



Rowan Review

The latest news and announcements in your county.

In This Issue

Memorial Day Parade 2023: Honor and Remember Our Fallen

Gateway Area Development District Hosted Second Annual Spring Fling for Seniors

Summer Reading is Almost Here at the Rowan County Public Library

Wag Woof Walk STAR Fundraising 5K Returns

History of Rowan County Jails by Cindy Leach

Published by the office of Rowan Co. Judge-Executive Harry Clark

p. 606-784-5151

f. 606-784-3535

e. harry.clark@rcky.us



Rajant Corporation Bringing High-Tech Jobs to Rowan County

Rajant Corporation is an industrial wireless communications technology company that has brought high-tech jobs to Rowan County, setting our community apart with successful deployments in over 80 countries around the world in various industries such as military, mining, ports, rail, oil & gas, petrochemical plants, municipalities, agriculture, and more. Rajant's location in Rowan County is their main manufacturing center, as well as an office for sales engineering, and more of its radios are produced right here in our very own MMRC Industrial Park than anywhere else in the country.

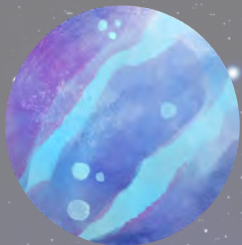
Rajant's investment in our county demonstrates the great resources our region has to offer. After Representative Hal Rodgers pointed out to Rajant's leaders the extensive potential already available in our community from Morehead State University, they decided to establish an office location in Morehead. In the seven years since then, they have expanded to nearly 40 employees, and according to Jim Tom Trent, who works with Rajant in new business development, they plan to increase to 100 within the next five years. "It's great to see innovative companies growing and reinvesting in the commonwealth creating more good-paying jobs for Kentuckians," Governor Andy Beshear said at a past event with Rajant. "Our strong higher education system – with many specialized programs that prepare Kentuckians to work in key industries – helps attract new jobs and foster continued investment. It's imperative that we continue to attract and grow higher-skill, well-paying careers for Kentuckians while providing the means to educate and train for those positions."

Morehead State's engineering programs, particularly regarding space systems engineering and space science, was a major factor in their decision to locate here. They have hired over thirty MSU graduates and work with MSU on aerospace projects. MSU's Space Science Center has RF and electronics laboratories; anechoic chambers that mimic the electromagnetic environment of space; a rooftop antenna test range; and a space systems development laboratory. The Star Theater digital planetarium hosts educational and entertainment programming for the community. Additionally, MSU's students have the opportunity to work on Morehead State's 21-meter space tracking antenna. This makes them well-prepared to enter the Space Systems Engineering field, demonstrating how extensively prepared these graduates are and how Rajant has kept and will keep talent right here in Rowan County for years to come.

Rajant's technology is truly innovative and is designed to "make and never break". In 2001, Paul Hellhake and Robert Schena established Rajant Corporation together in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks when our country witnessed communication breakdowns when traditional networks were overwhelmed and hit by terrorists. One of the great things about Rajant's wireless communications technology is that every node in a network can act independently of one another so there is no one single point of failure. Every node, called a BreadCrumb®, in Rajant's Kinetic Mesh® networks can act independently and with full routing capabilities, making it a true peer-to-peer network that is completely mobile-enabled and supports AES-CCMP and TKIP encryption. Kinetic Mesh® networks work autonomously to provide this kind of connectivity across dynamic environments of both fixed and mobile assets in real-time, and outdoor wireless mesh networks are proven to withstand even the harshest conditions. For example, if one node on equipment in a mining operation failed, other nodes would be able to both continue working and to triangulate its location, able to transmit and receive at the same time. The assets are connected to each other, so they don't have to have cell, internet, or other outside networks to work. Rajant has extensive experience in over twenty industries, as varied as military subcontracting, to their technology even being used by the NFL. We would also like to recognize them for donating equipment to St. Claire and other hospitals in our region to aid with mobile testing during the height of the COVID pandemic.

High-tech companies like Rajant are leading the way in creating quality jobs in Rowan County, helping make a brighter future for all of us. Rajant's expansion within our community highlights our effort to create opportunities for our residents and emphasizes what we already know: Our talented workforce is second to none, and Rowan County is the perfect home for businesses focused on long-term growth. Thank you, Rajant, for believing in us.

