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A couple of days before this newsletter goes out, I post a link on social media encouraging folks to sign up. “Make your inbox 100% more inspiring,” it said. Tall order, right?!

Well, I’m standing behind that claim.

Seeing 66 local students earn scholarships to help them achieve their dreams. Absolutely inspiring. Realizing how your donations are caring for Rush County. Also inspiring. Reading a feature article written by the next generation of storytellers. For sure inspiring. Learning that big investments are being made in our small communities. Inspiring? You bet!

But ultimately, I’ll let you decide. (There’s even a fun feedback option at the end, if you feel um, inspired, to participate. 😊) It’s your role in making all of this happen that’s so inspiring to me, friends!

## Scholarship Celebration Gallery



One of our favorite days of the year is our Scholarship Celebration! We love watching donors and recipients connect. This is what generosity in action looks like. Smiles and laughter fill the room, as our community comes together to celebrate. Want to see for yourself? Check out all those smiles.

SEE MORE

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## Congratulations and Thank You!



Congratulations to the 2025 RCCF scholarship recipients! 119 awards from 71 funds totaling \$254,161 were presented to 66 local students – wow. Thank you to all our fund founders and donors for making this support possible!

See them all in one place and then head to [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) to share your congratulations.

SEE THEM ALL

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## Welcome, Katie!



Please join us in welcoming our summer intern, **Katie Thoman!**

Katie is a 2022 RCHS grad and will be a senior at Franklin College in the fall, studying public relations and English. She's passionate about finding and capturing stories. You can read her first one for us on blight below.

In her free time she enjoys photography, reading, and spending time with her family. We're so excited to have her join Team RCCF!

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## Exciting Progress for the Rush County Rural Revitalization Plan





Maybe you've noticed these signs starting to pop up. It's official - the first 4 blighted properties have been purchased as part of our [GIFT VIII Rush County Rural Revitalization Plan](#)! Want to know more about these blight reduction efforts? Read Katie's in-depth story below explaining all the moving parts.

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## Revitalizing Neighborhoods and Reviving Communities

When she pulled through the quiet neighborhood in Milroy, she missed it. To Tara Hagan's disbelief, her GPS brought her to ferocious green shrouds burying a dreary abandoned property.

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## Your Support in Action: Grantee Updates



### Servants at Work \$3,500: Community Grant

Thanks to the Rush County Community Foundation, more Hoosiers have a way out of their homes—and into the life they deserve.

With a generous \$3,500 grant from RCCF, SAWs built two life-changing ramps in Rush County:

- A 71-ft ramp in Carthage, and

- A 42-ft ramp in Rushville.

The Carthage ramp, featured here, was built for a 64-year-old woman who uses an electric wheelchair. Before the ramp, she regularly missed medical appointments. Now, she can independently travel from her front door to her vehicle—and get where she needs to go.

Thank you for opening doors to freedom and independence! - from the [SAWs Facebook page](#).



*"That is our ramp. Pat and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the build and the donors that made this happen. God Bless all of you,"* shared homeowner, Robert.

*Your gifts to any of our 34 unrestricted Community Grants Funds bring this kind of change to Rush County.*



**City of Rushville Fire & Rescue:**  
Updated Extrication Equipment

**\$10,757.87: Community Grant**

Rushville Fire & Rescue's extrication equipment was more than 11 years old. They purchased a combination tool that will easily cut and manipulate today's newer vehicles, for Rescue 1. This new equipment is battery operated, which cuts setup time drastically for extrication operations. **This saves countless minutes on scene when time really matters, especially when they have small crews or multiple calls.**

**This equipment has the potential of helping every person that drives through our area.**



**Rush County Farm Bureau: Ag in the Classroom: Mr. Brown's Cows**

**\$330: [Rita Yager Memorial Ag Fund](#)**

The objective was to share a lesson about agriculture with students, using the book *Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?*

**144 students received their own copy of the book and learned why cows are important to farm life. They also learned to make animal sounds with a fun lesson in onomatopoeia.**

*"This was such a great lesson! Mrs. Fudge always uses the best visual aides. The kids loved the examples with the toy tractors and their new books! Thank you!"*





# RUSH COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



[Grantee Rushville FFA](#)



[CIRCLe Fund  
Announces \\$13,000  
Grant](#)



[Grantee RCHS Band  
Boosters](#)

## What Will Your Legacy Be?



Once you've decided to include the Rush County Community Foundation in

your will or trust, you become a member of the 1822 Society. You join a special group of donors whose impact and love will last forever.

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## May 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  
Barbara Green  
Bill Pike  
Bob Eder  
Brenda Hornaday  
Carrie Jo Miller  
Ed Kendall  
Grant Brower  
John Kuhn  
Kim Yager  
Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Gordon

Mary Lou Veatch  
Melynda Houston  
Mike Marshall  
Penny Busald  
Rick Levi  
Ricker Family & English Family  
Wilson Brooks

### In Honor of:

Angie Bane  
Lonnie May

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