



# Rowan Review

The latest news and announcements in your county

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## Road Work Underway!

Road improvements across the county are underway to enhance our infrastructure. We have begun tile replacements to prepare for blacktopping later this year. We will be fixing Gene White Bridge in the coming weeks. Later this year, we will be using discretionary funds to pave Clearfork Road. Continue reading on page 2 for a full list of upcoming paving projects, separated by district. For updates on road closures, follow our Facebook page @RCFiscalCourt.

# Road Improvements Across the County Enhance Our Infrastructure

Here, we've got all of the road paving projects accounted for, and we will likely be beginning on those in late August or early 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

Cimarron Bridge has been reopened. We will fix Gene White Bridge in the coming weeks. We are looking at potentially fixing Messer Bridge and Old Hilda Bridge later in the year.

## 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



The state will be doing right of way work on KY 377, 32, and 801. On KY 1167, paving and drainage work is set to begin this summer and is scheduled to be completed in November. Paving is scheduled through the summer and fall on KY 785. Resurfacing is scheduled for KY 1722, 504, and I-64.

# Secondary Ambulance Service Construction Continues

If you've driven by Candlelight Way off US 60, you may have noticed some construction. Our secondary ambulance service facility, the John "Pete" B. Hamm Station, is on the way! The site 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.

The station's name honors Pete Hamm, a Rowan County native who spent his lifetime serving his country, community, and others. After serving 20 years in the Air Force, he returned home to Morehead with his family and dedicated himself to our community. From 1972 to 1992, Pete grew our ambulance service from a bare-bones operation with only one vehicle, to a thriving operation with five ambulances, over twenty-five employees, and the first paramedics on staff. The service was self-sufficient and recognized as one of the best in the state, and it is thanks to the continual efforts of our staff, from then to now, that helped us get to where we are today.

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 to make Rowan County EMS one of the most efficient and resolute services in Eastern Kentucky.



## An Inside Look: Road Department Aids Ambulance Service with Maintenance

In addition to the many duties our Road Department's mechanics are tasked with, they also help our Ambulance Service with vehicle maintenance and repairs. This collaboration between departments has cut maintenance costs for the county. We're incredibly grateful for our Road Department mechanics and all the work they do.



# FARMERS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

Farmers Volunteer Fire Department recently held an open house event for everyone. They had demonstrations on engines, tankers, rescue vehicles, and wildland fire fighting. There were static displays on swift water rescue, personal protective gear, and a self contained breathing apparatus. Kids were able to use a hose line on a target. Everyone enjoyed free food, and adults were provided with fire prevention material and smoke alarms. The afternoon culminated when the department demonstrated their new battery operated extrication tools by removing doors, dash, and roof of a vehicle to gain access to a victim. We are incredibly thankful for all our local firefighters and appreciate valuable events like this.



## Employee Highlights: Kevin Brown



Kevin began working with us as a part-time EMT in July 2007. He has excelled at his job with the ambulance service and has also volunteered as a firefighter around the county for several years. During the pandemic, he stepped up to the plate to help us cover increased ambulance runs and the challenges we faced as a result. To recognize Kevin's dedication and invest in his abilities, we chose him as a recipient of our Fiscal Court Paramedic Scholarship program back in January of '22. He graduated at the top of his class. Since then, he has received his paramedic certification and became an important addition to our paramedic staff.

Thank you, Kevin Brown and Rowan County EMS, for all you do for our community.

# SPORTS SECTION: ROWAN COUNTY BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

The 2022-23 sports season for Rowan County Senior High School has ended. Among the spring sports, both softball and baseball had outstanding seasons.

The Lady Viking softball team, under the direction of Hall of Fame Coach Larry Slone, finished the season with a school record 35 wins, along with only five losses and a tie. Rowan County softball opened the season with 18 consecutive wins. The Lady Vikings ended with season with 11 consecutive wins before losing 4-1 to eventual state champion Ballard in the final four of the state tournament in Lexington. Coach Slone ended the season with a career record of 594-352-2. He now ranks fourth on the all-time wins list in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association records. Senior Haven Ford, who earlier in the 2022-23 season was named Kentucky's Miss Basketball and recipient of the Donna Murphy Award, had an outstanding softball season and was named All-State and to the All-State Tournament Team. Ford had the following statistical totals (with state rankings): Batting .608 (13th), Hits 78 (tie 1st), Runs 72 (2nd), Runs Batted In 64 (1st), Home Runs 19 (2nd) and Stolen Bases 48 in 48 attempts (5th).