Pictured: Rajant Technology (top row); Rajant's facility ribbon cutting in 2017; MSU Space Science Center, MSU Star Theater



STAR THEATER UPCOMING EVENTS



Located in MSU's Space Science Center, the Star Theater is a great resource for our region. The 90-seat digital theater serves as a classroom and planetarium for the region's educators, MSU students and the general public. Public show costs are \$6 from 16-64, \$4 5-15 and over 64, and free for under 5 and all MSU staff, faculty, and students, payable by cash or check at the door. Community, school, or church groups can schedule a show for their group as well. The Star Theater also hosts free public colloquiums. Through June and July, they will also be doing hands on science fun for kids 5 or over.

Contact star.theater@moreheadstate.edu or 240-422-0546.

April 27 Thursday 6 PM. Free public colloquium. Speaker, an MSU alum, from Blue Origin

May 27 4th Saturday. 11 AM Cosmic Adventure, 1:30 PM Edge of Darkness, 6:30 PM Laser Spirit

June 10 2nd Saturday 11 AM Earth Moon and Sun, Noon to 1:30 Hands on Science Fun for Kids, 1:30 PM Expanded View, 7:30 PM Laser Pink Floyd: The Wall

SECOND ANNUAL SENIOR CENTER SPRING FLING EVENT

Gateway Area Development District (GADD) hosted its second annual Spring Fling event at the Clay Community Center in Mount Sterling. There, a crowd of over 200 senior citizens, resource fair attendees, local elected officials, and GADD personnel were in attendance for a day filled with food, fellowship, and entertainment. The event was made possible in part by numerous donations from the region's County and City governments, and local businesses and community partners that helped fund the food, decorations, and door prizes.



2023's Spring Fling was a great kick-off to the Spring season and to an already jammed-packed year for GADD. The landscape for GADD's Senior Centers Division has drastically changed since the inaugural Spring Fling last March; eight (8) new employees have been added to the division, the sites reopened to five (5) days a week, and the organization has implemented two new programs – MotorMeals and a Restaurant Voucher Program.

All GADD-operated senior center sites are open Monday through Friday, with lunch served from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM daily. For more information on GADD's senior center program, including the hours of operation and upcoming events, please visit www.gwadd.org/senior-centers/, or call GADD's Aging and Disability Resource Center at 855.882.5307.

About Gateway Area Development District

GADD is the regional council of government and federally designated Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living, along with the federally designated Economic Development District by the Economic Development Administration, serving Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan Counties in east-central Kentucky since 1969. GADD is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of elected officials from the counties and communities within the region as well as non-elected citizen members representing the region's social and economic institutions. GADD Board and staff are committed to the regional planning, promotion, and coordination of programs for community, infrastructure, economic, and social development.

Upcoming MotorMeals (Tentative)

May 2 - Lakeview Heights Community Building (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

May 9 - McBrayer Manor (10:30 AM – 11:00 AM), Eagle View Apartments (11:00 AM – 11:30 AM), Clearfield Manor (11:30 AM – 12:00 PM)

May 16 - Lakeview Heights Community Building (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

May 23 - Elliottville Baptist Church (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

May 30 - Mountain View Apartments (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

A complete schedule can be obtained by contacting your local senior center, visiting www.gwadd.org, or by following GADD on its Facebook and Twitter social media platforms. To participate in the program, individuals must be enrolled, or enroll, in a GADD senior center program. Signing up is quick and easy, and can be completed over the phone by contacting your local senior center. Individuals will be limited to one (1) meal per person each serving day, and meals will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis; individuals must be present to receive a meal. The meals are provided at no cost; however, a \$1.00 donation is suggested. For more information on the MotorMeals program, eligibility requirements, or other services offered through GADD's Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living, please contact your local senior center site or GADD's Aging and Disability Resource Center at 855.882.5307.

KENTUCKY PROUD EXPO

APRIL 28-29TH



Looking for the best Kentucky Proud products around? Look no further!

Morehead-Rowan County Tourism and Morehead Conference Center invite you to attend the annual Morehead Kentucky Proud Expo taking place April 28-29 at the Morehead Conference Center! Over 30 vendors will be on hand with woodworking, soaps, jams, jellies, wines, jewelry, and more.

Morehead Kentucky Proud Expo was created in 2014 and has been a staple event in the area since. Each year vendors from across the Commonwealth venture to Morehead to provide you with top of line Kentucky Proud products. The event is FREE and open to the public.

Make your way to Morehead Conference Center on Friday, April 28 from 5pm-8pm and Saturday, April 29 from 10am - 5pm for beer cheese, beef jerky, syrup, sweet treats, and so much more!

