supervisor's Meeting in Clarion, both Lennea and Aimee Miller were approached by Eric Rector, Director of the Wright County Conservation Commission about funds available from that organization for demolishing the old library building. If we were to develop the empty lot into an outdoor classroom that could be used by the library, the Historical Museum and the Conservation Commission he was almost certain they would fund our project.

On Thursday, November 10th Lennea was notified that the Conservation Board had approved giving an interest free loan for \$42,000 over a 10 year period to the City of Rowan for the project. At the city council meeting on November 7, 2022 the Rowan City Council had approved to accept the Conservation Commissions offer if it was approved by their board.

On Monday, November 14th Site Services out of Algona began the abatement of the asbestos from the building and that portion of the project was completed on Tuesday, November 15th. The next step is demolition that is being completed by Mountain Movers. A ballpark date of November 28 has been scheduled but you may see equipment being moved into place as early as Thursday or Friday.

The total bids for the abatement and the demolition were \$40,779.40. The asbestos abatement was bid at \$18,944.00 and the demolition at \$21,835.40. Additional asbestos was discovered during the abatement process which will add to the cost of that portion of the project but not significantly.

The other plus this month is that J & G Remodeling completed the siding repair on the south side of the Community Center and work on the Community Center roof is slated to begin after Thanksgiving.



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Get to Know Your Neighbor...

McKenna Pentico



McKenna Pentico is the newest member of the Rowan Library Board. She and Evan live at 809 Pesch Street. They moved to Rowan with baby, Wren in June of this year.

McKenna works for the Belmond-Klemme Community School District as the secretary for the Board of Directors/Superintendent. Evan works for Iowa Specialty Hospital in the surgery registration.

Both are excited about living in Rowan and looking forward to meeting everyone at the Annual Tree Lighting and Soup Supper in December.

"I have been super excited to be on the Library board and helping out making the town of Rowan even better. Evan and I really love the small town and the community that Rowan has and we are excited to be here for many more years!"

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

**Monday, Nov. 21st
2:00 p.m.
Book Club**

Bring whatever you are
reading.

**Saturday, Dec. 3rd
5:00 p.m.
Tree Lighting &
Soup Supper
Bake Sale in Library**

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

[http://
www1.youseemore.co
m/NILC/RowanPL/](http://www1.youseemore.com/NILC/RowanPL/)

**Librarian: Steve Sutter
641-853-2327**

Stories From the Library

Well, we've made it to the last column of 2022. As my last day approaches (December 3rd), it has me thinking back on the year that's been, and the stories I've consumed since January. Normally, a top 3 is a pretty easy exercise for me. It seems like there are always a few that stand out from the crowd. This year, that might be tougher. If I had to pick 5 or so that stand out, they would be:

Cloud Cuckoo Land - Anthony Doerr
Imaginary Friend - Stephen Chbosky
Project Hail Mary - Andy Weir
Come With Me - Ronald Malfi
Billy Summers - Stephen King

Honorable Mentions:
The House Across The Lake - Riley Sage
Upgrade - Blake Crouch

What can I say, it was a tough decision this time around. What were the best stories that you read this year?



Annual Tree Lighting and Soup Supper

The Tree Lighting will take place just before 5:00 p.m. on Main Street. Everyone is welcome to join us around the tree for some quick Christmas Carols if the weather is permitting. Then we will progress back to the Community Center for the remainder of the evening. The meal is free will and proceeds go the Community Center Building Maintenance fund.

If anyone wishes to contribute items for the bake sale they should be brought to the Library by 5:00 p.m. that evening. Proceeds from the bake sale go to the Rowan Community Foundation

Schedule of Events

Annural Tree Lighting
Saturday, December 3
5:00 p.m. on Main St.
Soup Supper
5:00-7:00 P.m.
Free Will!
Santa will be making
an appearance!

City Council Meeting
Monday, December 5
7:00 p.m.
Community Center

**Council Planning
Meeting**
Monday, December 19
7:00 p.m.
Community Center

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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Rowan, IA 50470
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cityofrowan.com**

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

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

The Rowan City Council met on Monday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center with all five council members, the mayor and city clerk in attendance. There was no public input for the November meeting.