The following players had these statistics totals (with state rankings).

Sophomore Malana Hamm: .500, Runs 55 (tie 18th), Hits 71 (tie 4th), Stolen Bases (40 (10th), Sophomore Diamond Wills: Batting .426, Runs 57 (tie 13th) and Stolen Bases 54 (2nd). Freshman Lauryn Eastham: Batting .548 (tie 34th), Hits 68 (7th), Doubles 19 (tie 4th), Runs Batted In 54 (tie 11th) and Home Runs 7. Freshman Kassi Perkins: Batting .454, Runs Batted In 50 (tie 18th), Pitching Wins-Losses 13-3 and Earned Run Average 2.16 (48th). And, Freshman Trinity Lambert : Pitching Wins-Losses 21-2 (tie 13th in wins), Earned Run Average 1.49 (22nd), Saves 2 (tie 19th), Strikeouts 151 in 145 2/3 innings pitched.

Lambert was named to the All-State Tournament Team. The Lady Viking squad had the following state statistical rankings: Batting 4th, Runs (1st), Hits (1st), Home Runs (tie 13th), Runs Batted In (3rd), Stolen Bases (4th) and Earned Run Average (14).

The Baseball Vikings, under Coach Scott Collins, finished the season at 24-11, and were a perfect 9-0 in district play and 17-5 against region teams. Rowan lost 3-2 to eventual region champion Raceland in the regional tournament semifinals.

The Viking were forced to play much of the season without key starters Hayden Mains and Aaron Pennington due to injuries. The following players had these statistics totals (with state rankings). Junior Caleb Cooper: Batting .514 (10th), Runs 39, Hits 51, and Triples 5 (tie 14th). Junior Chance Furnish: Batting .475 (41st), 42 Runs Batted In (tie 18th), Doubles 18 (tie 5th) and 2 Home Runs. Junior Colby Wilburn: Batting .388, Triples (4 (tie 30th), Won-Loss Record 6-1, and Earned Run Average 2.24. Sophomore Jason Ingles: Won-Loss Record 10-2 (tie 3rd in wins), Earned Run Average 1.03 (20th), and Walks, Strikeouts Innings Pitched, 10 Walks, 68 Strikeouts in 61 1/3 innings pitched.

We recognize these players for representing Rowan County on the diamond and using their talents to help their teams reach their goals.



# HISTORY OF MOREHEAD ROAD NAMES

ARTICLE BY CINDY LEACH

Rowan County was formed in 1856 but Morehead was not incorporated until 1869. The railroad was the lifeblood of most towns and communities as it helped them prosper. Railroads brought people and goods and helped to establish towns out of wilderness. So naturally, the first road in Morehead was dug out along the side of the railroad station and became Railroad Street.

Railroad Street was the first street and was considered the main (and only) street in Morehead. As the C&O Railroad made two passenger trips a day, many people hung out on the street to pick up their visitors or see who was arriving in town. The name was changed to First Street in 1967.

Main Street was the second street built and was built as an extension of Railroad Street, which already had hotels, restaurants and stores. Normal Street was the third street was built and connected the new Morehead Normal School with Main Street.

Fairbanks Avenue connected Railroad and Main Street. It was named for the public scales located there by the Fairbanks Company, which manufactured the scale. The name was later changed to S. Wilson Avenue, and named for Dr. Jeremiah Wilson, who lived and worked on the street.

Another street built to connect areas was Spoke Factory Lane. It originally connected Main Street with Raine Street that was across the tracks. The Spoke Factory produced spokes for wooden wheels and shipped via railroad to Ironton, Ohio to be used for wagon and buggy wheels. The street is now named after Norman Wells Lane, after a Spanish American War veteran. City Council renamed it in 1976 to commemorate his 100th birthday.

