

ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

Musings from the Mayor.....



Did you know????? One in eight lowans is food insecure, meaning they do not have access to sufficient food to make up a healthy diet.

The Wright County Extension Service and the Master Gardeners in our area are working together to help remedy this problem. The Extension Service opened a food pantry here in Rowan over a year ago and it has been well received and is visited quite frequently. This Spring, Missy Loux from the Extension Service wrote a grant to purchase materials to build a community garden here in Rowan. She and Rhonda Benton have played an integral role in building, planting and maintaining the garden area. Rhonda is fulfilling her 40 hours of community service to earn her Master Gardener status.

The garden is located west of the Rowan Community Center in the lot vacated by the former barber shop. Mark Bruns was kind enough to build them a water tank so the gardens can be easily watered on a regular schedule. There is a variety of vegetables and herbs planted in the buckets and raised beds along with some pollinator plants for the bees and butterflies.

The produce raised in the gardens will be taken to the food pantry for distribution to those who need the food. Cont. on page 6

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From Your Library.....

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

June 23

11:00 a.m.

Storytime at Library

June 30

11:00 a.m.

Storytime at Library

July 7

11:00 a.m.

Storytime at Library

July 12

5:00 p.m. Library Board
Meeting

July 21

11:00 a.m.

Storytime at Library

The Rowan Public Library will host **Storytime and a craft at the library for Summer Reading for those 10 years of age and under.** For every Storytime you attend your name will be entered into a drawing to win one of three prize bags. See list of dates and time below. Thank you to our sponsors this year Jim and Terri Avery and Greg Littlejohn with Farm Bureau Financial Services. Thank you to everyone who took part in our Adult Spring Reading bingo! Congrats to Jane McGrath for winning our adult spring reading prize basket donated by T+S Sanitation. For kids ten to eighteen, please stop in the library and fill out a reading log during June and July. We have three Amazon gift cards and one grand prize basket that you will put in the drawing to win for every fifteen minutes spent reading in the library. **The library will be throwing an end of Summer Reading bash on July 29. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this town wide event. There will be free entertainment for children and food trucks.** The library and the United Church of Rowan Women will be having a book and baked good sale in the library with proceeds benefitting the library's book collection. Various vendors will be in the community room selling handmade items. The Wright County Charitable Trust recently awarded the Rowan Public Library with \$2,000 to go towards updating the computers in the library. We are excited to get this project started. **Please note that the library will be operating under Summer Hours from now until September 30.**

Monday 10AM– 6PM

Wednesday 10AM – 6PM

Thursday 12PM – 3PM

Friday 10AM - 5PM

Storytime starts at 11:00AM

Children six and under must be accompanied and monitored by someone 13 years of age or older.

June: 9,16,23,30

July: 7,21

The Rowan Public Library Board of Trustees meets every second Wednesday of the month at 5PM. These meetings are open to the public. If you would like to be on the agenda, please contact Board President Katie Meyer or Board Secretary/Library Director Mandi Rink.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Monday, June 26, 2023

10:00 a.m. until finished

Project: Rearranging the library to better organize children and juniors area and moving the computer desk area.

Memories of Rowan From Times Past



Painted by Lucille Anderson from Dows, IA in 1987 from photographs from Helen Mickelson.

HILLTOP CAFÉ Rowan, IA

The Hilltop Café was located two miles west of Rowan, Iowa along Highway 3. It was owned by Rubin and Helen Mickelson for eighteen years from 1956 to 1974. In 1974 the highway was changed and the Hilltop was torn down. It was a restaurant before the Mickelson's purchased it. They slept upstairs and lived in the downstairs making for a homey atmosphere for the customers with good home cooking added. It was also a Sinclair Station where gas and oil was sold.

In the earlier years they were open seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. but were only open six days a week in later years. Breakfasts, lunches and dinners were served with Helen doing her own cooking. The doctors from the Clarion Clinic used to drive to the Hilltop for noon lunch about once a week. They drove in several different cars in case of an accident.

The Mickelson's sold the property when the Highway 3 was to be changed and two homes were eventually constructed at that location.

Schedule of Events

June 23

11:00 a.m.
Storytime at Library

June 30

11:00 a.m.
Storytime at Library

Saturday, July 2

At Lake Cornelia
8:00 a.m. Pancakes
11:00 am Kids Games
In the Park
7:00 pm Boar Parade
Dusk— Fireworks

Monday, July 3

7:00 p.m. City Council

Tuesday, July 4th

Belmond
10:00 a.m. Parade
Fun Activities and Food
all day
7:00 p.m. Fireworks

July 7

11:00 a.m.
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**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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From the Clerk's Corner.....

City Council met on June 5th at 7:00 p.m. with five council members, the mayor and city clerk present. There was also two members of the public present for the meeting.

