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"live.life.local." These three words make up our tagline. It's a catchy phrase; it tells the story of our mission. But in looking back at 2023 and forward to 2024, there might be an even better option - "love.life.local." What do you think? We hope that these stories will give you more reasons to love Rush County. **After all it's the people, places, and programs that make our community extraordinary - including you, Lisa.**

Maybe there's something you'd LIKE to love about our community? The County is giving you the chance to share that. **Please take a few minutes to complete this survey that will help inform their new comprehensive plan.** If you prefer an in-person gathering, there's one on **Wednesday, 1/24 at 7pm** at the Rush County Schools Admin building, 330 W 8th St in Rushville. Glenwood folks, there's one the same day starting at 5pm at the Glenwood Community Center, 207 N Durbon St. Make sure your voice is heard.

2023: What A Year!



From welcoming our new executive director to breaking ground on a decades-old dream, 2023 was all about new beginnings. **Before we get too far into 2024, let's take a minute to celebrate our wins.**

REC Center Update: Taking Shape

Appearances can be deceiving. While the outside of the [REC Center](#) hasn't changed too much, the inside certainly has. It's truly awesome! To see a blighted building filled with broken promises transformed into a vibrant gathering space is every community's dream. The difference? Ours is coming true. [Take a tour of the progress with us](#)



Our Gratitude to Outgoing Board Member, Karen Brashaber



Our gratitude to
Karen Brashaber



It's always bittersweet when board members' terms end. That's certainly true of [Karen Brashaber](#).

With teary eyes at our holiday party she told us, *"It has been such an honor to serve an organization that has given so much to my family personally."*

GIFT VIII Update

In early December Lilly Endowment Inc. announced its latest community foundation initiative, [GIFT VIII \(Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow\)](#). For each \$1 you donate to Community Grants Funds, Lilly Endowment will match it with \$2, **TRIPLING** your impact!

In just three months, you already put us at 25% of the final goal – **THANK YOU!** Be sure to follow the progress on [our home page](#).

If you've ever considered starting your own Community Grants Fund, the time is perfect! A \$10,000 donation is necessary, but when you factor in the match, you only need to give \$3,334. We have [non-cash gift options](#) like the sale of stock, a QCD from your IRA, or a gift of grain that may make better financial sense for you. Need more info? Contact Chris at cmay@rushcountycityfoundation.org or (765) 938-1177, ext 1.



TRIPLE YOUR IMPACT

Calling all Rush County Nonprofits

A graphic with a red background. On the left, a white speech bubble contains a lightbulb icon and the text: **NONPROFITS, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO LEARN?**. In the center, a smartphone displays the 'Capacity Building Feedback' survey. On the right, white text reads: **We want to help you be the best organization you can be! What skills do you need?**

We're working with a consultant to design a **FREE** nonprofit training series just for you! But we need to know... What skills would help **YOU** most? **Take this 5 minute survey TODAY** to let us know.

TAKE THE SURVEY

IMPORTANT DATES

Scholarship applications are due 2/15/2024. Open to graduating high school seniors, current college/trade school students, and returning adults. We encourage everyone to apply every year. You never know how close you might have been.

CIRCLE (Chicks Impacting Rush County Life) Fund Applications are due 3/15/2024. The CIRCLE is interested in innovative programs or projects that are responsive to community needs, partnerships, and collaborative efforts. Preference may be given to projects serving women and/or children.

Community Events Calendar: Find and submit local events.

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

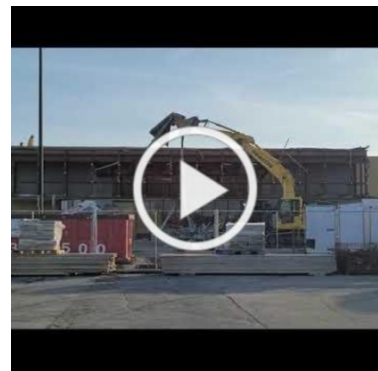
Here are the top stories from last month.



TRIPLE your impact with
a gift to Community
Grants Funds.



Congrats to Gabby
Pavey, 2024 Lilly
Endowment Community
Scholar!



Sound up for a satisfying
REC Center update
video!

Join the 1822 Society and Leave a Lasting Legacy



Join a special group of donors whose impact and love will last forever by including RCCF in your estate planning. Leaving a bequest is an easy way to do so. Find sample language and learn more.

[LEARN MORE](#)

December 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:

Aaron Washmuth
AJ and Marie Meyer
Alfred Yager
Alice Ruth Wiley, Glen Wiley,
Lauren
Alice Wiley
Anthony Knecht, Jr and Jeff Knecht
Ashley Spurlin
Beth Kabalka
Bill Patterson
Bob and Janet Peters
Bob White
Briana J. Springman
Cathy Smith
Charles Niccum
Darrell and Marilyn Bills
David Ray Columbe
Dewey Powers
Donna Hood
Gail and Vivian Willis
George and Betty Owens
George and Marcella McAhren
Helen Louise Amos
Jerry Geise
Jerry Hurst
Jonna L. McIntire-Johnson
Karen Davis Lewis
Katie McLaughlin

Robert N. Veatch
Ruth Shouse
Ryan Shanahan
Solomon family
Tim Fuller
Valerie Tindall

In Honor of:

Amaranta Kemple
Amy Fox
Anne Marie Rosario
Barbara White
Brad Lawler
Brandy Albers
Brooke Edwards
Bryan Hummel
Class of '63
Customers & Patrons of Hoeing
Supply
Daniel Riddell
Dave and Barb Malson
Doug Armstrong
Frank and Judy Heavin Schwegman
Hannah Lemmons
Isaac Sliger
Jeff Cox
Jenni Philpot
Jennie Tague

Ken Brashaber
Laura Webster
Laurie Saunders Marlatt
Matthew E. Halcomb
Molly Spaeth
Ned Foster
Otto Busard
Pat and Martha Todd
Pat Leising
Phyllis Snyder
Pippa Flanary
Rick Levi
Robert & Virginia Waltz, Joe Y. &
Edna Columbe, David R. Columbe
Robert and Beulah Shouse

Jill Carmoy
Jim Marlatt
Kate Schwertfeger
Keith Perin
Kent Wise
Kerry Brown
Kristin Sliger
Lisa Wagner
Marlo Chastain
Nancy O'Dell
Nick Tierney
Terri Marcum
T.R. and Heather Campbell
Victoria Baker



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