



# Rowan Review

*The latest news and announcements in your county.*

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## Step into the Outdoors in Rowan County

Located in the Daniel Boone National Forest, our county has over 100 miles of multi-use trails, beautiful natural landscapes, our 8,000 acre Cave Run Lake, and so much more in our neck of the woods. Consider staying in our community to hike, camp, picnic, boat, hunt, fish, and take advantage of our local recreation opportunities.

Explore eastern Kentucky's landscape, heritage, and culture right here in Rowan County. With free-to-the-public art galleries, museums, events, annual festivals, and more, there's something here for everyone. Keep reading this issue for more about the great things happening in our community and how we're working hard to make Rowan County a better place to live, work, and visit.

# TOURISM SPURS ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY

Morehead-Rowan County Tourism promotes every inch of this community, from east to west and from north to south. This has given us a unique opportunity for economic growth and development as we emerge from the pandemic, particularly within the area of outdoor tourism. Because of our location in the Daniel Boone National Forest and on the Sheltopee, we have access to over 100 miles of trails, with natural beauty and recreation opportunities for everyone to enjoy.

Annually, Morehead-Rowan County Tourism receives economic impact numbers from the State Department of Revenue. Tourist spending in Rowan County ended in 2020 at \$42.2 million, according to the state's formulas for calculating. That was great, despite a pandemic. We must consider spending that occurs as a result of tourism including but by no means limited to food, gasoline, fishing gear, hotels, cabins, kayak rentals, and more. In 2021, we grew tourist spending to \$51.2 million in Rowan County. This is a \$9 million increase! All of this goes to benefit our local economy, helping everyone who resides in, works in, or visits our community.

During a recent Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Joy Brown spoke about the importance of understanding the role tourism plays in the community. "We are the ambassadors of Morehead and Rowan County. Our job is to invite people to this community to visit, engage, spend, stay, eat, and repeat," Joy Brown said. "At least two of us travel January through February and sometimes into March to 3-4 states promoting this area. This doesn't include the musky fisherman that travel beyond the states we work travel shows, they host musky shows, musky road rules which is a musky school and more. On average, Morehead is promoted at travel shows 91 days a year by my team or a member of this community." Joy Brown, Executive Director of Morehead-Rowan County Tourism, has been working for tourism for 17 years as of the time of publishing. She leads a team of five full time team members, Paige Swartz, Jamie Breeze, Ashley Gilliam and Bob Patrick. At any given time, they also have five to six part-time employees. The team is responsible for the Morehead Conference Center, Rowan County Arts Center, and the Morehead Visitor Center.

Funding for our future is a success story, and we've obtained grants for these projects:

- Rowan County Cave Run Lake Facility Improvement - \$200,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for a project that is the first to partner the Rowan County Fiscal Court, United States Forest Service, United States Corps of Engineers, and Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources. Read more on page 3.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements - \$240,000 grant for a project to implement the first phase "East Main Corridor" of the approved Morehead-Rowan County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that will connect East Main to Rodburn Hollow Park. Read about one of Rodburn Hollow Park's new hidden gems on page 4.
- ARPA Funds for Tourism Grants – new marketing dollars for \$100,326 worth of projects funds that Morehead-Rowan County Tourism's team had to present for approval prior to receiving these funds. Our community was the first in the state to receive ARPA funds and a visit from the Governor. Yes, before Lexington, Northern Kentucky and Louisville!

This demonstrates the power of partnerships and the lasting economic impact of tourism. 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. Our tourism commission just launched a new website, [visitmorehead.com](http://visitmorehead.com), that shows all the great things waiting for you in our community. We encourage everyone to head over to the page to look it over and find an adventure off the beaten path.

# Rowan County Cave Run Lake Facility Improvement Project

In our community, Cave Run Lake is a beloved hallmark of the area as well as a significant recreational and tourism asset. It is important to us that everyone has an opportunity to enjoy what this has to offer for generations to come. That's why the Rowan County Fiscal Court, with the US Forestry Service, has applied for and received this Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.

Cave Run Lake is widely known for its excellent muskie fishing, trailheads such as the Sheltoewe Trace National Recreational Trail, and more. Its thousands of acres of water surface is enjoyed by visitors year-round. It's a great piece of nature that has brought both joy and tangible benefits to our community.

The project will make improvements to several public outdoor recreational areas in Rowan County to provide new and enhanced opportunities that are accessible to youth, adults, senior citizens, and disabled persons. It's important to us that everyone can enjoy the lake and its trails, so these changes will improve handicap access and comply with the ADA.