There was considerable public input including everything from complaints about roosters in town, lawns not being mowed, a basement flooding when the septic tank was pumped and the new summer hours at the library. Action will be taken to try to remedy these complaints.

Mark Bruns requested that the city council approve the following people to the Board of Trustees for the fire department: Dale Hollman, Dale Arends, Les Andrews, Al Bailey and Mark Pluff. Motion was made by Park to approve all 5 nominees, 2nd by Hurtado and motion carried.

Virgil Park gave a maintenance report and also updated the council on the generator project. Park will be the project manager for the generator installation and will work with the Property and Maintenance Committee from the church and Randy DeBoer until the project is completed.

The Mayor closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2023-04 Dust Control Fee and Ordinance 2023-05 Vacate Ballou Street for public input. No public input was offered. The Mayor closed the public hearing and reopened the regular session.

Motion made by Bruns to approve Ordinance 2023-04, 2nd by Hurtado. The motion was unanimous by roll call vote. Motion by Hollman to approve Ordinance 2023-05, 2nd by Park. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

The city council approved a new mosquito control contract and would like to be notified in advance when they are coming to spray. Hollman is going to get an estimate on the cost of piping the water that drains to the intake in the alley behind the community center from Main Street to the nearby intake.

The library requested to have Main Street shut down on Saturday, July 29th for an End of Summer Reading Bash and wanted a bounce house and food trucks on the street. The request was tabled until the city could receive copies of proof of liability insurance for both activities. The council also reviewed the library policy.

Groom recommended that installation of a water hydrant at the SW corner of Bingham and Main for use by the community garden be tabled for this year. The estimates were between \$1500 and \$2000. Bruns has placed a portable water container for the remainder of this year.

The mower and tractor owned by the city are almost ready for sale at public auction site. It was agreed to put a minimum bid of \$1500 on the tractor with a belly mower and \$500 on the JD mower.

The city received a grant for \$6000 to be put towards the new playground equipment. The city clerk will look into updated prices for equipment and also get prices for slightly smaller sets. Currently there is a 38 week for ordering.

Meeting was adjourned.

Have a BANG UP 4TH Just Keep it Quiet and Follow State of Iowa Code

The State Code breaks fireworks into two groups Consumer Fireworks and Novelty Fireworks. Consumer Fireworks are the ones sold at the fireworks stands and are arial display and bottle rockets, firecrackers, cherry bombs etc. and not legal in Rowan. A special permit issued by the city is required to use Consumer Fireworks within the city limits. Novelty Fireworks are described as party poppers, drop pops, snakes, and some sparklers. Novelty fireworks may not have more than 0.25 grams of explosive mixture must state on their packaging "not subject to D.O.T. Hazardous Materials Regulations." Novelty fireworks can be used in the city limits of Rowan but must not include bottle rockets or any aerial displays or firecrackers.

Violation of state code may result in significant fines if not obeyed.

THANK YOU

WRIGHT COUNTY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION!

Rowan received a total of \$21,000 from the Wright County Charitable Foundation for five separate grants this year. Congratulations to all of you!

The following groups received money for their projects:

City of Rowan: \$6,000 for Playground Equipment
Iowa River Players: \$2,000 for replacement of light and sound instruments
Rowan Lions Club: \$5,000 for generator installation
Rowan Public Library: \$2,000 for revising library tech
Rowan Historical Society: \$6000 for Museum Siding Project

Food Pantry Hours
Monday
10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Thursday
Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Friday
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

City Council
Monday, July 3
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, July 3
7:00 p.m.

Library Hours

Mon, Wed
10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Thurs.
Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Fri
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

United Church of Rowan

10:00 a.m.
Sunday Church Service

Musings from the Mayor cont...

The Master Gardeners in our area are collecting excess garden and farm produce for donation to food pantries. If you have items to share from your garden please feel free to bring it to the food pantry at the Rowan Community Center and put it in the food pantry area.

The food pantry also carries grocery items, disposable diapers, baby food, some pet food and treats, and miscellaneous personal care items.

SUMMER FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Monday & Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday: Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. TO 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

JULY'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH: Snap Green Beans From the Wright County Extension Service

Boiled Green Beans:

Boil water in a pot. Add green beans in water, boil until green beans reach the texture you like. Usually 6 minutes.

Microwave Green Beans:

Put beans and 1/2 cup of water in a microwave safe dish with a lid. Microwave on high for 5 minutes and check doneness. Microwave for one minute at a time until the beans reach the texture you like.

Roasted Green Beans:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit. Toss green beans in a bowl with 1 table-spoon oil. Spread green beans on a baking sheet and sprinkle with a small amount of salt and pepper. Roast for about 12-15 minutes, stirring them after 6 minutes until green beans are tender and browned.