Article by Paige Swartz, Morehead-Rowan County Tourism Visitor Operations Director

SUMMER READING IS ALMOST HERE AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

School's almost out, and you know what that means: Summer Reading is right around the corner at your Rowan County Public Library! If you've never heard of Summer Reading, you're definitely missing out on some great experiences—but you don't have to! Like every other library program, it's completely free; all you have to do is sign up. Registration begins May 15th, and you can do it by visiting rowancountylibrary.org/summer-reading, calling the library at (606)784-7137, or stopping by in person. Parents or guardians can register themselves or their children. All you have to do is read and come have fun in exchange for prizes like free books!

This isn't just for kids, either—Summer Reading is open to all ages, including babies, adults, teens, and seniors. You get to read what you want (graphic novels and audiobooks count), so there's no risk of getting bored with the suggestions already available on the library's website or display shelves! Even if you can't read on your own, you still get to count books someone else reads to you (looking at you, toddlers), which makes it a great family activity. After all, books are best when they're shared!

That's what this year's Summer Reading is all about: We're celebrating kindness, inclusion, community, friendship, and cooperation. It's been a rough few years for lots of folks, and maybe you've helped someone out (or needed help, yourself). The Rowan County Public Library has your back, and wants to make this summer a season of group fun and learning for everybody!

It all starts with a big kickoff for readers aged 5-12 on May 25th, featuring the Tricky Max Comedy Magic Show. Max is here with an exciting and humorous performance that's all about audience participation, teamwork, and the power of being a good friend. Children are sure to have a blast—and adults might just get caught up in the magic, too!

There will be plenty more events like this one throughout June and July, including games, food, music, arts and crafts, workshops, special guests, and more. When you sign up for Summer Reading, you'll get a schedule of all these programs and a log sheet to track what you read; whenever you come join in at the library, you'll get a stamp for your log. More stamps means more chances to win additional prizes, like gift cards from Rowan County's favorite local bookstore, CoffeeTree Books!

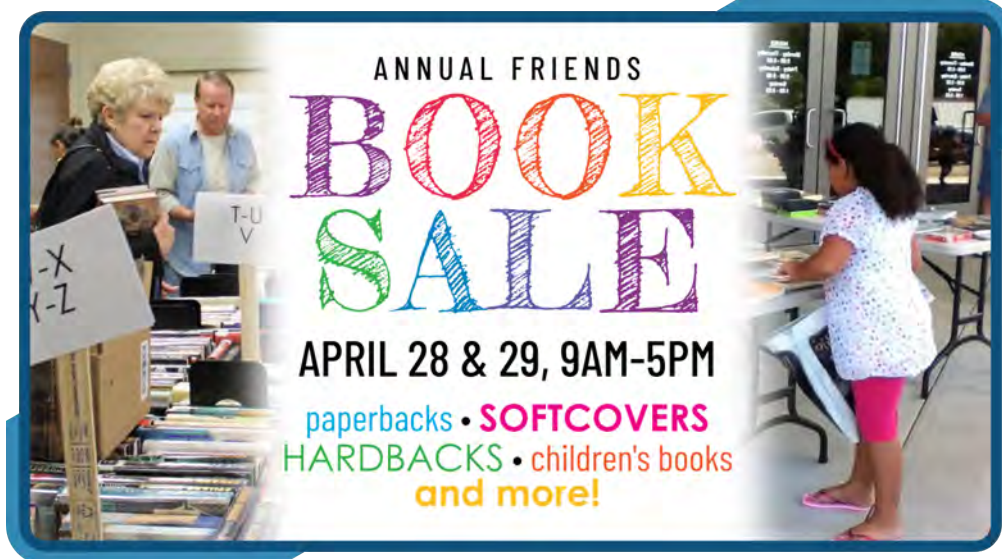
You can also visit the library's new website at rowancountylibrary.org to see everything on the calendar, share programs you like directly to social media, and get email reminders so you don't forget about that activity you really wanted in on. All the information you need is just a couple clicks away, whether you're on your smartphone or your computer at home!

The final day to register is June 23rd, so don't wait! It all starts much earlier than that, and you'll want to be part of as many library programs as you can—not just so you can rack up those stamps for the final prize drawings, but because they're all going to be a great time for individuals, friend groups, and families. Don't miss these opportunities to have fun!

Oh, and just so it's clear... The Rowan County Public Library absolutely encourages you to participate in Summer Reading at other libraries, too! Many patrons already use multiple libraries, so if you live in Bath, Menifee, Morgan, Elliott, Carter, Fleming, Lewis, or another Kentucky county, you can totally sign up for their programs and ours as well, and earn different rewards in each place. In fact, any librarian would agree: The more libraries you visit and use, the better!

