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Coming Soon

EASTERN LIGHT
DISTILLING

Eastern Light Distilling Creating 50 Full-Time Jobs With New \$143.7 Million Venue in Rowan

Rowan County will soon be the home of the Commonwealth's newest addition to our signature bourbon industry, Eastern Light Distilling - a \$143.7M investment expected to bring over 50 new jobs to our community.

We expect Eastern Light Distilling's announcement today will have a major positive impact in regards to tourism and economic development, and we believe that this investment speaks volumes to the quality of workforce and expansive capabilities we can bring to the table here in Rowan County.

Eastern Light Distilling Creating 50 Full-Time Jobs With New \$143.7 Million Venue in Rowan

We are excited to be the venue of new growth in Kentucky's signature bourbon and spirits industry with Eastern Light Distilling. This Eastern Kentucky-based distilling company is investing \$143.7 million in a new venue located here in Rowan County, which is expected to create at least 50 new jobs in the area in the coming years.

"Our signature bourbon industry is making its way into Eastern Kentucky with an exciting new company, Eastern Light Distilling," said Gov. Beshear. "This new distilling operation will not only help foster growth in our craft bourbon industry but will also bring more than \$143 million in new economic development investment, well-paying jobs and another great reason for tourists to visit the region. This is the kind of homegrown company that makes Kentucky and our signature bourbon industry so special."

Eastern Light Distilling is introducing an innovative new concept that will grow the state's signature bourbon industry in Eastern Kentucky while supporting craft bourbon makers as a custom contract distiller. The locally owned venture is led by Kentucky bourbon industry veterans, including Chief Executive Officer Cordell Lawrence and Caleb Kilburn, an internationally recognized master distiller. "Eastern Light is the culmination of a lifelong dream to see our state's signature bourbon industry in my home of Eastern Kentucky," Kilburn said.

The project also represents a major success for the Kentucky Product Development Initiative, as the Rowan County site was approved for nearly \$600,000 in state support earlier this year.

Rowan County Judge/Executive Harry Clark mentioned the planning that went into the Eastern Light Distilling project: "I couldn't be more pleased to see this development finally get underway here in Rowan County. The work leading to today's announcement spans years of careful planning and significant commitment from both public and private partners. None of it would have been possible were it not for our forward-thinking Governor and legislators when they allocated the Kentucky Product Development Initiative funding to all 120 counties. The program has offered unique opportunities for counties like ours to market and make ready sites for economic development on a local level because we know best what we have to offer in our community. We expect Eastern Light Distilling's announcement today will have an extensive positive impact on this county regarding tourism and economic development, and I believe that this investment speaks volumes to the quality of workforce and expansive capabilities we can bring to the table here in Rowan County."

Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development President and CEO Jason Slone spoke on the economic impact of the project: "This is truly a special day for Morehead and Rowan County by having the commonwealth's signature industry and Eastern Light Distilling become a part of our community. Our community has always been known as the hardwoods manufacturing capital of the world, including the manufacturing of staves and barrels for the industry, and today's announcement with Eastern Light Distilling is bringing that longstanding vision full circle as the state's signature industry heads east. This investment in our community is a direct result of investments made possible through the Kentucky Product Development Initiative program to generate immediate economic development opportunities that allow us to compete and grow our manufacturing and tourism sectors into the future, ensuring high-wage jobs for future generations."

For more information on Eastern Light Distilling, visit EasternLight.com.

KENTUCKY CORONER'S ASSOCIATION HOLDS TRAINING IN ROWAN

We were thrilled to welcome Kentucky Coroner's Association to our beautiful Rowan County for an exciting in-service training opportunity. Per Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS), it is mandatory for Coroners and their Deputies to attend 18 hours of in-service training each year. The KY Dept of Criminal Justice Training hosted this certified training session, providing valuable knowledge and skills to enhance these vital roles in the community.

We extend a warm invitation to the following counties who were in attendance: Fayette, Montgomery, Knott, Pendleton, Fleming, Pike, Rowan, Campbell, Pulaski, Madison, Clay, Bracken, Lewis, Owsley, Greenup, Mason, Boyd, Wayne, Johnson, Breathitt, Floyd, Lee, Scott, Morgan, Bell, Taylor, Estill, Magoffin, Wolfe, Menifee, Carter, Grant, Robertson, Livingston, Harrison, and Elliott. This in-service training was an excellent opportunity to network, learn from experienced professionals, and strengthen abilities to serve our communities effectively. The program covered various topics pertinent to their roles, ensuring they stay updated with the latest practices and regulations.