Mark Bruns reported that there has been one volunteer fireman resign due to health reasons. For the maintenance report Virgil Park reported that over and above regular duties he will be replacing a septic tank lid that had been damaged behind the west apartment buildings. There was also discussion about installing more security cameras in the Community Room of the Community Center.

Only one bid was received for snow removal and that was from Mountain Movers. A motion by Bruns and 2nd by Park was approved by the council. The Annual Tree Lighting on Main Street and Soup Supper in the Community Center will be held on Saturday, December 3rd beginning a little before 5:00 p.m. with the tree lighting. Alliant Energy will be contacted about getting brackets hung on the light poles and Riedel Tree Service will be contacted about getting the old lights off and the new lights on the tree.

The Mayor and Clerk presented at a County Supervisor meeting about getting funding through the county for the demolition and asbestos abatement of the old library. It was suggested that the city look into what interest rates are available from local banks first. Eric Rector approached them after the meeting and suggested he might be able to loan us the money over 10 years at 0% interest from a Wright County Conservation Reserve Fund if his board would approve it. He would like to see the space used as an outdoor classroom with native plants that his staff could use for educational purposes. The Council is in favor. The Council also approved the bid received from Mountain Movers for demolition after asbestos is abated.

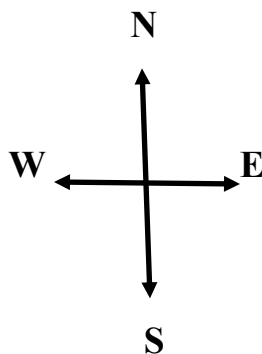
The initial 14 radio read water meters have been received and the clerk is in the process of getting the software set up with the supplier. The second installment of the American Rescue Money allotted to Rowan has been received. That would be enough to purchase approximately 40 more meters. The council approved purchasing the meters that funds are available for.

In other business the council discussed fine amounts that are established in several of the city ordinances and also approved chapter 155 of the city ordinances. Those changes will be sent to the company working on the city's recodification. A building permit was approved for a chain link fence at 719 Duffy Street and the clerk has provided pictures and invoices to the city attorney for the 121 Main Street Abandonment.

Change to School Bus Pick up and Drop off during Old Library Demolition!

For safety purposes the location of the bus pick up and drop off site will be temporarily changed beginning on Monday, November 28th until the demolition is completed. It should be no longer than two weeks at the most.

The bus will turn west on Broadway St to Ballou and then take Ballou to Main Street. It will turn left onto Bingham Ave and stop to pick up students. Vehicles can park on the west side of the playground to leave and pickup their students. Please do not park on Main Street during this time.



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
9:00 a.m.-Noon

**COUNTY-WIDE
BURN BAN LIFTED!**
As of Friday,
November 11, 2022

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

The deadline for

Rowan City Council
Monday, December 5
7:00 p.m.

Rowan City Council
Planning Meeting
Monday, December 19th
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

NOTICE!

T & S Sanitation would like to encourage residents to begin using small dumpsters for their garbage pickup. New dumpsters will be available sometime around the 19th of December. Dumpsters will be picked up weekly on Tuesday just like garbage bags are currently but you will be able to use your own bags and will not have to purchase them from T& S Sanitation.

Dumpster Sizes

65 Gallon - \$15.00/month

96 Gallon—\$22.50/month

To order a dumpster call T&S Sanitation at
(515)293-1643 or (515)297-3088

Garbage bags will still be available at the Library in Rowan.

If you are going to be out of town for an extended period of time (Snowbirds) just notify T&S Sanitation that you are leaving and you will not be charged for the dumpster during that time.

DECEMBER'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH: Crockpot Corn Chowder

8 oz (1/2 lb) Bacon, cooked until crispy & crumbled
2 1/2 lb. potatoes, diced in 1/2 inch cubes
8 Cups kernel corn (I use frozen)
1 med/large yellow onion, finely chopped
1 Cup chopped celery

5-8 cloves of garlic, minced
1/2 t seasoned salt
32 oz chicken stock
16 oz half & half or heavy cream
Salt and Pepper to taste

1. Combine all ingredients EXCEPT half & half in the slow cooker.
2. Cook on low for 8-10 hours or high 4-6 hours
3. Blend about half the soup using an immersion blender or just scoop it into your upright blender then return to slow cooker
4. Add half and half or heavy cream and continue cooking uncovered for about another 15 minutes and heated through. Salt and pepper to taste.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!