

ROWAN RING

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City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

From the Clerk's Corner.....

The Rowan City Council met on Monday, September 5, 2022. Mayor Groom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with five council members present and three visitors. The minutes of the August council meeting were read and approved.

Kevin and Betty Hadley asked for permission to put up the Belmont School Sign that's been in the city's possession for several years. Darlene Heaberlin has given permission for the sign to be erected on their property down by the highway. They would obtain the proper DOT permission. They also were asking permission to move the scholarship pop can recycle bin up near the old barbershop since the coop is now privately owned property and snow removal does not exist for that area. The council approved both requests.

The council also approved the appointments of Mariah Smith and McKenna Pentico to the Library board. Mariah went on the board to fill Berne Ketchum's term and will serve 6 years and McKenna will fill a 6 year term vacated by Jesse Winter.

The Mayor has spoken with Brian Miller from Hampton and he is willing to represent the City of Rowan. Eric Simonson has expressed concerns that two of the items he is currently working on for the city will have conflicts with his position as County Attorney, he would have to find alternate representation for those. He gave his blessing for the City to go with Miller and would assist in any way he can and forward whatever files to his office. Miller has been invited to attend the planning session on September 19th and the council will make an official decision at that time.

The Clerk presented the first round of question to the council from Simmering-Cory regarding the Ordinance Recodification that is due in 2023. The council will go through these line by line at the September 19th planning session.

A grant for \$1000 has been received from Alliant Energy to be used for new playground equipment. Additional monies will be requested from other sources.

Hollman announced to the group that the Sheriff would be willing to meet with the council if it was during work hours. Hollamn will get in touch with them regarding the meeting.

The council approved building permits for 127 Main Street for windows for the house and a chicken coop.



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Get to Know Your Neighbor... Aimee Frohling



I have been City Clerk of Rowan since April of 2015, since then I have expanded to Alexander, Meservey and Iowa Township. I also serve on the Board for the Wright County Charitable Foundation, the Rowan Improvement Foundation, and the United Church of Rowan Outreach Committee.

I have lived in and around Rowan for nearly my entire life, I escaped for about 4 years to Clarion and Dows, but Rowan has a tendency to pull you back in, it's home, it's been home for several generations of my immediate and extended family.

I have raised my 3 children here and they feel the way I do! My oldest (Warren) lives here in town and I get to see him just about every day before he goes to work in Webster City. My middle child (William) is currently deployed to the Mexican border with the Army National Guard, and will be in the market for an acreage nearby when he gets home in a month or so. My youngest (Hannah) just left for college and is studying to be an English teacher, she would like to teach in the BK school district and probably live in (you guessed it) Rowan!

I'd like to think that I'm a tiny, little part of this place, and that I've helped to keep it alive, it puts a sparkle in my my eye. And like Jo Kruger taught me when I was little, "this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine all over Rowan town."

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 17, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Book Club

October 18, 2022

Fall Fundraiser

5:00—7:00 p.m.

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

10:00 a.m.-Noon

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Stories From the Library

With school being back in session and fall being right around the corner, we're getting closer to my favorite time of year to sit and read. The clear, cold, and blustery days of fall are fast approaching now (with, of course, the dreaded frozen winter thereafter), but all I've been able to think about lately is curling up in an overstuffed chair with a good novel and a mug of hot cider. We've talked a lot in these columns about the whats and the whys of reading and stories. What we haven't spoken of, though, is the *where* of it all. So where's your favorite place to sit and read? Or sit and listen? Or just sit? And does it have an impact on the stories you consume?

The menu for the Fall Fundraiser on October 18th is beefburgers, baked beans and dessert.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

SPOOKY S-MORES BARS

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| 1 C. AP Flour | 3/4 C. Packed Brown Sugar |
| 1/3 C. Rolled Oats | 1 Egg |
| 1 C. Graham Cracker Crumbs | 4 Milk Chocolate Bars (large) |
| 1 t. Baking powder | 12 Ghost-shaped Marshmallows (Peeps) |
| 1/4 T. Kosher Salt | Optional: Black Food Coloring |
| 1/2 C. butter, melted | Pan |

1. Preheat Oven to 350 degrees. Butter an 8x8 inch pan. Line with parchment paper letting ends overlap. Butter parchment.
2. In a medium bowl, stir together flour oats, graham cracker crumbs, baking powder and salt.
3. In a bowl of an electric mixer, beat butter and sugar together. Add in egg and mix well. Stir in flour mixture until combined.
4. Spread into prepared pan, smooth top evenly and bake until done, about 18-20 minutes. Let cool on a wire rack.
5. Once cooled cover top with candy bars, breaking up fourth bar to cover cookie base completely. Top with 12 ghost-shaped marshmallows. (Place ghosts face down, as faces will melt under broiler)
6. Move top oven rack to the next to highest position (closer to the flame can cause parchment to burn). Place bars in oven for 1-2 minute until chocolate begins to melt and marshmallows are golden. Let cool, then use food coloring pen to add eyes and mouths to ghosts. Lift out of pan using the parchment overhang. Cut into bars. Serve warm or at room temperature.



CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN IN ROWAN!

**Trunk or Treat on
Saturday, October 29th
4:00 p.m to 6:30 p.m.**

**Mainstreet in front of Community Center
Weather Permitting! In Community Center If**

It's too cold or rainy!

Come in and Join us for

Pulled Pork Sandwiches or Hot Dogs

Chips, Pumpkin Bars and Drinks!

Everyone is Welcome! Free Will Offering!

Proceeds go to the Historical Society

Schedule of Events

City Council Meeting
Monday, October 3
7:00 p.m.

Library Fall Fundraiser
Tuesday, October 18
5:00—7:00 p.m. at
The Community Center

**Halloween
Trunk or Treat & Meal**
Saturday, October 29
4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

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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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