Two early streets were named for women –Raine Street and Elizabeth Avenue. Raine Street ran parallel to Main and Railroad Street but was across the tracks. Mrs. Mary Belle Raine operated The Cottage Hotel and Rooming House. The notorious Tolliver boys used to hang around the hotel also.

Elizabeth Avenue was possibly named for Elizabeth “Lizzie” Nickell, the granddaughter of James A Nickell, prominent community founder, county official and founder of the Nickell Oil Company.

Most of the streets were dug out by the people who lived on them and named after city residents. Some other streets named after local citizens were:

Anglin Avenue- John Anglin, long time telegraph operator for the C&O Railroad

Allen Avenue - John Allen, who owned and operated a slaughterhouse and meat market which was the forerunner of Allen's IGA store

Battson Avenue –Hartley Battson, who lived up the street. He was the founder and operator of Battson Drugs (now Cozy Apartments and Sawstone Brewery).

Bays Avenue was named for Grant Bays who was the only resident on the street at the time. Or J.A. Bays, who owned Morehead's first jewelry store.

Bishop Avenue –Steven B. Bishop who operated a mortuary (coffin maker) on this street and later had City Drug Store on the corner with Railroad Street.

Blair Avenue –Judge William Green Blair, a politician and judge.

Button Place –Frank C Button founder of the Morehead Normal School and first President of Morehead College

Carey Avenue – After Madison “Matt” Carey, a Rowan County judge and resident of Morehead. He and his wife owned and operated the Gault House and was torn down after their deaths.

Cecil Drive – Jack Cecil who owned most the area around Cecil Drive

Flemingsburg Road –Officially named the Allie Young Highway but commonly known as Flemingsburg Road or The Connector, the road was named in 1933 by former Governor Rudy Laffoon to honor the late senator.

Green Street – (West Morehead) was named for the street Sheriff Sam Green was killed on December 31, 1961, his term would have ended at midnight.

Mabry Drive –Ed Mabry Morehead property developer

Maggard Place – EE Maggard former Morehead Mayor, police court judge, businessman and inventor. Maggard is the reason we have electricity in Morehead.

Martindale Drive –Parnell Martindale, businessman and entrepreneur

Rawcel Heights -commemorates the Morehead Housing Authority members who had it built by using the first initial of their last name: W.H. Rice, Hubert Allen, Myrt Wolffered, W.E. Cruthcher, Eldon Evans, and W.H. Lane.

Swift Addition –Walter Swift, operator of a large retail lumber company on this street.

Thomas Addition – After E Thomas, a trader, developer and relator

Tippett Avenue-Thomas Byron Tippett, State Representative. (1910 Census states Tippett lived on Wilson Avenue)

Tolliver Addition –Francis Marvin Tolliver who owned a farm on the location. He was the younger brother of Craig and Floyd Tolliver who were principles in the Tolliver-Martin Feud. Francis, along with C.G. Clayton and D.B. Caudill founded the Morehead Grocery Company and in 1904 built the first brick structure to house it. It is now the Folk Art Center.

Trumbo Avenue – George Trumbo, well-known paperhanger in the early part of the century who later migrated to California

Woody May Highway (Highway 519 to West Liberty) Woody May State Senator

Streets around Morehead State University were named by the state board of regents:

Tinder Circle –Mitchell Tinder, former state highway commissioner

McClure Circle –Russell McClure, former MSU Vice President who later became the secretary for the state Department of Finance

Playforth Place – Dr. R.H. Playforth, a retired MSU Dean of the School of Social Sciences and was Chairman of the University’s Athletic Council for 18 years.

John Roberts Road –John Roberts, former state highway commissioner

Chandler Place – A.B. Chandler, former Kentucky Governor

Vaughn Drive –William Vaughan, William Vaughn, former President of MSU

Morrow Street –Edwin Morrow, former Governor who signed the bill creating Morehead State University.

