



# Rowan Review

The latest news and announcements in your county

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**Rowan County Senior Center Award:** \$750,000 from the Community Development Block Grant program to support the construction of a new Senior Center building. This will be the first time in our history that Rowan County has had a dedicated senior center. We're truly grateful for the state's support in bringing this much-needed development to our community. The Rowan County Senior Center offers essential services to seniors, providing them a place to gather, promoting health and nutrition, offering information for independent living and delivering social outreach services. The new building, which will span nearly 6,000 square feet, will be located at 740 Clearfield Street and will meet all Americans with Disabilities Act and Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards. We want to acknowledge and appreciate the hardworking individuals and state officials who worked tirelessly to make this project a reality.

**Transportation Award:** The Governor awarded \$252,000 to Rowan County Fiscal Court to resurface all of Clearfork Road. This is the first time in over 10 years that work has been done to improve this road.

**Kentucky Product Development Initiative Funding:** \$600,000 for future industrial development on Rodney Hitch Boulevard, in partnership with Morehead-Rowan County Economic Development Council and Rowan County Fiscal Court.

**Energy and Environment Cabinet Awards:** \$9,500 funding will support efforts to help Rowan County residents safely dispose of household hazardous waste.

**Cybersecurity Grant Award:** \$67,000 to the Rowan County Fiscal Court to support cybersecurity and information technology in Rowan County.

There were several other grants that will also benefit our community:

**Expansion of Morehead-Rowan County Regional Airport:** \$648,000 to the Morehead-Rowan County Regional Airport to help plan, design and construct a new apron, an area where aircraft are parked. The funding comes from the Department of Aviation.

**Tourism Marketing Funding:** \$207,467 to Morehead-Rowan County Tourism to support travel marketing and promotion and to attract meetings and conventions, distributed from the Kentucky Department of Tourism.

**Morehead-Rowan-MSU Community Recycling Center:** \$204,000 to support the cost of a shredder/baler combo, conveyor w/ hopper to feed vertical shredding, (4) 2 yard hippo hoppers, (4) cardboard bins, 72' forks for forklift, and advertising funds.

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# MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY TOURISM CELEBRATES 2022 AS BEST YEAR ON RECORD FOR ECONOMIC IMPACT

Morehead-Rowan County Tourism is leading the way in demonstrating the importance of outdoor recreation in the tourism industry. We're being recognized not only in Eastern Kentucky but all across the state. Rowan County has also pulled into third place in our 15-county region after holding strong in 4th and 5th place for 5 years. We're very excited that people traveling are choosing our community to visit.

Kentucky Tourism generated \$12.9 billion in economic impact and 91,668 jobs in 2022. This makes it the best year on record! Not only has it been the best year on record for the state: Morehead-Rowan County also had a record-breaking year. We grew in tourist spending by \$2.17 million reaching \$53.37 million!

According to a study by Tourism Economics, more than \$936.7 million in state and local taxes were generated in total across the state of Kentucky because of tourism's economic impact, equating to an estimated \$536 tax savings for every Kentucky household. These numbers underscore the economic benefits of tourism and the importance of local economic investment.

Site Selection magazine recently placed Kentucky first in the South Central region and top-5 nationally in its 2023 Prosperity Cup ranking, which recognizes state-level economic development agencies for their success in landing capital investment projects; they also placed Kentucky second nationwide and first in the South Central region for its annual Governor's Cup ranking for 2022, which recognizes state-level economic success based on capital investments. Kentucky is thriving, and Rowan County is leading the way in our region.

Because of our location in the Daniel Boone National Forest and on the Sheltowee, we have access to over 100 miles of trails, with natural beauty and recreation opportunities for everyone to enjoy. This has given us a unique opportunity for economic growth and development as we emerge from the pandemic, and these statistics from the state clearly demonstrate how important tourism is for our local economy.

To view the full economic impact report, visit: [kentuckytourism.com/industry](https://kentuckytourism.com/industry).

To learn more about Morehead-Rowan County Tourism, visit: <https://visitmorehead.com/>



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# The Importance of Senior Centers

Senior Centers are a focal point for community engagement among senior citizens. They go above and beyond acting as gathering places for older folks; they hold important programs that make a tangible improvement in their quality of life. Rowan County has a lot to celebrate with the creation of our first ever dedicated Senior Center building, which will offer essential services to seniors: providing them a place to gather, promoting health and nutrition, offering information for independent living, and delivering social outreach services.



Senior Centers are a central location connecting the individuals who utilize it to vital community services that can help them stay healthy and independent. Older adults who participate in senior center programs experience better psychological well-being across several measures compared to non-participants. Seventy-five percent of participants visit their center 1 to 3 times per week and spend an average of 3.3 hours per visit. Our new dedicated senior center, in the heart of Rowan County on 740 Clearfield Street in Morehead, will span nearly 6,000 square feet. It will meet all Americans with Disabilities Act and Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards.

Serving this vulnerable population is vital to the well-being of our community. We want to acknowledge and appreciate the hardworking individuals who worked tirelessly to make this project a reality. We're truly grateful for the state's support in this much-needed development.