This training helped members of the Kentucky Coroner's Association to enhance knowledge, develop new skills, and foster collaboration among these dedicated professionals. Commitment to public service requires continuous learning and improvement, and this training opportunity was a valuable investment in our shared mission. We are excited that the association chose Rowan County as the venue for this valuable training, and we hope their time with us was both educational and enjoyable.



Secondary Ambulance Service Construction Continues

If you've driven by Candlelight Way off US 60, you may have noticed the progress on our secondary ambulance service facility, the John "Pete" B. Hamm Station. Within the week of publishing, windows, roofing, and garage doors should be installed. This station will serve as a hub for emergency medical services in the eastern half of the county and dramatically cut response times for our people in need. Rowan County EMS makes over 5,000 runs yearly and serves a regional medical facility. To respond to the needs of our growing county, it is essential that we grow our services. This will help set us up for the future, with an impact felt by Rowan Countians long after we've all moved on. We want to thank our friends at the Gateway Area Development District, Department of Local Government, our Legislators, the Governor and his Cabinet, and all those who came before us to make Rowan County EMS one of the most efficient and resolute services in Eastern Kentucky. (Pictures taken 7/14/23 by Steve Griggs).



What is Reapportionment? How Magisterial Districts Work

Article by Savannah Jackson

Reapportionment is the process by which the boundaries of Fiscal Court districts are redrawn based on the decennial census. The Kentucky State Constitution Section 142 requires that each county be divided into three to eight magisterial districts and that one justice of the peace or magistrate be elected from each district. Magistrates serve as members of the Fiscal Court representing their district, and the number varies from county to county with three being the legal minimum and eight being the legal maximum. Rowan County has four districts and therefore four magistrates.

“What do magistrates and the Fiscal Court do?”

The constitution is silent about the exact powers and duties of the fiscal court. The job of shaping and defining the fiscal court’s powers and duties was left to the General Assembly. A basic source for the powers and duties of the fiscal court is KRS 67.080. Under this statute, the fiscal court may:

- appropriate county funds for lawful purposes,
- buy and sell county property,
- supervise the fiscal affairs of the county and county officers,
- maintain accurate fiscal records,
- exercise all other corporate powers of the county,
- investigate all activities of county government, and
- establish appointive offices and define their duties.

The fiscal court must:

- appropriate money for the various purposes required by law;
- provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of county buildings, roads, and other property;
- provide for the incarceration of persons arrested in the county; and
- adopt an administrative code for the county.

Throughout the Kentucky Revised Statutes there are other laws that delegate certain powers or assign duties to the fiscal court.

“So how are those districts determined?”

Pursuant to the US Constitution’s principle of “one person, one vote” and KRS 67.045, “...the boundaries of those districts shall be drawn so that the districts are compact, contiguous, and the population of each district shall be as nearly equal as is reasonably possible.”

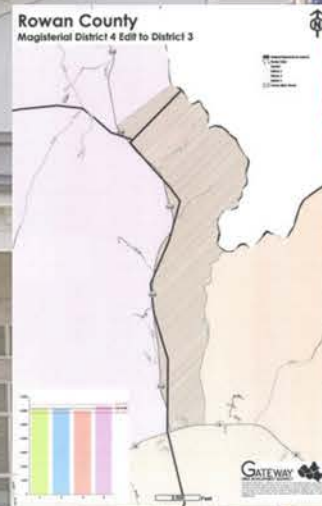
Reapportionment proceedings are timed according to the federal decennial census. Each county must begin reapportionment proceedings in May of the first year after the decennial census. However, as you may remember, the COVID-19 pandemic caused many delays and other issues with obtaining census data all across the country. These federal delays affected state legislative redistricting as well as local reapportionment. Temporary legislation gave counties until this year to complete their reapportionment proceedings that use decennial census data.

