



# Rowan Review

*The latest news and announcements in your county*

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## **Discretionary Funds from Governor Beshear to Resurface Sugarloaf Mountain Road, McBrayer Road, and Morgan Fork Road**

The discretionary funding awards presented by Governor Beshear could not have come at a better time, and we extend to him our unwavering gratitude for his support. This \$378,000 will ensure the resurfacing of Sugarloaf Mountain Road, McBrayer Road, and Morgan Fork Road – three roads in our county that we could not otherwise afford to resurface on our own. This is a big win for Rowan County and the families who travel these roads every day.



## *Over 33,000 lbs. of Food Delivered to Local Food Banks by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

The Rowan County Services Building was used to unload and distribute 33,000 pounds of surplus foods for local folks in need through food banks in our region, delivered by the Lexington Kentucky North Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This was thanks to the efforts of hardworking volunteers, led by JustServe.

Volunteers from organizations receiving food, as well as two local recovery organizations' staff and residents, Rowan County Student Services, Gateway Homeless Coalition, DOVES, Catholic Charities, and members of several local churches joined to help facilitate the distribution.

Those who received food in Rowan County include: Gateway Homeless Coalition, Doves Domestic Violence Center, Rowan County School Resources, God's Pantry, Bluebank Church of God, Johnson Church of God, and Elliottville Apostolic.

Others in our region who received food include: Church of Jesus Christ, Christ's Pantry, Chosen Path Food Bank, Willard Church of Christ, Gregoryville Christian Holiness, Hope's Helping Hands, Centro de San Juan Diego, Sterling Community Food Coalition, Bluegrass Community Health Center, First Baptist Church of Winchester, Sterling Health Care, Nicholas County Senior Extension Services, and Wesley's Place.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and JustServe have been good to Rowan County. We appreciate the efforts they have made to help others, and we look forward to working with them again.



## **23rd Annual Cave Run Storytelling Festival Returns**

The 23rd annual Cave Run Storytelling Festival will be held Sept. 29-30 at the Twin Knobs Recreation area at Cave Run Lake. Nationally and internationally known storytellers for this year's festival include Donald Davis, Kim Weitkamp, Ray Christian, Bill Harley, Regi Carpenter, Linda Gorham and Josh Goforth. Storytellers from across the country are invited to tell at the Cave Run Storytelling Festival because of their ability to select a story that appeals to the specific audience. The expert storytellers invited to this year's festival will speak to the joy and hardships of life that include humor and music.

The first Cave Run Storytelling Festival was held in 1999. The late Dave Manner of the U.S. Forest Service had the idea for the first festival. He thought the event would provide a way for people to enjoy the out of doors and hear some great stories. The festival is known to be one of the best in the nation. Area school students attend the festival on Thursday and Friday. At this time 3200 students from the area as well as Lexington and Ashland are signed up to attend. Approximately 100 volunteers work to direct parking, monitor tents, prepare food for tellers, sell tickets and much more to support this great event. Local businesses and organizations generously support the festival with donations.

To learn more about the festival go to [www.caverunstoryfest.org](http://www.caverunstoryfest.org).



# MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY AIRPORT RECEIVES STATE GRANT FOR CORPORATE APRON PROJECT

The Morehead-Rowan County Clyde A. Thomas Regional Airport is once again the recipient of a state grant for a significant airport improvement project. On August 21, Governor Andy Beshear announced a \$648,184 grant to the community to complete the funding for the construction of a 302 foot x 186 foot (56,172 SF) concrete apron for the future construction of up to six (6) large corporate box hangars. The state funding is in addition to federal grants of \$1,272,936 and local funding of \$650,637, for a total project cost of \$2,571,757 inclusive of engineering, design and construction. The corporate apron project is the largest capital project undertaken by the Airport Board since the initial construction of the airport and its opening in 2007.

The Airport's initial Business Plan received in 2007 focused the Airport Board on multiple growth strategies. The Airports Long Range Land Plan adopted also in 2007 designated the future site for the construction of the corporate hangar apron. More recently, in November 2021 the Airport Board received an updated Strategic Plan. The Board had earlier commissioned Garver Engineering, the Airport's engineer of record, to undertake and update the Board's strategic plan. Corporate hangar partnerships once again were a recommended strategy. "The 1.3 acre corporate apron/pad will allow our airport and community to be responsive to the corporate needs of our current and future economic partners," according to Dr. Bruce Mattingly, Chair of the Morehead-Rowan County Airport Board.

