



October 2023

October 12th was officially National Farmer's Day. In Rush County, we celebrate year-round, because nobody sets a better example of planting seeds, tending to them, and harvesting their bounty.

All over the county, we're reaping the benefits of ideas planted and nurtured by those who are working for a brighter future. Glenwood recently added an awesome mural to their town hall. Carthage added a retention wall in front of the library and flower garden out back to spruce up this historic gem. A new stage graces the outside of Ercell Beaver Community Center for concerts, open mics, holiday events, and more. The **Rush County Community Calendar** is jam-packed with events to interest nearly anyone of any age. Dumpsters are filling up outside **the REC Center**. **These efforts are only made possible by people who care, like you, Lisa.**

It's out with old ideas that aren't working. And it's in with new visions and plans to live our best lives going forward. **It's time to harvest for the future.**



Glenwood's new mural courtesy of a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission and the talent of Connersville artist, Lexi Keen.



*Just one of several new additions in Carthage. Follow all the exciting progress on the **Future of Carthage Facebook page**.*

Jean Matlock Scholarship for Young Women Fosters Gender Equity



By the time she finished her freshman year in high school, **Jean Matlock** had moved 12 times. Number 13 proved to be the luckiest of all. *"Great was my joy when I discovered that we were again leaving for Rushville. For it was then--- and still is, the 'City of My Dreams.' May my home be in Rushville Forever,"* she declared in [her 1929 Rushville High senior thesis](#).

After graduation, Jean lived in many places. But she never forgot her home in Rush County.

Her son **Blair Hull and the Hull Family Foundation** have ensured that Rush County never forgets Jean, either.

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\$9,763 Awarded in Fall Grants with More to Come



Much like the leaves are beginning to fall from the trees, the first round of fall grants have landed to support our schools and nonprofits including **Benjamin Rush Middle School; Arlington, Milroy, and Rushville Elementary**

Schools; Rushville Parks and Recreation; Rush County Chorale; and FFA. Read on to discover how your support is making our community a better place to live, work, and play!

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"The Working Hungry" Documentary and Discussion

"I just don't think the words 'children' and 'hunger' belong in the same sentence," said **Darilyn Bedel**, Board Chair of Rush County Community Assistance Food Pantry (RCCA). Sadly, families with children make up the biggest set of those that need RCCA's help.

Her comment came at a recent discussion after a showing of the documentary, ***The Working Hungry*** at the Princess Theater. The film was written and produced by Rush County's own **Shannon Cagle Dawson** and focuses on stories of people in Indiana. **RCCF sponsored the evening to start a dialogue, break down stereotypes, and create empathy.**

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Grantee Update: Milroy Community Food Pantry



The photos seen above are of produce distributed by MCFP and were taken by volunteers.

"We bought food from Gleaners Food Bank twice a month and with our number of families served increasing, our food supply was pretty much depleted after each distribution. We had hoped to build an inventory of food but have been unable to maintain one," explained **Jan Long**, MCFP Pantry Coordinator. According to Gleaners, wholesale food prices are increasing more than retail

prices. **MCFP** used their \$10,000 grant from the Ewing Fund in less than five months.

From 9/20/2022-9/18/2023, **MCFP** served an average of 144 families. In those first six months, they served an average of 134 families. During the next six months it rose to 153 families. The need in our community continues to increase. **Their story illustrates everything we learned during the showing of "The Working Hungry" and the discussion following it.**

Grantee Update: Heart of Rushville



Community Grants applications come in from all kinds of local orgs. Our volunteer committee considers requests and **recommends funding for those that they feel make the biggest impact for the community and your gifts.**

Sometimes it's a necessity like a tornado siren. Other times it fills the need for something beautiful. The **Heart of Rushville** saw the drab metal traffic boxes along Main Street as the perfect canvases to brighten up the city. Here's the first of three boxes to be designed by local artists. This one is by former RCCF intern and current RCHS art teacher, **Riley Sheehan**. We love it; don't you?

Ways to Give: Gifts of Grain



Gifting grain provides tax benefits – and it's easy! RCCF has an account at all local elevators. When you deliver the grain, you simply determine how many bushels or a dollar amount you'd like to give. There's a simple form to complete. Please consider harvesting for the future.

A cash-basis farmer that contributes grain to RCCF does not include the sale of the crop in income, which results in saving self-employment tax, federal income tax, and state income tax.*

**We encourage you to talk with your tax professional to determine the best option for your financial goals.*

Easy Way to Support the REC Center



Need a personal or business checking account? Want to support the REC Center? Head to **Citizens State Bank** and do both! **Now through December 31, when you open an account, Citizens will make a \$25 donation in your name to RCCF's Schroeder Fund.**

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ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



[REC Center
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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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September 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
BillyJace Wilkinson
Carol Fenimore
Charles Niccum
David Durbin
David Ray Columbe

Dick Sharpe
Donna Hood
Forrest and Louise Piles
Tom Hood
Virginia Z. Willkie
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