

Rowan Review

The latest news and announcements in your county.

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A Thank-You to Our Firefighters

Our firefighters make up the backbone of our community. Unfortunately, sometimes it takes adversity for us to recognize all the good they continually do.

At the end of October, following weeks of dry conditions and a burn ban in place, a forest fire broke out around the Sugarloaf Mountain area. It spread 175 acres and took firefighters from almost every jurisdiction, as well as the U.S. Forestry Service and the Kentucky Division of Forestry, to battle and eventually contain the fire.

We are incredibly grateful for the brave men and women who join together to protect us in dangerous situations, many of whom volunteer countless hours to protect and serve our community.

We couldn't have handled the fire on Sugarloaf without the diligent service and great cooperation of all our firefighters and organizations who helped keep it contained. It's important to note that while Sugarloaf's was the largest, there were fires all over the county during that period, with one on Click Cemetery Road spanning 39 acres. Please observe burn bans when they are issued, and always practice common sense safety when burning.

We'd like to also recognize their other efforts. On October 27th, before the Sugarloaf fire, our firefighters performed two rescues in one day. The first was by the Farmers Fire Department, who performed a search and rescue for a missing man off Eldridge Lane. Then later that day, the Hayes Crossing/Haldeman Fire Department rescued a lost hunter off Forestry Ridge Road. His phone died shortly after calling 911, but they were able to triangulate where his phone had called from and located him successfully.

We give our sincerest gratitude for all our firefighters and all our first responders. Thank you for constantly running towards what others run from, for going into danger to save lives and protect property. Our first responders continually take on physical and emotional demands to make an incredible difference in our lives, and we thank them for playing such an important role in our community.



A Veteran's Day Message from Judge Clark

Over the last month, American Legion Post 126 and many local veterans enjoyed time with our students celebrating Veterans Day, from elementary to MSU and multiple stops between.

One of those stops allowed American Legion Post 126 to present the Fire Fighter of the Year award to Gary Lanham, a well-deserved award to someone that has given a lifetime of service to our community. Gary started his service in 1965 and continues to serve today. Thank you, Gary.

The American Legion presented for the first time the Steve Fouch Patriot Award. Lucy Conn Moore received this award for all her work with the veterans. Lucy works tirelessly to ensure the veterans and schools work hand in hand to teach our youth the importance of patriotism. Thank you, Lucy.

It was such a pleasure listening to and watching our future. I must say our kids are the best behaved, well mannered, and have the brightest minds that will allow them to accomplish anything they choose. That proof was demonstrated in the last event attended: Haven Ford signing with Murray State. What each individual that spoke had to say about her showed she is humble, caring, and totally dedicated to whatever she does. Congratulations Haven and congratulations to her family for raising such a fine young lady that is an example for all of us to follow. Thank you, Ford Family.

I think I can safely say on behalf of the veterans, we truly enjoyed these past few days, we look forward to many more and are so excited to see what the future holds for these wonderful kids that we would all be proud to call our own.

-Harry Clark



Savannah Eaglin Receives Kentucky Paralegal Association Scholarship

We are proud to announce that our dedicated employee Savannah Eaglin has been chosen as the recipient for the 2022 Kentucky Paralegal Association Scholarship.

Savannah is a motivated student and employee who works hard to balance full-time studies at Morehead State University with her part-time position as an Administrative Assistant at Judge-Executive Harry Clark's Office. Her rigorous academic record as a double major in Legal Studies and Spanish with a certificate in Intelligence Studies demonstrates Savannah's desire to acquire abilities that will prepare her for an exceptional career. She is passionate about law and works as an Undergraduate Research Fellow under Professor Laken Albrink developing a roleplaying tabletop game that strategically teaches the principles of property law. An engaged member of her community, Savannah serves as Chief Defense Counsel of the MSU Student Government Association Student Court and as Secretary of the MSU Intelligence Club. For a year and a half, Savannah has been working at our office, and we couldn't be prouder of how we've seen her grow as a professional. In her role, she has significantly expanded the Rowan Review, increasing both the quantity and quality of articles published. She helps manage our website, rcky.us, and Facebook page @RCFiscalCourt.