Mattingly added "While the Federal and State grants are obviously critical to our being able to undertake projects of this nature, the past and on-going support of the county and city is equally important. The annual support the Airport Board receives from our sponsors enables us to meet mandated grant matching requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration in addition to allowing us to maintain our facilities and meet operational demands. Our Board knows we can count on this support. Additionally, because of the long-term economic impact that this project will have in the community we also received grant assistance from the Morehead-Rowan County Tourism Commission and the Morehead-Rowan County Industrial Development Authority. The contributions from Tourism and IDA assured the FAA and the Kentucky Department of Aviation of our community's commitment to the Commonwealth's economic future."

Shamrock Concrete, Louisville, KY was low bidder and began construction of the new apron August 14. The estimated completion date is November 14. Garver Aviation designed the project.





# An Inside Look: Floodplain Management by Savannah Jackson

Floodplain management is a community-based effort to reduce the risk of flooding, resulting in a more resilient community.

A floodplain typically refers to the land area around a body of water, such as a creek, that will be flooded when the water level comes out of its banks. Floodplains are defined by how often they flood and the probability that they might flood in any given year. FEMA maps these areas for flood insurance purposes through the National Flood Insurance Program.

Rowan County's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinances, which have the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize public and private loss due to flooding, utilize provisions designed to:

- Restrict or prohibit uses which are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood height or velocity;
- Require that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- Control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers which accommodate or channel flood waters;
- Control filling, grading, dredging, and other development which may increase erosion or flood damage; and,
- Prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert floodwaters, or which may increase flood hazards to other areas.

Floodplain management is critical to responsible environmental services with far-reaching implications for community stability. The importance of floodplain management cannot be overstated, especially in a time where there have been more frequent and severe weather events. Properly managed floodplains provide a buffer against floodwaters, allowing for reduced flood impact on developed areas. Flood damage can lead to significant financial losses for individuals and businesses alike. By mitigating flood risks through planning, floodplain mapping, and infrastructure improvements, we can also help protect our local economy from the devastating impacts of flooding. Floodplain management plays a vital role in safeguarding lives and property. Through compliance with common-sense floodplain regulations, our community can reduce the risk of catastrophic flooding, minimize property damage, and prevent loss of life during flood events.

Floodplain management is not just a matter of regulatory compliance; it is a fundamental tool for protecting lives, property, economies, and the environment.

*Pictured below: sample floodplain map*

## Why We Created "An Inside Look"

As part of our mission to keep the public informed of what we do, we created this new recurring section, "An Inside Look", to publish information about the roles, functions, and/or relevant law or policy of different offices, departments, and/or services of county government. We hope that this helps our community increase their knowledge thereof. Just like how we broadcast all our Fiscal Court meetings live on Facebook at @RCFiscalCourt, and post the minutes to our website [rcky.us](http://rcky.us), this is part of our continual effort to promote a transparent government and an involved citizenry. It's important to us that this information is accessible, so we publish this newsletter as well as frequently update our online resources, so take a look at our website ([rcky.us](http://rcky.us)) and Facebook (@RCFiscalCourt) to see what's new!





# Morehead-Rowan Co-MSU Community Recycling Center Completing Upgrades



The Morehead-Rowan County-MSU Community Recycling Center recently completed electrical upgrades to accommodate a new shredder and baler, which is set to arrive within the next several weeks. They are also having much-needed repairs to their driveway that serves the drive-thru drop off area (shown in picture below).

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

Services with a fee include (call 784-1250 in advance to schedule these services):

- Shredding of documents: \$15/hour, \$5 minimum
- Collection services for Businesses Curbside Recycling within Morehead City limits: \$10/pickup
- Residential Curbside pickup (available to most areas of Rowan County): \$10/month

The MCRC currently accepts paper, cardboard, cans, plastic and E-scrap including the following:

- Cardboard and 'paperboard'
- Packaging Folders
- Plastic #1 & #2
- Clear shrink wrap
- E-scrap (computers, fax machines, phones, microwave ovens, cell phones)
- Paper
- Newspaper, magazines, office and school paper, mixed paper, and shredded paper, and junk mail are accepted. (Please put napkins, paper towels, tissues, etc. in the trash!)
- Metal
- Steel (tin) cans, Aluminum cans, and foil

Our community is greatly benefitted by the various services offered by the MCRC. Check out their website here: <https://moreheadrecycling.org/>



Watch our video about the Morehead-Rowan County-MSU Community Recycling Center online to learn more about recycling and the services offered by the Center! Visit [rcky.us/board-highlights/recycling](https://rcky.us/board-highlights/recycling) to watch today!



## Recognizing Direct Support Professionals



Judge-Executive Harry Clark, Mayor Laura White Brown, and County Attorney Cecil Watkins joined to declare September 10-16 2023 Direct Support Professional Recognition Week. Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) play a crucial role in providing essential care and assistance to individuals with disabilities. Their unwavering dedication and compassion ensure that these individuals can lead fulfilling lives, fostering independence, promoting inclusion, and enhancing overall quality of life within our communities.



