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Community Unites to Ensure a Bountiful Thanksgiving for All

This Thanksgiving season, our community has come together in a remarkable show of generosity to help ensure that families in our community don't go without during the holiday. A food drive initiative, led by dedicated Rowan County Fiscal Court and RCDC employees, Judge-Executive Harry Clark, Magistrates, and Jailer Wes Coldiron, garnered tremendous support from citizens and local businesses, making it a true testament to the spirit of giving. Struggling families, income-verified and referred by God's Pantry Food Bank, had the opportunity to pick up specially prepared Thanksgiving meal boxes containing essential foods to make the holiday season brighter. *Continued on page 2*

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From November 3rd to 16th, all local grocery stores and supermarkets joined together to encourage their shoppers to donate shelf-stable foods. The goal: to ensure that families in the area can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. Folks were invited to contribute by purchasing shelf-stable foods and depositing them in marked barrels conveniently placed near store entrances. Donations were also accepted at the Rowan County Courthouse and St. Claire HealthCare, providing multiple avenues for the community to participate in this effort.

On November 16th, the donated goods were transferred to the Rowan County Detention Center, where inmates and staff joined forces to package and assemble 200 boxes. Then on Monday, November 20th, struggling families, income-verified and referred by God's Pantry Food Bank, had the opportunity to pick up these specially prepared Thanksgiving meal boxes, each containing essential foods to make the holiday season brighter.

In an extraordinary display of generosity, Commonwealth Cooperage and St. Claire HealthCare each donated 100 Thanksgiving turkeys to accompany the meal boxes. Their support has been instrumental in ensuring that these holiday meals are not only complete but also a source of joy for families facing challenging times.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Welches Packaging for generously donating the boxes that facilitated the packaging and distribution process.

Special recognition is also extended to Jeff Fannin for his contributions. Jeff donated an entire truckload of food. We're incredibly grateful for all he does for our community and his participation in this effort.

Furthermore, we'd like to thank all our local grocery stores who participated. Walmart, Kroger, Allen's IGA, and Save-a-lot all joined together to help us collect these food drive donations.

This would not have been possible without the RCDC inmates who enthusiastically volunteered their time and efforts to package the donations. They all said that they enjoyed the opportunity to give back to the community and help others enjoy the holiday. We sincerely appreciate their hard work and the meaningful impact they made on families receiving food. Deputy Jailer Tyler Crawford did an excellent job directing the pickup line and organizing the RCDC volunteers.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you extends to the compassionate citizens of Rowan County who have generously contributed to our Thanksgiving food drive. Your selfless donations of canned and shelf-stable foods have not only filled our barrels but also warmed the hearts of families in need. Your support has been instrumental in making this initiative a success, ensuring that everyone in our community can gather around a bountiful Thanksgiving table. Your generosity exemplifies the true spirit of giving, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others during this season of gratitude. Thank you, Rowan County, for coming together and embodying the essence of community and compassion.

Judge-Executive Harry Clark expressed his gratitude to the community, saying, "This initiative is a true reflection of the compassionate spirit that defines Morehead and Rowan County. We are immensely thankful for the support from our partners, Commonwealth Cooperage and St. Claire HealthCare, as well as the dedication of our community members. Together, we are making a difference and ensuring that no one is left behind during this season of giving."



Rowan County Child Support Office Supervisor Emily Ball Wins Statewide Award



Congratulations to Emily Ball for being awarded the well-deserved title of Kentucky Child Support Contracting Official Employee of the Year. This award from Kentucky Child Support Enforcement is only given to one child support worker across the state each year. Emily's outstanding dedication and exemplary work as our Child Support Office Supervisor have not only exceeded expectations but have also positively impacted our community. From handling cases with humility and empathy to managing a multitude of responsibilities, Emily has proven herself as incredibly deserving of this recognition. Her commitment to accuracy, fairness, and diligence is evident in the positive improvement of current support collections and overcoming challenges, showcasing her exceptional work ethic.



Emily Ball does several outreach programs with the community as well. The Rowan County Child Support Office was asked to present to the students in the Morehead State University's Legal Studies Department and at the Rowan Recovery's Fatherhood Event. Emily was the face of the office at these events to spread information on what Child Support is and how it works.



County Attorney Cecil Watkins, Corinne Campagna, and Makayla Grace Tussing nominated her for the award, which was presented at the 2023 Kentucky Child Support Conference. Emily said, "I try to do my best for our clients and the children we represent every day, and for those efforts to be recognized at the state level was truly astonishing. I was so incredibly honored to receive this award." The Rowan County Child Support Office is fortunate to have Emily Ball as its office supervisor.

Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce Held Annual Awards Banquet

The Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce held their annual awards banquet, bringing together local businesses and community leaders to celebrate achievements and excellence. They recognized outstanding individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the economic and social vitality of the region, presenting awards honoring innovation, leadership, and community impact. This event not only highlights the success stories within Morehead and Rowan County but also fosters a sense of unity and collaboration among the diverse sectors that make up our vibrant local business community.