The fiscal court begins reapportionment proceedings by publishing notice of the planned reapportionment and appointing a reapportionment commission of three members, who must be residents of different districts and over the age of 21. The county clerk also serves as a nonvoting member of the commission. The commissioners have 60 days from the time of their appointment to set district boundary lines. The commissioners produce a written report that shows the boundaries of the districts and the estimated population of each. In drawing district lines, the commissioners should use the statutory standard that the districts are to be compact, contiguous (unbroken), and as nearly equal in population as is reasonably possible. Copies of the report of the commission must be filed in the office of the county clerk and with each member of the fiscal court. No later than 60 days after the commissioners’ report is filed, the fiscal court must adopt or amend the report and subsequently enact a county ordinance establishing the new district boundaries. Rowan County just completed this process.

"What's different now that Rowan County has completed the process?"

The 2020 Census found that the total 2020 population for Rowan County is 24,662. The total 2020 population for each district is: District 1: 6,125; District 2: 6,167; District 3: 6,015; District 4: 6,355. The total number of registered voters for each existing Commissioner District is: (June 2023 Voter Registration Statistics Report- State Board of Elections): District 1: 4,071; District 2: 5,024; District 3: 4,291; District 4: 3,575.

The Reapportionment Commission recommended adjusting the existing Magistrate District Boundaries to coincide with 2020 Census Block boundaries. This recommendation is regarding Census Block 212059504003001 and is anticipated to have minor adjustments. The Reapportionment Commission recommends that all other Magistrate District boundary lines remain the same. The Fiscal Court has adopted the recommended new district boundaries as seen in the attached map.



"I don't know what district I live in. How can I find out?"

Do you know your voting precinct?

District 1's precincts include: North Morehead, Brushy, Courthouse, Fleming, and Pine Hill.

District 2's precincts include: Upper and Lower Farmers, Thomas Addition, and Bluestone.

District 3's precincts include: Hog Town, Clearfield, City Hall, Dry Creek, and West Morehead.

District 4's precincts include: Rodburn, Eadston, Pine Grove, and Christy.

If you don't know your voting precinct or district, call the County Clerk's Office at 606-784-5212.

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 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 as a County face new challenges and are met with new possibilities every day. We thank the citizens of Rowan County for the valuable input and feedback you provide. Your voices help to guide us so that we may better serve you and continue to implement positive change in our community. Our doors are always open to you.

How to contact your magistrate:



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Rowan County Receives Grants for Two New Tornado Sirens

Early warning is key for safety in emergency weather conditions, and the Rowan County Fiscal Court is investing in the safety of our community by installing two new tornado sirens. One siren will be located at the MMRC industrial park, and one will be located by Clearfield Elementary. We have received grants which will cover half the cost, and the Fiscal Court will pay the other half. As authorized in the July Fiscal Court meeting, we have begun procuring bids. 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.

Opioid Abatement Grants Available to Rowan County Nonprofits

Funds are now available to Rowan County nonprofits to help fight the opioid epidemic. Thanks to the passing of House Bill 427, half of the settlement proceeds from lawsuits against certain manufacturers and distributors of opioids will go to local governments. This bill also includes certification and reporting requirements that will help prevent fraud and waste, ensuring every dollar ends up where it is needed most.

Nonprofits in Rowan County can apply for grants from these funds at the link: <https://www.rcky.us/opioid-abatement-grant-application>. Send completed form, all attachments, and any questions to cwatkins@prosecutors.ky.gov.

Lake Safety Training Day at Cave Run Lake Attended by Local Fire Departments

The Army Corps of Engineers and EMS Director Danny Blevins held a Lake Safety Day at Stoney Cove, Cave Run Lake on Saturday July 22nd. Attendees practiced water safety, including but not limited to dive search, rescue training, and removing a victim in the water. Some of the fire departments in attendance included Farmers, Route 377, Morehead, Haldeman, and Mt. Sterling, as well as Fish & Game officials and an air evac team.



DEPARTMENT UPDATES



Steve Kelsey
Road Foreman

We are beginning tile replacements across the county in preparation for blacktopping in the coming months. Ditching projects have also begun. Check out a full list of our planned blacktop projects at rcky.us/news/road-work-underway. Follow @RCFiscalCourt on Facebook for road closure updates.



Danny Blevins
Ambulance Service

One of our ambulances has been picked up following maintenance while another is still in the county garage. Chassis prices for refresh/remounts are rising significantly. Our fleet is healthy, and we have two 24/7 crews and one 10 to 10 crew. This helps us manage the volume of transfers.



Wes Coldiron
Jailer

The jail is full. We have completed some facility maintenance. We currently have around 30 inmates participating in our SCORE work release program. Read about our SCORE work release program on rcky.us/news/work-release-news.