Sources

Morehead News, Jack Ellis and Juanita Blair files

Photos by Steve Griggs



# MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

## JUNE-JULY 2023

### WEEK OF 6/25

ART WITH JULIA HOLMES AT THE ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER  
OIL PAINTING  
TUESDAY, 6/27 5:30-7:30PM  
BEGINNER DRAWING  
WEDNESDAY, 6/28 1-4PM  
THURSDAY, 6/29 5:30-7:30PM  
RSVP REQUIRED, CALL 606.783.9857  
OPTION 3 OR EMAIL  
RCAC@MOREHEADTOURISM.COM

JOHN FORD & THE GINNS LIVE MUSIC AT SAWSTONE BREWING  
THURSDAY, 6/29, 6:30 PM

MOREHEAD ART GUILD ARTISTS' MEET & GREET:  
FRIDAY, 6/30, 4-6 PM AT THE ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER

LIVE MUSIC AT BATTSON OATES COMMONS STAGE, 7PM ELIJAH MILLER BAND, 8:45 PM JANE ROSE AND THE DEAD ENDS  
FRIDAY, 6/30

### FREEDOM FEST

**FREEDOM FEST IN MOREHEAD**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 1ST, 2023**  
4PM- VENDORS, FOOD, BEVERAGES, BOUNCY HOUSES  
SENSORY BREAK AREA AT 149 EAST MAIN STREET  
4-10PM KIDSZONE AT THE MOONLIGHT STAGE  
5PM CONCERT- GOSPEL STAGE  
CONCERT: THE OL' STUMPKICKERS, THE BAKERS, TLC, VICKI MCCARTY, TIM LOVELACE  
5-8PM GIOVANNIS CRUISE IN (627 EAST MAIN PARKING LOT)  
6PM AT THE BATTSON OATES COMMONS STAGE- RICHMOND STONE BAND FOLLOWED BY EXILE  
9:30PM FIREWORKS SHOW AT THE CITY PARK



### WEEK OF 7/9

FROM FOLK TO FINE: AN EXHIBIT CELEBRATING MINNIE ADKINS DAY AT KENTUCKY FOLK ART CENTER  
FRIDAY, JULY 14, AT 5 PM - 7 PM

### WEEK OF 7/16

MOUNTAIN COMPREHENSIVE CARE CENTER JOB FAIR  
AT ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ON 7/17 AT 9AM-3PM

RAVEN CARES GOLF SCRAMBLE AT EAGLE TRACE GOLF COURSE. FRIDAY, JULY 21. FOR MORE INFO VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.RAVENCARES.COM/EVENT-DETAILS-REGISTRATION/RAVENCARES-GOLF-SCRAMBLE](https://www.ravencares.com/event-details-registration/ravencares-golf-scrabble)

VENDOR FAIR AT THE CARL PERKINS COMMUNITY CENTER  
7/22 AT 10AM-4PM

### WEEK OF 7/2

RAJANT COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE  
MONDAY, JULY 3RD FROM 5-9PM  
5-7PM: OPEN HOUSE, KIDS ACTIVITIES, DRINKS, SNACKS  
6PM: HOT DOGS, BRATS, BURGERS, CHIPS, APPLE PIE, SOFT DRINKS  
7-9PM: LIVE MUSIC BY THE GINN'S AND STUDENTS FROM THE MSU KCTM PROGRAM  
9-9:30PM: FIREWORKS  
FREE PUBLIC EVENT CELEBRATING RAJANT'S 7 YEARS OF OPERATION IN MOREHEAD/ROWAN COUNTY  
15 INDUSTRY ROAD MOREHEAD KY

SUMMER READING: FIRE TOWERS & FIRE SERVICE- ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY PROGRAMMING, THURSDAY, JULY 6 AT 5:30PM - 6:30PM

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 - 10:30 AM (next date: July 1st). The price of \$5 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.

