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OBITUARIES

- Donahue Gibson, 81
- Edward Everett Herman, 89



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.

APRIL 16

5 to 7 p.m.: Community Healthcare Clinic of Decatur County clinic, 1821 N Broadway St., Greensburg (Rural King shopping center). Info: 812-663-7707.

7 p.m. Open Mic' Night, Rushville Elks, 223 E. 3rd St. Everyone welcome!

APRIL 17

8 a.m.: Batesville Economic Development Commission meeting, Memorial Building.

8:30 to 10 a.m.: Decatur County Family YMCA community breakfast / open house to introduce new executive director Brad Fox.

10 a.m.: Rush County Commissioners meeting in the Rush County Courthouse Assembly Room to discuss courthouse renovations.

APRIL 18

1 to 3 p.m.: Tree County Players

Postal delivery information:



Photo courtesy of Diamond Pet Foods

The Diamond Pet Foods production and distribution facility just north of Rushville on Ind. 3 currently employs nearly 200 people and expects to increase that number to 300 when the plant reaches full capacity.

Diamond Pet Foods brings growth to Rush County

An update on what is likely the community's largest business investment story

ABRIANA HERRON
INSIDE INDIANA BUSINESS

RUSHVILLE, Ind. – A stretch of farmland in Rush County has

quickly transformed into one of the largest investments the community has seen in years, and it's still just getting started.

In November, Diamond Pet Foods' new manufacturing and distribution facility in Rushville went online and began producing pet food for customers throughout the Midwest. The building marks the latest expansion for a company that has grown from a small Missouri feed mill into a national

operation.

Today, the site employs nearly 200 people, and in the next several years, that number could climb to around 300. Mark Schell, Diamond Pet Foods' vice president of manufacturing, said the project's scale reflects the demand they expect the facility to serve.

"It's the biggest facility we've ever built," Schell said in an interview with Inside Indiana Business. "It will be twice as big as our other

facilities when it's at full capacity."

Unlike the company's previous expansions that relied on existing infrastructure, the Rushville site started from scratch. "It was just a cornfield," Schell said, and building it from the ground up brought both opportunity and challenges.

The company had to navigate engineering and site development challenges it had not faced before.

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Commissioners discuss battery storage facility

BILL RETHLAKE
DAILY NEWS

GREENSBURG – Commonwealth Associates, Inc. representatives Jack McCormick and Michael Mitchell recently appeared before the Decatur County Board of Commissioners regarding a battery storage facility planned for the northern part of the county.

AYPA Power, headquartered in Austin, Texas, is a private company owned by the Blackstone Group specializing in developing, owning and operating utility-scale energy storage projects. According to PR Newswire, AYPA Power is based in Houston Texas, and owns 30 similar projects that are either operational or under construction across the United States.

AYPA plans to build a 20 acre storage facility on CR 400 N between CR 150 and CR 350 W, consisting of 50 storage containers.

Commonwealth Associates, Inc. is an engineering design firm representing AYPA.



Bill Rethlake | Daily News

The Decatur County Board of Commissioners is pictured during a recent meeting.

McCormick and his associates are currently reviewing the plan for the construction project.

Commissioner Jeremy Pasel asked McCormick if there was a proposed timeline for the project and McCormick responded in the affirmative, adding that the next phase would start in a couple of weeks.

WHAT IT IS

An internet search found that a utility-scale energy storage facility is a large-capacity system that stores electricity – primarily via lithium-ion batteries or pumped hydro – and discharges it into the power grid to

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Batesville street work planned

STAFF REPORT

Batesville residents and visitors may notice several stretches of city streets being worked beginning as soon as today (Thursday, April 16).

According to a news release from Mayor Irrgang's office, milling and paving operations will take place in various areas including:

Pearl Street, from Ind. 46 to Main Street and will then proceed to the following:

Prairie Avenue, from Central Avenue to Pearl Street

Central Avenue, from Prairie to

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is holding auditions for Singin' in the Rain at the Playhouse, 634 W. Main Street, Greensburg. Auditions continue from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19.

APRIL 20

8 a.m.: Decatur County Commissioners meeting, Decatur County Courthouse, Room 106.

9 a.m.: Rush County Commissioners meeting, Rush County Courthouse Assembly Room.

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Free suicide prevention training at the Decatur County Community Building, 822 S

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Female found following extensive search

STAFF REPORT

An elderly Greensburg resident was successfully located following a multi-agency search for her Tuesday evening.

At approximately 7 p.m. April 14, the Greensburg Police Department received a report of a female who left her residence and didn't return

home.

Police arrived on scene and gathered information indicating that Shirley A. Rigby, 83, had left her residence approximately two hours before police arrived. It was reported that Rigby has been diagnosed with dementia.

Personnel from various local agencies arrived on scene and immediately started searching

and continued to gather information. Though Rigby's whereabouts were unknown, information about her disappearance was posted on social media and received immediate attention.

With evidence provided by concerned citizens, Rigby was located within one mile of her residence.

She had traveled through a heavily vegetated area and was located near an industrial facility.

The Greensburg Police Department acknowledged and thanked the following agencies for assisting in this case:

- Greensburg Fire Department
- Decatur County Communications

• Decatur County Sheriff's Department

• Decatur County EMS

• Decatur County Emergency Management Agency

• Letts Fire Department

• Shelby County Sheriff's Department

• Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department

• Columbus Police Department

• Citizens of Greensburg

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