Tyler Brown
Solid Waste and Floodplain

Litter abatement is off to a great start this year and is currently around 202 miles, 26 dump sites, and 4,514 trash bags total.

Our free Household Hazardous Waste disposal event had a good turnout. For information about recycling, call 606-784-1250.



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

The Tri-County Animal Shelter is now cashless, accepting checks, debit, and credit. To see the animals we have in the shelter, visit rcky.us/animal-control. We also post intakes to our Facebook page, @RowanDogPound (Tri-County Animal Shelter - Clearfield, Ky). Consider adopting instead of shopping for a pet and visit us today.

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS: MARLON MUSE



This month, we'd like to highlight Marlon Muse for his great work at the road department. He's been with us for about five years as a laborer, and we've had great feedback from the community about his mowing.

We congratulate him on recently welcoming a new baby with his wife. Road Foreman Steve Kelsey said, "Marlon is a good employee and getting better all the time."

ROWAN COUNTY HIRES BUILDING INSPECTOR



On July 18th, the Fiscal Court voted to hire Justin Caudill as building inspector for Rowan County. We will be working over the next few months to develop a building inspection program. We believe his experience and talents make him an excellent candidate for the position. Welcome to the team!

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

JULY- AUGUST 2023

WEEK OF 7/23

ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
SUMMER READING FINALE TIE DYE PARTY AND BOOK PICKUP
7/27 AT 5-6:30 PM

LIVE MUSIC AT THE BATTSON-OATES STAGE, 7/28 AT 5-9 PM

HALDEMAN PARADE AND REUNION 7/29- LINEUP BEGINS AT THE HAYES CROSSING FIRE DEPT STARTING AT 10 AM WITH THE PARADE BEGINNING AT 11 AM THE REUNION WILL HAVE A SHORT PRESENTATION AND LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE

NATIONAL TEAM BASS ASSOCIATION INVITATIONAL 7/29 AT CLAY LICK RAMP (859) 619-1111 FOR MORE INFO

WEEK OF 7/30

PRESERVING YOUR HERITAGE AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY- 8/3 AT 5:30 PM

GATEWAY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER BACK TO SCHOOL BASH, 8/3 FROM 4-6 PM AT 310 EAST MAIN STREET, CALL 606-780-7848 FOR MORE INFO

LIVE MUSIC AT THE BATTSON-OATES STAGE, 8/4 AT 5-9 PM

NATIONAL TEAM BASS ASSOCIATION INVITATIONAL 8/4 AT ALFREY RAMP

(859) 619-1111 FOR MORE INFO

ARTIST MEET AND GREET AT THE ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER, 8/4 FROM 4-6 PM

EAA CHAPTER 1525 (BLUEGRASS FLYERS) BREAKFAST AT THE MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY AIRPORT, 8/5, 8 - 10:30 AM

MAKER'S MARKET- 8/5 FROM 11 AM TO 3 PM AT THE ROWAN CO ARTS CENTER LAWN

QUILT SHOW AT THE KENTUCKY FOLK ARTS CENTER- 8/3 AT 5-7 PM, CALL 606-783-2204 FOR INFO

WEEK OF 8/6

AMERICAN LEGION POST 126 BINGO- SUNDAY 8/6 DOORS OPEN AT NOON, FIRST BALL DROPS AT 2PM PROCEEDS SUPPORT LOCAL VETERAN'S PROGRAMS CHARITABLE GAMING LIC#00002028 CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE ON SITE AMERICAN LEGION POST 126 140 AMERICAN LEGION WAY, (LOCATED BEHIND COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUILDING)

TRIVIA AT THE MOREHEAD HISTORY AND RAILROAD MUSEUM, 8/10 AT 6 PM

LIVE MUSIC AT THE BATTSON-OATES STAGE, 8/11 AT 5-9 PM

HOODLUMS IN THE HOLLER CAR SHOW AND EXTAVAGANZA AT THE HALDEMAN COMMUNITY CENTER, 8/12 AT 9 AM -4 PM (REGISTRATION NIGHT BEFORE, 8/11 FROM 6 PM- 9 PM)

