

ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

Musings from the Mayor.....

This year's Christmas Tree Lighting and Soup Supper was a huge success. In excess of one hundred people attended the event and were greeted by Santa and Mrs Claus along with a buffet of wonderful homemade soups and desserts and of course hot dogs. The Christmas Tree took on a new look this year and the new decorations on Main Street helped to make the season more festive. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and to all of those who made soups and other baked goods. Also to Heather Baumgartner and Ruby Osier for helping with the Historical Society Bake Sale which was also a great success.



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Get to Know Your Neighbor... Mandi Rink



Mandi Rink joined the Rowan Public Library on November 28th as the new director. She and her husband Travis live outside of Clarion and have four children, Arianna, Hayden, Eli and Willow.

Although she is new to Rowan she is not new to the library world as she has had four-years experience as Belmont's Technical Service Librarian before accepting the Director's position here in Rowan.

Be sure to stop by the library and meet Mandi and her assistant, Willow!

"I look forward to being a part of a tight-knit community and continuing to ensure that the library is a safe, fun, and illuminating place for the wonderful, tiny

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Monday, Jan 16, 2 p.m.
Book Chat
Bring whatever you are
reading and share with the
group!

Monday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m.
Book Chat
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reading and share with the
group!

**Prepare for
Blind Date with a Book
Entire month of February**

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Stories From the Library

As I am sure you have heard, there is a new librarian in town. That is me, Mandi Rink. I grew up in between Rowan and Belmont so this area is not completely new to me. The library world I not new to me either, as I have a few years of experience.

I am currently attending Iowa Central Community College in the online program to finish my AA Degree. When I am not working or catching up on homework, you can find me with my family. I'll probably have a cup of coffee, thriller or romance novel close by an a notepad to jot down my next big idea. My family and I live outside of Clarion. We love to be outdoors together and go on many adventures.

If you have been in the library recently, I'm sure you've noticed the young assistant I have close by. The library board gave me the opportunity to bring my ifve-month-old in fant to work with me. I thinkit is fantastic that Rowan is setting an example for employers of mothers. I am so blessed to be offered this opportunity and I am excited to continue to offer excellence that the town of Rowan has become accustomed to during the previous director's reign. Stop in and chat! I'd love to recommend a new read to you!

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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**Council Members:
Mark Bruns
Dale Hollman
Virgil Park
Marcos Hurtado
Ashley Bosch**

The Rowan City Council met on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center with all members present.

Eric Rector, Director of the Wright County Conservation Board presented a check for \$41,000 for an outdoor learning space to the city council to help with the demolition of the old library and city hall. The money is an interest free 10-year loan from the conservation board. This is not tax payer money but from a reserve fund. A naturalist from the Wright County Conservation Commission works with the public libraries and this would be a good space for them to use for a class room. This fit right into the city's plan to make a green space in that area that could be used by the Museum and the Library and Community Center.

Mark Bruns reported that Mark Pluff has officially resigned from the Rowan Volunteer Fire Department. The Department is always looking for willing volunteers. Just contact Mark Bruns for more information.

Miss Loux reported to the council with an update for the food pantry and also a request. She reported that there has been a great response to the Rowan Food Pantry and that although they don't have an official number, they are estimating that approximately 80 people are being served. There has been a 9 member board established county-wide for the food pantry. Council person Marcos Hurtado is serving on that board. The community garden wasn't as fruitful and they hoped this year but they plan to do it again this year and will be making some changes. Loux was seeking permission from the council to replace the dorm size refrigerator in the pantry with a full-size one. She currently has access to yogurts, cheeses and meats but doesn't have the refrigerator capacity to accommodate those items. The council approved that request. The UCR Outreach Committee has been supplying milk and break on a weekly basis for the pantry and locals have been supplying eggs. Loux would also like to find a volunteer that would be willing to pick up tomatoes from Bushel Boys in Mason City so they would have the good tomatoes again this year.

Batteries have been purchased for the tractor and lawn mower and it is planned to have the new batteries installed and air in the tires of both by the March council meeting. The tractor and mower will be placed on an auction site after that meeting. The council also approved the purchase of two additional security cameras for the community center. These cameras will cover a wider area of the room and allow for monitoring activity in the entire room.

Rowan City Council
Monday, January 2
7:00 p.m. at
Community Center

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 - \$18.00/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.

The Christmas snow storm of 2022 played havoc with everyone's Christmas plans and travel this year along with causing damage to another Rowan icon and blocking travel on Bingham Avenue coming into town. I hope everyone had a safe and wonder holiday and I am wishing everyone a b very Wonderful and Bountiful New Year! Bring on 2023!