## Community Development Block Grant Supports Regional Senior Center Kitchen Expansion

The Governor presented \$946,000 from the from the Community Development Block Grant program to renovate and expand the Menifee County Senior Center Kitchen. The Governor joined state and local officials to cut the ribbon on the Menifee County Senior Center's Regional Kitchen expansion. This expansion will add over 1,000 square feet to the building. It will allow for new freezers and a larger meal prep area. A generator will be installed to keep food cold and fresh during power outages. The regional kitchen has been a vital resource for seniors in the area. During the pandemic, the kitchen's capacity was pushed to its limit, highlighting much needed improvements. At the conclusion of the event, the Governor, along with state and local leaders, cut the ribbon on the renovated Menifee County Senior Center Kitchen.





## Road Improvements and Blacktopping Across the County are Underway

Here, we've got all of the road paving projects accounted for, and we will likely be beginning on those later on in September. Our hope is to finish these by the end of this year, weather permitting and barring any supply chain issues. See below for a full list of resurfacing projects. For updates on road closures, follow our Facebook page @RCFiscalCourt.

### Discretionary Funds will pave Clearfork Road

### Bridge Repairs

Gene White Bridge has been fixed and reopened. We will be fixing Messer Bridge and Old Hilda Bridge in the coming weeks.

### Flex Funds

Winding Way	Roosevelt Blvd.
Logan Hollow	McBrayer Rd.
Luallen Ct.	W.P. Mabry Rd
Kennedy Ct.	Andy White Br.
Washington Cir.	Patties Lick Rd.
Clinton Dr.	

### County Funds

#### District 1

Grayson Drive  
Dale Hollow  
Cave Run Ct.  
Valley View Rd.  
West Wood  
Copperas Hollow  
Jackson Drive  
Smokey Valley

#### District 2

Triplett Rd  
Doe Run  
Sylvan Chase  
Kingsolver Ct.  
Rubio Place  
Brosi Ct.  
Cotter Way  
Arnow Way  
McClanhan Ct.  
Still Place  
Grafton Ct.

#### District 3

View Lane  
Jerralls Rd  
Hogtown Cem.  
W. Calavert Rd.  
Veterans Ln.  
Fall Lane  
Woodlawn Tr.  
Sunnyside Ln.  
Rose Road  
Robs Mtn  
Oak Brook

#### District 4

Little Perry



#### State Road Work Updates from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 9:

- Interstate 64 (MM 129-135): Paving and repairs from the Bath County line to the Bullfork Road overpass, mile markers 129 to 135. One-lane traffic each direction. Right lane closed, merge left approaching work zone. Watch for traffic shifts inside work zones. Speed limits reduced to 55 mph. Yield at entrance ramps.
- Interstate 64 (MM 141-148): Paving and repairs from the Rowan County rest areas to the Carter County line. Contractors will set up traffic control – right lane closed, merge left, each direction – beginning Aug. 28, with milling and paving expected to start after Labor Day. Use caution.
- KY 377 (Triplett): Highway safety improvement project from KY 799 to the Rowan-Lewis county line. Slide repairs, culvert extensions, drainage and shoulder work, tree removal. Culvert work and tree trimming this week will require intermittent one-lane, flagged traffic. Use caution.
- KY 377 (Cranston Road): Utility relocations between KY 32 and Triplett. Watch for lane closures, flagged traffic; take it slow.



# An Inside Look: Animal Control in Rowan County

Article by Savannah Jackson

Serving the animal control needs of the county promotes the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens Rowan County and ensures the humane treatment of animals within the county.

## Who oversees and provides animal control services in Rowan County?

Here in Rowan County, our animal control facility is the Tri-County Animal Shelter, which is maintained by the Rowan County Fiscal Court. The Animal Control Officer (ACO) is a vital link to our success and efficiency in animal control. The ACO acts as a department head over the facility and ensures the safety of our citizens and welfare of our animals. They have the authority to operate the Shelter in accordance with relevant law, policy, and established procedures to ensure safe and efficient operation on a continuing basis. The ACO reports to the Judge-Executive.

## What animal control services are provided?

The Tri-County Animal Shelter accepts both dogs and cats. Animals are separated by sex and species. They house strays admitted into the Shelter by the ACO, owner seizures, and owner surrenders from Rowan County residents. For each animal accepted into the Shelter, records are maintained including the date impounded, location where the animal was found or picked up (for strays), sex of the animal and spay/neuter status, breed or description, and date reclaimed, adopted, rescued, or euthanized. We strive to be no-kill. Intake information is posted periodically on the Tri-County Animal Shelter Facebook page @RowanDogPound and our website [rcky.us/animal-control](http://rcky.us/animal-control). Each of these dogs and cats gets bathed, fed, sheltered, treated, vaccinated, microchipped, and spayed/neutered before adoption. The Rowan County Fiscal Court and our dedicated employees at the shelter work hard to provide this service, operate the facility, and care for these animals.

## What about sick animals?

When a sick or injured animal is picked up, every precaution will be taken when moving or transporting the animal not to compound its condition. Injury and illness shall be documented and the ACO shall initiate veterinary consultation. The Tri-County Animal Shelter provides separate runs or holding areas for ill or injured animals who require quarantine. An ill or injured animal shall be treated with proper veterinary care pursuant to applicable law.