MCCC BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 8/12 FROM 10 AM- 6 PM AT 1034 EAST WILKINSON BOULEVARD

LATER EVENTS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 126 WOMENS' AUXILIARY CAR SHOW- CARS AND MOTORCYCLES SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 4-6 PM CONTACT PAM MABRY 606-776-3814

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL- SEPTEMBER 29TH AND 30TH MORE INFO AT WWW.CAVERUNSTORYFEST.ORG

MOREHEAD ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 FROM 11 A.M. TO 4 P.M.- CALL ASHLEY AT 606.783.9857 OPTION 3 VENDOR DEADLINE SEPT 2ND

RECURRING EVENTS

MAKERS' MARKET AT ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER FIRST SATURDAY MONTHLY, 11AM-3PM- NEXT DATE: JUN 3
ZUMBA GOLD AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, EVERY MONDAY, 6 PM

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

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

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

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

A GOOD YARN- SIT AND STITCH AT COFFEE TREE BOOKS, TUESDAYS AT 4PM, SATURDAYS 10AM-1PM

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

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

YOGA AT SAWSTONE BREWING, TUESDAYS 6-7 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

DO YOU WANT YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT FEATURED IN THE ROWAN REVIEW?

Contact us at 606-784-5151 or email savannah.jackson@rcky.us before the Friday preceding each month's general session Fiscal Court meeting (next deadline: August 11th)

CALENDAR PHOTO BY STEVE GRIGGS (FB- STEVE GRIGGS/ IG@DRONEBUFO)



COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS: PROJECT LINUS

Project Linus is a national 501(c)(3) organization providing new handmade blankets to children in the United States who are ill, injured, hospitalized or otherwise in need. Blankets are distributed locally, and the organization has chapters in every state.

The Bath and Rowan Counties Chapter began over three years ago. Their volunteers, called “blanketeers”, lovingly sew, crochet and knit quilts and afghans. They also have projects like no-sew fleece blankets that don’t require any experience. They welcome anyone of any age to join. They meet the first Tuesday of each month from 4-6:30pm at the Rowan County Public Library and invite the community to come to a meeting and learn about Project Linus. For more information, the chapter coordinator can be reached by call or text at 386-871-6029.



Above Left: Rowan and Bath Project Linus Blanketeers accepting grant from Team Kentucky Nonprofit Assistance Fund, Presented by Governor Andy Beshear; Right: blankets turned in at the Chapter's latest open house event

STAR THEATER: PLANETARIUM AND LASER SHOWS EVERY 2ND AND 4TH SATURDAY MONTHLY

Star Theater's Planetarium features include a 30 min full dome show and a captivating live presentation of the night sky, and laser shows project intricate patterns/visualizations, dazzling colors, and precisely choreographed movements onto the dome with some of the best music. Their public shows do not require reservations and can be paid for in cash or by check upon arrival. The pricing structure for the shows is as follows:

- Planetarium features: Adults (ages 16- 64): \$6; Children (ages 5- 15) or seniors (ages 65+): \$4; Toddlers (ages 0-4) : Free; MSU faculty, students, or staff: Free
- Laser features: Adults (ages 16- 64): \$10; Children (ages 5- 15) or seniors (ages 65+): \$5; Toddlers (ages 0-4) : Free; MSU faculty, students, or staff: Free
- Beginning in August, all shows will be priced at the laser feature rate. Furthermore, laser shows will be held at 6:30 PM effective August (date).

Community, school, or church groups have the opportunity to arrange a dedicated show for their respective groups. The standard fee for such bookings is \$150. Interested parties can contact us through the email address star.theater@moreheadstate.edu or by calling 240-422-0546. For a full list of shows and times, visit their calendar at <https://moreheadstate.edu/events/#fl=star-theater>.

CENTER FOR STEM+EXCELLENCE PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR KENTUCKY STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12

In an era driven by technology and innovation, fostering a passion for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education is paramount. Our community is fortunate to have a remarkable resource that is dedicated to igniting curiosity, inspiring creativity, and nurturing the next generation of STEM leaders—the Center for STEM+eXcellence.

This cutting-edge organization, affiliated with Morehead State University's Craft Academy, offers informal STEM+X education opportunities for Kentucky students in grades K-12. Programs are offered during the summer and throughout the year, and include components of creativity and design, innovation and entrepreneurship, and civic and regional engagement. All programs are rooted in mathematics with a science, technology, or engineering application and have +X outcomes for students. The Center for STEM+eXcellence programs are created and implemented by educators in public schools and universities.