Awards winners pictured above left to right: Outstanding Young Professional- Emily Jordan; Community Partnership - St. Claire HealthCare and Edgewater ; Community Organization of the Year- Doves; Small Business of the Year- Brooklyn Belle Market; Large Business of the Year- St. Claire HealthCare; President's Award- Kasandra Hanshaw; Educator of the Year- Melissa Jenkins; Service Professional of the Year- Shannon Malone; Tracy C. Williams Service Above Self- Melissa Cooper; Ora L. Cline- Jeff Fannin; Recognition of Outgoing Young Professionals Chair- Morgan Rivers; Recognition of Outgoing Board of Directors Chair- Gabe Brown to Tim Kochendoerfer

Paving the Way:

The Vital Role of the Rowan County Road Department

The dedicated team at our Rowan County Road Department plays a crucial role in maintaining the county's infrastructure, ensuring smooth and safe travel for residents and visitors alike. These folks work tirelessly behind the scenes to build, repair, and maintain the extensive network of county roads that weave through our community.

The Road Department serves as the steward of Rowan County's infrastructure, overseeing the maintenance and improvement of county roads and bridges. They are responsible for repairing potholes, resurfacing roadways, and implementing safety measures to enhance the overall quality of transportation on county roads.

The Traffic Code, County Road System schedule of incorporated roads, and other county road related ordinances can be found in Chapters 70, 71, and 72 of the Rowan County Code of Ordinances. KRS Chapter 178 in the Kentucky Revised Statutes also pertains to county roads and bridges. This chapter outlines various provisions related to the establishment, maintenance, and regulation of county roads, as well as the duties and powers of county officials in this context. It covers aspects such as road construction, repairs, and the authority of fiscal courts in managing county roads and bridges.

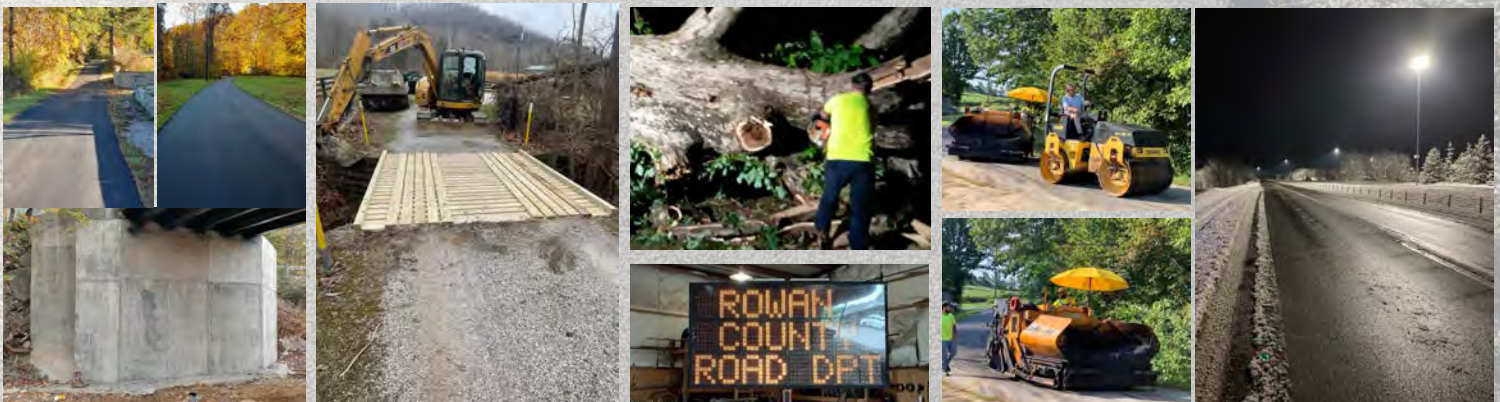
The county adopts a nuanced approach to prioritize blacktop spending, allocating \$100,000 to each of the four magisterial districts based on a dual consideration of resident population and road condition. This strategy ensures a fair distribution of resources, recognizing the varying needs of districts with differing resident counts. Simultaneously, it addresses road conditions, directing funds to areas with the most pressing maintenance requirements. By combining these factors, the county strives to optimize the impact of its budget, promoting equity and enhancing infrastructure across diverse regions.

As the seasons change, the Road Department gears up for the challenges presented by winter weather. Snow and ice can pose significant hazards on roadways, threatening public safety. The department diligently prepares for winter by strategically placing salt on key routes, deploying plows to clear snow, and monitoring weather conditions to respond promptly to any potential issues. Through their proactive efforts, the Road Department ensures that Rowan County residents can navigate safely even in inclement weather.

As Rowan County continues to grow and evolve, the Road Department plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of transportation in the region. Through strategic planning, efficient resource management, and a commitment to excellence, the department ensures that the county's roads remain safe, reliable, and conducive to economic development.