As part of the facility changes, there will be a new Musky Bend fishing site, Relocation of Scott Creek Boat Ramp's Courtesy Dock, New Boat Dock at High Bank Picnic Area, and Ramey Creek Road Repairs and Pullout Reconstruction. Another essential part of this is securing the natural beauty of the environment for our future Rowan Countians. We're working with the U.S. Forestry Service on rehabilitation for the Boat Gunnel and Shallow Flats Trails. With sustainability in mind, we are doing our best to take care of the land and water we love.

We look forward to the long-term benefits this project will hold for Rowan County.



Pictured left: Governor Andy Beshear and Senior Adviser Rocky Adkins present a \$200,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for the Rowan County Cave Run Lake Facility Improvement Project, presented to the US Forestry Service and Rowan County Fiscal Court.

Pictured below are the specified areas and improvements that will be worked on as part of this project.

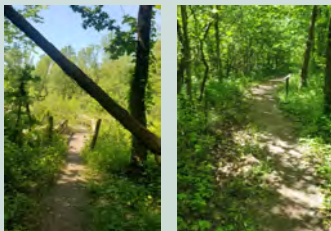
Muskie Bend, where there will be a new fishing pier and bathroom



Scotts Creek, where a new swimming area has been proposed, the courtesy boat dock will be relocated, and a boat ramp will be constructed.



Boat Gunnel Trail, one of the trail rehabilitation locations



Shallow Flatts, one of the trail rehab locations

Ramey Creek Road, where there will be construction and repairs



High Bank Picnic Area, where there will be a new boating dock

# Kentucky Folk Art Center

"From Folk To Fine, An Exhibit Celebrating Minnie Adkins Day" will be at the KY Folk Art Center from now to July 14th. From Folk to Fine is a special exhibit honoring Minnie Adkins Day and showcases the works of various artists from across the country. This exhibit explores a diverse collection of art ranging from traditional folk art to more contemporary pieces. The KY Folk Art Center's normal hours are M-F 10:00-4:00 P.M. and will be closed during varying lunch hours. The closing reception will be held on Friday, July 14th 5-7 P.M. For more information, call 606-783-2204, or visit [www.kyfolkart.org](http://www.kyfolkart.org).



## RODBURN HOLLOW PARK STORYWALK®

StoryWalk® at Rodburn Hollow Park is a great hidden gem in our community. Read a story as you take a stroll, experiencing the magic of Rodburn Hollow Park and their current storybook at the same time. The StoryWalk® is great for children and families and is open year-round. The Friends of Rodburn Hollow Park, collaborating with the Rowan County Public Library, change the book a few times each year to keep things fresh, so you can look forward to spooky stories for autumn, snowy stories for winter, and a great read (and walk) in every season. The current book is *Busy Spring: Nature Wakes Up* by Sean Taylor, Alex Morss, & Cinyee Chiu (sponsored by Giovanni's Pizza of Morehead). The Rodburn Hollow Park StoryWalk® is made possible by partnership with the RCPL, FOR, Friends of the Library, and MCTC, but what makes it incredible is your participation, interest, and support. Consider stopping by today!



## VISIT THE MAKER'S MARKET AT THE ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER

Come shop or be a vendor at the next Maker's Market on the Art Center's lawn Saturday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shop local and regional arts & crafts, soaps, woodwork, windchimes, crochet, jewelry, handsewn items and more! We also have farms with pasture-raised grain-finished meats, honey, salsa, pickles, homemade bread and baked goods just to name a few things! The easels will be set up for the kids to paint and create masterpieces while the grown-ups shop, visit and enjoy live music by the local barbershop quintet the TruTones! Inside the Arts Center's main gallery, the *Arts from the Park* contest winners will be on display!

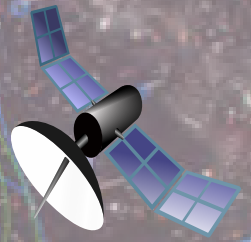
Last month we had lots of fun and people shopped the 20 vendors we had on the lawn, enjoyed music and visited with friends! For more information please call 606.783.9857 (option 3) or email [rcac@moreheadtourism.com](mailto:rcac@moreheadtourism.com)!



Pictured: Dead Hearts bone jewelry and ceramics by Emily Fayth Hall (left) and Forgotten Food Farms (right)



# 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](mailto:star.theater@moreheadstate.edu) or 240-422-0546.

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

JUNE 20 @ 7 PM at the MSU Space Science Center Star Theater: A Midsummer Night 's Dream for Two

A Refreshing, Delicious Gourmet Meal w/ Wine Pairing In the Rotunda By Morehead Catering

A Planetarium Special Feature and Live Presentation of the Night Sky at Summer Solstice in the Star Theater

Telescope Viewing as Weather Permits

~\$165 PER COUPLE

MAKE RESERVATIONS, PURCHASE TICKETS AT <https://moreheadstate.edu/startheater> after May 17

