



Garden Spot News

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50th Anniversary Celebration!



Check us out on Social media and be sure to follow or like us! Please stay tuned to our social media, website, email alerts, and future publications for events, update, cancellations, etc.



Council Meetings

January 8th

Regular Council Meeting
7:00pm Council Chambers



2024 is right around the corner. With the new year comes the 50th Anniversary of the Town of Rural Hall's incorporation on June 1st, 1974!

This year, the Town of Rural Hall is excited to host the 1st Annual RuralFEST event. This will be a 3-day event, beginning Friday, 5/31 and concluding Sunday, 6/2.

We want this event to be a celebration of our town, our history, and what is to come. More info on this event in the months ahead!

If you are interested in participating (vendor, entertainment, etc.), please contact town hall at (336) 969-6856 or email abrown@ruralhall.com!

Council & Staff

- Terry M. Bennett
Mayor
- Eddie Horn
Mayor Pro Tem
- Mark Lane
Councilman
- Michael Woodcock
Councilman
- Hugh B. Campbell, III
Town Attorney

- Ron Niland
Interim Town Manager
- Lynette E. Hendrick
Town Clerk
- Homer T. Dearmin
Interim Finance Director
- Donna K. Watson
Accounting Clerk
- Alston H. Brown
Public Information Officer

- Dawn Tysor
LPA Supervisor
- Jonathan Collins
Title Clerk
- Lisa Lane
Title Clerk
- Shykerria Moore
Title Clerk
- Elizabeth Mariche
Title Clerk

- Jason Hill
Public Works Director
- Dalton Pendry
Maintenance Tech II
- Brian Jobe
Maintenance Tech II

- Mike Simone
Fire Chief
- Josh Joyce
Fire Captain
- Josh Wright
Fire Captain
- Ryan Key
Career Firefighter
- Thomas Mabe
Career Firefighter
- Chris Nowlin
Career Firefighter
- Chad Stevens
Career Firefighter
- Mark Thorpe
Career Firefighter
- Josh Kiger
Career Firefighter

- Steve May
Code Enforcement

- Michael Collins
Town Deputy
- Trent Thornton
Town Deputy
- Kiam Holley
Town Deputy



Rural Hall Garden Club

The Rural Hall Garden Club had its Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange on December 16th.



The dinner was hosted by Gerry and Chon Russell-Gonzalez in the Historical John Moore/Marshall House on Broad Street.

The house is beautiful with Trey Ceilings, antique furniture, and was decorated beautifully for Christmas.

Club members brought some delicious food and deserts. A good time was had by all!

The Garden Club meets the **4th Monday** of each month at **7 pm** at **Nazareth Lutheran Church** in Rural Hall. During the summer we meet at various members' homes to enjoy their beautiful gardens.

Membership Fee is \$15 per individual, and \$20 per family.

Come and join us in January. Happy New Year!

Contact Information: ruralhallgardenclub@gmail.com
Facebook Page search: [RH Garden Club](#)

**Waste Management Recycling
Recycling Dates Highlighted Below**

Recycling every other Tuesday

Garbage every Tuesday

*Holiday-one day delay

January 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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25	26	27	28	29		

**Rural Hall Historic Train Depot
& Railroad Museum:**



The Rural Hall Historic Train Depot and Railroad Museum would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe New Year. Thank you for your support (we can't tell you how much we enjoyed seeing you at our Open House events!) and we look forward to visiting with you in 2024.



Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

AND DON'T FORGET...

Dryers should be properly **grounded**.

Check the **outdoor vent flap** to make sure it is not covered by snow.

Keep the area around your dryer **clear** of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.

Clothes that have come in contact with **flammable substances**, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

FACT

! The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.

Rural Hall Lifespan Center

The Rural Hall Lifespan Center is providing Youth Art classes each **Wednesday** from **4:30 p.m. until 5:15 p.m.** The location is **250 Summit Street in Rural Hall**. These classes are cooperative efforts of the Lifespan Center Inc. and the Lilly Network after-school program. The contact person for classes: is **JoAnne Falls-336-912-1055**.

Employee Spotlight



Elizabeth Mariche

TITLE CLERK—LICENSE PLATE AGENCY

Come by and say hello to Elizabeth Mariche, a new hire at the Rural Hall License Plate Agency. Elizabeth is currently training in renewals and plans to start training in titles in the new year. She is excited to be in her new position and looks forward to serving her community!

The Rural Hall License Plate Agency is located at 145 Bethania Street and is open from 9 am—5pm, Monday through Friday.

Rural Hall Bombers & Young Guns

Softball is not just a game, it's a passion that fuels the soul!

The season is over and, boy, was it a great one. We have added more players to both teams and we are looking forward to next year. In the meantime, we will introduce you to more Bombers and Young Guns. We are so thankful for our coaches – Coach Jim Matney for the Bombers and Coach Bret Matney for the Young Guns. If you are interested in joining us, come out to Covington Memorial Park in Rural Hall. We usually start playing in April, depending on the weather. All you need is a glove and a great attitude. Previous experience is great, but not required.

So, here are 5 of the Bombers:



Craven Page (89)



Jerry Kight (81)



John East (90)



Larry Chase (80)



Pat Kight (79)

And, here are 5 of the Young Guns:



Bret Matney (54)



Ernie Leyba (59)



Lee Haynes (75)



Raymond Roels (67)



Shannon Leyba (42)



RURAL HALL KIDS ZONE

Help ring in 2024 by completing this fun word search!

New Year's Word Search



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|----------|-------------|--------------|
| January | Party | Clock |
| First | Hat | Ball Drop |
| Eve | Noisemakers | Midnight |
| December | Kiss | Times Square |
| Calendar | Midnight | Resolution |

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Rural Hall Area Business Association

Join us at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant on 1/16 at 12:30 p.m.!

Meeting Date	Speaker
16-Jan	Business Spotlight (Business Card Exchange, Advertising, Introductions)
20-Feb	TBA
19-Mar	TBA

Rural Hall Seniors Club

The Rural Hall Seniors Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2nd at 11:30 a.m. at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant. Come on out and join the fellowship. For questions, please contact Penny Dixon at pennydixon54@gmail.com or leave a message at 336-934-6523.



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

