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**Rush County Community Foundation***live live local.*

February 2023

After a tough bracket with incredibly talented candidates, **Chris May advanced to the finals to become RCCF's new Executive Director.** He officially joins the starting lineup of Team RCCF on Monday, February 13. Chris is no stranger to Rush County or leading a team. He is a 2000 RCHS grad and the former Executive Director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.



Lisa, we'd love to see you at RCCF's home court - 117 N Main Street in Rushville - on Thursday, February 23 anytime from 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM to cheer on and connect with Chris. Stop by for a 3-point conversion - cookies, community, and conversation!

And speaking of the home team. **Sending all our best to the RCHS Lady Lions as they head to Regionals this weekend.** A win would be awesome, but you've already made us so proud!

Donor Spotlight: The Deep Roots of the Liggett Family



In the yard of the Liggett Family's farm stands an impressive maple tree. Its thick trunk separates into many branches, growing both tall and wide. No doubt its roots run deep, too, just as the Liggetts' do in the Rush County community. It's here, at Windmill Farm, where Marion and Lois Liggett built a life raising their three children, serving their community, and spending 64 years together. **With a recent gift to the Rush County Community Foundation (RCCF), Lois has honored their ties forever by establishing the Marion & Lois Liggett and Family Educational Scholarship Fund.**

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Grantee Update: FACS + First5



Two observations come to mind when stepping into **Jill Carmony's Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) class** at Rushville Consolidated High School (RCHS). As expected, it smells amazing (from the pretzels baked by the previous class), but also, this isn't the Home Ec class that those over a certain age remember. In 1994 a shift occurred nationwide to expand subjects beyond traditional homemaking roles. Today's topics include education, personal finance, interior design, textiles and fashion, culinary arts, nutrition, health and wellness, and child development.

Jeri McCorkle, director of **First5 Rush County's Early Learning Coalition**, saw an opportunity for another shift in Carmony's Advanced Child Development (ACD)

course. **She is using this new partnership to expand the reach of her message while addressing the dire need for more high-quality early learning in the community.**

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Grantee Update: Rush County Farm Bureau



In the fall of 2021 **Rush County Farm Bureau** received a \$300 grant from the **Rita Yager Memorial Ag Fund** toward the *Sunflower House* project supplies and classroom books. **The program taught Rush County youth, including all 2nd graders, about growing sunflowers and their many uses.** The book, *Sunflower House* by Eve Bunting was used to help spark interest in growing their own plants. Children snacked on various sunflower snacks and will receive seeds to plant this spring.

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CIRCLE Fund Accepting Applications for Grant of \$10,000-\$12,000



APPLICATIONS DUE 3/15

Could your favorite local nonprofit use \$10,000 for an innovative project or program? **Whether you're a staff or board member, volunteer or just a fan, let them know that the CIRCLE Fund is accepting applications through 3/15/2023.**

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IMPORTANT DATES

Scholarship applications due 2/15/2023

Some scholarships require additional information, so please don't wait until the last minute!

Open House to Welcome Chris | 2/23/2023 | 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM | RCCF Office, 117 N. Main St., Rushville

Stop by any time for cookies, community and conversation.

CIRCLE applications due 3/15/2023

One grant of \$10,00-\$12,000 awarded to a program or project that would make a meaningful impact on Rush County.

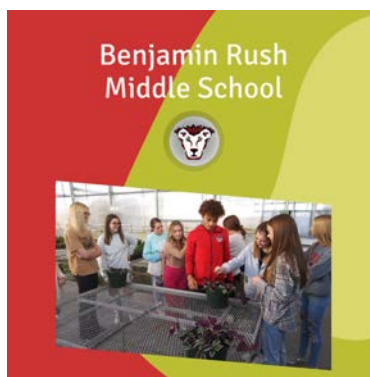
Community Events Calendar

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



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What Will Your Legacy Be?



Is there an area of local life that you feel passionate about? Arts and culture, health, education or something else? Do you have a favorite local organization? Or maybe you want your support to go where it's needed most.

When you make a legacy gift to RCCF, we will make sure your wishes are fulfilled.

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January Tribute Gifts

Each gift you make in memory or in honor of a loved one supports Rush County forever. We are grateful for your kindness and generosity!

In Memory of:

Alice Ruth Wiley, Glen Wiley, Lauren
Alice Wiley
Andrew Stumpf
Ashley Spurlin
Barbara Craven
Barbie Torres
Bernard "Bernie" Spaeth
Courtney Huskins
Dr. Debbie Hartzler
Duane "Lum" R. Edwards
Glen Wiley
Harmon Baldwin
Helen Kramer
James Wicker
Jessy McClure

Karen Snyder
Kenny Yager
Leo and Mary Durbin
Lois Steele
Lu Long
Mae Marlow
Patty Huser
Sue Reeves
Sylvia Hook
Tom Hood

In Honor of:

McClure Christmas
Nathan Canfield's grandparents,
David

John Witter

Abel & Dolly Canfield



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