## What about dangerous animals?

If a dog or cat admitted to the Shelter is declared “dangerous” or “vicious”, it is visibly posted on the Kennel Card and there is a padlock on the kennel door with a “WARNING” sign placed on the front of the kennel. Animals determined by the ACO or consulting veterinarian to be dangerous to staff, volunteers, or members of the public may be euthanized using humane methods specified as acceptable by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

## Who do I need to call to report an animal-related nuisance?

If you're in the city limits of the City of Morehead, dog reports should be made to the city's animal control at 606-548-1348. If you're outside of Morehead's city limits and want to report a dog or cat related concern, call the Tri-County Animal Shelter at 606-784-4930. Livestock concerns, such as livestock in the road, should be reported to the Rowan County Sheriff's Department at 606-784-5446. Wild animal/game concerns should be reported to the Department of Fish and Wildlife at 502-564-3400 or 1-800-858-1549.

## What are the Tri-County Animal Shelter's statistics?

From the start of the year (January 2023) to the time of publishing (August 25, 2023), 937 animals entered the Tri-County Animal Shelter. 332 animals, including 217 dogs and 115 cats, were adopted directly from the Shelter. 85 dogs and 3 cats (88 animals total) were reclaimed by their owners. 205 dogs and 155 cats were rescued from the Shelter by approved 501(c)3 organizations, a total of 360 animals rescued. There are currently 49 dogs and 77 cats in the Shelter at the time of publishing.

## How do these animal rescues fit into the picture?

Approved 501(c)3 organizations help Tri-County facilitate adoptions. They also may transfer animals to foster homes preceding adoption. This creates more space in the shelter and therefore allows more animals' lives to be saved. We could not rehome nearly as many animals without the help of these organizations, so we thank them for their efforts and ask that they keep up the good work.

## What do I need to do to adopt a dog or cat?

Contact the Tri-County Animal Shelter at 606-784-4930 or visit them at 2450 KY 519 South in Clearfield, Kentucky. They are open every day of the week from 8 AM- 4 PM, with a one-hour lunch closure from noon to 1 PM on weekends. If you would like to give a better life to an animal in Rowan County, please consider adopting a shelter pet into your loving home today.



# DEPARTMENT UPDATES



**Steve Kelsey**  
Road Foreman

Our second round of mowing is underway. Several tile replacements have been completed. Blacktopping will begin soon. Check out a full list of our planned blacktop projects on page 5. Follow @RCFiscalCourt on Facebook for road closure updates.



**Danny Blevins**  
Ambulance Service

We have had 3500 runs for EMS so far this year. We should be receiving new defibrillators in September or October. This will be a great improvement for cardiac care in Rowan County. Check out the progress on the new secondary ambulance service on page 15.



**Wes Coldiron**  
Jailer

There are no updates from the Rowan County Detention Center at this time. To view our booking and inmate services, visit <https://www.rcky.us/detentioncenter>.



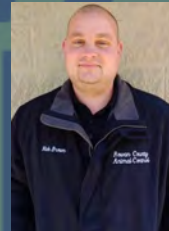
**Tyler Brown**  
Solid Waste and Floodplain

Litter abatement is off to a great start this year and is currently around 248 miles, 26 dump sites, and 5,275 trash bags total. We have issued 160 electric permits so far this year in Rowan County. The Recycling Center recycled 71,000 pounds of material last month. For information about recycling, call 606-784-1250.



**Mike Mackin**  
Finance Director

We have had a better continuity rate over the last 4 years for people continuing to file their net profits. For further information on alcohol license applications, business regulations, occupational tax, and net profits, I can be reached at 606-784-6218 or [michael.mackin@rcky.us](mailto:michael.mackin@rcky.us).



**Nick Brown**  
Animal Control Officer

Check out an inside look at how animal control works on page 6. To see the animals we have in the shelter, visit [rcky.us/animal-control](http://rcky.us/animal-control) and follow our Facebook page, @RowanDogPound. Consider adopting instead of shopping for a pet and visit us today. The Tri-County Animal Shelter accepts checks, debit, and credit.

## ROWAN COUNTY HIRES RODNEY PERKINS FOR MAINTENANCE



The Rowan County Fiscal Court has hired Rodney Perkins for maintenance of county facilities. Rodney started early this month and is already staying busy working hard. We're so glad to have him on our team. Welcome aboard!

Many of you have been missing Carlos Bowman at the Information desk in the front of the courthouse, and we are so happy that he's back! He also has received this certificate of appreciation from the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Keep up the great work informing our county, Carlos!



Keeping the public informed of everything we do is of utmost important to us in the Rowan County Fiscal Court, and publishing information like this is part of it. We broadcast all our Fiscal Court meetings live on Facebook at @RCFiscalCourt, post the minutes to our website [rcky.us](http://rcky.us), and, as you know, publish this newsletter every month. We hope these free and easily accessible resources will help keep our populace up to date on everything we do as your county government. We frequently update our online resources, so take a look at our website and Facebook to see what's new!



# MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

## AUGUST- SEPTEMBER 2023

### WEEK OF 8/27

WRITERS WORKSHOP: AUTHOR ANN GABHART  
AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY- 8/30 AT 4:30 PM

OVERDOSE AWARENESS CEREMONY AT MOREHEAD CITY PARK, 8/31 AT 6PM, FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ROWANCOUNTYOVERDOSEAWARENESS@GMAIL.COM

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CONCERTS AT THE BATTSON-OATES COMMONS/DOWNTOWN MOREHEAD  
FRI 9/1- 6PM-10PM  
SAT 9/2- 6PM-10PM

MAKER'S MARKET AT ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER, 9/2 AT 11AM-3PM

EAA CHAPTER 1525 (BLUEGRASS FLYERS) BREAKFAST AT THE MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY AIRPORT, 9/2, 8 - 10:30 AM  
ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY- 9/2- YOGA AT 9-10 AM; PLANT SWAP AT 11 AM- NOON

### WEEK OF 9/3

AMERICAN LEGION POST 126 BINGO- SUNDAY 9/3; DOORS OPEN AT NOON, FIRST BALL DROPS AT 2PM  
PROCEEDS SUPPORT LOCAL VETERAN'S PROGRAMS, CHARITABLE GAMING LIC#00002028

140 AMERICAN LEGION WAY, (LOCATED BEHIND COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUILDING)

PRESERVING YOUR HERITAGE: DNA ADVENTURES

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON GENETIC GENEALOGY AT ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
9/7 AT 5:30 PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 126 WOMENS' AUXILIARY CAR SHOW- CARS AND MOTORCYCLES  
SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 4-6 PM  
CONTACT PAM MABRY  
606-776-3814

MSU STAR THEATER SHOWS 9/9 (SEE CALENDAR SECTION FOR MORE INFO)

### WEEK OF 9/10

POPPY MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL 9/8-16 (SEE CALENDAR SECTION FOR MORE INFO)

LIVING HISTORY OF THE VIETNAM WAR BY ROWAN COUNTY VETERANS FOUNDATION

USO SHOW AT THE BATTSON-OATES COMMONS AT 7 PM- 10 PM ON FRIDAY, 9/15 (PRESHOW AT 6 PM), AND LIVING HISTORY DISPLAYS ON 9/16 FROM 9 AM- 5 PM. MORE INFO ON PAGE 11.

ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER'S ANNUAL MOREHEAD ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ARTS & EATS, ON 9/16, FROM 11 AM- 4 PM ON MAIN STREET

INTRODUCTION CLASS IN MACRAME, PROMOTED BY ROWAN COUNTY REGIONAL QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE AND HOSTED BY SUSAN HART, LOCATED AT 960 KY HWY 801. THE WORKSHOP WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 9/17, FROM 1-4 PM. CONTACT (513) 205-3839

### LATER EVENTS

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL- SEPTEMBER 29TH AND 30TH  
MORE INFO AT [WWW.CAVERUNSTORYFEST.ORG](http://WWW.CAVERUNSTORYFEST.ORG)

MOREHEAD HARVEST FESTIVAL  
OCTOBER 27TH - 5PM-9PM  
OCTOBER 28TH - 8AM-7PM  
OCTOBER 29TH - 1PM-7PM  
FOOD VENDORS - GAMES - PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST - SCARECROW CONTEST - TRACTOR SHOW - CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT - HAYRIDE - CAKE WALK - SINGING - CRAFT VENDORS & MUCH MORE!  
VENDOR SET UP & INFO. - JEFF FANNIN - 606-776-2639 - [JEFF@PRINTUSA.COM](mailto:JEFF@PRINTUSA.COM)

### RECURRING EVENTS

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

PROJECT LINUS BLANKETEERS MEETS FIRST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH 4PM AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

AMERICAN LEGION POST 126 BINGO (CHARITABLE GAMING LIC#00002028) EVERY 1ST SUNDAY MONTHLY, DOORS OPEN AT NOON, FIRST BALL DROPS AT 2 PM

### MSU STAR THEATER

#### AUGUST 26

11 AM FEATURE COSMIC COLORS; 1:30 PM INTERSTELLAR BOUNDARY EXPLORER; 6:30 PM FEATURE LEGENDS OF THE NIGHT SKY: ORION, LEGENDS OF THE NIGHT SKY: ANDROMEDA AND PERSEUS

#### SEPTEMBER 9

11 AM STARS; 1:30 PM COSMIC JOURNEY; 6:30 PM LASER QUEEN

#### SEPTEMBER 23

11 AM ONE WORLD, ONE SKY; 1:30 PM DARK MATTER; 6:30 PM PINK FLOYD: DARK SIDE OF THE MOON  
MSU STUDENTS AND STAFF TICKETS FREE; CHILDREN AND SENIORS \$5, ADULTS \$10; FOR MORE INFO CONTACT [STAR.THEATER@MOREHEADSTATE.EDU](mailto:STAR.THEATER@MOREHEADSTATE.EDU) OR CALL 240-422-0546

