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EVENTS

We welcome news about upcoming Southeastern Indiana events from area not-for-profit organizations. Email them to news@greensburgdailynews.com. Questions may be directed to Kevin Green at 812-651-0885.

Oct. 23
5 p.m.: Kids Discovery Factory groundbreaking for new museum space, 110 Sycamore Street, Batesville.

5 p.m.: Decatur County Memorial Hospital Governing Board meeting in executive (closed) session in Conference Room D at DCMH. The board will meet in regular (open) session at 7 p.m.

7 p.m.: Decatur County Memorial Hospital Board meeting, Conference Room D, DCMH, 720 N. Lincoln St., Greensburg.

Oct. 25
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Westport Health & Business Expo at the Westport Community Building, 205 W. Main Street. Flu vaccines; free blood pressure check; free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and bottled water; a chance to browse and support Westport businesses.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Drug Take Back Day at Indiana State Police Posts throughout Indiana. Safely dispose of unwanted prescription drugs, no questions asked.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Halloween on Main in downtown Rushville. Costume contest parade, free Kids Activity Zone, bounce house, food trucks, poster contest, shopping and more.

2 to 4 p.m.: Trick or Treat in the Park in Decatur County Park, 1650 W. Park Road, Greensburg. Sponsored by Decatur Co. Parks & Rec, Visit Greensburg and the Daily News. Costume contest at 3:45 p.m.

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4 to 6 p.m.: Trick or Treat at the Decatur County Family YMCA. Games, costume contest, candy and more!

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.: Monster Mash community dance in the downtown Rushville Farmers Market. Includes a donut eating contest.

6:30 to 10 a.m.: Phoenix Lodge No. 62 F&AM, 841 S. Ind. 3, Rushville, community breakfast. Full menu; all you care to eat. Free-will donation.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Craft and Vendor Fair at Waldron Jr./Sr. High School, 102 N. East St., Waldron. Lunch available. Proceeds for the school's Life Skills/Job Skills program.

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Future 3 meetings planned

Decatur, Henry and Rush County Safety Action Plan in the works

STAFF REPORT

A series of upcoming meetings have been announced to consider a Safety Action Plan that will provide strategies agency partners can use for developing projects that save lives.

The city of Rushville has expressed its commitment to a safer roadway system through its initiative in obtaining a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All planning grant. The grant will support the creation of a Safety Action Plan for the partner municipalities within

Decatur, Henry and Rush counties.

The primary goal of the SAP is to reduce and eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries for all users including bicyclists and pedestrians and includes a special focus on the Ind. 3 corridor from I-70 to I-74.

Future 3, as the project is being called, has two meanings. First, it refers to the collaboration of agencies within the three-county area, and second it points toward the importance of Ind. 3 as a key corridor in the region.

The SAP will utilize a data-driven process and offer recommendations supported by national and state best practices. Representatives of the many municipalities in each county will guide and oversee the planning process.

Three public meetings will be held to share information about this proj-

ect with the public and allow those in attendance to ask questions and/or share input.

The first meeting is scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Decatur County REMC, 1430 W. Main Street, Greensburg.

The second meeting will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at New Castle Middle School, 601 Parkview Drive, New Castle.

The third meeting is set for 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Love Community Center, 1850 N. Main Street, Rushville.

By working in unison, it is hoped the partner representatives can enhance their safety action plans, ensuring a coordinated approach to transportation safety. This collaboration not only benefits each local community but also strengthens the overall safety and efficiency of



Indiana's regional transportation infrastructure.

The Safety Action Plan is funded through Safe Streets and Roads for All program, which was established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This initiative supports regional, local and Tribal projects aimed at preventing roadway deaths and serious injuries.

SS4A prioritizes promoting safety via the Safe System Approach by using low-cost, high-impact strategies across wide areas, ensuring equitable investment in both urban and rural communities. It emphasizes evidence-based approaches, public and private engagement, and alignment with USDOT's strategic goals.



File photo

Saturday's Trick or Treat in the Park includes the return of a costume contest at 3:45 p.m. with winners recognized in three "surprise" categories.

Trick or Treat in the Park Saturday

Event includes the return of a costume contest in Greensburg

KATE ACRA
VISIT GREENSBURG

GREENSBURG – Costumes, candy and community fun will soon take over the park for a Halloween celebration.

Trick or Treat in the Park is happening from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Decatur County

Park, 1650 W. Park Road. The free family event, hosted by Decatur County Parks and Recreation, Visit Greensburg and the Daily News, promises a festive afternoon where kids can follow a candy trail and visit local businesses decked out in Halloween spirit.

"I am extremely excited to host

our first-ever Trick or Treat in the Park event," Parks & Rec Executive Director Chris Noblitt said.

Noblitt introduced this idea in Decatur County to help unite the community.

"Having the ability to get our community and local businesses

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Photo provided

The Ripley County Community Foundation invites the public to a wreath-laying ceremony at noon on Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Ripley County Courthouse in the Versailles Town Square.

Wreaths Across Ripley County ceremony and wreath laying

The Ripley County Community Foundation has announced its continued participation in the national Wreaths Across America program. This marks the fourth year of Wreaths Across Ripley County, a local effort to ensure that all 4,822 veterans laid to rest in Ripley County will be remembered this holiday season.

WHAT IS WREATHS ACROSS RIPLEY COUNTY?

Wreaths Across Ripley County is a local chapter of the national

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Work continues on fairgrounds Community Building

BILL RETHLAKE
DAILY NEWS

Decatur County Commissioner Jeremy Pasel gave an update regarding the continuing work on the new Community Building at the Decatur County Fairgrounds during Monday morning's meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

He said workers were waiting on the construction of the metal stairs

before the rest of the concrete floor could be poured. Once that is finished, the rest of the electrical conduit can be run and work on the lighting can start.

Pasel said he was hammering out the details with the county IT crew to insure the technology planned for the building was appropriate, and stressed that the technology planned for the finished building will be

advanced but also very user-friendly.

The fundraising campaign to help defray the cost of the planned building has raised more than \$460,000 so far and the campaign is "moving right along," he said.

"It looks good. I think it's going to be a great facility for folks to use out there," he said.

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Bill Rethlake | Daily News

Construction of the new Community Building at the Decatur County Fairgrounds continues.

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