"Managing the Rowan Review has given me experience in different methods of writing, research, reporting, and collaboration. It has helped me better appreciate the importance of transparency in government and the necessity of keeping the public informed of what we do and the hardworking folks who make that happen. I am incredibly grateful for the mentorship of Dylan Lambert and Professor Albrink and for the life changing opportunity Judge Clark has given me."



Rowan County Courthouse Art Exhibit Ribbon Cutting

In early 2020, The Rowan County Courthouse Art Exhibit Presented by Artisan Frameworks began, transforming the walls of the Rowan County Courthouse into a rotational art exhibit giving local, regional, and international artists an opportunity to display their artworks in our community. Due to the COVID-19 protocols, the exhibit's opening never got its time in the spotlight. Now, in its seventh quarterly rotation, we conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the arts and this wonderful space to view them. A special ambassador piece- the first to be hung in the exhibit- was delivered by helicopter for this special occasion. We look forward to more rotational receptions to come and the free opportunity to view these great artworks right here in Rowan County. We invite everyone to visit the exhibit Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm at the Rowan County Courthouse.



DEPARTMENT UPDATES



Steve Kelsey
Road Foreman

We are working on ditching and will continue until winter.

We completed all our blacktopping projects for the year and sent in all related paperwork. We anticipate a sizeable reimbursement from the state in the coming days pursuant to the discretionary funding agreement.

We already have salt in reserves and have prepared our snowplows; rest assured that we are prepared for weather events to come.



Danny Blevins
Ambulance Service

We're looking forward to the new secondary ambulance service building. Our fleet remains healthy; however we are waiting on some parts from the dealership and hope to get that in the coming days.

Our prayers go out to the families and first responders impacted by the bus crash in Magoffin County.

We're looking into adding a fourth crew to help with transfers.



Wes Coldiron
Jailer

We're continuing to expand our work release program and to include more local businesses.

We currently have over 20 inmates participating in the work release program.

For information on inmate services, visit rcky.us/inmate-services. For visitation and inmate information, visit rowanky.goejail.com.



Tyler Brown
Solid Waste and
Floodplain

In our cleanups so far this year, a total of 393 miles have been cleaned with 8,932 bags total. This is the most we've picked up so far since I've been here.

The Recycling Center recycled over 94,000 pounds this month. For information about recycling, visit <https://moreheadrecycling.org/> or call 784-1250. The MCRC is open for 24/7 drop off.

We're up to 238 electric permits for the year.



Mike Mackin
Finance Director

Visit rcky.us/alcoholic-beverage-control to view our alcohol license application guidelines and the Rowan County Alcohol Sales Ordinance. Rowan County's business regulations and new business checklist are available at rcky.us/occupational-tax. For further information on these, I can be reached at 606-784-6218 or michael.mackin@rcky.us.



Nick Brown
Animal Control
Officer

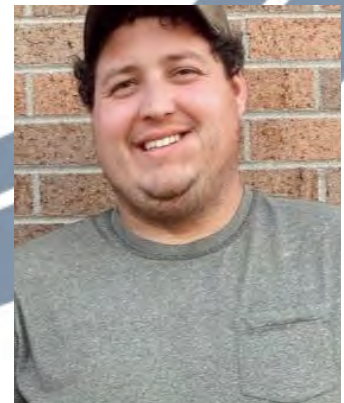
To see the animals we have in the shelter, visit rcky.us/animal-control. We also post intakes to our Facebook page, @RowanDogPound (Tri-County Animal Shelter - Clearfield, Ky). Consider adopting instead of shopping for a pet, and please spay/neuter your pets. This does so much to reduce animal overpopulation in our area and helps us save more animals' lives.

Employee Highlights: Tyler Blevins

Tyler Blevins is a highly skilled and valued employee at our Rowan County Road Department.