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 126 SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

The American Legion continues to support our local police and fire fighters. Corbie Ellington Post 126 will conduct the fourth annual police and fire fighter of the year from Rowan County. The Fire Fighter presentation will be made during Veterans Day Activities, November 11, 2023.

All fire fighters in Rowan County are eligible for this award which will consist of a certificate and flag presentation. The winner will also be recognized in the annual Memorial Day parade. The four Rowan County departments and the City of Morehead Fire Department are encouraged to provide their recommendation for the award. A one-page narrative is requested stating the justification for the selection. The Legion award committee will then make the selection from the nominations. The deadline for nominations is September 30. This is open to all county fire fighters; you do not have to be a Veteran to be nominated. Any questions may be directed to Scott Barker, [devlyonassociates@gmail.com](mailto:devlyonassociates@gmail.com), cell 606 356-6383.

## Fire Departments Learning at State Fire Rescue Training Area 9

Firefighters from Farmers, Elliottville, and Morehead fire departments completed training on flammable gases at State Fire Rescue Training Area 9 this September. Earlier in August, FVFD also completed Forcible Entry Training. Great work to all!



## WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION SAFETY TIPS

### Action Items to Improve Your Home's Survivability:

- REMOVE leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- SCREEN areas below decks and porches with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- COVER exterior attic and soffit vents with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering your home.
- ENCLOSE eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- INSPECT shingles or roof tiles. REPLACE missing shingles or tiles. COVER ends of tiles with bird stops or cement to help prevent ember penetration during a wildfire.

### Tips for Landscaping Around Your Home

- REMOVE dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first 5 feet of the home.
- KEEP your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to help reduce fire intensity.
- PRUNE tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet above the ground to help reduce the chance of fire getting into the crowns of the trees.
- MOVE construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.
- DISPOSE of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings that you have cut to reduce fuel for fire.



# DEPARTMENT UPDATES



**Steve Kelsey**  
Road Foreman

Blacktopping is underway and should be completed by the end of October, weather permitting. Check out a full list of our planned blacktop projects online at [rcky.us/news/road-work-underway](http://rcky.us/news/road-work-underway). Follow @RCFiscalCourt on Facebook for road closure updates. Our snowplow and salt are ready for the winter. We also have a new vehicle.



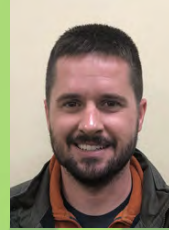
**Danny Blevins**  
Ambulance  
Service

Our fleet is doing well, and we are doing some routine maintenance on vehicles. Our new radios are in, and we expect the new defibrillators to arrive in October. These will provide real-time EKGs and greatly improve emergency cardiac care.



**Wes Coldiron**  
Jailer

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



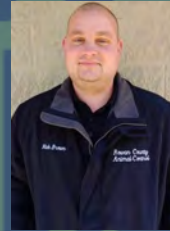
**Tyler Brown**  
Solid Waste and  
Floodplain

Litter abatement is off to a great start this year and is currently around 261 miles, 26 dump sites, and 5,637 trash bags total. The Recycling Center recycled 85,000 pounds of material last month. There will be a free dump day this October. Read the highlight below for more information.



**Mike Mackin**  
Finance Director

For further information on alcohol license applications, business regulations, occupational tax, and net profits, I can be reached at 606-784-6218 or [michael.mackin@rcky.us](mailto:michael.mackin@rcky.us).



**Nick Brown**  
Animal Control  
Officer

To see the animals we have in the shelter, visit [rcky.us/animal-control](http://rcky.us/animal-control) and follow our Facebook page, @RowanDogPound. Consider adopting instead of shopping for a pet and visit us today. The Tri-County Animal Shelter accepts checks, debit, and credit. To learn more about how animal control works in Rowan County, visit [rcky.us/news/animal-control-in-rowan](http://rcky.us/news/animal-control-in-rowan).

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: NICOLE DULEN

Nicole is our county Payroll Officer, and her positive attitude and dedication set her apart as an employee. She originally began working for the county at the Tri-County Animal Shelter in 2015 and entered her new role in payroll this April. We're so happy to have such a committed and enthusiastic member of our team.



## FREE DISPOSAL DAY

There will be a Free Disposal Day at the Waste Management landfill on 300 Old Phelps Road. The Free Disposal Day will be held 10/21 from 8 AM- noon for Rowan County citizens. No hazardous materials, appliances, or tires accepted. Loads must be tied or tarped to avoid spillage. For more information contact 606-784-6345 or [tyler.brown@rcky.us](mailto:tyler.brown@rcky.us).