PLEASE INCLUDE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: STAR [THEATER@MOREHEADSTATE.EDU](mailto:THEATER@MOREHEADSTATE.EDU)

## BLUE WATER TRAIL TO BRING TUBING, KAYAKING, AND MORE

Plans are underway to create a Bluestone Trail along the north fork of Tripplett Creek for kayaking, canoeing, and tubing. This project, headed by Tourism Director Joy Brown, will be a big win for having things to do in our own town, and it's a great weekend getaway idea for anyone who wants to visit. Not only does this trail create the opportunity to enjoy our area's waterways, but there are also so many opportunities to see abundant, diverse wildlife. There are four proposed access points: Bluestone Road, Cimmaron Road, KY 801, and Bullfork Road. There is still work to be done, but we're hoping to finish the project within the next year. This will be a great tourism opportunity as well as a good way to appreciate our county's natural beauty.



# HISTORY OF CAVE RUN LAKE

ARTICLE BY CINDY LEACH

In the early 1900's, Congress directed the US Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies to develop an extensive flood plain protection program to include the Ohio River, Mississippi River and other major rivers and their tributary streams. The Flood Control Act of 1936 continued to recognize flood control as a national priority. The 1939 Act authorized the US Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies to construct flood-control structures such as levees and floodwalls, and perform channel improvements. Among the flood control structures studied was the Cave Run Reservoir, but it was not until the devastating floods of 1935 and 1937 that congress authorized many of these structures but the Kentucky State Legislature opposed both of these projects and had them de-authorized. In 1965 a group of citizens from the four counties involved (Bath, Menifee, Morgan and Rowan) formed an association called the "Cave Run Reservoir Commission" to help get the dam and lake built. The design work had been in progress for a number of years and the initial dam site selected. This site was located just downstream on the Licking River from a site where the Cave Run and Little Cave Run creeks flow into the river. This site would eventually be the Twin Knobs area. Later the dam site was moved down stream to a location having higher abutments and narrower between the abutments. This site afforded substantial more dam height and storage capacity.

In February of 1968, under the "Battle Against Poverty" President Lyndon B. Johnson allocated 4 million in his budget for Cave Run Reservoir. His decision was based on nine factors: high unemployment in the area, the area was prone to major flooding, there were no factories or large buildings in the area, the land was all valley farms and farm houses, it was less than two miles to the C&O Railroad, this area had never received a sizable expenditure of any type, recreation was limited in this area, the dam will be within 10 miles of Morehead State University, the largest institution of higher learning in eastern Kentucky, and impoundments of water and favorable transportation should attract other businesses and factories to the area.

The project had the endorsement of former Governors A.B. Happy Chandler and Bert T. Combs, Congressman Carl D. Perkins, and Senators John Sherman Cooper and Thruston Morton. The preliminary and construction costs for the dam were estimated at \$13,780,000. However, after the relocations of 3 state highways, utilities and cemeteries with improved highways constructed all around the reservoir, the total cost was \$25,400,000.

The first public hearing was held in 1940 and there was considerable opposition to the project as it was necessary to relocate over 80 miles of roads and highways, cemeteries and utilities as well as homes and farms and many families would be displaced by the project. Other hearings were held in 1947 and 1957 and Congress gave final approval for the reservoir and the grand breaking took place on August 7, 1965. Much of the upland lands were under federal ownership with the US Forest Service and had acquired the land during the Great Depression but still quite a few lands under private ownership.

The land acquisition policy for Cave Run Lake was to acquire land 300 feet horizontally from the flood control pool elevation (765 feet above mean sea level. However, many small interior private holdings were acquired in the outer areas to prevent isolation. Between the period July 1966 and August 1976, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers purchased or acquired through condemnation, approximately 27,189 acres of land for the Cave Run Lake project. The lake project lies almost entirely within the proclamation boundary of the Daniel Boone National Forest. Under a Memorandum of Understanding between Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Forest Service, about 26,818 acres of land acquired by the Corps were transferred to the Forest Service for its management. The Forest Service also transferred about 44 acres to the Corps of Engineers for various purposes associated with the Cave Run Lake project.

45 miles of state and county roads, 67 miles of power lines, 29 miles of telephone lines and 275 families displaced, an abundance of lawsuits by the owners of the land, 28 old cemeteries were moved to New Alfrey Cemetery, and several communities such as Yale in Bath County, and Alfrey, Bangor, Cogswell, and Paragon in Rowan County.