Tyler is a jack-of-all-trades who can fill any spots that we need. He's a good mechanic and great worker. Tyler has earned some recognition for all he does, and we are thankful for him.

It is an honor to have him at the road department.



STORMREADY ROWAN COUNTY TOURS JACKSON WEATHER SERVICE

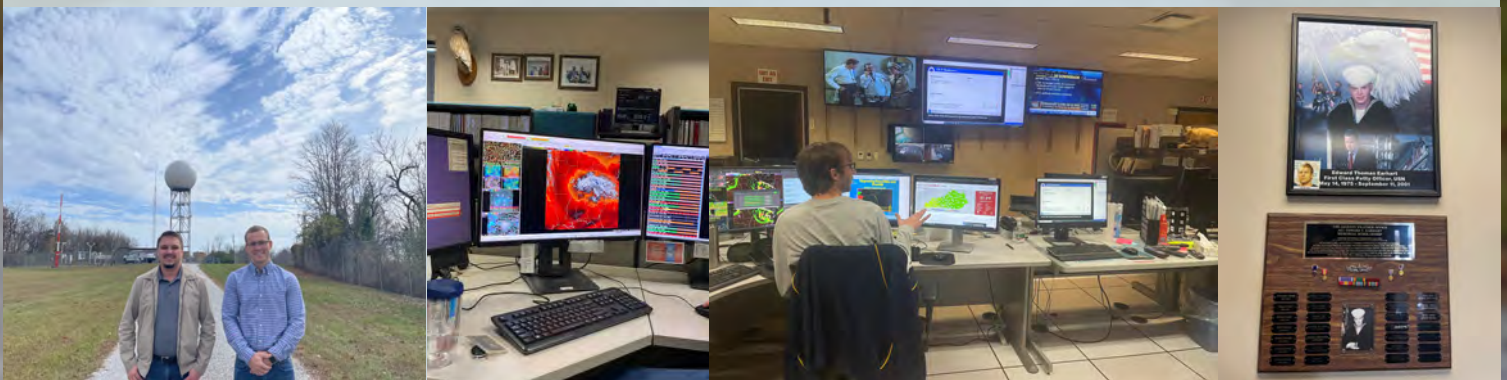
Earlier this month, Rowan County Emergency Management Director, Jarred Moore, and Director of Operations, Dylan Lambert, had the opportunity to visit and tour the Jackson Weather Service as part of Rowan County's StormReady Community Certification process. StormReady is all about preparing your community for extreme weather and water events and having early warning systems set in place along with plans for disaster recovery and risk mitigation.

The Jackson Weather Service is one of 122 weather services in the US and is grouped in the Central Region. There are three weather services covering Kentucky, but the Jackson station is the only one covering Rowan County. The staff, when at full-strength, is comprised of 21 meteorology and technology professionals tasked with identifying, forecasting, and alerting the public to weather conditions in their territory, comprising much of southeastern Kentucky. When you hear the emergency broadcasts that come across radio, television, and cell phones, they are the ones who send those alerts which we hear.

In fact, the Jackson Weather Service performs a once weekly emergency broadcast system test on Wednesdays between 11AM and noon, which just so happened to be the time that Mr. Moore and Mr. Lambert were touring the mountaintop facility. As such, they were allowed to read out the emergency test messages which were broadcast across the entire region and all the counties therein.

Another local connection from the Jackson Weather Service to Rowan County is the "Jackson Weather Office AG1 Edward T. Earhart Memorial Scholarship". As many of you may know, on the morning of September 11, 2001, Rowan County native Petty Officer First Class Edward T. Earhart, USN, tragically lost his life in service to this country at the Pentagon. In the Navy, Edward served as a weather forecaster for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The weather world being a small and specialized one, the staff at Jackson felt obliged to rename their scholarship in honor of him.

For those who have not had the opportunity to tour this facility, we would encourage you to. It is a technological marvel and anybody with an interest in weather would no doubt find it interesting. The staff there is a group of fantastic, dedicated individuals who are charged with a difficult job. We thank them graciously for allowing our staff to come and visit them.