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



# MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER 2023

### WEEK OF 9/25

THE ART OF RECOVERY TALENT SHOWCASE, PRESENTED BY ST. CLAIRE HEALTHCARE, AT LAUGHLIN HEALTH BUILDING  
9/26 AT 5-7 PM

CAVE RUN STORYTELLING FESTIVAL  
FRI 9/29- SAT 9/30- LOCATED AT TWIN KNOBS RECREATION AREA  
SCHEDULE AVAILABLE AT [CAVERUNSTORYFEST.ORG/SCHEDULE/](http://CAVERUNSTORYFEST.ORG/SCHEDULE/)

DOG WASH BENEFITTING MSU VET TECH CLUB AT MSU FARM, 9/29 FROM 4-7PM, PROOF OF PET VACCINATION REQUIRED FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

### WEEK OF 10/1

AMERICAN LEGION POST 126 BINGO- SUNDAY 10/1; DOORS OPEN AT NOON, FIRST BALL DROPS AT 2PM  
PROCEEDS SUPPORT LOCAL VETERAN'S PROGRAMS, CHARITABLE GAMING LIC#00002028

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

PRESERVING YOUR HERITAGE: CORA WILSON STEWART  
AT ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10/5 AT 5:30 PM

FREE SHREDDING EVENT  
AT ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10/6 AT 10 AM- 1 PM

ARTIST MEET & GREET  
AT ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER  
10/6 AT 4-6 PM

FISHING AND HUNTING EXPO  
AT THE CARL PERKINS CENTER  
10/7 AT 9 AM- 4 PM  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
[SPITORSWALLOWTACKLE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SPITORSWALLOWTACKLE@GMAIL.COM)

GOURD FESTIVAL AND CRAFT SHOW  
AT THE HALDEMAN COMMUNITY CENTER  
10/7 AT 10 AM- 2 PM  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
MARI AT 219-921-6062

MAKER'S MARKET AT ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER  
OUTDOOR MARKET, FREE ART ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS, AND LIVE MUSIC, 10/7 AT 11 AM - 3 PM

### WEEK OF 10/8

MSU STAR THEATER SHOWS- 10/14  
SEE STAR THEATER SECTION

PET HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST AND MAIN STREET PUP CRAWL BY ROLL OVER ROLLED ICE CREAM- 10/14 AT 2 PM

### WEEK OF 10/15

MSU STAR THEATER 10/21 - OPEN HOUSE AND INTERNATIONAL OBSERVE THE MOON NIGHT  
PLANETARIUM SHOWS, LIVE MUSIC, ACTIVITIES, AND REFRESHMENTS

### LATER EVENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT AND HAUNTED HOUSE AT HALDEMAN COMMUNITY CENTER- 10/28 AT 6 PM

CAVE RUN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS: HAUNTED HARMONIES  
10/29 AT 3 PM  
MOREHEAD CONFERENCE CENTER

MOREHEAD HARVEST FESTIVAL 10/27-29 SEE INFO IN SEPARATE SECTION TO THE RIGHT

### AIRPORT BREAKFAST

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

### RECURRING EVENTS

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

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

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

### MSU STAR THEATER

#### OCTOBER 14

11 AM- FROM THE EARTH TO THE UNIVERSE; 1:30 PM VIOLENT UNIVERSE; 6:30 PM LASER U2

#### OCTOBER 21

OPEN HOUSE AND INTERNATIONAL OBSERVE THE MOON NIGHT  
4:30 TO 7:30 PM -THREE SHOWS: OASIS IN SPACE, LASER PINK FLOYD: THE WALL, LIVE NIGHT SKY WITH TOUR OF PLANETS.  
LIVE MUSIC (GLENN AND LISA GINN), FUN HANDS-ON SCIENCE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES INCLUDING THE SLIME LAB, ROCKET CLUB, AND ASTRONOMY CLUB ACTIVITIES, REFRESHMENTS. PRICES ARE \$10 FOR ADULTS AND \$5 FOR CHILDREN.

ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER AT: [MSUFYP.WUFOO.COM/FORMS/STAR-THEATER-OPEN-HOUSE-CELEBRATION](http://MSUFYP.WUFOO.COM/FORMS/STAR-THEATER-OPEN-HOUSE-CELEBRATION)

### MOREHEAD HARVEST FESTIVAL

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FRIDAY 10/27-5PM-9PM; SATURDAY 10/28-8AM-7PM; SUNDAY 10/ 29-1PM-7PM

FOOD VENDORS - GAMES - PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST - SCARECROW CONTEST - TRACTOR SHOW - CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT - HAYRIDE - CAKE WALK - SINGING - CRAFT VENDORS & MUCH MORE!

