



September 2024

**When the worst happens, it doesn't always bring out the best in people. Fortunately, for our community it does.**

Earlier this week, Rushville's downtown was transformed by a **devastating fire at the Corner Restaurant** at Third and Main. It leaves a hole in our town and our hearts - for the owners, employees, and all who loved this community mainstay.

**But empty space makes room for something else to fill in.**

Our local fire departments and those of surrounding communities contributed their bravery, dedication, and expertise to minimize the loss. City and County officials coordinated safety and communication. Downtown businesses and residents supplied water and food for first responders. Others offered commercial equipment to dry out affected properties. One organization extended space and assistance to another. Words of care, concern, and gratitude gushed like water from the firehoses.

**While the building will be gone soon, we have no doubt that the kindness that flowed in is here to stay because of people like you, Lisa.**

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**Meet the New Love Community Center Director,  
Zuzana Smith**



The board of directors of the [Love Community Center](#) (LCC) is excited to announce they have hired a director, **Zuzana Smith**.

Building community is a core value that drives Zuzi. And one that meshes perfectly with this decades-long, community-driven dream about to become reality.

***“If I had to pick one word to describe myself, it would be ‘host,’” she reflected.***

***“Serving others and fostering welcoming, friendly environments where people can connect and share new experiences truly energizes me. Nurturing community is about more than just bringing people together; it's about creating a space where individuals can feel valued and supported. It's about building a foundation where every member can thrive, learn from one another, and feel secure,” she shared.***



Learn more about Zuzi's experience, her family, and why Rush County immediately felt like home to her.

[READ MORE](#)

***Be sure to follow the Love Community Center on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). There's a sweet opportunity to share the word!***

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## Childcare Provider Selected for LCC



**Westminster Preschool**, based out of Marion, Indiana, has been selected as the childcare provider. They will begin operating their play-based, high-quality early childhood program in the spring of 2025, **adding 72 seats for ages birth to 5.**

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## Strategic Plan Underway



What will our major initiatives be the next three years? How will we accomplish them? Your feedback has been considered (thank you!), community leaders have been consulted, and our board spent an afternoon reviewing and discussing this input. **Our strategic plan is being developed, but once it's finalized, we'll be sharing it with you.**

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## GIFT VIII 2:1 Community Grants Match Update: \$98,590, 38% of Our Goal

Each gift you make to one of our unrestricted Community Grants Funds empowers local nonprofits to lift up and support our community.



Right now, each \$1 you give is matched with \$2 – **TRIPLING** your good deed. Your \$100 transforms into \$300 quicker than Clark Kent becomes Superman!

Your superpower is your generosity. We can help you make it go even further.



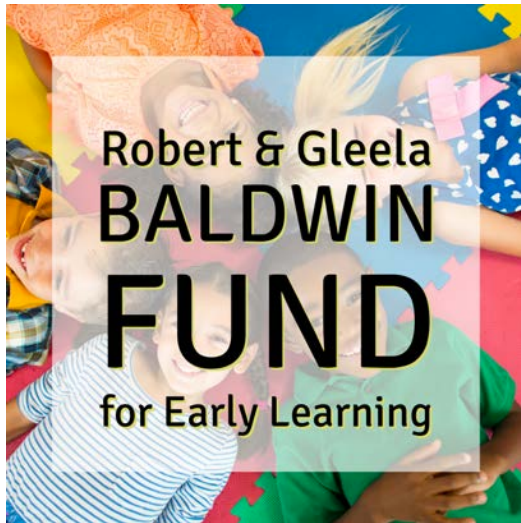
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## Grantee Updates



**Helen and Jim Ewing Fund** provides grants to agencies that provide food for the needy and/or non-profit agencies serving the elderly with essential needs and services.

**With a \$10,000 grant the Rush County Community Assistance Food Pantry provided every family with a gallon of milk twice a month. The funds were also used to purchase shelf-safe milk to fill the backsacks that are provided to all county elementary and middle school students in need of food assistance for the weekend.**



**Robert & Gleela Baldwin Fund for Early Learning** provides funds students accepted into and attending a Paths to Quality Level 3 or 4 preschool serving Rush County residents.

The families of three students received a total of \$2,500 to help offset the the cost of preschool.



**Bob Priddy Sports Partner Fund** provides financial support to Rush County youth involved in team sports, particularly to assist with team participation fees and equipment and/or camp tuition fees and equipment.

Three youth received a total of \$240 to assist with football camp registration fees.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship** applications are due 9/15/2024, 11:59:59 pm.

**Dumpster Days: Find specific locations; add a reminder to your Google, iCal, or Outlook calendar; and get details.**



# DUMPSTER DAYS

## FREE County-Wide Residential Clean Up

### SEPTEMBER

<h2 style="margin: 0;">21</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Arlington Carthage Manilla</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>8am-12pm</b></p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">23-27</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Rushville (Smiley Ave)</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>8am-4pm</b></p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">28</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Glenwood Milroy Raleigh Rushville</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>8am-12pm</b></p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">DETAILS</h2>  <p style="margin: 0;"><a href="https://rushcountyfoundation.org/dumpster-days">rushcountyfoundation.org/ dumpster-days</a></p>
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## TRASH ONLY!



**ACCEPTED**

Household Items, Furniture,  
Mattresses, Bikes, Grills, Carpet, etc.



**NOT ACCEPTED**

Hazardous Waste, Paint, Chemicals, Oil,  
Electronics, Appliances w/ freon, Tires

**ALL locations open to ANY Rush County resident.**

**SPONSORED BY:**






**QUESTIONS / ASSISTANCE:**

 **(765) 938-1177, ext. 3**

[Community Events Calendar](#): Find and submit local events.

**ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)**



Here are the top stories from last month.



[Introducing the Herdrich Family Aquatic Center](#)



[Grantee Update: Gleaners](#)



[Get Peace of Mind: Write Your Will for Free](#)

## What Will Your Legacy Be?



**Retirement assets like an IRA, 401(k) or pension are a powerful way you can care for your loved ones and support Rush County forever.** By designating RCCF as a beneficiary, you can leave a percentage or specified amount of your retirement plan to carry on your values.

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## August 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  
Bob Leising

Molly Spaeth  
Ned Foster  
Norman Bowles

David Workman  
Don Dawson  
Jane Fry  
Janice Burkett  
Jim Ephlin  
John S. Green  
John Worth  
Larry Angle  
Linda Wolf Clevenger  
Maddie Fisher  
Melynda Houston

Constant Contact

Norman Winkler  
Peggy Sue Earnest  
Phil Mitchell  
Rowena Smith  
Sonia Sassin  
Tim Wills  
Wilmer Cameron

**In Honor of:**

Haley Spaeth and Aaron Trebley's  
wedding



**KEEP IN TOUCH**



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