### POPPY MOUNTAIN MUSIC FEST

Sept. 8-16  
2023  
DAILY ADMISSION (SEPT 8 - 9)  
FRI \$20 SAT \$25  
(SEPT 12 - 16)  
TUES \$20 WED \$20 THUR \$40 FRI \$50 SAT \$50

GET TICKETS:

[HTTPS://WWW.POPPYMOUNTAINMUSICFESTIVAL.COM/TICKETS](https://www.poppymountainmusicfestival.com/tickets)

### 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](mailto:RCAC@MOREHEADTOURISM.COM)  
VISIT: [ROWANCOUNTYARTSCENTER.COM](http://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](http://ROWANCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG)

MOREHEAD CONFERENCE CENTER  
CALL: 606-780-9694  
EMAIL: [MCC@MOREHEADTOURISM.COM](mailto:MCC@MOREHEADTOURISM.COM)  
VISIT: [MOREHEADCONFERENCECENTER.COM](http://MOREHEADCONFERENCECENTER.COM)  
KENTUCKY FOLK ART CENTER:  
MONDAY-THURSDAY: 10AM-4PM  
CALL: 606-783-2204  
EMAIL: [KFAC@MOREHEADSTATE.EDU](mailto:KFAC@MOREHEADSTATE.EDU)  
VISIT: [MOREHEADSTATE.EDU/KFAC/](http://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

### ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY RECURRING EVENTS

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

ON BOARD- GAME NIGHT 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

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

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# ROWAN COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB PHOTO CONTEST

The Rowan County Photography Club recently held a photo contest for its members. The contest focused on photography of architecture in Rowan County following an instructional course on Architectural Photography in a recent meeting. Members of the club voted on the submissions on the groups Facebook page.

Haley Burton-May took first place with "The Perfect Divide", Kay Schafer took second place with her photograph "Morehead Architecture:New & Old" and Anthony Pernell took third place with his photograph "Presbyterian Church".

The Rowan County Photography Club was founded January 4, 2023 and has 105 members. If you would like more information, please contact Stefan Hayes at 606.207.1672.



## MOREHEAD-ROWAN-MSU COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTER RECEIVES GRANTS TO SUPPORT EQUIPMENT COSTS

The Morehead-Rowan-MSU Community Recycling Center received a \$204,000 grant to support the cost of a shredder/baler combo, conveyor w/ hopper to feed vertical shredding, (4) 2 yard hippo hoppers, (4) cardboard bins, 72' forks for forklift, and advertising funds. The Energy and Environment Cabinet also awarded \$9,500 to support efforts to help Rowan County residents safely dispose of household hazardous waste.

The Morehead-Rowan County-MSU Community Recycling Center offers a variety of free services, including 24-hour drop off for recyclables, information on buying recycled products, and information for local businesses and households on reducing solid waste. By appointment, they also offer tours of the MCRC, showing the process, environmental education, and native/natural landscaping techniques, as well as presentations to middle and elementary schools. Recycling plays an important role in conserving resources and maintaining a healthy environment, as well as reducing solid waste in the area.

For more information about recycling, call 606- 784-1250.





# A LIVING HISTORY OF THE VIETNAM WAR: PRESENTED BY THE ROWAN CO VETERANS FOUNDATION

The Rowan County Veterans Foundation will be hosting a new event in our community this September: A Living History of the Vietnam War. They will have a USO show at the Battson-Oates Commons at 7 PM- 10 PM on Friday, September 15th (preshow at 6 PM), and living history displays on September 16th from 9 AM- 5 PM.

Their goal is to pay tribute to the Vietnam veterans and those wonderful entertainers of the USO by performing a USO show such as were attended by thousands of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen in Vietnam. The USO Show will be interspersed with recitation of actual Public Service Announcements (PSAs) such as were heard on the Armed Forces Radio Network in Vietnam (AFVN). Although civilians with no military experience may not fully understand some of the Public Service Announcements, those with military experience, especially those Vietnam Veterans, will understand them. They hope this will spark conversation and increase public awareness and understanding of the era. Further, they will provide an educational living history of the Vietnam War through interactive displays and being able to talk to Vietnam Veterans and historians.

While visiting our event, they also encourage folks to attend the Rowan County Arts and Crafts Festival on September 16, between the hours of 11 am to 4pm on Main Street.



## Feature Act.....

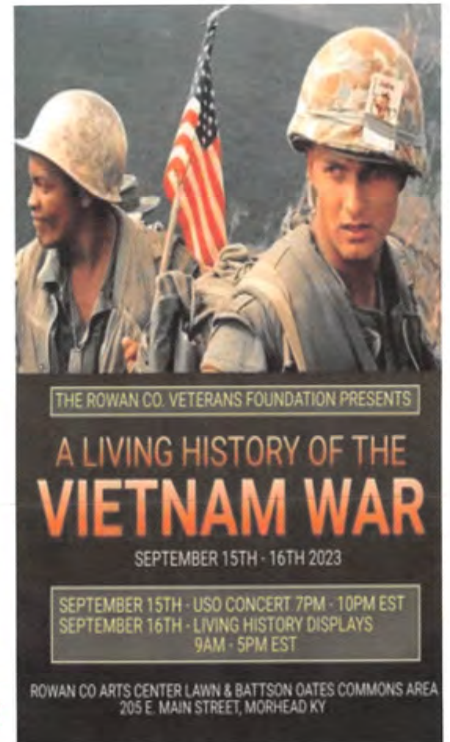


Remembering the USO tours in Vietnam



Donate to the USO at <https://USO.org>

**PRE-SHOW STARTS AT 6 PM**



The Rowan County Arts Center's annual Morehead Arts & Crafts Festival, formerly known as Arts & Eats, will be held on Saturday, September 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Main Street! Shop local and regional arts & crafts, enjoy food & creative snacks, unique beverages and more! Children's activities will be on the Arts Center's lawn along with a Living History: Vietnam Era event presented by the Rowan County Veterans Foundation.