The Rowan County Road Department stands as a cornerstone of public service. These folks work tirelessly to build and maintain the roads that we travel every day. Their commitment to safety, hard work, and community engagement makes them an integral part of Rowan County's infrastructure and in this important aspect of our daily lives.

An Inside Look Article by Savannah Jackson. Pictures by Rowan County Road Department.



ROWAN COUNTY SCHOOLS: SCHOOL RESOURCE AND SAFETY OFFICERS

In recognition of their invaluable contributions to Rowan County Schools, the spotlight is on the dedicated School Resource Officers (SROs) and School Safety Officers (SSOs) who go above and beyond to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff.

The Rowan County School District is home to a team of committed School Resource Officers who play a pivotal role in creating a safe and secure environment for learning. These officers, often the unsung heroes within the school community, are being celebrated for their unwavering dedication and the positive impact they have on the lives of students. These dedicated officers play a crucial role in maintaining a secure and conducive learning environment within the school district. Their presence not only ensures the physical safety of the school community but also fosters positive relationships between law enforcement and students.

Superintendent Rowe speaks highly of the officers, stating, "Our School Resource Officers and School Safety Officers are an integral part of our educational community. Their commitment to the safety and welfare of our students is commendable. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated team working with us."

The commitment of these officers extends far beyond their duty to protect and serve. They actively engage with students, offering mentorship and guidance, contributing to a positive school culture. Many SROs and SSOs participate in school events, classroom discussions, and extracurricular activities, becoming familiar faces and approachable figures for students.

Parents and community members have also voiced their appreciation for the SROs and SSOs, highlighting the sense of comfort they bring to the school environment. The close collaboration between law enforcement and the school district has been crucial in creating a safe space for learning and growth.

The Rowan County School District recognizes that the officers play a vital role in the holistic development of students, not only as protectors but as mentors and role models. Their dedication to fostering positive relationships with the school community has left a lasting impact.

In a time when school safety is a top priority, the Rowan County School District extends its heartfelt appreciation to the School Resource Officers and School Safety Officers for their service, dedication, and positive impact on the entire school community.



Rowan County Installs Outdoor Warning Sirens

Early warning is key for safety in emergency weather conditions, and the Rowan County Fiscal Court invested in the safety of our community by installing two new tornado sirens. We received grants which covered half the cost, and the Fiscal Court paid the other half. We've never had tornado sirens out in the county before, so we look forward to using this to determine their efficiency before installing more. Read a write up below from Emergency Management Director Jarred Moore about Outdoor Warning Sirens.

OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

Outdoor Warning Sirens may be activated for Tornado Warnings. Sirens are not activated for watches of any kind. Every siren in Rowan County is tested on the second Friday of each month at 12:00 p.m. noon so please listen for your siren and become familiar with the sound. If serious weather is predicted on test day, the test will be cancelled.

Outdoor Warning Sirens are only designed for "OUTDOOR NOTIFICATION" and are not intended to alert citizens who are already indoors. For indoor notification please go to smart911.com and sign up. If you hear a siren, immediately go indoors and tune in to local media sources for further information.

SIREN USE

For a tornado warning, sirens will be activated at any time of the day or night.

Once you have taken shelter or followed the instructions from the siren, monitor local radio or television or your NOAA weather radio for additional emergency information.

SIREN RANGE

The wailing sound of an outdoor warning siren is much like that of a police car, fire truck, or other emergency vehicle, only much, much louder. A siren's alert tone can be heard outdoors about a mile and a half away from the siren site in all directions, depending on weather conditions.

Outdoor warning sirens are intended to warn people who are outdoors. They are not designed to notify people who are indoors. A siren loud enough for you to hear inside your house or workplace would be dangerously loud for nearby outdoor listeners. For indoor alerting, we strongly recommend you have a [NOAA all-hazards weather radio](#).

SOUND

The Sirens are programmed for a Tornado Warning issued by the National Weather Service. This consists of a wail of 10 seconds up and 4 seconds down, being repeated for a duration of three (3) minutes and then it will cease noise. (we might change this to 3 on then 3 off then repeat until it ends.)

Protective Actions

- Tornado Watch – The NWS issues a Tornado Watch when weather conditions in an area indicate an increased risk for severe weather that may be capable of producing a tornado.
- Tornado Warning – The NWS issues a Tornado Warning when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter IMMEDIATELY.
- Warning times vary in the range of 10 to 15 minutes.
- Occasionally, tornadoes develop without detection, and no official warnings can be made before touchdown.

WHEN ARE THEY NOT SOUNDED, AND WHY?

- Tornado WATCH – Conditions are right for a tornado to form in the vicinity; stay alert.
- Thunderstorm WATCH – Conditions are right for severe thunderstorms to develop; be prepared.
- Thunderstorm WARNING – A thunderstorm with hail and damaging winds will strike in the vicinity.