VENDOR SET UP & INFO. - JEFF FANNIN - 606-776-2639 - [JEFF@PRINTUSA.COM](mailto:JEFF@PRINTUSA.COM)

### 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 PUBLIC LIBRARY RECURRING EVENTS

ZUMBA GOLD AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, EVERY MONDAY, 6 PM

CRAFTIN AROUND FOR 13+ AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2ND MONDAY MONTHLY, 10 AM-2 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 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: October 13th)

Calendar Background Photo by Steve Griggs  
(FB- [@SteveGriggsIG@DroneBufo](https://www.facebook.com/SteveGriggsIG))

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



# Shield of Shelter Gallery Expands

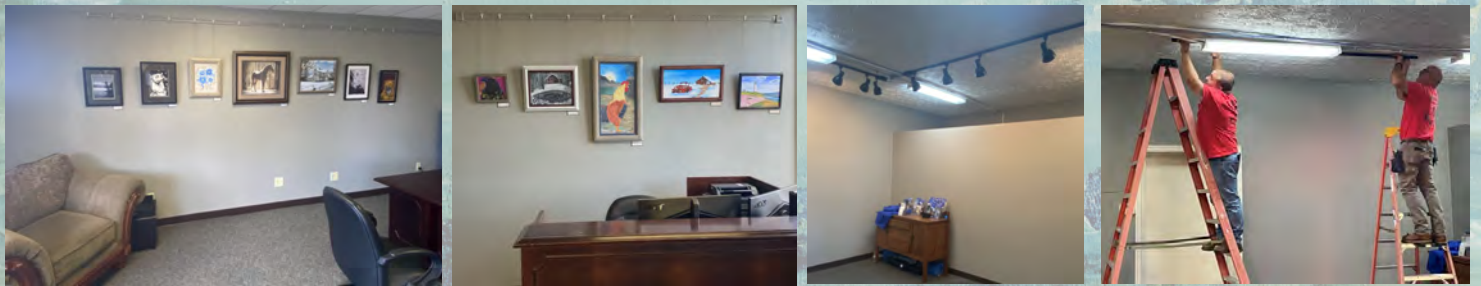
## by Stefan Hayes

The Shield of Shelter Gallery, a collaboration between the Caleb Staggs' Shelter Insurance Agency and Artisan Frameworks, is expanding!

Following the official ribbon cutting ceremony by the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce in April 2023, the announcement was made that an expansion project was in the works, allowing for more artworks from the Rowan Co. Courthouse Art Exhibit Presented by Artisan Frameworks to be exhibited for an additional three months. A display of works from the Rowan County Photography Club is also now included.

Caleb Staggs, Agent, states, "We are incredibly excited for the expansion and being able to provide more space for more artists to exhibit their work. We love our community!" Electrician Andy Williams and son, Andrew, installed gallery lighting on Tuesday, September 19 and hanging rails will be installed to allow artwork to be installed.

Visit the Shield of Shelter Gallery at Shelter Insurance, 135 Pinecrest Drive, Morehead, Ky to check it out!



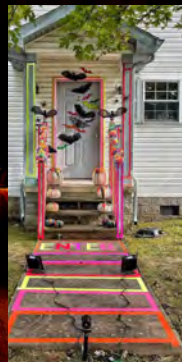
## ROWAN COUNTY HALLOWEEN DECORATION CONTEST

Judge Harry Clark would like to invite all the people of Morehead and Rowan County to participate in our Halloween Decoration Contest. Any resident or business is welcome to join in on the fun.

You have the opportunity to win bragging rights, be featured on our Facebook page with over seven thousand followers, be featured in the November edition of the Rowan Review newsletter, and win some really nice prizes. More information coming soon. Prizes will be awarded to residences only, although business will be judged as well in a separate category.

Visit [www.rcky.us/halloween](http://www.rcky.us/halloween) to enter the contest beginning October 1st. Entering is as simple as uploading a photo from your phone. We were blown away by last year's participation, and we'd love to see even more this time around. Get into the Halloween Spirit and decorate your home to be the prettiest, scariest, funkiest, or funniest in the county!

Attached are some photos of previous winners. Good luck!



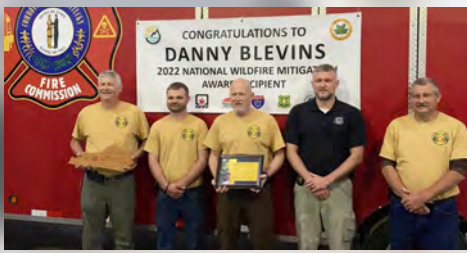


# ROWAN COUNTY EMS DIRECTOR DANNY BLEVINS RETIRES FOLLOWING 34 YEARS OF SERVICE

Rowan County EMS Director Danny Blevins has announced his retirement following a distinguished and devoted career spanning over three decades.