Even with all the negative about building Cave Run Lake, it is good for the economy and ecology of Rowan, Bath, Morgan and Menifee Counties. The lake and recreation area opened in summer of 1974. Cave Run Lake provides flood protection to the lower Licking River valley and has prevented over \$270.85 million dollars in cumulative flood damages through FY 2016. The lake also supplies water to the area's communities, improves the Licking River's water flow conditions, and offers a habitat for various species of fish and wildlife. More than 300 species of birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles can be found in the hardwood-covered hills, hills, forest openings, streams, ponds and caves of Cave Run Lake. The Minor E. Clark Fish Hatchery produces between three and four million fingerlings annually, which are released into Kentucky's lakes, rivers and suitable streams.

The lake offers boating, fishing, swimming, and other recreational activities to the general public. The project averages 257 thousand visitors annually, contributing millions of dollars to the local economy every year.



Top Photos are historical photos from Cave Run Lake's Construction, courtesy of the Corps of Engineers and the Rowan County Public Library. The top left is of Bridge N of site 26, on hillside Hwy 1274 near Bangor. In the middle you can see historical construction near the Menifee County line. The top right is the creation of Cave Run Lake Dam and Spillway. Finally, at the bottom is a current photo (5/14/23) of the lake facing Bangor boat ramp courtesy of Steve Griggs (FB @Steve Griggs, IG @DroneBufo), featured on our cover.



# MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

## MAY-JUNE 2023



### WEEKEND 5/20

WAG WOOF WALK 5K ON 5/20 AT LAUGHLIN HEALTH BUILDING SIGN UP ONLINE AT [HTTPS://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/EVENTS/KY/MOREHEAD/WAGWOOFWALK5K](https://runsignup.com/race/events/ky/morehead/wagwoofwalk5k)  
 A SPEAKEASY NIGHT- SWINGING WITH SINATRA BY LEE DEAN AT ROLL OVER ROLLED ICE CREAM/THE HOUND LOUNGE, 5/20 AT 7-9PM  
 KINGS AND QUEENS PROM CELEBRATING ALL W/ SPECIAL NEEDS AT THE MOREHEAD CONFERENCE CENTER 5/20 AT 6-8PM, RSVP AT 606-776-2639 OR EMAIL [JEFF@PRINTUSA.COM](mailto:JEFF@PRINTUSA.COM)

### WEEK OF 5/21

BEGINNER DRAWING WITH JULIA HOLMES AT THE ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER, 5/24 AT 1-4PM, RSVP AT 606.783.9857  
 SUMMER READING: KICKOFF WITH THE TRICKY MAX COMEDY MAGIC SHOW FOR AGES 5-12 AT ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ON 5/25 AT 5-6PM  
 ROOTS MUSIC WEEKEND ON 5/26 & 27 IN DOWNTOWN MOREHEAD- SHOWS START AT 5PM EACH EVENING  
 ROCKY & LEAH ADKINS CURE FOR CANCER GOLF TOURNAMENT AT EAGLE TRACE GOLF COURSE ON 5/26. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT KING'S DAUGHTERS HEALTH FOUNDATION AT 606-408-9332 OR EMAIL [LAURA.PATRICK@KDMC.KDHS.US](mailto:LAURA.PATRICK@KDMC.KDHS.US). REGISTRATION FOR MORNING BEGINS AT 7AM. AFTERNOON REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT NOON

### WEEK OF 5/28

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 5/29- SEE TOP RIGHT CORNER OF CALENDAR FOR DETAILS  
 PAINT NIGHT WITH ALLISON SLONE AT ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER 5/30 AT 5:30-7PM RSVP AT 606.783.9857  
 SUMMER READING BLAST FROM THE PAST: HISTORY OF THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY 6/1 AT 5:30PM - 6:30PM AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### WEEKEND 6/3-4

CAVE RUN KIDS FISHING DERBY AT THE MINOR E. CLARK FISH HATCHERY, 6/3 AT 7-11 AM ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/2023-CAVE-RUN-KIDS-FISHING-DERBY-TICKETS-615572613257?AFF=EBDSOPORGP](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-CAVE-RUN-KIDS-FISHING-DERBY-TICKETS-615572613257?aff=EBDSOPORGP)  
 MOREHEAD PEDDLER'S MALL GRAND REOPENING 6/3 AT 10AM-5PM  
 FRIENDS OF CAVE RUN LAKE MEMORIAL BASS TOURNAMENT 6/3-4, FOR MORE INFO VISIT [HTTPS://VISITMOREHEAD.COM/EVENT/FRIENDS-OF-CAVE-RUN-LAKE-MEMORIAL-BASS-TOURNAMENT/99/](https://visitmorehead.com/event/friends-of-CAVE-RUN-LAKE-MEMORIAL-BASS-TOURNAMENT/99/)  
 LIVE MUSIC FROM COREY HEDGE AT BROOKLYN BELLE MARKET, 9335 CRANSTON ROAD ON 6/3 AT 6-8PM