### RECURRING EVENTS

MAKERS' MARKET AT ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER  
FIRST SATURDAY MONTHLY, 11AM-3PM- NEXT DATE: JUN 3

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 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

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

### WEEKEND 7/1

EAA BLUEGRASS FLYERS BREAKFAST AT THE MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY AIRPORT, 7/1 AT 8-10:30AM

MAKER'S MARKET WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM THOMAS ALBERT AT THE ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER LAWN, 7/1 AT 11AM-3PM

### American Legion Post 126 Bingo

First Sunday of Every Month (next date: July 2nd)  
Doors open at noon, first ball drops at 2pm  
Proceeds support local veteran's programs  
Charitable Gaming Lic#00002028  
Concessions available on site  
American Legion Post 126  
140 American Legion Way, Morehead  
(Located behind county administrative services building)

### Do you want your community event featured in the Rowan Review?

Contact us at 606-784-5151 or email [savannah.jackson@rcky.us](mailto:savannah.jackson@rcky.us) before the Friday preceding each month's general session Fiscal Court meeting (next deadline: July 14th)



### 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



# TRACY HAMILTON RETIRES AFTER 27 YEARS OF SERVICE



It is with both great joy and sadness that we say goodbye to our good friend and coworker, Tracy Hamilton. After 27 years of service to Rowan County, he has earned his very well deserved retirement.

We are proud and grateful to call Tracy our friend, because he is just like family to us. He would do anything to help anybody, no matter how difficult the task or how busy his schedule. His kindness, compassion, and dedication to his work have set an example for so many, and the joy we hope he finds in the next chapter of his life is immeasurable.

Thank you, Tracy, from the bottom of our hearts for everything you have done over the years, and we wish you all the very best for the future. We will miss you more than words can tell.

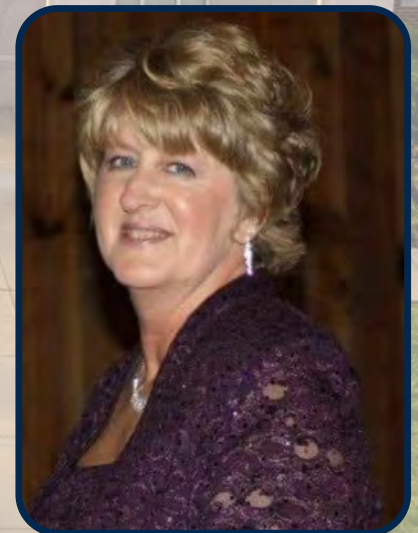
# GINA DAY RETIRES AS ASSISTANT EMS DIRECTOR



We will greatly miss Gina Day, an integral part of Rowan County EMS, who will be entering retirement after 30 years working for the Ambulance Service.

Gina started working as an EMT in 1993 and worked as a driver for many years before moving into an administrative role later in her career. She has worked hard to meet the ambulance service's administrative needs and has been an essential part of the EMS system.

Gina Day has performed a critical role for Rowan County EMS, and we don't know how we would've done it without her. We will miss Gina so much and wish her a wonderful retirement.



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# DEPARTMENT UPDATES



**Steve Kelsey**  
Road Foreman

We have been doing road work district by district as discussed previously. This has reduced costs and time associated with moving equipment. The state's work on 1274 (Pretty Ridge) is wrapping up. We are beginning tile replacements in preparation for blacktopping in the coming months. Check out page 2 for a full list of our planned blacktop projects. Follow @RCFiscalCourt on Facebook for road closure updates.



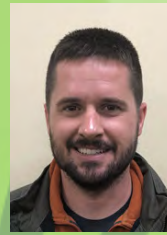
**Danny Blevins**  
Ambulance Service

We are working on fleet maintenance and thank the road department for all they do helping with routine vehicle maintenance. We also received a new transmission for one of our vehicles. We are looking into remounting another. We're working with dispatch to make arrangements for emergency response for once we get the secondary ambulance service up and running. We are also working on vehicle and supply logistics to prepare.



**Wes Coldiron**  
Jailer

The jail is full. We are working on facility maintenance. We currently have around 30 inmates participating in our SCORE work release program. This gives them an employment opportunity, the ability to earn money, and keeps them drug-free. We recently received thank-you's and positive testimonials from past participants in the program for helping them turn their lives around. Read about our SCORE work release program on rcky.us.



