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Whether you're a Rush County native or a newcomer, you've probably noticed that **there's something really special about this community**. We care for each other. We work together. And we don't take "no" for an answer. When we have a goal, we keep pushing forward. No matter what.

We aren't the only ones to notice. We have a legion of fans statewide. The REC Center is a perfect example. This dream began more than 20 years ago. A lot of folks worked hard to make it a reality, but it wasn't our time. Yet.

Instead of dropping the baton, they held on. They kept it safe. They passed it off to other teammates, who are off and running. They're not only back in the race but nearing the finish line. When they cross it, we all win. **A community this amazing deserves a place to learn, play, and grow even stronger. Our time is now, Lisa.**

## REC Center Groundbreaking Recap



Shortly before the **REC Center** groundbreaking ceremony began, an uninvited guest, the rain, tried to crash the party. Not a chance. As **Rushville Mayor**,

**Mike Pavey**, said, *“This will be one of the most significant days in our community as people look back.”*

Guests huddled inside a tent with overflow under umbrellas. The ceremony began with **John McCane, Rush County Economic and Community Development Corporation Executive Director and REC Center Committee Chairman**, naming and thanking the numerous individuals and organizations involved. He announced the naming partnership from **Rush Memorial Hospital**.

There is no more appropriate description for this project than "community-driven."

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## REC Center Groundbreaking Photo Gallery

*Photos by: Thomasina and Darrin McGowan*



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## Grantee Updates: Rush County Community Assistance and Rushville Elementary School

RCCF is your key to making a positive difference for the community. **Whether your dream is to see a gallon of milk in every family's fridge, a book in every child's hand, or some other local impact - we can help you make that happen.** Once you decide to support a specific cause or just the general well-being of Rush County, your gift will continue doing good work forever. Your generosity and [the power of endowment](#) form a superhero team!



The Rush County Community Assistance Food Pantry is able to send a gallon of milk home with everyone because of a \$10,000 grant from the [Helen and Jim Ewing Fund](#).



Melissa Crowe, RES teacher, planned a fun, camping themed Family Literacy Night. She received a \$2,267 [Rush County Education Fund](#) grant that gave a free book to each student.

## ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



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## 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  
Anita Jackson  
Ann Hamill  
Audrey Hildebrand  
Betty Green  
Carol Fenimore

David Ray Columbe  
Harvey E. "Butch" Rogers III  
Karen and Jerry Farrell  
Michael Clifford  
Ned Foster  
Tom Mullis



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