### WEEK OF 6/5

SUMMER READING: LOVE A SHELTER PET FOR TEENS AND ADULTS AT ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ON 6/8 AT 5-6PM  
 KITTIES AND KEGS: A CONCERT TO BENEFIT CAT'S MEOW FELINE FOSTERS AT SAWSTONE BREWING CO. SHOW BEGINS AT 6PM ON 6/10

### LATER EVENTS

RUDY FEST WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE 17 - 24, ON TOP OF POPPY MOUNTAIN IN MOREHEAD. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT (606) 316-6677  
 THE 2023 MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF SCRAMBLE RETURNS ON 6/16, AT EAGLE TRACE GOLF COURSE. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT [INFO@MOREHEADCHAMBER.COM](mailto:INFO@MOREHEADCHAMBER.COM)  
 SUMMER READING: GET GROOVY AND GIVE BACK FOR TEENS AND ADULTS AT ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ON 6/22 AT 5-6:30 PM  
 SUMMER READING: SUPERHERO TRAINING CAMP FOR CHILDREN AND ACCOMPANYING ADULTS AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ON 6/24 AT 1-3PM

### 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 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

Memorial Day Parade: Honor and Remember Our Fallen May 29th (Memorial Day Monday), lineup starts at 9-10:30 am, parade begins at 11 am, West Main Street, Morehead, KY Register: 606-776-2639 (Jeff Fannin) or [sales@printusa.com](mailto:sales@printusa.com) Info: 606-356-1544 (Luther Adams) or 606-207-1946 (Danny Knipp)

### American Legion Post 126 Bingo

First Sunday of Every Month (next date: June 4th) 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 KY 40351 (Located behind 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 - 10:30 AM (next date: June 4th). 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.

### 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: June 16th)

### 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



# WHY WE WRITE THE ROWAN REVIEW



Nearly three years ago, we started publishing the Rowan Review to raise awareness of what's going on locally, particularly within county government. As your public officials, we prioritize having free, easily accessible information for everyone in the community about what we do. Transparency is very important to us, and this is one part of it. We also want to share good news about what's happening in our community, demonstrating what we already know: that Rowan County is a truly great place to live, work, and visit.

We've filled 35 editions and hundreds of pages with articles on community events, department updates, board highlights, local history from Cindy Leach, and much more. The Rowan Review is completely FREE to receive in your email inbox every month. We even distribute paper copies, with Carlos Bowman leading the distribution effort and working as an information resource within the Courthouse. Our Administrative Assistant Savannah Jackson has managed the writing, editing, and publishing the Rowan Review for nearly two years. She has expanded the Rowan Review's content to 16 pages to ensure that as much information as possible that's important to the community is made easily accessible and available for free.

Rowan County is one of the only Eastern Kentucky counties slated for growth in the next decade, and it's due to our hardworking citizens and the collective efforts of our community's leaders. We could not do this without the support of YOU. Everything we do with the Rowan Review is to create easy access to information about the county for everyone, and we hope to highlight the importance of all the work by dedicated citizens that goes into implementing positive change in our county. We grow closer to this goal with every issue, and we're here to stay.

If you haven't already, you can subscribe to receive this great resource- at no cost to you- at [rcky.us/review](http://rcky.us/review).



## Morehead Utility Plant Board Receives Grants; Water Treatment Plant Progresses

The Morehead Utility Plant Board's new Water Treatment Plant will allow our region to grow and flourish for many years to come with increased water capacity. According to General Manager Holly McGrath-Rosas, the project is 33% completed, as of May 1st. Recently, they received a CWP grant for \$815,585. This funding will help us bolster our local infrastructure, better serve our residents, and attract industry and new jobs to our area.

# DEPARTMENT UPDATES



**Steve Kelsey**  
Road Foreman

As implemented last month, we will now be doing road work district by district. We hope that this will reduce costs and time associated with moving equipment. We have begun our second round of mowing. Cimarron Bridge is now open to traffic. We are looking at improvements and repairs on three more bridges pending communications from the state. The state's work on 1274 (Pretty Ridge) has begun and is set to complete in July.



**Danny Blevins**  
Ambulance Service

We are in the process of finishing up our annual inspection. Our fleets are in good shape. We've had some difficulties in maintaining the cost of stretchers due to price hikes but we are working on solutions. We're working with dispatch to make arrangements for emergency response for once we get the secondary ambulance service up and running.



**Wes Coldiron**  
Jailer

We currently have 27 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 parents of 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

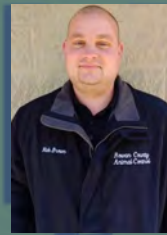
We've issued 88 electric permits this year. We've cleaned 22 dump sites. We plan to hold a free dump day in June. We are applying for a grant to hopefully hold a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day later this summer. Read about our free waste tire disposal event in the highlight below. We are now recycling the previously held cardboard materials at the MCRC. For information about recycling, call 784-1250.