2022 HALLOWEEN CONTEST WINNERS

We were thrilled with the participation we had in this year's Rowan County Halloween Decorating Contest. This year's winners, as voted for on our Facebook page, are:

1st Place Residential- Shawna Cantrell with 361 likes (left photo)

2nd Place Residential- Milyn Mason with 193 likes (middle photo)

1st Place Business- Rowan County Senior Center with 218 likes (right photo)

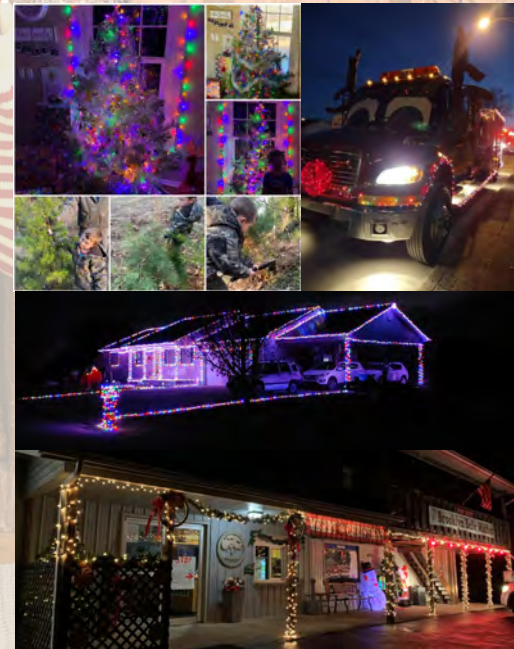
We thank everyone for their participation and voting, and we look forward to an even bigger turnout for our Christmas decorating contest soon!



Rowan County Christmas Decorating Contest Returns

Celebrate the holiday season with us in the third 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 2021, we had well over 10,000+ likes, views and votes, and we hope to have even more this year. (On the right 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, as well as trophies for the winners. This wonderful seasonal event wouldn't be possible without the generous sponsorship of Commonwealth Cooperaage. 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 17th, at midnight!



FOR MORE
INFO ON
CHRISTMAS
EVENTS, GO TO
PG 10-11

MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

NOVEMBER- DECEMBER 2022



WEEKEND 11/19

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT THE
HALDEMAN COMMUNITY CENTER
11/19 AT 10AM-2PM

ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FOR KIDS
11/19, REGISTRATION REQUIRED
606-784-7137

LIVE MUSIC EVENTS 11/19
AT THE VENUE, 8 PM
AT FRANKIE'S PLAZA 9 PM

WEEK OF 11/20

DIRT NASTY OFF-ROAD PARK TURKEY RUN
11/25 AT 8AM-5PM
CONTACT (606) 356-5768

LIVE MUSIC EVENTS
AT FRANKIE'S PLAZA 11/25 AT 9 PM
AT THE VENUE 11/26 AT 8 PM

WEEK OF 11/27

KENTUCKY CENTER FOR TRADITIONAL
MUSIC SEMESTER FINALE SHOWCASE:
"SOUNDS OF OUR HERITAGE", 11/29 AT 7 PM
AT MOREHEAD CONFERENCE CENTER

PAINT NIGHT WITH ALISON SLONE
11/29 AT 5:30 PM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED 606.783.9857
MOREHEAD YPA APPALACHIAN
ENTREPRENEURSHIP EVENT
12/1 AT 5:30 PM AT SAWSTONE
CITY-COUNTY CHRISTMAS DINNER-
12/1 BEGINNING AT 4:30 PM
AT CARL PERKINS CENTER

WEEKEND 12/3

MOREHEAD HOMETOWN HOLIDAY-
DECEMBER 3RD:

APPALACHIAN HOLIDAY ARTS &
CRAFTS FAIR AT LAUGHLIN HEALTH
BUILDING, 9AM-4PM. EMAIL
T.STONE@MOREHEADSTATE.ED FOR
MORE INFORMATION.

