

- The Rush County DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) will be hosting two important events in 2026. On May 2 the DAR will honor William Mauzy with the DAR Patriot Marker dedication. Mauzy was a Revolutionary War Veteran. From September 9-13 there will be a special exhibit to honor Veterans of the Iraq/Afghanistan War and also to honor all First Responders. The display is named “Cost of Freedom/Global War on Terrorism” and can be viewed at the Rush County Fairgrounds Community Building. Updates on these two events will be available at a later date.
- The city of Rushville encourages all residents to display their American Flag during the month of June and up to July 4. In conjunction with the national “Light Up United” campaign, Rush County Residents are also encouraged to display red, white, and blue lights and patriotic decorations.
- Rush County schools will mark their calendars with special events too. One such date will be February 5, 2026, when RCHS will commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Memorial Gymnasium. The Lions will play the same team they played in 1926, the Greensburg Pirates. Tip off times will be 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- The Juneteenth Celebration for 2026 will be on June 20. Also, The Juneteenth Committee will sponsor a float in the annual Fourth of July Parade.
- During the week prior to July 4 the Rush County Fair will be in progress. The Rush County Historical Society, Rush County Republicans, Rush County Democrats, and many other groups plan to help celebrate our 250<sup>th</sup> birthday at the fair.
- The Rush County Historical Society has a 250<sup>th</sup> tree with red, white, and blue lights on display at the Gowdy House during their Annual Festival of Trees on December 7, 2025 (3:00 to 7:00 p.m.). It is decorated with ornamentation depicting historic figures from a Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia collection, and will remain on display through 2026.
- The Rush County Genealogical Society will be honoring the lives of Revolutionary War Veterans buried in Rush County in their 2025-2026 quarterly newsletter. RCGS would like to clean/repair Revolutionary Veteran’s gravestones if needed. Contact them if you know one is in disrepair at (317)797-3338.
- Rush County Heritage is also a strong supporter of the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration. Their efforts to help preserve significant structures like the Kennedy Covered Bridges, the Booker T. Washington School, the Beech Church, and the Helm House are ongoing.
- Many other activities are also planned for 2026, such as the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Pioneer Engineer Days, Rush County Regional Theater, RCHS Homecoming, and a multitude of events at Riverside Park and the Heart of Rushville. Consult with your local organization(s) or the Rush County Chamber of Commerce for dates and times on at [www.rushcounty.com](http://www.rushcounty.com)
- The 250<sup>th</sup> will culminate with the annual celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Rush County Chamber of Commerce will coordinate the parade and fireworks. The 2026 effort will be bigger and better than ever with participation by many community organizations. The Chamber is asking for float entries for the parade. Contact the Chamber at (765)932-2880.
- The Chamber will also be the official calendar for a listing of event dates for 2016. Phone the Chamber or e-mail them at [rushcountychamber@gmail.com](mailto:rushcountychamber@gmail.com) with any and all activities planned for the 250<sup>th</sup>.