**Mike Mackin**  
Finance Director

Our revenue is up.

Visit [rcky.us/alcoholic-beverage-control](http://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](http://rcky.us/occupational-tax). For further information on these, I can be reached at 606-784-6218 or [michael.mackin@rcky.us](mailto: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](http://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 Waste Tire Disposal Event

The Rowan County Fiscal Court, in cooperation with the KY Division of Waste Management, will be sponsoring a free waste tire disposal event. The program will be held on: Thursday, June 1st, from 8am-3:30pm; Friday, June 2nd, from 8am-3:30pm; Saturday, June 3rd, from 8am-12pm. Program participants must deliver their waste tires behind the County Services Building located next to the Corbie Ellington Post 126 of the American Legion, on 200 American Legion Way in Morehead.

**TIRES ACCEPTED:** Passenger Tires - Light Truck Tires- Truck Tires- Agricultural Tires- Lawn Tractor - ATV-Bicycle Tires - Tires on Rims.

**TIRES NOT ACCEPTED:** Foam/Calcium Filled Tires - Heavy Equipment (OTR) - Solid tires with or without pressed on rims - Any Tire with a Bead Greater Than 1 1/2".

Tire retailers, Scrap Yards and Recycle businesses are expressly prohibited from participating. After this event, waste tires found in Rowan County will be targeted for enforcement action. These actions may result in the owner of the tires and/or property being subject to financial penalties and cleanup cost. 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).

# Raven Cares Facility Celebrates Grand Opening

Raven Cares, a new post-treatment residential facility providing second chances, celebrated its grand opening on East Main Street. Several speakers including Governor Andy Beshear attended and participated in a ribbon cutting. Raven Cares was developed in memory of Cassie Monét Chaney and her fascination with the raven, which symbolizes change or transformation. Chaney battled addiction and was a champion of recovery as she supported others around the Morehead area, until she passed away in 2021. Raven Cares offers a safe haven to those recovering from addiction with services aiding in transition into long-term recovery. Teaming with a variety of community partnerships, Raven Cares can offer its residents second-chance employment through job-seeking skills, access to higher education and financial literacy to give clients tools to be productive and sober. Case Manager Audrey Holbrook outlined the various community partnerships such as Kentucky Career Center, MSU, MCTC, and Edward Jones. The Raven Cares facility's outpatient services provide recovery support and resources including transitional housing, mental healthcare, career services, education, as well as soft skills including getting a driver's license, setting up a bank account and more. Beshear presented Raven Cares with \$500,000 at the grand opening provided by the Appalachian Regional Commission's Inspire Initiative. "We're helping people start their lives over. We're helping them find light, hope and love," Ashley Adkins said.

"Look at how far we've come to ending the stigma of addiction, to encouraging treatment, when we shut down the street in Morehead to celebrate what Raven Cares is doing," said Beshear. "As we sit here today and cut this ribbon, we are taking another step forward in our state and our people's battle against addiction."



Governor Beshear's Senior Adviser Rocky Adkins, who served in the state House of Representatives for 32 years, said he was proud to see the Morehead community embrace Raven Cares and support those in its community who suffer from addiction. "Folks, I am honored to be a part of this community and Morehead," said Adkins. "This community as you know is an unbelievable community that reaches out to help people every day, caring for people with a big heart. Today is a prime example of what this community is all about." Individuals in the Morehead and surrounding areas can reach out to Raven Cares by emailing [contact@ravencares.com](mailto:contact@ravencares.com). As Rocky Adkins said at their opening, "You have a hand reaching out, not to hold you down but to help you up."

## GOVERNOR BESHEAR PRESENTS GRANTS TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

Some of our great local organizations have received support from the Nonprofit Assistance Fund!

Frontier Housing, Inc.- \$100,000

DOVES of Gateway, Inc.- \$80,743

The Salvation Army, Rowan County- \$12,503

Christian Social Services, Inc.- \$9,381

Gateway Children's Advocacy Center- \$299

We look forward to the long-term positive impact this will have on our community.



# Gateway Children's Advocacy Center

## GATEWAY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER



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Protecting today's children becomes a larger and more complex issue every year. While it may seem like there is a growing tide of dangers, dedicated professionals are also willing to assist. Gateway Children's Advocacy Center strives to offer the best therapeutic interventions to child victims of sexual and physical abuse with programs that support the emotional development of youth. Located in Morehead, Kentucky, GCAC has offered a family-friendly environment to eastern Kentucky, with over 9000 services provided since 2020.