Danny has left a lasting impact on Rowan County and touched countless lives during his time serving our community. Among his many accomplishments, Danny Blevins pioneered the inception of the Tactical Medic Program. Danny has always been a champion for his employees, and he has a big heart. In addition to his work with Rowan County EMS, he also has served as a medic on the Morehead Police Department's Tactical Team and volunteered with the Route 377 Volunteer Fire Department.

Danny's contributions have been invaluable, and while his absence will be deeply felt, we extend our warmest wishes for a well-deserved retirement.



## A Living History of the Vietnam War

The Rowan County Veterans Foundation held the event "A Living History of the Vietnam War", paying tribute to Vietnam veterans and the entertainers of the USO. They provided an educational living history of the Vietnam War through interactive displays and being able to talk to Vietnam Veterans and historians and held a USO show. The event was a great success and increased public awareness and understanding of the era. Special thanks to the organizers, Bill Bolen, Tim James, Scott Barker and David Clinger!





# Pieces of History: The Civilian Conservation Corps in Rowan

## Article by Cindy Leach

The CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) was established in 1933 under the administration of the United States Forest Service and President Franklin Roosevelt's Emergency Conservation Act. The CCC was designed to give young boys between the ages 17-28 the dignity of work by building bridges, roads, trails, fire towers, while conserving the forests. The camp workers were treated as if they were in the military – they had a base camp, barracks, and were not permitted off base without a pass. The men in charge were ROTC Officers, Regular Army or retired Army Engineers.

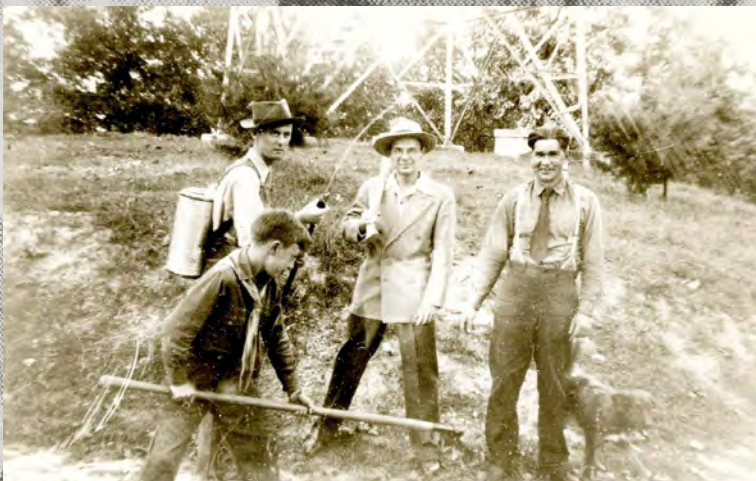
The Commanding Officer of the Morehead Camp was Lt. Roy S. Williams, Superintendent was Bruce L. Vice, Educational Advisor was Earl May and Camp Surgeon was Dr. Everett Blair. The men in charge were ROTC Officers, Regular Army or retired Army Engineers.

The CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) was responsible for the National Forest land in Rowan, Menifee, Morgan, Elliott, and parts of Fleming and Bath Counties. One of their first priorities was fighting fires so they built forty-foot steel fire towers at McCauley Ridge, Hickory Flats, Tater Knob and Triangle. They were all built the same – 14 feet by 14 feet cabin containing two cots, a stove, table, storage box, cabinet, and stool.

The WPA (Works Progress Administration) provided unemployed teachers employment at the camp. They taught literature, reading, writing, leadership, journalism, forestry, typing, first aid, photography, cooking, baking, personal development and more. Church services were also provided for various religious affiliations. Some of the teachers were Sam Johnson, Mary Olive Burgess, Anna Lee Berry, Minnie Gastineau and Bernice Barker.

The boys signed up for six-month stint, and could re-enlist for another six months. All housing, clothing and food was furnished and they were paid thirty dollars a month – twenty-five of this was sent to the families of the workers, while the boys got to keep five dollars a month.

By 1938, the CCC had strung 40 miles of telephone lines, 45 miles of limestone roads including over Clack Mountain, Pretty Ridge, Clay Lick to Menifee County, Lockege Road that ran to the old Cogswell Post Office and Alfrey School. They constructed the CCC Trail from Clearfield to Elliottville and many other roads. Engineers provided the skills needed to build the roads and bridges and the young men did the labor.





