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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@rushcountyfoundation.org](mailto:cmay@rushcountyfoundation.org) or (765) 938-1177, ext 1.



**TRIPLE YOUR IMPACT**

## Calling all Rush County Nonprofits

A graphic with a red background and white shapes. On the left, a lightbulb icon is above the text **NONPROFITS, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO LEARN?**. In the center, a smartphone displays the 'Capacity Building Feedback' survey. On the right, the 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.

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## ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

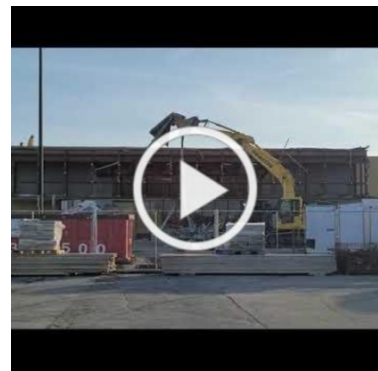
Here are the top stories from last month.



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!

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**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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