The Center offers a diverse range of programs and initiatives designed to engage individuals at every stage of their educational journey. From elementary programs that introduce young minds to the wonders of STEM, to specialized courses and workshops for high school students, the Center facilitates a comprehensive and inclusive platform for learning and growth. All programs are held on the campus of Morehead State University, and most take place at the state-of-the-art Ronald G. Eaglin Space Science Center.

The Center for STEM+eXcellence provides wrap around services for educators to implement their program ideas. These services include, but are not limited to, full financial support and management; media support; public outreach and recruitment of students; program management; curriculum alignment; supply and equipment ordering; assessment instrument design; on-campus in-class support by way of assistants and interns; lodging, meals, transportation for educators and participants; printing; and activity and event planning.

The Center's programs provide opportunities for Kentucky students to overcome academic barriers including learning loss created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Center's programs provide early access to the integration of +X outcomes such as videography, entrepreneurship, and service into real world STEM-based problems and scenarios.

As we navigate an increasingly complex and technologically driven world, the Center for STEM+eXcellence works to foster empowerment and opportunity for our community. By equipping individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the STEM fields, it is playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of our community.

Article by Leeann Potter, Ed.D., Assistant Director of the Center for STEM+eXcellence

Photos (left to right): Curiosity Lab; Gary Coffman; Aiden Bledsoe; and Nathan Crowe and Cruz Leverette



SPORTS SECTION: ROWAN COUNTY FOOTBALL VIKINGS

The Rowan County Senior High School Football squad opened practice on July 10th and will continue with practices and scrimmages until the season-opener on August 18 at home against Lawrence County. Coach Kelly Ford will field a young, athletic team and will compete in Class 4-A, District 6. Its district opponents will be Ashland, Johnson Central, Boyd County and Greenup County. Non-district opponents this season in addition to Lawrence County will be East Carter, Bath County, Fleming County, Mason County and West Carter.

Last year's Vikings finished the season with four wins and seven losses. Lineman Byron May and Leroy Anku have moved on to Eastern Kentucky University. May was among the state leaders last season with 24 tackles for loss and 17 sacks. Linebacker Zach Watson had 72 tackles. Running back/receiver Louis Hayes, who is now playing at Kentucky Christian University, led the team with in both rushing and receiving and had more than a thousand all-purpose yards. Quarterback Zach Menard passed for nearly a thousand yards and rushed for more than 300 yards.

Heading the list of defensive returnees is linebacker Jackson Hamilton, who led the 2022 squad with 74 tackles. Defensive back Josh Drake had 61 tackles and a team-high five interceptions. Drake will also be a key running back and receiver in 2023 and will handle much of the Rowan County kicking duties. Junior Abram Norden will be the quarterback after serving as Menard's back-up last season. Senior Layne Pelfrey will anchor the offensive line and will join Hamilton as a starting linebacker. Senior Braden Birchfield returns after seeing extensive action as a receiver and defensive back in 2022. Junior Will Richardson will see extensive action at running back, and junior Madden Owen will be a key performer at tight end and wide receiver on offensive and linebacker on defense.

"There's no question we are going to be a young, inexperienced team starting this season," Coach Ford said, "but, our guys have worked hard in the weight room and many are bigger, stronger and quicker."

Article by Randy Stacy

Schedule:

Aug. 18 (Fri.)- Lawrence County- Home/7:30
Aug. 25 (Fri.)- East Carter - Away/7:30
Sept. 1 (Fri.) - Bath County- Away/7:30
Sept. 8 (Fri.)- Fleming County - Home/7:30
Sept. 15 (Fri.) - Mason County - Home/7:30
Sept. 29 (Fri.) - Ashland Blazer - Away/7:30
Oct. 5 (Thu.) - Johnson Central - Home/7:30
Oct. 13 (Fri.) - Boyd County - Home/7:30
Oct. 20 (Fri.) - Greenup County - Away/7:30
Oct. 27 (Fri.) - West Carter - Away/7:30