PHOTOS WITH SANTA AT ROLLED
OVER ICE CREAM, 9AM-1PM. TO
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TEXT
937-605-4060.

LIVE MUSIC FROM LIZ BOWMAN AT
PASQUALE'S, 5-8PM.

WINTER MEMORIES YOUTH ART
CONTEST, ROWAN COUNTY ARTS
CENTER, 5-8 PM.

CHRISTMAS PARADE AT 6PM.

CAVE RUN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
CONCERT AT MOREHEAD
CONFERENCE CENTER, 8PM.

WEEK OF 12/4

MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
FALL COMMENCEMENT
12/10 AT 10 AM-3 PM

RECURRING EVENTS

"VOICES OF RECOVERY" ART EXHIBIT AT ROWAN COUNTY ARTS
CENTER THROUGH DECEMBER 2ND

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

CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS AT THE ROWAN COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3RD MONDAY MONTHLY, 11AM-1PM

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

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

City-County Christmas Dinner Returns

We invite all citizens of Rowan County to join us for the 30th annual City-County Christmas Dinner! The dinner will be held at the Carl Perkins Center on December 1st and will begin at 4:30pm. Start your holiday season in the company of your friends and neighbors over a delicious meal provided by your city and county employees and elected officials. This one will be the first we've had since the pandemic began, and we hope to bring back the holiday spirit and community unity it provides. This is a dinner for everyone to enjoy a meal together as one community.

Join us in the spirit of the season this December 1st. We hope to see you there.



MSU STAR THEATER EVENTS

December 17 and 22 there will be Star Theater Christmas Shows open to the public. Consider stopping by to catch one of these great planetarium or laser shows and watch for Santa!

December 17th Schedule:

11:00 AM to Noon Feature: Star of Bethlehem; 1:30-2:30 PM Feature: Season of Light; 6:30-7:30 PM Feature: Laser Holiday

December 22 Schedule:

Noon to 1 PM Feature: Star of Bethlehem; 2-3 PM Feature: Season of Light; 4-5 PM Feature: Laser Holiday.

On December 28, there will also be specially scheduled Star Theater Shows open to the Public:

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Feature: Expanded View

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM Feature: Forces of Nature

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Feature: ElectroLaze

Christmas Events in Rowan County

To highlight some of the details on Christmas events that we couldn't fit in our community calendar, here's a list with more information and other details for your convenience.



- 11/19 at 10am-2pm- Christmas Bazaar at the Haldeman Community Center. Local crafters and independent consultants bringing their Christmas wares and gifts. For more information, text Mari at 219-921-6062.
- 11/19 at 3-5pm- Rowan County Public Library Christmas Crafts. Event for children 5-12. Kids can make their own holiday ornament! Registration required. Call 606-784-7137.
- City-County Christmas Dinner- December 1st beginning at 4:30 PM, Carl Perkins Center.
- Morehead Hometown Holiday- December 3rd:
 - Appalachian Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair at Laughlin Health Building, 9am-4pm. Please email Tammy Stone, t.stone@moreheadstate.edu, for more information.
 - Photos with Santa at Rolled Over Ice Cream, 9am-1pm. To schedule an appointment text 937-605-4060. \$5 payment required to reserve time slot and \$10 the day of, first come first served for appointments. Payment is a donation to Back Roads Animal Rescue.
 - Live Music from Liz Bowman at Pasquale's, 5-8pm.
 - Christmas Parade at 6pm.
 - Cave Run Symphony Orchestra Concert at Morehead Conference Center, 8pm.
- Rowan County Public Library Holiday Open House, December 5th at 5 – 8pm. Free refreshments, pictures with Santa, stories with Mrs. Claus, and music provided by special guests Lisa and Glenn Ginn as well as The Back Room Strings.
- Rockin' Around the Mountain: an Appalachian Christmas, Live Music at Frankie's Plaza December 16th at 4:30-11:30pm. Food trucks and prize for ugliest Christmas sweater.

