

Roaming Around Reidsville

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Apparently David Ankin has too much time on his hands.

Ankin, who already stars in the hit series, *Toymakerz*, that is based here in Reidsville, is busy filming a second series, *The Fast Society*. The former stunt man is also a motorcycle racer and custom vehicle fabricator.

Toymakerz focuses on Ankin and his crew working on what they describe as “one-of-a-kind custom motor builds” that can be seen on the History Channel.

But that doesn’t appear to be enough for the hard-working Ankin. In *The Fast Society*, he will star as Reid Carolina (appropriately named, don’t you think?), who is described as a “down-and-out stuntman and hot rod builder on a death-defying road to redemption”. Production started in December with a release date yet to be announced but expected to happen in 2021.

And, according to *The Fast Society*’s Facebook page, one of my favorite Supermen, actor Dean Cain, is part of the cast. Hopefully, you’ve seen the hilarious YouTube video of then-Reidsville Police Lt. Brad Crabtree stopping a “speeding” Ankin on a local roadway. And, who was sitting in the passenger seat? None other than Dean Cain, who played Clark Kent to Terri Hatcher’s Lois Lane in the 1990s series, *Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*. Since the hit television series, Cain has been very active in both film and television. We can’t wait to see what kind of antics the duo of Ankin and Cain will get up to in the new series.



Ankin truly has been a great promoter of Reidsville. *Toymakerz* has showcased our City on national television. He has even helped our economic development efforts by talking about how wonderful it has been to work with local officials in a video for the City's site, [RockItInReidsville](#). That's why he is also included as one of our Reidsville Originals!

"The City of Reidsville and everyone here has been super to work with," said Ankin. "I really couldn't have had the success I've had without the support of City officials, local businesses and Reidsville residents. I just love being here!"

The partnership between the City and *Toymakerz* doesn't end there. The City and *Toymakerz* will soon unveil a free, self-guided tour taking visitors to different locations around the area that play a part of the History Channel series. People will be able to go to the City's tourism site, [riseupreidsville.com](#), where a page will offer online access for the tours. Ankin has agreed to open up his shop two Saturdays a month by appointment only where visitors can meet members of the cast. More details will be coming soon about this exciting tour!

In other news:

Story Walk Downtown.

The successful Story Walk Downtown for the kids continues in February and March. The featured book for February is "How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You?" The story will start at the Reidsville library branch at the corner of Morehead and Scales streets and comes to life as you read the story posted on storefront windows in the downtown. Maps are available at the library and at all participating businesses. Bring your map back to the library and be entered in a drawing for a \$25 VISA gift card. Sorry! Just for children only!

Reidsville Rec Sports Gearing Up!

Right now, the City of Reidsville is planning to hold recreational sports leagues in 2021. Of course, dates may change due to COVID-19 precautions. Currently the following sports registrations are ongoing: Basketball until February 19th; Spring Baseball/Softball until February 22nd. Volleyball registration won't begin until April 5th. You can register online by going to <https://activenet.active.com/reidsvillerec>. Call the City Rec Department at 1-336-349-1090 with any questions.

Host Families Needed.

The Old North State League is making plans for its premiere 2021 season at Jaycee Ballpark and needs host families. Those willing to open their homes to Reidsville Luckies players, average age 18-22, from the first of June until the end of July are being sought. ONSL is looking for welcoming homes in the community since some baseball players are traveling from across the country to play ball. Host families don't have to feed players or provide transportation unless

they want to! In return, host families receive season tickets, free gear and are recognized on host family night. You can learn more at www.oldnorthstateleague.com. Interested families can email Lexie Allred, Director of Marketing & Public Relations, or Alec Allred, director of baseball operations, at alecallred@oldnorthstateleague.com.

Rockingham County Senior Games.

So far, the 2021 Rockingham County Senior Games are still on! Registration starts February 4. More information will be coming soon and should be available through the Rockingham County Senior Games Facebook page, etc. The games are expected to be held April 13-May 14, 2021.