**Tyler Brown**  
Solid Waste and Floodplain

Litter abatement is off to a great start this year and is currently around 200 miles, 22 dump sites, and 4,200 trash bags total.

Read about our free Household Hazardous Waste disposal event in the highlight below.

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



**Mike Mackin**  
Finance Director

The Rowan County Occupational Tax Forms have been updated to reflect new contact information. 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.

## Free Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event

### FREE TO ALL ROWAN COUNTY CITIZENS

Saturday July 15 from 8 AM to noon at the Community Recycling Center (325 Triplett St)

Materials that will be accepted include:

- Oil Paint and Paint Products
- Mercury
- Aerosols
- Pesticide Liquids, Solids, and Aerosols
- Cleaners (acids/bases/oxidizers)
- Reactives
- Adhesives/Roof Tar/ Driveway Sealers
- Antifreeze
- Fuels (gasoline, kerosene)
- Automobile Products (fluids, grease)
- Lab Pack Materials
- Batteries (lead-acid)
- Batteries (household) to be recycled
- Propane cylinders (5 or 20 lbs)
- Helium cylinders (5lbs)
- Freon cylinders
- Oxygen cylinders
- Carbon dioxide cylinders
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Aluminum Paint
- PCB Materials
- Asbestos

For more information contact: The Floodplain-Solid Waste Office at (606) 784-6345 or email at [tyler.brown@rcky.us](mailto:tyler.brown@rcky.us).



# The Morehead Theatre Guild



The Morehead Theatre Guild was established in October of 1989, with the first season scheduled for 1990. Three plays were performed that year, Mary Chase's comedy classic *Harvey*, Ayn Rand's courtroom drama *The Night of January 16th*, and Charles Dickens' holiday favorite *A Christmas Carol*. Over the next 34 years, with community support growing every year, the Morehead Theatre Guild has produced, to date, 107 shows. Musicals, comedies, drama – both onstage and backstage -- literally hundreds of people of all ages have come together to put on shows for the Rowan County community and the surrounding region.

And this summer, the Morehead Theatre Guild is gearing up for its next production – *Marvin's Room*, a dark comedy by Scott McPherson. The play was the winner of the 1991-1992 Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Play. It centers around two sisters, Bessie and Lee. Bessie lives in Florida where she cares for her pain-ridden Aunt Ruth and ailing father, Marvin, who is confined to his bed and unable to speak. When Bessie's health fails, her only hope is to contact her long-estranged sister, Lee, to see if their bone marrow is compatible for a transplant. Lee reluctantly makes the trip from Ohio, bringing along her two sons, Charlie and Hank who has just been released from an institution after a wave of arson. The sisters' reunion is uneasy at best with long-buried recriminations coming to the surface even as love slowly overwhelms Lee.

Director Jessica Taulbee, who is new to the Morehead Theatre Guild, affirms "This outstanding script and the gifted, amazing cast have made this experience truly remarkable. A welcome home for me, I have been away from Morehead since 2005 and out of theatre since 2012. So, I've been estranged from a part of my life that I'm glad to say has returned -- just like the sisters in *Marvin's Room*."

Cast members for *Marvin's Room* are: Jaime Miko as Bessie, Kelsey Bender as Lee, Alexander Hamilton as Hank, Kevin Bass as Dr. Wally, Diana Reeder as Aunt Ruth, Cason Hall as Charlie, Lora Pace as Dr. Charlotte, Dusty Salyer as Bob, Lisa Bryant as Retirement Home Director, and J. D. Reeder as Marvin.

Beloved for its biting humor and unflinching wisdom, Scott McPherson's story allows us a poignant view of one woman's commitment to family. McPherson writes, "...we all take care of each other, the less sick caring for the more sick. At times, an unbelievably harsh fate is transcended by a simple act of love, by caring for another."

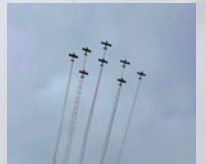
Diana Reeder, President of the Guild this year, encourages everyone to come see this show, "We hope that folks in Rowan County will come spend some time with the people in *Marvin's Room*. There will be many laughs, and maybe a few tears; we are sure that you will be glad you came."