The Outdoor Sirens are not used for these events because we want residents to know when they do hear the sirens, there is an active threat to our area, and they should take immediate action. Additionally, if residents hear the sirens activate for all events, they may dismiss them and continue with their normal activities when in fact they should be taking shelter.

SIREN LOCATION

The first siren is located on top of The Old City Hall building at 170 E Main Street Morehead KY 40351.

The second siren is located at the rear of the MMRC Farmers Fire Station at 4450 Ky Highway 801 N, Morehead KY 40351.

The third siren is located at 22 Partin Street Clearfield KY 40313 (the corner of Partin Street and McBrayer Road).

DEPARTMENT UPDATES



Steve Kelsey
Road Foreman

Our snowplow and salt are ready for the winter. We've updated snow routes. Consider downloading the Smart911 app to prepare for severe weather events. Check out "Paving the Way" about our Road Department on page 4. Follow @RCFiscalCourt on Facebook for road closure updates.



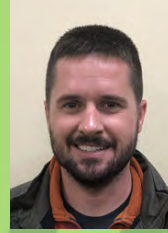
Homer Lewis
Ambulance Service

Following former EMS Director Danny Blevins' retirement, Homer Lewis has been named Interim EMS Director. We welcome him into the interim role and look forward to his contributions. Progress continues on the new secondary ambulance service building. This will improve response times and serve the needs of our growing county.



Wes Coldiron
Jailer

I'd like to thank all the inmates and RCDC employees that volunteered to help package holiday meal boxes for the Rowan County Fiscal Court Food Drive this Thanksgiving. Deputy Jailer Tyler Crawford did an excellent job directing the pickup line and organizing the RCDC volunteers.



Tyler Brown
Solid Waste and
Floodplain

Litter abatement has done great this year and is currently around 338 miles and 6,919 trash bags total. We issued 238 electrical permits this year. The Recycling Center recycled 80,000 pounds of cardboard last month.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: CYNTHIA PENNINGTON



Cynthia Pennington
Finance

Mrs. Cynthia Pennington joined the Rowan County Fiscal Court Finance Department in October 2022. Her cheerful smile and personality, coupled with her professional demeanor are valuable traits afforded the County! She has been instrumental in reporting recovered and accurate revenues since her arrival.

"Meticulous, approachable, and compassionate", are words to describe Cynthia, provided Finance Director Mike Mackin.

Cynthia is a valuable member of the Rowan County team who continues to integrate financial reporting in support of annual budgeting for Rowan County. Thank you, Cynthia, for all you do!



Nick Brown
Animal Control
Officer

This holiday season, consider adopting instead of shopping for a pet and visit the Tri-County Animal Shelter. To see the animals we have in the shelter, visit rcky.us/animal-control and follow our Facebook page, @RowanDogPound. The Tri-County Animal Shelter accepts checks, debit, and credit.



The Recycling Center wants to send out their appreciation to the Rowan County Road Dept for helping repair their parking lot and servicing their recycling truck. Thanks to the road crew employees and the mechanics. Great Job!

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, 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

DECEMBER 2023

ROWAN COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE: DEC 1ST

ROWAN COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE: THEME: CHRISTMAS MEMORIES. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 6:00PM. LINEUP WILL START AT 4:30PM MIX, MINGLE & JINGLE - FOLLOWING THE PARADE AT THE CITY PARK. FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA, FREE HOT CHOCOLATE, CHRISTMAS CAROLING & FREE COOKIES! ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING AT 7:30PM FOR ENTRIES, PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION ON ROWANCOUNTYCHRISTMASPARADE.COM *RAIN DATE - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8.

APPALACHIAN CRAFT FAIR- DEC 2ND

SATURDAY, DEC. 2, 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. AT THE LAUGHLIN HEALTH BUILDING. MORE THAN 100 ARTISANS. FOOD VENDORS WILL BE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE VENUE. ADMISSION TO THE FAIR IS \$3, AND CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER ARE ADMITTED FOR FREE.

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

ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE DEC 4TH

ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE: DEC 4TH AT 5-7PM. ENJOY LIVE MUSIC BY THE BACK ROOM STRINGS, REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, PICTURES WITH SANTA, AND STORYTIME WITH MRS. CLAUS—NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED, ALL FOR FREE.

MSU STAR THEATER

THE STAR THEATER'S REGULAR PUBLIC PLANETARIUM FEATURES INCLUDE A LIVE PRESENTATION OF NIGHT SKY. THEY HAVE LASER SHOWS AS WELL. THEIR PUBLIC SHOWS, PAYABLE BY CASH OR CHECK UPON ARRIVAL, NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED, ARE, STARTING THIS MONTH, \$10 ADULTS, \$5 CHILDREN OR SENIORS, FREE FOR TODDLERS AND ALL MSU FACULTY, STUDENTS, OR STAFF AND OUR LASER SHOWS WILL BE BACK AT 6:30 PM. AND COMMUNITY, SCHOOL, CHURCH GROUPS, LIBRARIES CAN SCHEDULE A SHOW FOR THEIR GROUP AS WELL (FEE TYPICALLY \$150, REDUCED FOR SMALL GROUPS). CONTACT THROUGH STAR.THEATER@MOREHEADSTATE.EDU OR 240 422 0546.