## Members of the Morehead CCC Camp in 1937

Roy M. Williams, 1st LT, CA-RES., Commanding

Mr. Bruce L. Vice, Camp Superintendent

Willis V. Johnson, 2nd LT, Adjutant

Dr. Everett Blair, M.D. Camp Surgeon

Mr. Earl C. May, Educational Advisor

Mr. Lee Jacobs, Mechanic Foreman

Mr. Jess Williams, Carpenter Foreman

Mr. Tom Merritt, Stone Mason Foreman

Mr. Harry \_\_\_\_\_, Quarry Foreman

Mr. Asa Reeves, Clerk

Senior Leader -Kenzie A. Hardy

Leaders -Howard Brown, Mason Cochran, William Epperson, Charles Fraley, Francis Maydel, Sylvester Mays, Jerome Richter, William Tankersley

Assistant Leaders- Clarence Baldwin, Earl Bradley, Reuben A. Bush, Virgil Caudill, Batt A. Conn, John Curtis, Benton Ferguson, Ivan Gregory, Alex Hill, George E. McBrayer, James Marshall, Emory C. Phillips, George Royce, Atilio Venturini, John L. White.

Members - Kelly Arnett, William C. Banks, Ray Blair, Freddy Blevins, Roy E. Bond, Lester Bradley, Blayne Brown, Francis I. Brown, William D. Carmichael, William E. Carmichael, Manos Caudill, Murvel Caudill, Joe Chadima, Ival Click, William Crum, Wade Colley, Clyde Combs, Joseph Combs, Ralph Combs, Thomsel Combs, Virgil Conn, Wilbert Conn, Elber Cox, Burl E. Crosthwaite, Curtis DeLong, Cass Dutton, Thomas Early, Cleo Elam, Lon Ellis, Green Fannin, Hiram Fields, Milford Foster, Ray Fraley, Ted E. Fraley, William M. Fraley, Eugene Gates, Roy Gibson, Elmer Gulley, Edgar Hall, Ora Hamilton, Ellis C. Hamm, Roy C. Hamm, William L. Hamm, Perry Manley, William Hargett, Walter Hargis, Marson M. Harrell, Earl Harris, George M. Hurt, Newton Irick, Tip James, Dewey Johnson, Jess R. Johnson, Kenneth Johnson, Marcus R. Johnson, Wayne O. Johnson, Gilbert Jones, William T. Jones, James H. Karrick, Charles Kiser, Clellis Lambert, Edgar S. Lawrence, Robert Linville, John D. Litton, Joseph McClurg, Ralph McKinney, Jose Maggard, Clinton Manns, Herbert Manley, James C. Marshall, Mearle Martin, John J. Mauk, Floyd Messer, Arnold S. Miller, Ellsworth Mitchell, James Mocabee, Everett Montgomery, Chester Moore, Frank Moreland, Leonard Nolan, Holeman E. Oney, Ewell Penick, William Perry, Paul J. Pettit, Daniel Phelps, William Phillips, Bert Puckett, Hobart Ramey, Fordyce Redford, Jimmie Reeves, Joe Rice, Cleo Roberts, Ollie Roberts, Orville Roberts, Stirl Roberts, David C. Rogers, William Rogers, Walter Roth, James Rook, Gilva Sallee, Willard Sallee, Williams Sanders, Owen Sanders, Benard Scaggs, Robert Selby, Thasseus Selby, Earle Shrout, Ray Skaggs, George Smart, Paul O. Sparks, Bruce S. Stacy, Ray Stamper, Carl Staton, Andy Stephens, Ben Swim, John Swim, Clyde Tackett, Jack Tackett, Alfred Thaxton, David Thomas, Arthur Thompson, Virgil Thompson, Clarence Turner, Lucien Walters, Buford Wells, Arthur White, Chester White, Clifford White, Darrell White, George White, Lionel White, James Woodard, Hanson Wright, Willie Yates.

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# October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and domestic violence is a serious but sadly widespread crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels. Over four million Americans are affected each year, and one in three have witnessed an incident. Only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this crime, and this change can begin with you. Domestic Violence Emergency Services of Gateway, or DOVES, is a non-profit organization that provides safe shelter and free services to domestic violence victims.

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, they are a state accredited; nonprofit located in Morehead, KY. Their service area encompasses Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan Counties. 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. Their 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 their knowledge base increases regarding survivor needs, DOVES has been dedicated to expanding on services and developing community partnerships to increase their 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, they 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)



The poster features a dark purple background with gold and white floral patterns. At the top, the word "Doves" is written in a white cursive font, with a dove icon above it. Below this, "30th Anniversary Gala" is written in white and gold. To the right, it says "presented by St. Claire HealthCare" with a white cross icon. The main text "JOIN US!" is in large, bold, gold letters, followed by "Morehead Conference Center Saturday, October 14, 2023 | 6 p.m." in white. A QR code is on the left, with the text "Purchase tickets by scanning the code or by visiting DOVESgala2023.givesmart.com" to its right. At the bottom, there is a gold-bordered box containing the text "Enjoy a night of fantastic food, drinks, elegance and inspiration as we paint the town purple!" and "This is a purple-tie affair. You are encouraged to come decked out in your favorite shades of plum, violet, lilac, lavender and more! No purple? No problem. Come dressed in your favorite formal attire!". Below this box, it says "Your ticket to the Gala allows you to enjoy:" followed by a list of activities in two columns.