*Marvin's Room* will be performed for two weekends: July 14, 15, 16 & 21, 22, 23 - Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at 252-774-0351 and online at [www.moreheadtheatre.org](http://www.moreheadtheatre.org).



# ROWAN COUNTY HONORED VETERANS AT THIS YEAR'S MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals sponsored a flyover of the parade

George Hyatt, 93, 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. He was a member of the 987th Armored Infantry and he was a designed Wireman. 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 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.



The American Legion presented 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, who has served as a dispatcher for the Morehead Police Department (1973-75), volunteer at the Morehead Volunteer Fire Department (1973-2000), police officer with the Morehead State University Police Department (1998-2000) and Morehead Police Department (2000-2018), and representative of Morehead/Rowan County as a UNITE Detective Supervisor (2004-2006). 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. 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.

# Freedom Fest Schedule

## Friday, June 30 – Battson Oates Commons Stage

7 p.m. - The Elijah B. Miller Band | 8:45 p.m. - Jane Rose and the Dead Ends

## Saturday, July 1

4 p.m. – Vendors, Food, Beverages, Bouncy Houses

Sensory Break Area - 149 East Main St – sponsored by Corey's Café, Crummy Cookies and The Inclusive Morehead Project

5 p.m. Concert – Gospel Stage Concert: The OI' StumpKickers, The Bakers, TLC, Vicki McCarty, and featuring Grammy & DOVE Awards Nominee Tim Lovelace

4-10 p.m. – Moonlight Stage - KIDSZONE!

6 p.m. – Battson Oates Commons Stage: Richmond Stone Band followed by legendary Central Kentucky band EXILE celebrating 60 Years of touring and recording

9:30 p.m. – Thunder over Triplett Fireworks Show - City Park

5-8 p.m. – Giovanni's Cruise-In - 627 East Main Street Parking Lot

Trophies for: Employees Choice, Best of Show | Best of Classes – pre 1960, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, and Post 2000 Best of Show for Motorcycles



## Gateway Area Development District Rowan County July MotorMeals Dates

- Tuesday, July 11:
  - McBrayer Manor at 10:30-11 AM
  - Eagle View Apartments at 11-11:30 AM
  - Clearfield Manor at 11:30 AM- 12 noon
- Tuesday, July 18: Lakeview Heights Community Building at 11AM- noon
- Tuesday, July 25: Mountainview Apartments at 11AM- noon

For more info call 855-882-5307

## Rowan County Courthouse Art Exhibit Continues with Latest Rotation

Your Rowan County Courthouse is home to one of the largest fine art exhibits in the state of Kentucky, with several hundred linear feet of hanging rail displaying art from local, regional, and international artists. This is a free, family-friendly exhibit for the public to view works from local, regional, and international artists.

The exhibit continues to grow, and we would love to see more of the Courthouse hallways filled with beautiful artworks. The pictures to your right were taken at the latest rotation's Artists' Reception. The current Call to Artists is now running until Friday, June 30, 2023. This is the time to submit pieces to be entered in the next round.

The exhibit is viewable on Facebook and Instagram. Images of your artworks are to be submitted to [artisanframewerks@windstream.net](mailto:artisanframewerks@windstream.net) or call 606.207.1672 for any further questions.