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY: DEC 2ND

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY AT 5-8PM ON DEC 2ND IN MOREHEAD:

- THOMAS ALBERT TRIO AT THE CITIZENS BANK
- RYAN GILLUM & BRYON HOLBROOK AT THE BOARD ROOM
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR AT 6PM
- AP HARBOR AT US BANK
- LUCY BECKER AND ELIJAH MILLER AT NEW FRONTIER
- A STORYBOOK CHRISTMAS AND FACE PAINTING AT COREY'S CAFE
- TLVIS VAUGH AND SARAH GOLLIHUE AT HOLBROOK DRUG
- HOT CHOCOLATE AND SUGAR COOKIE DECOR AT THE ALLEY OFF MAIN
- CAVE RUN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT MOREHEAD CONFERENCE CENTER
- JOHN FORD AND THE GINNS AT SAWSTONE BREWING COMPANY
- SELFIES WITH SANTA AND FACE PAINTING AT HOLBROOK'S EMBROIDERY
- MEG'S CULINARY KITCHEN AT C ROGER LEWIS AGENCY
- DAVID AUSTIN AND BAYLEE MORGAN AT THE HOUND LOUNGE
- ROWAN COUNTY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL BANDS AT THE BATTSON OATES COMMONS
- TRUTONES BARBERSHOP QUARTET AT THE ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER
- ELIZABETH BOWMAN, HARVEY PENNINGTON, AND LARRY ALBERT AT WHITAKER BANK
- PETTING ZOO AND PONY WHEEL AT THE CITIZENS BANK BACK LOT
- MSU TROMBONE ENSEMBLE 5-5:30, MSU TUBA/EUPHONIUM ENSEMBLE 5:30-7:30 AT COFFEE TREE BOOKS

CITY-COUNTY CHRISTMAS DINNER DEC 7TH

CITY-COUNTY CHRISTMAS DINNER: ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH FROM 4-7PM AT THE CARL PERKINS CENTER, START YOUR HOLIDAY WITH A COMMUNITY-WIDE CELEBRATION OF THE SEASON. A DELICIOUS FREE DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED BY YOUR CITY AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THIS FREE COMMUNITY EVENT. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

HERE IS THEIR EVENT CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS:

DECEMBER 9
11 AM COSMIC ADVENTURE; 1:30 PM FORCES OF NATURE
6:30 PM. LASER BEATLES

DECEMBER 16
11 AM STAR OF BETHLEHEM; 1:30 PM SEASONS OF LIGHT
6:30 PM LASER HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 20 (WEEKDAY MATINEES)
11 AM STAR OF BETHLEHEM; 1 PM SEASONS OF LIGHT
3 PM LASER HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 23
NO SHOW! CHRISTMAS WEEKEND!
NEXT PUBLIC SHOW JANUARY 12TH, 2024

ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

THE ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER PRESENTS, "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" FEATURING MICHAEL BREEZE AS CHARLES DICKENS IN A DRAMATIC ONE MAN READING OF THE STORY. DINNER & SHOW ON FRIDAY, DEC. 15 & SATURDAY, DEC. 16
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
SHOW STARTS AT 7:30PM
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

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

MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION Food DRIVE DROP OFF LOCATIONS

MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
150 E 1ST STREET

MSU ADUC FRONT DESK/ ATHLETICS/ ALUMNI OFFICE

US BANK
122 E MAIN STREET

WHITAKER BANK
104 E MAIN STREET
1489 FLEMINGSBURG RD

STOCK YARDS BANK
1500 FLEMINGSBURG RD
400 W 1ST ST.

PEOPLES BANK
2795 KY-801



ITEMS NEEDED:
NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS,
BOTTLED WATER, CAN OPENERS

ALL ITEMS TO SUPPORT GOD'S PANTRY FOOD BANK AND MSU EAGLE ESSENTIALS

Donations due by December 22nd

MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

DO YOU WANT YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT

FEATURED IN THE ROWAN REVIEW?

Contact us at 606-784-5151 or email savannah.jackson@rky.us for a list of deadlines and publishing dates.

ROWAN COUNTY HALLOWEEN DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS!