**JOIN US!** Morehead Conference Center  
Saturday, October 14, 2023 | 6 p.m.

Purchase tickets by scanning the code or by visiting  
[DOVESgala2023.givesmart.com](http://DOVESgala2023.givesmart.com)

Ticket sales end on September 25th, or earlier if we sell out. Get your tickets today!

**Enjoy a night of fantastic food, drinks, elegance and inspiration as we paint the town purple!**

This is a purple-tie affair. You are encouraged to come decked out in your favorite shades of plum, violet, lilac, lavender and more! No purple? No problem. Come dressed in your favorite formal attire!

**Your ticket to the Gala allows you to enjoy:**

- A lively cocktail hour with appetizers
- Live music
- An open bar serving wine, beer and signature drinks
- A dazzling array of silent auction and raffle items
- A plated meal including salad, entree and dessert
- Digital photo booths, including a 360° camera



# Rowan County Public Library Updates

by Morgan Mullins

## Voter Registration at your Public Library

September is National Voter Registration Month, and your Rowan County Public Library is working to get our community ready to vote! As many as 1 in 4 U.S. citizens aren't sure if their registration is up-to-date and valid, or even if they're registered at all. On top of that, voting misinformation is easy to find and mistake for truth, and lots of people don't believe their vote really counts. It does! That's why RCPL has partnered with the Rowan chapter of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth to sign our neighbors up and help the county to get informed about voting. Contact the library or visit their website at [rowancountylibrary.org](http://rowancountylibrary.org) for more information about how you can get registered to vote, check and update your registration, and avoid misinformation!

## September is National Library Card Signup Month

Every September since 1988, libraries across the U.S. have celebrated National Library Card Signup Month as a way to help children access information. The goal is to register as many kids as possible for a library card and share what awaits them at their local library, but there's much more to it: Did you know that a library card is one of the most cost-effective back-to-school tools for parents? Public libraries provide internet access, tutoring and reference services, language learning, specialized study and investigative services like genealogy, and much more—all for free! Not to mention, many libraries partner with other community institutions and organizations to support kids, families, and even adults in need with programs ranging from computer skills classes to the distribution of free hygiene products.

So what are you waiting for? Signing up for a library card is fast, easy, and doesn't cost a penny for Kentucky citizens. During September, registration and replacement cards are free for everybody, even if you live outside of Kentucky! A card is your pass to learning, entertainment, and professional development—plus, signing up for a card is one of the best and most effective ways of supporting your local library. Already have one? Great! Now's your chance to tell friends and family who don't visit the library about everything they're missing. Remember: A library card is elemental, so get yours today!



At the September meeting of the library's Preserving Your Heritage genealogy programming, Cindy Leach lead a presentation and discussion of DNA ancestry testing with actual results from different tests as examples. Attendees learned about sibling DNA, genetic ancestry, how it works, its reliability, and more. Door prizes were drawn, including three free books and one free Ancestry DNA test kit. The RCPL's genealogy programming promotes an awareness of and interest in local history. Cindy's presentations are different every month, covering a wide variety of topics, and often welcomes special guests. Consider attending next month's presentation about the life of Cora Wilson Stewart on October 5th at 5:30pm.

Article by Savannah Jackson, Pictures by Morgan Mullins



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



Bear is a sweet male one year old Catahoula Leopard Dog mix. He is ready for a fur-ever home, so consider stopping by the Tri-County Animal Shelter today!



Cookie is a cute 16 week old male cat who has been at the Shelter since early August. He is looking for a loving family like yours. 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.

# Question of the Month

When was Rowan County formed by the Kentucky General Assembly? Read next month's edition to find out! Last Month's Question and Answer: What was the first settlement in Rowan County? Farmers!

## *Employee Birthdays*

DANNY BLEVINS, AMBULANCE SERVICE, 10/1

JUSTIN PERKINS, ROAD DEPARTMENT, 10/1

LAUREN LITTLETON, COUNTY TREASURER, 10/2

TERRY KIDD, AMBULANCE SERVICE, 10/11

JARROD OWENS, AMBULANCE SERVICE, 10/20



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