For more information please call 606.783.9857 option 3, stop by Rowan County Arts Center (205 East Main Street), email [rcac@moreheadtourism.com](mailto:rcac@moreheadtourism.com) or visit our website at [www.rowancountyartscenter.com](http://www.rowancountyartscenter.com)!



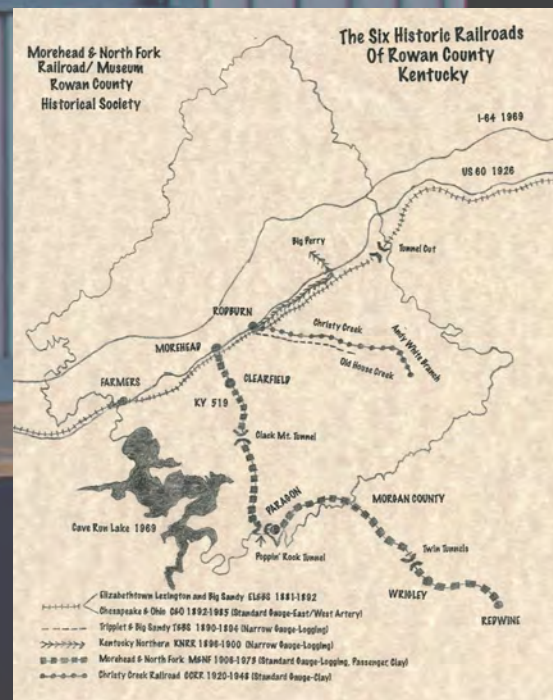
# Morehead History and Railroad Museum Holds Model Train Show

The Morehead History and Railroad Museum sponsored a two-day model train and railroad show at the Morehead Conference Center, featuring model train layouts from visiting model railroad clubs, exhibits, videos, vendors, door prizes and more. The railroad coming to Morehead in 1881 was a major part of Morehead history and was vital to the growth of the town. The historical importance of model trains allows people to see what trains have done for and across history as well as witnessing their development.

The Morehead History and Railroad Museum, located at 130 East First Street, holds trivia nights on the second Thursday monthly at 6:30 PM. Their museum has donation-based admission, with hours on Friday and Saturday 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. For more information, contact Rick Charles at 606-683-2457 or Steve Young at 606- 784-5122.



One thing you might not know about Rowan County is that historically, we had a thriving system of railroads. By 1880, railroad workers had surpassed sawmill workers as the most populous trade in Rowan County. The Elizabethtown, Lexington and Big Sandy Railroad was the first railroad through Rowan County in the 1880's. It was completed in 1881, and many workers came to Rowan County solely because of the work opportunity it created. The Elizabethtown, Lexington and Big Sandy Railroad crews also built the Morehead Depot and the Freight Station in 1881 on Railroad Street, which is now First Street. Both buildings have been restored and are being used -the Depot is now the Chamber of Commerce office, and the Freight Station is the Morehead History and Railroad Museum. The Elizabethtown, Lexington and Big Sandy Railroad was purchased by the C&O Railroad in 1892 and ran until 1985 in Rowan County. Other railroads in the county were: Triplet and Big Sandy Railroad, Kentucky Northern Railroad, Christy Creek Railroad, Morehead and North Fork Railroad. Read more about the historical railroads in Rowan here: <https://www.rcky.us/historical-railroads-in-rowan> (excerpt from linked article by Cindy Leach)





# Inventory of the Morehead and North Fork Railroad, Article by Cindy Leach

Early trains were used primarily to haul heavy freight and passengers over long distances. Later, mail-baggage cars designed for transporting and sorting mail were added to the train along with the express cars and passenger coaches. Many improvements were introduced over the years and the trains gained great popularity for their efficiency, power and dependability.

Many specialized types of main line freight cars were also built and used on the track; e.g., flat cars, gondolas, box cars, refrigerator cars, live stock cars, chemical cars, and invariably the red caboose brought up the rear. Passenger trains were outfitted with day coaches, baggage and mail cars, sleepers and dining cars.

Railroads still provide a great service in our country; however, their use currently is largely restricted to heavy freight hauling and some passenger service between metropolitan centers. Shorter and less economically productive railroads have been taken out of service in recent years and few passenger trains in the country today remain profitable.

Along the entire route from Clearfield to Wrigley there were two telephone lines that were used for dispatches. Regular stops were made at Morehead, Clearfield, Paragon, Craney, Wrigley and Redwine. The flag stops were Summett, Lick Fork, Upper Lick Fork, Lime Kiln, Bucket and Blairs Mills.