The votes are in, and it is time to announce the winners of our Halloween Decorating Contest! We'd like to thank everyone who participated. We had a fantastic response with over 1500 votes cast before the deadline. There were many truly impressive entries, and we really enjoyed looking at everyone's decorations. We'd also especially like to say thank you to the generosity of Morehead-Rowan County Tourism and God's Pantry Food Bank for prize donations. That being said, our winners are as follows:



Above left to right: Residential winners: 1st Place, Shana Savard Hogge; 2nd Place, Rainy Bolton; 3rd Place, Casey DeAtley.
Below left to right: Business winners: 1st Place, Wild Roots Salon; 2nd Place, Gateway Children's Advocacy Center; 3rd Place, MKM Soap/Haldeman Brickyard



Did you know that the Hickory Flats Fire Tower and Cabin is available for overnight stays? The grand prize for this contest was a 2 day, 3 night stay at this unique location. This lookout tower was constructed in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Rowan County, Kentucky. It is listed on the National Historic Lookout Register. Interested in staying? Hike in to the location and take your Rowan County adventures to new heights! Book now at tinyurl.com/4exp2drn



Rowan County Christmas Decorating Contest Returns

Celebrate the holiday season with us in the fourth annual Rowan County Christmas Decorating Contest! Any resident or business is welcome to join in on the fun by submitting a picture of your tree, outside or inside decorations, or other seasonal décor at rcky.us/christmas. If you have multiple photos, combine them into a single collage before submitting. In 2022, we had well over 10,000+ likes, views and votes, and we hope to have even more this year. (Below are some previous winners.)

There will be two categories- residential and business- and each will have first, second, and third place prizes of \$350, \$250, and \$150 in prepaid Visa cards. This wonderful seasonal event wouldn't be possible without the generous sponsorship of Commonwealth Cooperage. We're truly grateful for all they contribute to in our community and are proud to have them as a partner. Share the Christmas spirit and participate in our contest before Saturday, December 16th, at midnight!



Join Us for the Annual City-County Christmas Dinner on December 7th from 4-7pm at the Carl Perkins Center

Celebrate the Christmas season with your friends and neighbors at the annual City-County Christmas Dinner. On Thursday, December 7th from 4-7pm at the Carl Perkins Center, start your holiday with a community-wide celebration of the season. A delicious free dinner will be provided by your city and county employees and elected officials. Everyone is invited to this free community event. We hope to see you there.



Christmas Events Return to Morehead and Rowan County

Rowan County Christmas Parade: Theme: Christmas Memories. Friday, December 1 at 6:00pm.

Lineup will start at 4:30pm.

Parade begins at 6pm.

Mix, Mingle & Jingle - following the parade at the City Park.

Free Pictures with Santa, Free Hot Chocolate, Christmas Caroling & Free Cookies!

Annual Tree Lighting at 7:30pm

For entries, please fill out the application on RowanCountyChristmasParade.com

*Rain Date - Friday, December 8.

Appalachian Craft Fair: Downtown Morehead, Inc. and the Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC) present the 37th Annual Appalachian Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Laughlin Health Building. More than 100 juried artisans will be at the event, offering a variety of handcrafted wood items, ceramics, homemade baked goods, jewelry, and more. Food vendors will be located outside the venue. Admission to the fair is \$3, and children 12 and under are admitted for free. For more info contact contact 606-783-2204 or email t.stone@moreheadstate.edu.

Hometown Holiday 5-8pm in Morehead:

- Thomas Albert Trio at the Citizens Bank
- Ryan Gillum & Bryon Holbrook at the Board Room
- First Baptist Church Choir at 6pm
- AP Harbor at US Bank
- Lucy Becker and Elijah Miller at New Frontier
- A Storybook Christmas and Face Painting at Corey's Cafe
- Tlvis Vaugh and Sarah Gollihue at Holbrook Drug
- Hot Chocolate and Sugar Cookie Decor at the Alley Off Main
- Cave Run Symphony Orchestra at Morehead Conference Center
- John Ford and the Ginns at Sawstone Brewing Company
- Selfies with Santa and Face Painting at Holbrook's Embroidery
- Meg's Culinary Kitchen at C Roger Lewis Agency
- David Austin and Baylee Morgan at the Hound Lounge
- Rowan County Middle and High School Bands at the Battson Oates Commons
- TruTones barbershop quartet at the Rowan County Arts Center
- Elizabeth Bowman, Harvey Pennington, and Larry Albert at Whitaker Bank
- Petting Zoo and Pony Wheel at the Citizens Bank back lot
- MSU Trombone Ensemble 5-5:30, MSU Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble 5:30-7:30 at Coffee Tree Books/ The Fuzzy Duck

Rowan County Public Library Holiday Open House: Dec 4th at 5-7pm. Enjoy live music by the Back Room Strings, refreshments provided by the Friends of the Rowan County Public Library, pictures with Santa, and storytime with Mrs. Claus—no registration required, all for free.

City-County Christmas Dinner: On Thursday, December 7th from 4-7pm at the Carl Perkins Center, start your holiday with a community-wide celebration of the season. A delicious free dinner will be provided by your city and county employees and elected officials. Everyone is invited to this free community event. We hope to see you there.