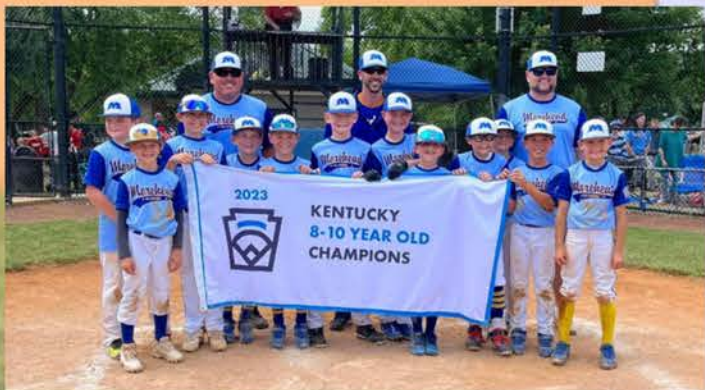
MOREHEAD ALL-STARS: LITTLE LEAGUE STATE CHAMPS!

The Morehead 10U Little League baseball All-Stars have produced several big moments in their short time together. None were more monumental or magical than what transpired at Cardinal Run Park in Lexington at the state tournament on Wednesday, where they won the state title. Coach Chase Armstrong said the contributions from each player on the 12-man roster were too numerous to count. "One reason we were successful is that everybody contributed," Armstrong said. The 10U team can now claim to be history makers. Wednesday's win was the first state title for the Morehead Little League program.

This team was one of the smallest at State, and they adjusted to the bigger stage well. They fought through adversity and won! We are so proud of them representing our community on the baseball diamond. These players have bright baseball futures, and we hope to see them compete for many more state championships throughout their sports careers.

The team's coaches include Shane Stevens, Chase Armstrong, Rob Ward, and Michael Brockman.

The team's players include Sawyer Stevens (#7), Easton Charles (#12), Landon Thomas (#21), Michael Strobel (#9), Parker Mabry (#8), Tucker Brockman (#13), Zaiden Ward (#25), Zander Bailey (#6), Ashton Fay (#10), Bear Vance (#4), Case Triplett (#4), Cole Stiltner (#5), Conner Burton (#23), and Duke Armstrong (#1).



Recognizing Rowan Countians Who Helped with Swift Water Rescues in Last Year's Historic Southeastern Kentucky Floods

In last year's historic Eastern Kentucky floods, several Rowan County first responders' heroic efforts resulted in the rescue of approximately 100 Kentuckians. These individual's exceptional performance, professionalism, and dedication to duty reflect great credit upon themselves, the first responder community, Rowan County, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Below is a write up of the events:

Heavy rains fell in eastern Kentucky on the night of Wednesday, July 27th and continued into the early hours of the following morning, causing a historic flash flooding emergency. This made roads impassable and displaced hundreds of residents, while trapping hundreds of others.

On that morning of Thursday, July 28th, 2022, Rowan County Emergency Management Director Jarred Moore received a request for mutual aid from KYEM Area Director Chris Hecker to deploy any available swift water assets to assist with the rescue and evacuation efforts. Director Moore immediately set out to establish communications, assess needs and receive orders in Hazard. The route became impassable due to high waters in Jackson where KY 476 meets KY 15. There he met fellow Rowan Countians with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Law Enforcement Division who were already on scene and assisting with evacuations.

Director Moore then communicated back home to rally units from the Morehead Fire Department and the Farmers Volunteer Fire Department. The Route 377 Volunteer Fire Department's swift water response team remained in Rowan County as a reserve force, as our community was still under a flood watch at that time. After readying two boats crewed with swift water technicians and operators, our teams arrived mid-afternoon to begin assisting in rescue and evacuation of residents of the downtown Jackson and the Quicksand community, working along KY 2464 and KY 2472 and pulling residents from the water as they went.

At approximately 1900 hours, it became apparent that the waters of Troublesome Creek in Jackson would soon crest over KY 15 into Fish Pond Loop, where many residents still remained in homes as flood waters had never before crossed that high-banked road. Rowan County assets in conjunction with many other agencies from across the Commonwealth quickly set upon the neighborhood to evacuate the families before they became trapped or swept away.

As nightfall set in, many crews were ordered home when adverse weather conditions including thunderstorms, torrential rains, coupled with the low visibility made it too dangerous to continue to operate in the torrid waters. The majority-volunteer crews from Rowan County stayed in the water until approximately 0100 hours on Friday morning. In total, Rowan Countians played a hand in well over 100 rescues.

The following first responders from Rowan County were deployed that day to help in the rescue efforts.

