

# ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

## Musings from the Mayor.....

It was a special weekend in Rowan this past Sunday. The Rowan Historical Society sponsored their Annual Gospel Fest for the first time since 2019. Headlining the show was our very own local talent of Annie and Terri Avery. It was a great afternoon of gospel music provided by Annie and Terri, Dale Eicher from Webster City, Don Wrolson from Hampton, Devin Lynch, Rick and Jenny Mansheim from Fort Madison, Becky Gors and Dale Boggess, and Bob Johnson. At one point Terri's mom, Vicki Wilson joined she and Annie for a song. Thank you so much to this group or performers for coming to Rowan and helping us raise funds for the Rowan Historical Society. Everyone enjoyed a soup and sandwich free will meal following the music.

I also want to thank Kevin and Betty Hadley for erecting the school sign coming into town on Bingham Ave. It's been a long time coming but it's finally a completed project.

We are also making progress with the installation of the generator at the United Church of Rowan. The generator is the property of the city of Rowan and will be an integral part of a future Emergency Management plan for our community. We will now have a safe and warm place to move residents to in the event of an extended power outage in town or heaven forbid a major disaster in our community.

The holiday season is upon us and the City Council and Rowan Library Board and staff will be hosting the Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 5:00—7:00 p.m. Come join us in an evening of community fun!



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## New Additions in Rowan!



### LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday**  
10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Friday**  
10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday**  
9 a.m. to Noon

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**Librarian: Josie Miller**  
**641-853-2327**

## Stories From the Library



Stop by the Rowan Library and pick up a gift tag to make someone Christmas a very special day. The United Methodist Church in Belmond is sponsoring this project. Choose one (or more) tag from the tree, purchase the gift and gift wrap it. Place the tag with the gift and return to the library no later than Friday, December 8th at 5:00 p.m. when the library closes.

The Library will also be taking orders for Riveter Drinks every other week. To order stop in the Library and Josie will give you an order sheet. Deliveries will be on November 27th, December 11th during the holidays and every other week after January beginning January 8th.





City of Rowan & Rowan Library  
Invite you to join us for the

## *Annual Tree Lighting*

Lights...Soup Supper  
Bake Sale....Santa Claus  
Hat & Mitten Drive

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Rowan Community Center

*Free Will Donation*

### **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 purchase of the new playground equipment.

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Annural Tree Lighting**

Saturday, December 2  
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 4  
7:00 p.m.

Community Center

#### **CPR Class**

Tuesday, December 5  
6:30 p.m.

Community Center on  
Main Street

Instructor: Nick Turner  
To register for the class  
call

Lennea Groom  
515-293-1657

# 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**

**Rowan City Hall  
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**

Mayor Lennea Groom opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Council present- Mark Bruns, Dale Hollman, Heather Baumgartner, and Marcos Hurtado.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved unanimously.

Public Input – Darrel Steven Carlyle reports that there have been 4 awards in Wright County from the Heart of

Iowa Program and one of them is in Rowan! Mayor spoke with Curtis about alley complaint, returned with list of complaints about Bruns. Mayor also spoke with Oliver and the property is being worked on and car has moved. Mayor inquires about fence repair at the church. Council asked questions about progress of new meter installations. There is a phone line hanging low in an alley, clerk will call Frontier.

Maintenance – Park absent. Hollman reports the backwash tanks are filling up faster than they should. He put the handicap parking sign back up at the Community Center.

Snow Bids – received one bid from Mountain Movers, motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Hollman. Approved.

Soup Supper/Tree Lighting – passed around soup sign up sheet, Mayor is in contact with Riedel to put lights up, clerk will call Aliant to put pole decorations up. Baumgartner would like to do the bake sale instead of the Historical Society with proceeds going to the new playground equipment – council agrees, we still have to come up with about \$3,000. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be here. Lions Club is doing treat bags and a hat and mitten drive.

Junk Cars – Mayor heard there was a new homeowner in town that only bought the property to store vehicles on that Dows is pressuring him to get rid of. There is nothing we can do proactively, if it does happen, will take steps necessary to have them removed. There are a couple of other properties in town that should receive notices for cars as well, will keep an eye on them.

Set January Meeting Date – clerk informs council that the January meeting date falls on January 1st and it might be better to move it with all of the guests we generally have at the January meeting. Motion by Hollman to move the meeting date to Thursday, January 4th at 7:00 PM, 2nd by Baumgartner. Approved.

CPR Classes – Loux and Meyer held a CPR class last week, but it was just too short of notice for anyone to attend. Mayor wonders if we should host one in conjunction with a Fire Department meeting. Bruns thinks that's a good idea, regular meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Will make inquiries.

Housing – 2 properties on Pritchett may hold some interest to neighbors, one is not salvageable. Motion by Bruns, 2nd by Hurtado to have the clerk start the paperwork to work towards abandonment proceedings. Approved.

Playground equipment purchase – Clerk informs council that Alexander also ordered equipment from the same vendor and the lead time was not as long as stated, equipment was delivered several months earlier. Should consider where we might store it if it arrives earlier than expected. **Continued on page 6...**

# ROWAN'S ROLLER MILLS



HIAMS



Hiams Mill 1896



LOGAN A. MCCALLUM  
Owner-operator Rowan Roller Mills  
Owner-operator Rowan Electric Plant  
Mayor of Rowan, 1922-1924

Rowan's Roller Mills began by the Iowa River south of Rowan right across the road from Gene & Kristi Frohling's house. Some evidence still exists. The channel of the river was moved in later years and the dam was destroyed. I have no information about when the mills were moved into the city of Rowan so if someone can provide that, it would be great.

**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

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



**Rowan City Council**  
**Monday, December 4**  
**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**

### **Clerks Corner Cont...**

Should consider where we might store it if it arrives earlier than expected. Should also get some fundraising going sooner rather than later.

Tractor and Mower – clerk needs more information to list them on the auction and need to set a timeline. After some discussion, was decided to do a sealed bid now with the minimums and chance to raise bid once at opening and then if we don't get any bids would do the auction in the Spring. Motion by Bruns to advertise sealed bids, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Building permits – Hofmeister to close off a door and fix the other at the shed on the South side of town (old bin site) on Hiams Street (no address assigned yet). Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Bruns moves to adjourn. Adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk

### **DECEMBER'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH: Ginger Molasses Cookies**

2 3/4 C. flour  
2 t. ground ginger  
1 t. cinnamon  
1/4 t. ground cloves  
1/4 t. ground nutmeg  
1 t. baking soda  
1/4 t. salt

3/4 C. butter softened  
1 C. packed brown sugar  
1 large egg  
2 t. vanilla  
1/3 C. molasses  
1/3 C. white sugar

1. Sift together the flour , spices, baking soda and salt.
2. Beat together the butter and brown sugar until fluffy. Beat in molasses, vanilla & egg.
3. Turn down mixer and carefully beat in flour 1/2 at a time.
4. Cover bowl and refrigerate dough for at minimum 30 minutes
5. When ready to bake preheat oven to 350 degrees and line baking sheets with parchment paper. Pour white sugar in a bowl and roll dough into 1.5 inch balls. Roll in sugar and place balls 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. Bake for 8-10 minutes and cool on cookie racks.

# **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**