MMRC Industrial Park Site is Build-Ready

The John Will Stacy MMRC Regional Industrial Park here in Rowan County has joined Kentucky's roster of Build-Ready certified properties by the Cabinet for Economic Development. These sites, available statewide, facilitate swift construction and operations for companies, fostering the creation of quality jobs and opportunities. Build-Ready sites, like this one, have undergone extensive preparatory work beyond construction. This encompasses land control, archaeological, environmental, and geotechnical studies, building pad construction, preliminary design completion, approved site plan permits, and infrastructure establishment, allowing immediate commencement of construction.

To attain Build-Ready certification, a site must feature a 50,000-square-foot building pad, expandable to 100,000 square feet or more, with utilities reaching the site. Applicants for the Build-Ready certification must have filed necessary permits, submitted preliminary plans, cost estimates, schedule projections, and provided a rendering of a potential building. The Build-Ready Lot 10, part of the 280-acre MMRC Regional Industrial Park, offers a 150,000-square-foot graded building pad on 22.4 acres. It is strategically located less than 1.5 miles from Interstate Highway 64. Utilities include a 10-inch force main sewer line, an 8-inch gravity sewer line, a 16-inch waterline, and provisions for electric, gas, and fiber internet utilities.

In April 2022, Gov. Beshear announced \$425,000 in upgrades for the MMRC Regional Industrial Park, supported by a \$212,500 state grant from the Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KPDI) and a local match from the MMRC Regional Industrial Development Authority. KPDI, a collaboration between the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development and the Kentucky Association for Economic Development (KAED), provides competitive grants to support site and building improvement projects for Kentucky's economic development entities and local governments.



Judge Executive Harry Clark spoke on the benefits of the KPDI program: “The Kentucky Product Development Initiative Program has provided counties like Rowan County with the opportunity to make these critical investments necessary to attract jobs and economic growth to Eastern Kentucky. For us, KPDI has been one of the most forward-thinking and game-changing programs to come about in the last decade, and we are thankful to Gov. Beshear and the legislature for providing us with the opportunity to make Rowan County and the region a better place to live, work and do business.”

AMERICAN LEGION POST 126 NAMES DANNY BLEVINS FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Danny Blevins, member and treasurer of RT 377 Fire Department, was awarded Firefighter of the Year by the American Legion Post 126.

Danny Blevins, our former EMS Director, has spent years serving our community and was instrumental in the formation of Rowan County's certified Firewise communities. This involved an educational process and hands-on mitigation, making sure the community was aware of the hazards of a wildland fire and the importance of a dependable space around homes in the event a wildland fire. Danny Blevins is the author of the Kentucky wildland awareness training program that is now a mandated class for every firefighter in the state of Kentucky. The Kentucky Division of Forestry also awarded Danny the National Wildfire Mitigation award during Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on May 6, 2022.

In addition to his wildfire mitigation experience, Danny is an SFRT Instructor. He has taught thousands of hours of training to every department in the region and has attended numerous state fire schools as an instructor. Haldeman/Hayes Crossing Fire Chief Jerry Bowen wrote, “We always look forward to Danny coming to teach. He has his own unique way of instruction getting his point across using down to earth messages and more practical approach to training.” Congratulations, Danny, and thank you for your service to Rowan County!



STAR (Saving the Animals of Rowan) Celebrates 20 Years of Rescue!

Article by Cindy Leach



STAR began as a way to help the Rowan County Dog Pound and support the dog warden and county's efforts to provide a safe environment for displaced pets. Created in 2004 by Jan White Dacci, Susan Creasap and Julia Sharp, STAR is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving the animals of Rowan County, Kentucky. Working together with the Fiscal Court and Tri County Animal Shelter, STAR saves over 500 dogs per year. STAR is a 501c3 non-profit rescue and is made up entirely of volunteers and operates totally on donations and fundraisers. Donations are tax deductible and go toward vet bills, transport costs, boarding costs, and general operation expenses.

So how did a former vet tech/office manager, a tattoo artist and a music professor get together to form STAR? Each of them were independently rescuing dogs from the county shelter and getting them vetted for adoption or rescue. Former dog warden, Jimmy Hale, and local veterinarian, Dr. Ralph Derrickson, suggested that the women ought to work together so Jan White Dacci, Susan Creasap and Julia Sharp met in 2004 at the Fuzzy Duck and created one of the most well-known Kentucky rescue efforts in the country. So three women who had never met finally met and "STAR" was the result.

When STAR was formed, Julia, owner of a tattoo parlor, posted calls for help, arranged van transports and drove dogs as far as New Jersey for their new lives. She hired a graphic designer for the STAR logo. She had been networking for animal rights and cross posting animals through email already when they started and had a huge email list for networking. Jan had the vet tech skills needed to take care of the dogs and she was the everyday volunteer, giving medicine, taking dogs to and from the vet and boarding, picked up unwanted dogs and anything else needing to be done. Susan, music professor at Morehead State University, was the organizer and managed the finances, paperwork and found placement for the dogs.

