

# ROWAN RING

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**City of Rowan—A small but friendly town**

## Musings from the Mayor.....

Farm Nutrients the Ag end of by-products from chickens is establishing their base of operations at the old elevator site on the west side of Rowan. They are currently re-modeling the old convenience store building and plan to move their business office into that building. Farm Nutrients is in charge of processing and spreading the manure from chicken farms and distributing it to local farmers. They currently employ 5 people and Rowan will be used to service and do maintenance on their equipment. None of the by-product processing will be done in Rowan.

Farm Nutrients is a subsidiary of Rembrandt Foods located in Rembrandt, IA. The manager is J.D. Evanson. He and his wife, Lindsay currently live in Dows. More information about Rembrandt Foods can be found by Googling <https://rembrandtfoods.com/>



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# THANK YOU!

The Rowan Historical Society and Rowan Outdoor Classroom Committee wishes to thank everyone for who helped to make the 21st St Patrick's Day Parade in Rowan a huge success. Thank you to the following businesses who advertised on KLMJ 104.9 Radio on the Go to support the parade:

Meyer Ag Service  
Muhlenbruch Insurance  
Smith Crop Insurance  
Bruns Bahine and Welding  
Ewing Funeral Home  
Mort's Water Company  
Farm Nutrients  
Aldrich Tree Farm  
First Bank Hampton

Also, to everyone who participated in this year's parade and attended the Irish Stew Luncheon. I would like to give a special thank you to Roger & Carnita Leist, Ron & Sandy Sturgeon, and Smith Crop Insurance for helping with food costs. It wouldn't be fair for me to leave out Bonnie Leist, Rhonda Benton, Nancy Beyer and Heather Baumgartner who put in hours on Friday and Saturday preparing for the meal and helping to serve it and take care of the bake sale.

**See you all next year!**

## *From the Library.....*

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, Apr. 3  
5 p.m.  
Library Board Meeting

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Librarian: Josie Miller  
641-853-2327  
director  
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***SUMMER LIBRARY FUNDRAISER***  
***Saturday, June 1, 2024 NOON***

***GRILLED HOT DOGS & SIDES***  
***YARD GAMES***  
***FOOD CONTEST***  
***BINGO***

***LIVE MUSIC: Clint Riedel***  
***More details to come!***

**If you have additional questions please  
contact Josie at Library.**

**REMEMBER TO SIGN UP NOW FOR THE  
SUMMER READING PROGRAM!**

## Scenes from St. Patrick's Day



ABOVE: Duane Carstens & Mike Thompson during the Irish Stew Luncheon. BELOW: Mike Thompson & Butch Aldrich leading the parade!



### Schedule of Events

#### Saturday, March 30:

10:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

#### Monday, April 1:

7:00 p.m. Rowan City

Council Meeting.

#### Wednesday, April 3rd:

5:00 p.m. Library Board

Meeting

**PAY UTILITY BILLS ON  
LINE  
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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## From the Clerk's Corner.....

Mayor Lennea Groom opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Council present- Mark Bruns, Dale Hollman, Heather Baumgartner, and Virgil Park. Minutes of the February meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously. Financials/ Vouchers – Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Hollman. Approved unanimously.

Public Input – Still having trouble with cans blowing out of the scholarship collection bin, Mayor will contact them about it.

Maintenance – Purchased a light to replace the one malfunctioning on the side of the Community Center, will be installing 6 smoke alarms throughout the Library/Community Center/City Hall building, talked to Doug's about the lawn mower recall and they will come down to fix it when parts come in, would like to also get another set of blades for the mower. Discussed the generator and responsibilities of the City, the Lions Club, and the Church, there will be an agreement drawn up.

Guest – Ashley Bosch – lives in District #2 between Clarion and Eagle Grove, running for Wright County Supervisor, being a stay at home mom will help her maintain focus on her duties. Some of the things she would like to work on are bringing back home health care, paying close attention to spending of tax dollars, and involvement in the communities to include attending council meetings in every town. Wants to make Wright County Inviting and Exciting! Encourages everyone to vote in the Primary on June 4th .

Missy Loux Request – Would like a key for the Community Center so she may keep the food pantry stocked during hours we aren't open. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Approved (for food pantry use only). Also discussed keys to the building and solutions for keeping track of who has what keys.