# Interested in Kentucky History? Check out these free resources!

## History Resources at the Rowan County Public Library

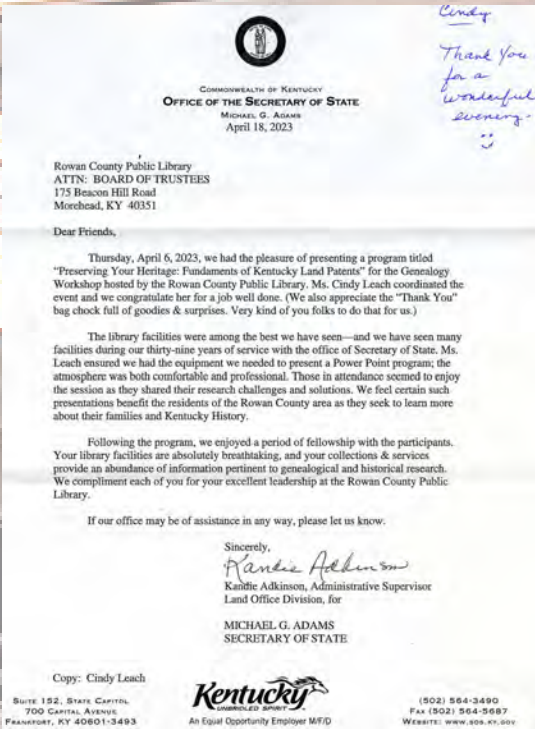
Consider taking advantage of the many free resources offered by your Rowan County Public Library. Your Rowan County Public Library is privileged to feature a dedicated Kentucky/Genealogy (KY/G) Room! This special collection is like a library within the library, housing selected materials on the Kentucky and Appalachia regions as well as numerous sources for genealogical research. It includes census data in print, on microfilm/microfiche, and in our digital archive. State-of-the-art microfilm/microfiche equipment and software is provided in the Kentucky Room. Specialized assistance can be offered. Rowan County cemetery records and obituary files compiled by the Rowan County Historical Society are also included in this collection, as are yearbooks and the compiled works of noted local historian Dr. Jack Ellis. Some of the library's digital resources include Ancestry Library Edition, Find A Grave, Heritage Quest, Kentucky Digital Library, and National Digital Newspaper Program's database. This is a great tool for anyone interested in researching the history of our region.

## History Programming at the Rowan County Public Library

The Rowan County Public Library also offers frequent, free local history and genealogy community events. Some recent highlights include:

- **Fundamentals of Kentucky Land Patents**, an exploration of land research and how it connects people to a tract of land using state, county, and circuit court records. Land grants, tax lists, deeds, and circuit court case files allow researchers to follow a family and their neighbors over the course of decades—or even centuries. This program was presented by Kandie Adkinson, an Administrative Supervisor for the Kentucky Land Office with over 37 years' experience handling land patent records.
- **Infectious Disaster**, presented by Kentucky Humanities speaker Terry Foody, author of *The Pie Seller, the Drunk and the Lady*, as she poignantly describes this civic devastation—and the crucial deeds of a freed Black woman, a homeless laborer, and the founder of the Orphan Asylum—during a summer with hundreds of deaths in Kentucky due to the cholera epidemic.

The next upcoming event is **Fire Towers & Fire Service**, examining the history of Rowan County fire towers, fire departments, fire fighters, and more. Join the RCPL and explore their legacy and see what's changed over time with regard to these critical community defenders. The event will be held Thursday, July 6, 2023 5:30pm - 6:30pm in the RCPL Community Room.



For free, reputable articles on local history with cited sources, check out our own history page as well at [rcky.us/history](http://rcky.us/history). From the foundation of Rowan County to today, the page features a plethora of information on your community's past. There's even a whole section dedicated to community histories, so consider checking our page out today and learn more about Rowan County.

# Tri-County's Pets of the Month



Dolly is a cute five year old female border collie mix. She's been at the shelter with us since April. Consider stopping by today to bring her into your fur-ever home.



Dreama is a sweet adult female cat who came to the shelter with two nursing kittens. Consider adopting instead of shopping for your next pet and visit her at the Shelter 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 is the highest summit in Rowan County? Read next month's edition to find out!

### *Employee Birthdays*

**WILLIAM LOGAN, AMBULANCE SERVICE, 6/27**

**NICOLE DULEN, TREASURER'S OFFICE, 6/30**

**STEVE RICHMOND, IT DIRECTOR, 7/6**

**DAVID MAY, ROAD DEPARTMENT, 7/8**

**NICK BROWN, ANIMAL SHELTER, 7/8**

**MARYANN STEVENS, TREASURER'S OFFICE, 7/21**

**MARLON MUSE, ROAD DEPARTMENT, 7/22**



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