The train schedules in 1921 were:

Left Morehead 8 am, Clearfield 8:05 am, Summtt 8:18 am, Lick Fork 8:28 Paragon 8:39 am, Upper Lick 8:49, Craney 8:53, Lime Kilm 9:03, Bucket 9:07, Blairs Mills 9:22 am.

The Morehead and North Fork Railroad rolling stock consisted of three cabooses that were built in the train yard, log cars No. 1 & 32, ditcher flat car No 1, flat cars No. 50, 53,108,& 300, steel hoppers No. 130 & 136, and clay cars number 6, 101, 103, 104, 201, 202, 203, 204, and 205.

There were 13 steam locomotives:

No. 1 0-4-2 Porter, Wythe, saddletank, Forney, Built in 1904, sold May 31, 1920.

No. 2 Lima Shay, built in 1907, purchased new and sold May 31, 1919.

No. 3 2-6-2 Baldwin, built in 1907, purchased new and scrapped

No. 4 4-6-0 Baldwin, built 1890, purchased 1914, retired April 30, 1919, and scrapped in 1919.

No. 5 4-6-0 Pittsburgh, built 1891, purchased 1914, sold November 30, 1923 to Canasauga River Lumber Company, along with eight log cars, number 19-23.

No. 6 4-4-0 Pittsburgh Wythe, built 1888, purchased 1916, scrapped 1923.

No. 7 2-4-2/2-4-4 Porter Saddletank Wythe, built 1899, purchased 1909, scrapped July 1, 1918.

No. 8 4-4-0 Rogers Wythe, built 1919 and purchased July 31, 1919, scrapped May 31, 1926.

No. 9 2-6-0 Rogers Wythe, built 1904, purchased January 31, 1925 from Southern Iron and Equipment for \$9,555.39 and weighed 135,000 pounds. It was the first engine purchased primarily to haul clay, scrapped 1939

No. 10 2-8-0 Cooke ALCo, built 1926, purchased 1939, sold to Williams Grove Speedway, Dillaburg, PA, for a display.

No. 11 2-6-2 Baldwin, built 1908, purchased 1940, sold 1964 to Everett Railroad, Everett, PA Tourist Line.

No. 12 0-6-0 Pittsburgh, built 1905, purchased for \$3,500 in 1952 from Southern Railroad, IN. Purchased by Jerry Joe Jacobson in 2011 and taken to his Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugarland, Ohio.

No. 14 0-6-0 ALCo, built 1944, sold February 24, 1970 to Tombstone Junction Railroad Tourist line Cumberland, KY. It was restored and rechristened Number 77, ran on 2.5 miles of track, through a simulated Old West town, featuring gunfights, live music, museums and shops. (Morehead News 6/11/1970)

Two diesels were purchased in 1963, and used until 1973 and then sold.

“Three diesels are on the railyard now – No. 1200, No. 1201, and No. 1202. These diesels were purchased in 1973 by C.L. “Booge” Armstrong and used by the Addington brothers to transport coal from Clearfield to Morehead, then to be transferred and shipped by the C&O Railroad.” (Riding the Blue Goose –W. Lynn Nickell)

The Morehead North Fork Railroad is on private property and it is unknown what is left of the inventory.

Sources

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# THE ROWAN COUNTY WAR

ARTICLE BY SAVANNAH JACKSON

Only decades after Rowan County's foundation in 1856, a conflict began known today as the Rowan County War. The Rowan County War (1884-87) has its roots in the Martin-Tolliver feud, which can be further traced back to the Underwood-Holbrook feud (1877-79). The conflict took 20 lives, including all the males in the family who had the surname Underwood. John Martin was a lesser member of the Underwood side because he rented land from them. As a Republican serving as a clerk for the county, John Martin started a political rivalry with Democrat Floyd Tolliver, who had also supported the Underwoods. However, allegations of falsifying records cost him the election in 1878.

On August 4, 1884, an election day, John Martin joined in a political argument at the polls and eventually drew his pistol, causing others to do the same. As part of the response to restore peace, Floyd Tolliver arrived, bringing with him the Sheriff John C. Day. They were welcomed with a shower of rocks from both sides of the argument, and at some point, someone shot a pistol, and a gun battle ensued. An individual named Solomon Bradley, believed to be a friend of Martin's, was killed, and since no one knew who made the first shot, both John Martin and Floyd Tolliver were indicted for manslaughter.

Just before the matter was to be settled in court in December 1884, the two saw each other while drinking out in Winchester, and Martin fired his pistol, killing Tolliver. Tolliver's last words, addressed to his friends, were: "Remember what you swore to do; you said you would kill him; Keep your word."

Tolliver's supporters forged a request from the court to transfer Martin back to Morehead and shot him after boarding the train. He died the next day. Quickly, most Democrat families sided with Tolliver, and most Republican families sided with Martin. The town Marshall election was held soon after, and Craig Tolliver, a relative of Floyd's, assumed control of Morehead. He was opposed by Martin's father, Dr. Ben Martin, who was supported by Rowan County Sheriff, Republican Cook Humphrey.