Pieces of History: Fire Towers in Rowan County

Article by Cindy Leach

Following the devastating forest fires of 1910 in Idaho, Washington and Montana, early detection of forest fires became a top priority with both national and state forest services.

Fire towers were established atop the highest elevations possible and equipped with Osborne fire finders so fire could easily be detected, pinpointed and fire crews dispatched. Many towers were erected by President Roosevelt's New Deal programs such as the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) and the WPA (Works Progress Administration) in 1934.

In the first five years of the CCC in Rowan County, they built 35 miles of hard surfaced roads, 12 fire reporting telephone stations, 3 large fire towers, 3 bridges and strung 45 miles of telephone line.

One of the biggest jobs undertaken by the CCC in the Southern Appalachian forests was road and trail construction. The enrollees built high-quality roads in some areas to open up the forest for timber harvesting or recreation, but many of the roads they built were of the type known as truck trails or "fire roads." These single-lane dirt roads could serve as firebreaks, but more important, they made it possible to bring truckloads of men and equipment quickly to the site of a forest fire. With the modern advent of new fire-control techniques, many of the old "fire roads" have been abandoned and others have not been maintained for lack of funds, but for 40 years the truck trails built by the CCC were a vital element in forest fire protection.

Fire towers had telephone and, later, radio connections to district ranger offices to report fires. The construction of telephone lines was another important CCC task. The telephone lines not only made reporting fires quicker, they also made possible the rapid assembly of firefighting crews where needed. Forest Service telephones were also available for use by local people in emergencies. This was much appreciated in areas where few people had private telephones. In some areas lines for private telephones were installed on the telephone poles put up by the CCC for Forest Service lines.

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The original towers were made of wood but replaced later with steel. The towers were gradually replaced with airplanes beginning in the 1970's and today few towers remain, mainly for their historical interest. In Rowan County there were 3 towers – Hickory Flats, Triangle Tower, and Sugarloaf Mountain.

Triangle Tower is located off Dry Creek Road. The cabin is gone but part of the tower remains. The CCC at Clearfield was planning to make a recreation center at Triangle Tower. It would include a park of approximately one acre, with parking for twenty-two cars, and the building of two observatories on the rock ledges adjacent to the tower. When completed it would have a picnic grove with benches, fireplace, water fountains and hydrants and a forest camp picnic shelter. There would also be a system of paths made of crushed stone winding through the park connecting with various points of interest.

Sugarloaf Mountain Tower was located off Sugarloaf Mountain Road –tower was dismantled and removed, nothing remains.

Hickory Flats Tower is located off KY 377 (Cranston Road) on Elk Lick Road. The wooden tower was built in 1934 by the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) and replaced with steel in 1935. The US Forest Service stopped using the tower in the 1960's. A tower man's cabin sits at the base of the tower where fire watchers stayed when they weren't on duty.

The 80-foot structure is topped with a 7 by 7 wooden watch tower known as the cab, and sits on a sixth-tenths of an acre of land donated by Jim Gitz of Muncie, Indiana. The cab was 200-square-foot room that contained a wood stove, cabinet, storage box, small table, stool, two cots and the Osborne fire finder.

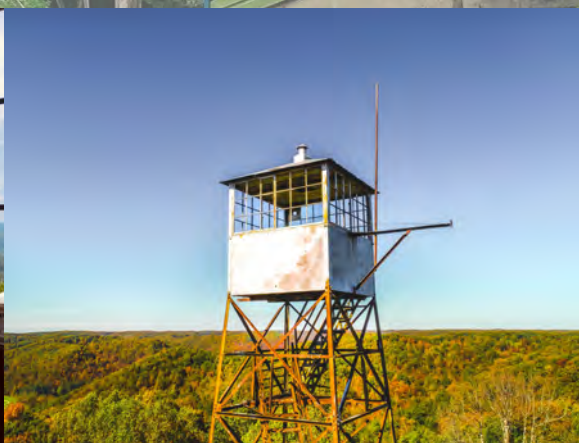
Named for its inventor William Osborne, a forest service employee, the Osborne fire finder (1911) uses a circular map of location terrain with the fire town in the center. Two sighting spots, one on the other side a sliding ring, are rotated to "sight" smoke or fire. A graduated ring around the outside of the map gives a directorial bearing on the fire. To pinpoint the location, a second tower's bearing is used to intersect the first and the location of the fire is established. The Morehead History and Railroad Museum has the Osborne finder from the Menifee County McCausey Ridge fire tower on display at the museum.