Jarred Moore – Rowan County Emergency Management

From the Morehead Fire Department: Matt Brown, Cova Cornett, Christian Lewis, Jordon Clark

From the Farmers Volunteer Fire Department: Ryan Glover, Shane Ramey, Kyle Bowling, Adam Hicks

From the KY Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Law Enforcement Division: Andy Amburgey, Tim Brett, Brad Stafford

From the Clark County Fire Department: Sam Ray



Hickory Flats Fire Tower: Preserving Our History

The Rowan County Public Library's history and genealogy programming promotes an awareness of and interest in local heritage. For July's programming, Rowan County EMS Director and Route 377 Fire Department Chief Danny Blevins gave a great presentation on the history of our local fire service and fire towers, with a focus on the Hickory Flats Fire Tower.

Hickory Flats Tower is located off KY 377 (Cranston Road) on Elk Lick Road. The tower was built in 1934 by the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps). 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. 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 tower is being maintained by the Rt. 377 Fire Department and was placed on the National Historic Fire Tower Register in 2003.

Thanks to a great partnership between the Rowan County Fiscal Court, Route 377 Fire Department, Morehead-Rowan County Tourism, Rowan County Detention Center, Sheltolee Trace Association, and various volunteers and supporters along the way, the Hickory Flats Fire Tower is now available for overnight stays! Hike in to the location and take your Morehead-Rowan County, Kentucky adventures to new heights! To learn more about the history of fire towers in Rowan County, visit rcky.us/rowan-county-fire-towers for a great history article by Cindy Leach featured in a previous Rowan Review edition. For information on overnight stays at the Hickory Flats Fire Tower, visit <https://www.moreheadtourism.com/sleep/cabins>.



Rowan County Public Library Updates

Zumba Gold Gets Seniors Moving at the Library

We all know Monday nights are infamous for being the least interesting: Your two days of rest are over, it's back to the grind, and you're still adjusting to the beginning of a new workweek. You need something to energize you and get you pumped up to face Tuesday. If you're retired or no longer working, it can actually be even worse, because now you have time and there's still nothing to do that evening because everyone else has a case of the Mondays. That's where Zumba Gold comes in! Every Monday at 6pm, your Rowan County Public Library invites you to get moving with a fun musical workout designed for all body types and levels of mobility. You'll have a great time with instructor Cindy, and you can shake off the Mondays to a great beat! The workouts aren't sequential, so there's no need to start at a specific time or worry that you missed a class—just show up and get started. Plus, like all library programs, it's absolutely free!

The Friends of the Rowan County Public Library Could Use Your Help!

There are plenty of ways to support your local public library: Donations, volunteering, and simply using library services all go a long way. If you've ever wanted to go above and beyond, though, there's an organization just for you in the Friends! Anyone can join, and your help with things like the Friends' annual book sale has a significant, direct impact on the library. The Friends put together catering for events like RCPL's holiday open house, and also provide supplies for programs like the bricks for LEGO Club and the popcorn machine for Movie Night. They're one of the library's greatest assets! Visit rowancountylibrary.org/friends to learn more about how you can join and to find meeting dates.

Library Updates by Morgan Mullins; Background Photo by Steve Griggs

Tri-County's Pets of the Month



Makani is a cute year old female lab mix. She's already been spayed and is ready for a fur-ever home, so consider stopping by the Shelter today!



Cookie is a sweet adult female cat who came to the shelter with her three kittens. They've already been adopted, but she is still looking for a loving family like yours. Visit her at the Shelter today!

Call 606-784-4930

Adopting instead of shopping for pets not only helps save that animal's life but creates a space for another animal's life to be saved. It allows you, the owner, to enjoy all the same rewards of pet ownership. By choosing to adopt, you are choosing to support animal welfare. Consider giving one of our dogs or cats a new chance at your loving home.

Question of the Month

Who was the first woman elected to public office in Rowan County? Read next month's edition to find out!

Last Month's Answer: What is the highest summit in Rowan County? Limestone Knob!

Employee Birthdays

MARLON MUSE, ROAD DEPARTMENT, 7/22

JASON CURTIS, ROAD DEPARTMENT, 7/28

MICHAEL KINDER, AMBULANCE SERVICE, 8/8

CECIL WATKINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY, 8/10

STEVEN THOMPSON, AMBULANCE SERVICE, 8/10

JOHN NORTHCUTT, CORONERS OFFICE, 8/12



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