It is believed that by 1885, nine out of every ten men in Rowan County had taken a side in the conflict. Feud violence continued, and three times the state militia was called to quell the violence, including the noted Louisville Legion. At one point, a state report by General Sam Hill recommended to the governor of Kentucky that Rowan County be dissolved due to the violence.

The war concluded in the summer of 1887 when a faction led by Hiram and Logan Pigman surrounded and shot Craig Tolliver. Three others died in a final shootout involving sixty men for two hours. After a legislative investigation by the Kentucky State Assembly concluded, the townsfolk were mortified of their reputation throughout the state. They acted by creating the Morehead Normal School in 1887. Thirty-five years later in 1922, the Kentucky General Assembly replaced it with the establishment of Morehead State University.

Two years after the War's conclusion, a reconciliation between the Martin and Tolliver families occurred with the marriage of Grace Martin (daughter of Gils Martin) and Frank Tolliver (brother of Craig Tolliver). Reportedly, the entirety of both families, dubbed "the Capulets and Montagues" by the press, were in attendance. After news of their matrimony became spread far and wide, the New York Times wrote: "Little Cupid has accomplished what the state of Kentucky exhausted its Executive, Legislative, and Judicial machinery to compass."

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# Rowan County Public Library Updates

## Public Shredding Services Now Available at your Public Library

The Rowan County Public Library has added two (2) new drop locations for the community to dispose of documents in need of shredding. One box is located at the front circulation desk, and another at the library drive-through. Patrons and neighbors are invited to bring papers in need of shredding to these new boxes, where they will be retrieved and destroyed once per month by a professional secure-shredding contractor. To raise awareness of this new service, the library is hosting a "Big Shred" event Friday, October 6th from 10am-1pm, open to everyone who may need papers shredded that same day.

## New Library Programs: Yoga & Tween Game Night

Library users in Rowan County can look forward to two (2) new programs coming in September: Library Yoga will be open to everyone ages 13 and up, and will feature a weekly class at 5:30pm every Wednesday as well as an additional morning session at 9am on the first Saturday each month, beginning September 2nd. Meanwhile, the library's teen services department is adding a Tween Game Night for youth in grades 6 through 8, featuring PlayStation® 5, Xbox® Series X, Nintendo Switch®, and Oculus Quest consoles, plus additional opportunities for single- and multiplayer video gaming, both competitive and cooperative. Tween Game Night begins September 9th, and will take place at 12pm on the second Saturday each month. This program will not affect the availability of the existing Teen Game Night for grades 9-12, which will continue to be at 4pm on the third Wednesday monthly.

## Library Welcomes Author Ann Gabhart

Kentucky author Ann Gabhart will be giving a talk about her books, her process, and her experiences as a novelist at this month's Writers Workshop, beginning at 4:30pm on September 30th. Ann is known for her cozy fiction, such as the Rosey Corner, Hidden Springs Mysteries, and Shaker Hills series, as well as standalone novels like Angels at the Crossroads and even children's books such as Freak of the Week. You can be a part of the free Writers Workshop program at 4:30pm on the last Wednesday every month at the Rowan County Public Library.

Library Updates by Morgan Mullins; Background Photo by Steve Griggs

## Secondary Ambulance Service Construction Continues

If you've driven by Candlelight Way off US 60, you may have noticed the progress on our secondary ambulance service facility, the John "Pete" B. Hamm Station. This station will serve as a hub for emergency medical services in the eastern half of the county and dramatically cut response times for our people in need. Rowan County EMS makes over 5,000 runs yearly and serves a regional medical facility. To respond to the needs of our growing county, it is essential that we grow our services. This will help set us up for the future, with an impact felt by Rowan Countians long after we've all moved on. We want to thank our friends at the Gateway Area Development District, Department of Local Government, our Legislators, the Governor and his Cabinet, and all those who came before us to make Rowan County EMS one of the most efficient and resolute services in Eastern Kentucky.

(Pictures taken 8/20/23 by Steve Griggs).





# Tri-County's Pets of the Month



Heaven is a 2 year old female pit mix that came to us at the shelter with her puppies. Two of them, Howdie and Nevaeh, are 6 months old and still looking for a fur-ever home. The three of them have been in the shelter for 117 days. Consider bringing one- or more- of them into your loving home today.

**Call 606-784-4930**

Adopting instead of shopping for pets not only helps save that animal's life but creates a space for another animal's life to be saved. It allows you, the owner, to enjoy all the same rewards of pet ownership. By choosing to adopt, you are choosing to support animal welfare. Consider giving one of our dogs or cats a new chance at your loving home.

## Question of the Month

What was the first settlement in Rowan County? Read next month's edition to find out!

Last Month's Question and Answer: Who was the first woman elected to public office in Rowan County? Cora Wilson Stewart!

### *Employee Birthdays*

WAYNE LAMBERT, ROAD DEPARTMENT, 8/22

DYLAN LAMBERT, JUDGE EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE, 9/6

CHARLIE WINKLEMAN, MAGISTRATE, 9/7

JONATHAN TERRY, AMBULANCE SERVICE, 9/19



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