All these services are free, with referrals as easy as calling the center at (606) 780-7848 to schedule the intake process. Current programs include internet safety, body safety, parenting classes (nurturing and substance abuse tracks), and outreach services. Plans are continuously developing to offer more interventions, but we need the help of our communities to make that happen. Through donations and volunteer services, we can expand our provisions and ensure no child is turned away from finding the healing they desperately deserve. Visit [www.gatewaycac.com](http://www.gatewaycac.com) to learn more about our team, goals, and upcoming events.

## Domestic Violence Emergency Services of Gateway



Domestic Violence Emergency Services, (DOVES) has provided direct services to survivors of interpersonal violence in the Gateway Area Development District for over 30 years. Established in 1989, we are a state accredited; nonprofit located in Morehead, KY. Our service area encompasses the rural counties of Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan. Components of our program services include crisis intervention, emergency shelter, transitional services, and outreach/non-residential services.

DOVES mission is to provide safe shelter and advocate for survivors of interpersonal violence. DOVES staff provide direct services to both residential and non-residential victims of domestic violence. We provide a 24/7 crisis hotline, individual and group counseling, legal advocacy, medical advocacy, individual case plans, referrals and assistance in obtaining community resources, housing assistance, transportation, educational advocacy, and budgeting and household management skills. We are the designated agency to assist victims in filing after hour emergency protective orders in Rowan and Bath Counties.

DOVES realizes that an individual responds to and heals from traumatic events in their own way. Our qualified staff have received certification through Zero V: Kentucky United Against Violence (formally KCADV) and are trained to provide empathetic listening, support, and information that allows individuals to take control of their lives.

Often survivors are dealing with substance abuse issues, mental illness, medical needs, unemployment, lack of education, or chronic homelessness in addition to trying to rebuild their life after escaping an abusive relationship. Throughout the years, as our knowledge base increases regarding survivor needs, DOVES has been dedicated to expanding on services and developing community partnerships to increase our ability to meet needs of survivors. Seasoned advocates are able to react quickly during crisis situations and provide crucial services to address the ongoing needs of survivors.

DOVES strives to end interpersonal violence, and until that time comes, we are here for every survivor that needs support, empowerment, and advocacy during their journey of healing. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact DOVES at 606-784-6880 or 1-800-221-4361. DOVES can also be reached online at [www.dovesofgateway.org](http://www.dovesofgateway.org)

# Rowan County Public Library Updates

## Your Rowan County Public Library Welcomes a New Executive Director!

Exciting news, y'all! We're proud to announce that your Rowan County Public Library has a new Executive Director: Please join us in welcoming Jasmyne Lewis to our library family!

Jasmyne comes to us following her tenure at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., where she was head of the Science, Medicine, and Agriculture Section until joining us here. She has over 10 years of library experience, and is an alumna of Morehead State University (2004), Georgetown College (2008), and the University of Kentucky (2014). Currently, she's finishing up her doctorate in Education in Leadership Studies at Marshall University, where she's focusing on leadership practices in Appalachia's rural public libraries.

When she's not in the library, it's no surprise that Jasmyne enjoys reading a good book. She also loves traveling, and she crochets—maybe you'll even see her at some of our handicraft programs! She currently resides in Grayson, Kentucky with her two children, Aliya and Colin.

We hope that you'll be as glad to meet Jasmyne as we are to have her! Your Rowan County Public Library continues to hold itself to high standards of information, education, and community service, and we can't wait to see what our new Executive Director helps us accomplish for you.



## Summer Reading Kicks Off with the Magic of Friendship

Your Rowan County Public Library is ready for Summer Reading! To help kids and families get ready, too, we've got a special guest putting on a great performance at 5pm, May 25th: It's the Tricky Max Comedy Magic Show! The show is designed for children ages 5-12, with audience interactivity to keep kids engaged and positive messages about friendship, teamwork, cooperation, diversity, and community. Presenter Paul Adams does around 100 such performances for the national Collaborative Summer Library Program each year through his company, Great Shows for Libraries. We're excited to add him to the list of amazing performers who have helped us make Summer Reading incredible for our community, over the years.

## Summer Reading 2023

at your Rowan County Public Library:

*Books are best when they're shared!*



Registration opens May 15th  
online, in person, or by phone

Be part of our **FREE** special events:  
Read to win books & other prizes!

Join the 5/25 kickoff, starring the  
Tricky Max Comedy Magic Show  
for everybody 5-12



If you're new to Summer Reading or want more information, visit [rowancountylibrary.org/summer-reading](http://rowancountylibrary.org/summer-reading) to see our full schedule of FREE events for all ages. You can even sign up online, as well as in person at the library or by calling (606) 784-7137. You don't have to have a library card to participate (although now is a great time to get one), and we encourage folks to register for Summer Reading activities at multiple libraries!