For more information and a complete schedule of events with reminders, go online to rowancountylibrary.org/summer-reading, where you can search for Summer Reading programs by type, time, date, intended audience age, subject matter, and more. Remember to register on the website, in person at the library, or by phone at (606) 784-7137 between May 15th and June 23rd to be eligible for prizes!

Article by Morgan Mullins



Congrats, NEXUS Pointe Dancers- National Champions!

Congratulations to the hardworking dance teams at NEXUS Pointe, our local performing arts studio specializing in ballet conservatory and competition teams as well as recreational classes for all genres of dance. This year, they had two teams, Minis (K-2nd grade) and Juniors (6th-9th grade), participate in the ID Dance Competition, Covington, KY; Crowd Pleasers Dance Nationals Dance and Drill Team Competition, Orlando, FL; and Inferno Dance Competition, Columbus, OH. They won 25 platinum adjudications, two high gold adjudications, and seven judges' awards. Many solo performers from NEXUS Pointe also received awards and adjudications.

The Minis team won 3rd place overall in their age division in Jazz and 5th overall in open (combination Pom, Jazz and Hip Hop styles) at the ID Dance Competition. Later at the Inferno Dance Competition, they moved up to 2nd place overall in jazz, 5th place overall in contemporary, and 1st place in open. The Juniors received 3rd place overall in contemporary. The Minis won the title of Grand Champion in their level division! Finally, at the Crowd Pleasers Dance Nationals Dance and Drill Team Competition in Orlando, the Minis won Overall NATIONAL CHAMPIONS! This title was for all ages in the studio division.

We are very proud of our local NEXUS Pointe's dancers! All their hard work and efforts really paid off! For more information visit <http://www.NEXUSky.com> or email NEXUSpointe@yahoo.com.



MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

APRIL-MAY 2023

WEEK OF 4/24

PAINT NIGHT WITH ALLISON SLONE
ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER
4/25 AT 5:30PM
RSVP 606.783.9857

MSU STAR THEATER, FREE PUBLIC COLLOQUIUM. SPEAKER, AN MSU ALUM, FROM BLUE ORIGIN
4/27 AT 6 PM

MOREHEAD KENTUCKY PROUD EXPO
MOREHEAD CONFERENCE CENTER
4/28 AT 5-8PM, 4/29 AT 10AM-4PM

PROFESSIONAL MUSKY TOURNAMENT
TRAIL SPRING SHOOTOUT
4/29-30, CONTACT
(815) 478-4092 FOR MORE INFO

WEEK OF 5/1

SOUNDS OF OUR HERITAGE: SEMESTER FINALE CONCERT FROM KENTUCKY CENTER FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC LOCATED AT THE MOREHEAD CONFERENCE CENTER
5/2 AT 7PM

PRESERVING YOUR HERITAGE: "INFECTIOUS DISASTER" KENTUCKY HUMANITIES SPEAKER TERRY FOODY
AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 5/4 AT 5:30-6:30PM

ART FROM THE PARK, PRESENTED BY: FRIENDS OF RODBURN HOLLOW PARK, AND MAKER'S MARKET, LOCATED AT THE ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER,
5/6 AT 11AM-3PM

DERBY DAY CELEBRATION AT SAWSTONE BREWING WITH LIVE MUSIC
5/6 BEGINNING AT NOON

WEEK OF 5/8

PAINT NIGHT WITH ALLISON SLONE
ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER
5/9 AT 5:30PM
RSVP 606.783.9857

DOVES OF GATEWAY BENEFIT SHOW
ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER
5/13 AT 7-9:30PM
\$10 DONATION; 100% OF PROCEEDS GOES TO DOVES TO HELP VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

HALDEMAN COMMUNITY CENTER IS HOSTING A MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT SHOW AND OUTSIDE WILL BE THE HIP CAT HUSTLE CAR SHOW
5/13 AT 9AM-2PM

LATER EVENTS

SUMMER READING REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR ALL AGES AT THE ROWAN COUNTY LIBRARY ON 5/15
MORE INFO PAGE 6

WAG WOOF WALK 5K ON 5/20
MORE INFO ON PAGE 10
SIGN UP ONLINE AT

[HTTPS://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/EVENTS/KY/MOREHEAD/WAGWOOFWALK5K](https://runsignup.com/race/events/ky/morehead/wagwoofwalk5k)

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, 5/29
LINEUP AT 9-10:30AM
PARADE BEGINS AT 11AM
MORE INFO ON PAGE 12-13