The first tower man was Claude White and others that followed were Roy O. Fraley, Junior Jefferson and Chester Stacy. By the mid-1970s, aircraft replaced fire lookouts, and the tower was abandoned. It was damaged in arson on December 3, 2008, and later restored to serve as an overlook. The tower is being maintained by the Rt. 377 Fire Department and was placed on the National Historic Fire Tower Register in 2003.

Only the fourth fire tower to be registered in the Blue Grass State, and the first project of the new Kentucky Chapter of the Forest Fire Lookout Association. The 80' steel Aermotor tower with 7'x7' metal cab is the late model design with steel mesh steps and landings with full protective railings. When it went out of active service, the National Forest land was exchanged and the tower nearly forgotten. The site was transferred to the Hwy 377 Rural Fire District who maintain the site with the Kentucky Forest Fire Lookout Association.

The Hickory Flats Fire Tower is now available for overnight stays - <https://www.moreheadtourism.com/sleep/cabins>

Sources: Rowan County Historical Society Newsletter, various Rowan County News Newspapers, "Kentucky's Yesterdays" - Stuart Sprague, Bessie Birchfield papers, <http://npshistory.com/publications/usfs/region/8/history/chap4.htm>



Community Contributions: Morehead Optimist Club

The Morehead Optimist Club is a local chapter of Optimist International, a worldwide volunteer organization made up of over three thousand local clubs whose members work each day to make the future brighter for our youth. The Morehead Optimist Club was founded in 1964 and continues to flourish today, providing nearly \$200,000 annually to the youth of Morehead and Rowan County.

Historically, the Morehead Optimist Club has raised funds for its youth programs through Christmas tree sales, fishing tournaments and most recently bingo at Cave Run Bingo. Their bingo operation is licensed through the Kentucky Department of Charitable Gaming and is open every Friday and Saturday night except for July, when they close for the month.

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids. Adult volunteers join Optimist Clubs to conduct positive service projects in their communities aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. With their upbeat attitude, Optimist Club members help empower young people to be the best that they can be. Every year, Optimists around the world conduct over 65,000 service projects and serve well over six million young people. Since each Club is autonomous and run by members in their community, Optimists have the unique flexibility to serve the youth of their area how they see fit; Optimist Clubs can see a need in their community and react to it.

The Morehead Optimist Club provides eight scholarships for MSU Students from Rowan County and sponsors ten Rowan County Middle School students' trips to Washington DC. They have covered the cost of gifts at their community easter egg hunt as well as hosting and having prizes for glow in the dark bingo at Rowan County Project Prom. They also promote local law enforcement appreciation. Every year, the Morehead Optimist Club holds an essay contest for Rowan County Senior High School, and they are laying the groundwork to start an oratorical contest.

The Morehead Optimist Club works hard to make our community better and be a friend to our youth.



The Optimist Creed: Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



Tri-County's *Pets of the Month*

Juno



Juno has been with us at the Shelter since the beginning of August, and he is ready for a fur-ever home! This young adult male dog is great with other dogs, cats, and children, is fixed, and ready to go with only a \$25 adoption fee, so consider bringing him into your loving family today.

Imogen



Imogen is a lovable young adult female cat who needs a good home. She is fixed and ready to go with a sponsored adoption fee, so think about stopping by today!

Call 606-784-4930



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