Siren – had a request from someone who would like to hear the siren in operation, as it is old and rare, will send the contact info to the Fire Chief to arrange something.

WM-Tel Contract – previously paid \$1,200.00 annually, willing to pay an additional \$300 annually for this contract (5 years), bringing it to \$1,500.00 annually and still including the 5 free internet connections. Cont. on 5



## From the Clerk's Corner continued.....

Motion by Park to approve the new contract at \$1,500.00 annually, 2nd by Bruns. Approved. Bruns moves that the additional \$300 should be allocated to the water department for water tower maintenance, 2nd by Hollman. Approved.

Water Rates – clerk presented an analysis of the past 7 years income and expense, there have been quite a few expensive events over that time period that has drained the fund, in FY21 we spent more than \$55,000 on the new iron filters and backwash settling tanks. This year we have had 2 water main breaks and replaced a curb stop. The current income received is covering regular operating expenses, however the funds for major maintenance expenses are almost gone. Discussed different options. Motion by Bruns to increase the minimum water rate (first 2,000 gallons) to \$24.50/month (previously \$21.50), decrease sewer rate to \$52.00/month (previously \$55.00), and increase water usage to \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons over minimum (previously \$4.00/1,000), 2nd by Hollman. Approved. Ordinance Amendment will be prepared for the regular April council meeting. Motion by Hollman to pay an additional \$3,000 to the USDA sewer loan principal this month, 2nd by Park. Approved.

FY25 Budget Review – discussed changes in tax levies and further new rules associated with the State law for adopting the budget. The tax levy public hearing is already set for March 25th at 7:00 PM. The council can not officially set a public hearing for the full budget until after that meeting has concluded. There can be no other business conducted at the tax levy public hearing, so it was decided to hold a separate meeting 30 minutes after the public hearing has been closed or 7:45 PM (whichever is later). Hollman made a motion to that effect, 2nd by Bruns. Approved. It was further described that when that public hearing date is set, it will be too late to be able to conduct it during the regular council meeting on April 1st, due to publishing/posting requirements of no less than 10 and no more than 20 days prior to the hearing. There will need to be an additional meeting in April no earlier than April 5th .

JD Lawn Mower – will post for bid again, was discovered that it may have been advertised last time with more hours than it actually has 13,000 rather than 1,300, will confirm the hour reading before reposting. Bids will be due March 28th with a bid opening at the April 1st meeting.

Spring Septic Maintenance Agreement – Bruns makes a motion to table the item and will make contact with the engineer again.

Playground Equipment – Clerk will get the instructions printed so the footings can be measured out. Fence at Church – Motion by Bruns to replace with boulders, 2nd by Park. Cont. on 6

### 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

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**2024  
Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday,  
March 30, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
City Playground  
On Main Street**

**In case of inclement  
weather the hunt will  
be moved to the  
Community Center**

**From the Clerks corner cont...**

Building permits – none.

Hollman moves to adjourn, 2nd by Park.

Adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the council will be April 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Tax Levy Public Hearing March 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Special Meeting March 25, 2024 at 7:45 PM. (or 30 minutes after closing of public hearing)

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk

**APRIL'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH: Amish Breakfast Casserole**

**Great for Easter Morning Breakfast**

Prep Time: 15 Min. Cook Time: 1 hr. Makes 15 Servings

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 lb. sliced bacon, diced                    | 1 1/2 C. small curd cottage cheese |
| 1 med. Sweet onion, chopped                  | 1 1/4 C. Swiss cheese, shredded    |
| 6 large eggs, lightly beaten                 | 1 lb. mild, bulk sausage           |
| 4 C. frozen hash browns,<br>Shredded, thawed | 1/2 red bell pepper diced          |
| 2 C. cheddar cheese, shredded                | 1/2 green bell pepper diced        |
|  | fresh, snipped chives for garnish  |

1. In a large skillet, cook bacon and onion until bacon is crisp, drain.
2. In a separate skillet cook sausage and bell peppers until sausage is cooked through
3. In a very large bowl combine the remaining ingredients, stir in bacon and sausage mixtures.
4. Transfer to a greased 13 in. x 9 in. x 2 in. baking dish. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until set and bubbly. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.