RECURRING EVENTS

MAKERS' MARKET AT ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER
FIRST SATURDAY MONTHLY, 11AM-3PM
ZUMBA GOLD AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY,
EVERY MONDAY, 6 PM
CRAFTIN AROUND FOR 13+ AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2ND MONDAY MONTHLY, 10 AM-2 PM

CARDBOARD SOCIETY AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, BOARD GAMES FOR GRADES 6-12, 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 2-4PM

STORYTIME AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY:
TUESDAYS AT 10:15 AM FOR TODDLERS
TUESDAYS AT 11:15 AM FOR PRE-K (3-5)
THURSDAYS AT 4 PM FOR AGES 5-12

DEVICE ADVICE AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1ST TUESDAY MONTHLY, 10AM-NOON

A GOOD YARN- SIT AND STITCH AT COFFEE TREE BOOKS,
TUESDAYS AT 4PM, SATURDAYS 10AM-1PM

ON BOARD- GAME NIGHT FOR 13+ AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, LAST TUESDAY MONTHLY, 4-6PM

CHOW CLUB- COOKING CLUB FOR ADULTS AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY- 4TH TUESDAY MONTHLY, 11AM-1PM

YOGA AT SAWSTONE BREWING, TUESDAYS 6-7 PM

TEEN ANIME CLUB (13-17) AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1ST WEDNESDAY MONTHLY, 4:30-6:30 PM

LEGO CLUB FOR 5-12 AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2ND WEDNESDAY MONTHLY, 4 PM

TEEN GAME NIGHT (13-17) AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3RD WEDNESDAY MONTHLY, 4 PM

WRITER'S WORKSHOP FOR 13+ AT ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, LAST WEDNESDAY MONTHLY, 4:30-6:30 PM

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE MOREHEAD HISTORY AND RAILROAD MUSEUM, SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6 PM



POST 126 BINGO
FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
DOORS OPEN @ NOON | FIRST BALL DROPS @ 2PM
PROCEEDS SUPPORT LOCAL VETERANS PROGRAMS
COME PLAY!
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE ON SITE!
AMERICAN LEGION POST 126
140 AMERICAN LEGION WAY, MOREHEAD, KY 40351
(LOCATED BEHIND ROWAN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUILDING)

The Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 1525 (The Bluegrass Flyers) serves a nutritious breakfast at the Morehead-Rowan County Clyde A Thomas Regional Airport the 1st Saturday of each month, 8:00 - 10:30 AM (next date: May 7th). The price of \$5.00 goes to support student flight scholarships and youth flying activities such as Young Eagles. Come out and look at airplanes, meet our members and talk aviation as long as you like. We also welcome new members. You don't have to be a pilot or have a plane - Just an abiding interest in aviation or the opportunity to help young people explore and achieve their flying dreams.

DO YOU WANT YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT FEATURED IN THE ROWAN REVIEW?

CONTACT US AT 606-784-5151 OR EMAIL SAVANNAH.JACKSON@RCKY.US BEFORE THE FRIDAY PRECEDING EACH MONTH'S GENERAL SESSION FISCAL COURT MEETING (NEXT DEADLINE: MAY 12TH)

LOCATIONS, HOURS, AND CONTACT INFO

ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER:
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 10AM-4:30PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER
CALL: 606-783-9857
EMAIL: RCAC@MOREHEADTOURISM.COM
VISIT: ROWANCOUNTYARTSCENTER.COM

ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY:
MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9AM-7PM
FRIDAY & SATURDAY:
9AM-5PM
ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
CALL: 606-784-7137
VISIT: ROWANCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG

MOREHEAD CONFERENCE CENTER
CALL: 606-780-9694
EMAIL: MCC@MOREHEADTOURISM.COM
VISIT: MOREHEADCONFERENCECENTER.COM

KENTUCKY FOLK ART CENTER:
MONDAY-THURSDAY: 10AM-4PM
CALL: 606-783-2204
EMAIL: KFAC@MOREHEADSTATE.EDU
VISIT: MOREHEADSTATE.EDU/KFAC/

ROWAN COUNTY VETERANS' MUSEUM
SATURDAY 10AM-2PM, OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT
CALL: 606-776-3147

MOREHEAD RAILROAD AND HISTORY MUSEUM
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 11AM-5PM
CALL: 606-784-5122

HALDEMAN MUSEUM
WEDNESDAY- SUNDAY 10AM-8PM
CALL: 606-780-4043

Wag Woof Walk 5K Returns!