## New Library Reading Program for Tweens

It can be difficult for youth in grades 5 through 8 to find affordable activities that appeal to them and hold their interest. To help keep reading fun for tweens while also encouraging their own agency, your Rowan County Public Library has a fledgling program that needs community help to succeed: If you have or know a child in grades 5-8, let them know about our Shelf-Indulgence Book Bunch! It's a shared literary journey where participants get to choose what they read, as a group, featuring an open conversation each month about the most recent pick, plus snacks and activities not limited to books. The library is also working with our local bookstore, CoffeeTree Books, to offer a reward system to program attendees: They receive a stamp each time they join in, and three (3) stamps can be traded for a FREE young adult or children's book at CoffeeTree! The Shelf-Indulgence Book Bunch meets at 4:30pm on the second Wednesday each month—perfect for stopping by after school or for kids who take the bus to the library!

## Public Library Partners with Seniors

It's hard to think of many better places for library outreach than our own Rowan County Senior Center! Large print books and other reading and information assistive services are only becoming more popular over time, and your Rowan County Public Library strives to serve patrons of all ages. That's why we're extending an open invitation to everyone 55 and older to join our monthly Senior Book Group at 1pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

The Senior Center has graciously worked with us to provide space for this program, where participants choose a new book to discuss every month. Titles range from drama, mysteries, and thrillers to romance and even comedy; for example, June's book will be *The Night Train* by Clyde Edgerton—a humorous novel about rock-n-roll, jazz, coming of age, and friendship in the 1960s segregation-era South.

Every month, books for the program are made available at the library's front circulation desk by request. Joining in, reading along, and meeting at the Senior Center are all free!

Updates by Morgan Mullins, Marketing & Public Relations, Digital Librarian at RCPL

## Rowan County Public Library Receives Recognition from the Office of the Secretary of State of Kentucky

Following the program "Preserving Your Heritage: Fundamentals of Kentucky Land Patents", presented by Land Office Administrative Supervisor Kandie Adkinson, the RCPL Board received this letter recognizing them for having one of the best facilities in the state. The office wrote, "Your library facilities are absolutely breathtaking, and your collections and services provide an abundance of information pertinent to genealogical and historical research. We compliment each of you for your excellent leadership at the Rowan County Public Library."

Consider taking advantage of the many free resources and programming offered at your Rowan County Public Library. As the Office said in their letter, "We feel certain such presentations benefit the residents of the Rowan County area as they seek to learn more about their families and Kentucky History."



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
MICHAEL G. ADAMS  
April 18, 2023

*Cindy*  
*Thank you for a wonderful evening!*

Rowan County Public Library  
ATTN: BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
175 Beacon Hill Road  
Morehead, KY 40351

Dear Friends,

Thursday, April 6, 2023, we had the pleasure of presenting a program titled "Preserving Your Heritage: Fundamentals of Kentucky Land Patents" for the Genealogy Workshop hosted by the Rowan County Public Library. Ms. Cindy Leach coordinated the event and we congratulate her for a job well done. (We also appreciate the "Thank You" bag chock full of goodies & surprises. Very kind of you folks to do that for us.)

The library facilities were among the best we have seen—and we have seen many facilities during our thirty-nine years of service with the office of Secretary of State. Ms. Leach ensured we had the equipment we needed to present a Power Point program; the atmosphere was both comfortable and professional. Those in attendance seemed to enjoy the session as they shared their research challenges and solutions. We feel certain such presentations benefit the residents of the Rowan County area as they seek to learn more about their families and Kentucky History.

Following the program, we enjoyed a period of fellowship with the participants. Your library facilities are absolutely breathtaking, and your collections & services provide an abundance of information pertinent to genealogical and historical research. We compliment each of you for your excellent leadership at the Rowan County Public Library.

If our office may be of assistance in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

*Kandie Adkinson*  
Kandie Adkinson, Administrative Supervisor  
Land Office Division, for

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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# Tri-County's *Pets of the Month*



Levina is a sweet young adult female hound mix. She's 2 years and 2 months old, and she's been at the shelter with us for 85 days. Consider stopping by today to bring her into your forever home.



Jack is a cute 2 year old male bobtail cat. He needs a fur-ever home, so consider adopting instead of shopping for your next pet and visit him 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.

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## Employee Birthdays

JUNE WELLS, PVA OFFICE, 5/19

DARRELL GLOVER, MAGISTRATE, 5/24

JOSH BROWN, ANIMAL SHELTER, 6/3

JOE CURD, SUBDIVISION REGULATION, 6/4

CHAD MANNING, AMBULANCE SERVICE, 6/5

JONATHAN JONES, ROAD DEPARTMENT, 6/14

BILLY GIBBS, ROAD DEPARTMENT, 6/22

DORIS KIDD, ROAD DEPARTMENT, 6/22



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