Originally, STAR worked out of the dog pound. In 2013, Tri County Animal Shelter was built on HWY 519 and STAR was granted use of the old pound where animals with secured rescue awaiting transport would stay temporarily. STAR houses these animals, gets them fully vetted including spay/neuter and rabies shots prior to being transported to rescue.

STAR is also called upon to assist in abuse cases, hoarding situations, and cases of animal neglect. Volunteers were asked to help save a mom and litter of pups that fell over a cliff where they were stranded for several days until they were discovered and physically rescued by STAR members. The rescue has taken multiple dogs when the owner was discovered deceased and one volunteer drove a dog to Florida to get him to a family member whose owner died in Rowan County. STAR has even had dogs flown to their locations on private planes. STAR takes the animals from these deplorable conditions and get them the vet care they need to become happy, healthy pets. STAR has several volunteers who foster dogs to get them out of the stressful kennel environment until they transport out. They also help when overcrowding becomes a problem at Tri County and has rescued and sent to rescues more than just dogs, such as cats, rabbits, horses, and even chickens and a huge iguana.

Volunteers work tirelessly to save the lives of the animals who find themselves at Tri County Animal Shelter, on the streets or surrendered by owners who can no longer care for them. STAR has helped the animal shelter go from being a high kill shelter to where it is now a 99% no-kill shelter. With the help of our generous donors, we are able to continue our mission to help the abandoned, abused, and neglected animals in our region and to help educate the public about the importance of spay/neuter, vaccinations, and heartworm/fecal testing for the health of their dogs.

Article Sources: Jan White Dacci, Susan Creasap and Julia Sharp



Photos left to right (STAR beginnings): Julia, Susan, Jan

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Record Attendance at Tenth Rotation Artist's Reception of the Rowan County Courthouse Art Exhibit Presented by Artisan Frameworks

The Tenth Rotation Artist's Reception of the Rowan County Courthouse Art Exhibit Presented by Artisan Frameworks was one for the books!

The halls of the courthouse were abuzz with a multitude of visitors to the event. Eager to see the pieces on display, at many times during the 2 hours event, it was nearly impossible to pass the clusters of people viewing the artworks. Between 225 and 250 people were in attendance to view a wide array of artworks from various mediums of art. Visitors to the event viewed oils, acrylics, colored pencil, photography, mixed media and paint pour artworks.

Anthony Pernell, a local artist from Bath County entertained visitors in the lobby, discussing the artforms that he specializes in as well as allowing the public to view his latest prints. Pernell, a long time participant in the exhibit, recently was chosen to display his work at Cattleman's Roadhouse in the Anthony Pernell Gallery Presented by Artisan Frameworks. This area, located in the restaurant's lobby will also be the home of the Rowan County Arts Information Center, also presented by Artisan Frameworks. This new addition will provide brochures and other materials, including the Rowan Review to better inform local residents as well as visitors of the arts exhibits which can be viewed downtown.

As a first for the event, a special addition, food from Cattleman's Roadhouse, a new exhibit partner, was available as a special treat. Attendees enjoyed Prime Rib Sliders, broccoli salad and bowtie pasta salad. Cattleman's plans to become a fixture in the receptions of the exhibit, providing food for future receptions. General Manager, Nicole Warren, of Cattleman's Morehead was present at the event, welcoming the public and celebrating the arts with delicious food.

An informational video, filmed in a plane while flying over Rowan County, was seen playing in the background, giving viewers some inside information about some behind the scenes work that went into the event.

As the event ended for the evening, visitors asked when the next event would be held, so anticipation and excitement will have to be contained until mid to late January 2024 for the next reception.

If you are an artist, or know of an artist, who would like to exhibit artwork in the next rotation of the Rowan County Courthouse Art Exhibit Presented by Artisan Frameworks, please contact Stefan Hayes via email at artisanframeworks@windstream.net or by phone at 606.207.1672.



Some pieces from the 10th Rotation of the Rowan County Courthouse Art Exhibit Presented by Artisan Frameworks: 'TCB' by Anthony Pernell (upper left), 'The Corral' by Stevie Moore (upper right), 'The Cat' by Eva Jo Henderson (lower left)



Tri-County's Pets of the Month



Jardani is a sweet young adult male dog. He would need a fenced in yard he can't climb. He is crate trained and walks good on a leash. He loves people and gets along with other dogs.



We are still getting to know Teddy Bear. He was an outside dog and would need work with houstraining. He is one year old and absolutely loves people. Teddy has already been neutered.

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 year was the Cora Wilson Stewart Moonlight School established?

Read next month's edition to find out!

Last Month's Question and Answer: Where was the first sawmill in Rowan County located? Clearfield!

Employee Birthdays

CHRISTOPHER STEGALL, ROAD DEPARTMENT, 12/7

CINDY GLOVER, AMBULANCE SERVICE, 12/17

SAVANNAH JACKSON, JUDGE-EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE, 12/20



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