2nd Annual Wag Woof Walk 5K, hosted by the Morehead-Rowan County Young Professionals Association
Fundraising Event for: STAR (Saving the Animals of Rowan)

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023 Check-in: 7:00am Start Time: 8:00am

Registration price includes: 5K, t-shirt, and dog bandana (If you are bringing one)! Dogs are not required but they are welcome! Grab your pups and friends and make a TEAM! Teams of 5 or more will receive a discount of \$5 off!

The Morehead-Rowan County YPA is a group of young leaders who engage in philanthropic work to help their community. This group will be hosting their 2nd annual Wag Woof Walk 5K. This event allows runners the option of bring their dogs to participate. There will be water checkpoints on the course for runners & dogs. This is a run/walk event to support the local non-profit dog rescue organization, STAR (Saving the Animals of Rowan). STAR is known for rehoming and saving the lives of countless dogs in the area. They work with the Tri-County Animal Shelter to help educate the public about the importance of spay/neuter, vaccinations, and heartworm/fecal testing for the health of their dogs. This group goes above and beyond to ensure the quality of life for dogs and making sure they end up in the arms of individuals who will show them the love they need.

Last year's Wag Woof Walk 5K raised over \$1,500 for STAR and had over 90 participants. They look forward to an even bigger turnout this year. Consider supporting their mission to save countless dogs in our area by completing your registration and liability waiver. If you register by Sunday, May 1st, you will also receive a t-shirt and dog bandana! Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 dogs of each breed category (large, medium, small). Trophies will be given to the top overall runners: female, male, largest team, and age groups (10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, & 60+). EVERYONE who participates will receive a medal!

Consider registering today at <https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/KY/Morehead/WagWoofWalk5K>.



DEPARTMENT UPDATES



Steve Kelsey
Road Foreman

Beginning next week, we will be doing road work district by district. We hope that this will reduce costs and time associated with moving equipment.

To report a road concern, visit rcky.us/road-department-1. There are multiple methods of contact, or you can fill out an online form directly on the page.



Danny Blevins
Ambulance Service

The Ambulance Service is very busy. Our staff is healthy and we have hired additional employees.

We've seen an uptick in overdoses. Sheriff Matt Sparks has warned of the dangers of fentanyl.

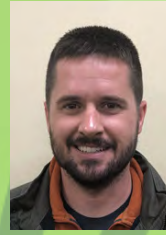
We're resolving some maintenance issues with our fleet.



Wes Coldiron
Jailer

We recently changed our jail tracker/booking system. The new link is https://omsweb.public-safety-cloud.com/jtclientweb/jailtracker/index/Rowan_County_KY.

Read about our SCORE work release program on rcky.us.



Tyler Brown
Solid Waste and Floodplain

This year's cleanups have begun and we will be cleaning more miles of road and dump sites in the coming weeks.

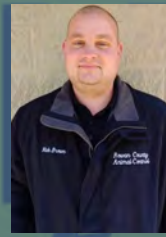
We had a free dump day earlier this month with a great turnout.

For information about recycling, call 784-1250 or visit <https://moreheadrecycling.org/>. Check out the article below about paper recycling.



Mike Mackin
Finance Director

Visit rcky.us/alcoholic-beverage-control to view our alcohol license application guidelines and the Rowan County Alcohol Sales Ordinance. Rowan County's business regulations and new business checklist are available at rcky.us/occupational-tax. For further information on these, I can be reached at 606-784-6218 or michael.mackin@rcky.us.



Nick Brown
Animal Control Officer

The Tri-County Animal Shelter is now cashless, accepting checks, debit, and credit. To see the animals we have in the shelter, visit rcky.us/animal-control. We also post intakes to our Facebook page, @RowanDogPound (Tri-County Animal Shelter - Clearfield, Ky). Consider adopting instead of shopping for a pet and visit us today.

KYTC State Roadwork on the Way

- KY 377- utility and right of way work
- KY 32 and KY 801- right of way work
- KY 1167- paving and drainage work beginning this summer, scheduled to be completed in November
- KY 785- paving scheduled through the summer and fall
- KY 1274- construction scheduled to be completed by the end of June or early July
- KY 1722- resurfacing
- KY 504- resurfacing
- I-64- resurfacing set to begin in June

Memorial Day Parade 2023

Our Annual Memorial Day Parade is one great tradition here in Rowan County sponsored by the Veterans' Foundation and Rowan County Fiscal Court and coordinated with our American Legion post. This year, it will be held on Monday, May 29th. Lineup will begin at 9am and the parade will start at 11am. There will be awards for floats, sponsored in part from assistance by the Morehead Optimist Club. This year's theme is "Honor and Remember Our Fallen". For more info, contact Luther Adams at 606-356-1544 or Danny Knipp at 606-207-1946. To register, contact Jeff Fannin at 606-776-2639 or by email at sales@printusa.com.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
HONOR AND REMEMBER
OUR FALLEN

MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY
W. MAIN STREET • MOREHEAD, KY
LINE UP 9:00 - 10:30 AM
PARADE STARTS @ 11:00AM

INFO: LUTHER ADAMS (606) 356-1544
OR DANNY KNIPP (606) 207-1946
REGISTER: SALES@PRINTUSA.COM
JEFF FANNIN (606) 776-2639

The poster features a photograph of a cemetery with many white headstones, each with a small American flag placed in front of it. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the title at the top, the theme below it, and the event details in a green box. Contact information is provided at the bottom, and a row of five circular logos is at the very bottom.



The American Legion will be presenting the American Legion 2023 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for Rowan County Award to Deputy Sheriff Mike Curtis. Deputy Curtis is a lifelong resident of Rowan County graduating from Rowan County High School in 1972. He began his law enforcement career in 1973 as a dispatcher for the Morehead Police Department. He served in that position for two years during school and also joined the Morehead Volunteer Fire Department in 1973 serving until 2000. Mike became a police officer in 1998 serving with the Morehead State University Police Department. Mike transferred to the Morehead Police Department in 2000 and retired from that position in 2018. During this period, from 2004-2006, he was selected to represent Morehead/Rowan County as a UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigation, Treatment and Education) Detective Supervisor. In 2019, he joined the Safe Schools program for the Rowan County School District serving as a School Resource Officer and sworn Rowan County Deputy Sheriff. He currently serves in that position primarily at the Tilden Hogge Elementary School. Safe Schools Coordinator Larry Robinson, advised that Mike not only does an exemplary job connecting with the kids but volunteers his time to attend after hours events to protect security for the attendees. Sheriff Matt Sparks said, "Deputy Curtis has served his community in an outstanding manner for decades and continues to protect and serve. He is well deserving of this award recognizing his service."

George Hyatt, 93, member of American Legion Post 126, has been selected as the Grand Marshall of the 2023 Rowan County Memorial Day Parade.

George was drafted into the United States Army in 1951 at the beginning of the Korean War. George was from Rowan County and deployed to Korea in November. He was a member of the 987th Armored Infantry and he was a designed Wireman. His duties consisted of running wire and handling communications for the unit. George said that when he arrived at Incheon, there was heavy fighting that included hand to hand combat. George was awarded two Purple Hearts for being wounded in combat and two Bronze Stars for bravery. The first Purple Heart was received for leg wounds by shrapnel he received in an artillery attack. The second was Purple Heart and a Bronze Star were received when a mortar attack hit the motor pool. He put out a fire that endangered the unit but was burnt in the process. The other Bronze Star was for bravery in combat. He was in a fox hole and fighting was hand to hand. He saw a “potato masher”, which was slang for that type of grenade, land in the hole. He grabbed the grenade and threw it out before it could explode, saving multiple lives.

George said the best memory he has of being in Korea was leaving and coming home. He did keep the clip from his rifle, with a few rounds, which he still has today. George returned to the United States and moved to Indiana for a job with Chrysler from which he retired. He returned to Rowan County in 1991 and has lived here since that time. George and many like him are the reason we have the freedoms we have in this country today. We take this time to honor him and his brothers. May God bless George Hyatt, his many brothers, and the United States of America.

Article by Scott Barker, President of Rowan County Veterans' Foundation



History of Rowan County Jails

Article by Cindy Leach

The first jail in Rowan County was located on Bishop Avenue and was built in 1857 and made of logs. It was financed by two Meyer brothers who lived on the Licking River near Farmers. This structure was inadequate for housing inmates, who often boasted about how easy it was to escape and had a tendency to catch fire. There is a story that the first woman prisoner set fire to the jail and burned it to the ground (Tennessee Eden). The wooden jail's deplorable conditions are recorded in Rowan County Fiscal Court minutes.

The Courthouse Square was donated to the newly formed county of Rowan in 1856 by Isabell Abbey Oxley, an ancestor of many current Rowan County residents. The square has been under the ownership of the Rowan County Fiscal Court since this time. The Courthouse, jail and school superintendent's office were all built on the square.

When the old courthouse was added to the National Historical Register in 1983, the jail and superintendent's office were not old enough to be included in the nomination. The requirement is for buildings to be 50 years old — the jail and superintendent's office were only 45 at the time. The buildings were successfully added to the Register in 2016 with the approval of a boundary increase to the old courthouse, which allowed the entire courthouse square to be protected by the designation.

The “current old” jail was built by the WPA (Works Progress Administration) under President Roosevelt's New Deal plan. The cost was \$75,000 and was believed to be “almost escape proof.” Construction began on the old Rowan County Jail in 1937 and was completed and opened in January 1939. The building was constructed of rusticated limestone, which was supplied by the local quarry, located at Rockville, a small community near Farmers in Rowan County. A six-room residence was connected to the jail for the jailer and his family. That building has been razed.

The jail was condemned in 1942 and 1972 but used until 1991 when a new jail was built. After that, the Fiscal Court used it for storage. A new jail facility was planned soon after the jail condemnation. A 1.5 million city-county governmental complex was planned but was on hold still in 1974. The jail was to just be used as overnight stay but continued to hold prisoners. However, juvenile and female prisoners were taken to Bath County.

In 2016, Morehead State University requested that they be allowed to demolish the jail and the superintendent's building (now the Veteran's Museum) and were also requesting a permanent easement on the back side of the Courthouse Square. After public outcry over razing a historic building and a packed Fiscal Court meeting, the court voted unanimously to keep the old jail. The Rowan County Historical Task Force took on the job of restoration and was close to finishing when Covid-19 started. The Task Force is now trying to complete the process and hopes to turn it over soon to the Rowan County Arts Center to use as classrooms and artist studios.

Rowan County has had almost as many jails as courthouses! The next jail was built in 1989 next to the “new” courthouse on East Main Street, which was originally Parney Martindale’s warehouse. It was built to hold 78 inmates but sometimes held as many as 140.

The fourth (and current) jail in Rowan County broke ground in 2016 on a new \$20.7 million detention center on July 18, about two years after the Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC) authorized the county to move forward with the building project. The 300-bed jail was built on the former Eastern Kentucky Tobacco Warehouses.

List of Jailers

James Black, James Andrew (Jim Andy) Nickell, Thomas Trumbo, G.W. Davis, Carter Collins, Samuel Bailey, Grant Ramey, S.S. Bowling, Sam Stamper, Albie Hardin, Allie Y. Sorrell, James Ruben “Rube” Thomas, Elmer “Elmo” Plank, Warren Plank, Belva G. Branham, Jesse Anderson, Roger Thomas, Dale Davis, Don Hall, Tim Bryant, Wes Coldiron.

Sources

Rowan County News, January 5, 1939, July 27, 1972, February 28, 1974

Juanita Blair notes

Jack Ellis files

<https://www.constructionjournal.com/projects/details/b6a5af228d3a463a9d429be8758e42f0.html>

Prison/Jail Construction Project Lead, Morehead, KY 40351 (Rowan County)

<https://www.corrections1.com/corrections/articles/ky-county-approved-for-new-larger-county-jail-r4lwNrdlapH0gLA/>



Photos: top left corner, WPA-era historical photo of jail; top right, circa 2015; bottom right, taken on 4/24/23 by Emily Branham

Tri-County's *Pets of the Month*



Fiji and Flame are two young female dogs from the same litter, and they need a forever home! They're 23 weeks old and have been in the shelter for 7 weeks. Consider bringing them into your loving family.



Charles is a 1 and a half year old male cat who would love to be part of your family. He's been at the shelter for three weeks. He's fixed and ready to go, so consider stopping by the Tri-County Animal Shelter to meet Charles today!

Call 606-784-4930

Magistrates



Ray White

Magistrate District 1
Phone: (606) 783-1529
Email: rwhite@haroldwhitelumber.com



Darrell Glover

Magistrate District 2
Phone: (606) 780-7193
Email: dlgllover1200@yahoo.com



Charlie Winkleman

Magistrate District 3
Phone: (606) 784-3979
Email: winklemanfarms@windstream.net



Rob Hamm

Magistrate District 4
Phone: (606) 784-8806
Email: Robert.hamm@kctcs.edu

Employee Birthdays

GINA DAY, AMBULANCE SERVICE, 4/23

TIMMY BLACK, ROAD DEPARTMENT, 5/1

ELAINE DOUGLAS, AMBULANCE SERVICE, 5/3

WES COLDIRON, JAILER, 5/4

JEFF PERKINS, ROAD DEPARTMENT, 5/18



Follow us on Facebook
at www.facebook.com/RCFiscalCourt



Sign up to receive this in your inbox
each month at www.rcky.us/review



Visit us on the web at www.rcky.us