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## CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINES

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For the Osgood Journal, by Friday at 11:00 a.m.

For The Versailles Republican, by Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

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# USDA requests input on environmental impacts of the Tree Assistance Program and Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) welcomes input on the assessment of environmental impacts on two programs – the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) and Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is accepting comments until Jan. 18, 2025, on its draft programmatic environmental assessments. The TAP environmental assessment includes updates to streamline the program and enable a quick response to natural disasters. The FSFL environmental assessment recommends continuing the program as currently administered.

"We welcome public input on the possible environmental impacts of both of these valuable programs," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "Your comments will help us maintain and strengthen our disaster assistance and financing options for producers nationwide."

The National Environmental Policy Act requires federal agencies to consider the potential effects of major federal actions to both the natural and human environments as part of their planning and decision-making processes. Draft programmatic environmental assessments help FSA to determine whether program changes are needed and plan the implementation of proposed updates.

### Tree Assistance Program

TAP helps cover the cost of replant-

ing or rehabilitating eligible trees, bushes and vines that produce annual crops that have been damaged or destroyed by natural disasters. This program is crucial for helping producers recover from adverse natural disaster events and ensuring the long-term viability of their agricultural operations. The proposed program implementation update would include additional management tools and screening criteria that allow FSA to respond more quickly and effectively to time-sensitive natural disasters, including plant diseases.

### Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

FSFL improves nationwide on-farm storage capacity for upgrading and building farm storage facilities for eligible commodities. The recommendation to continue the program as currently administered is based on a need to improve the ability of agricultural producers to preserve harvested crops, reduce post-harvest losses and improve marketing and sales opportunities.

### More Information

Both draft programmatic environmental assessments may be reviewed on the FSA current environmental documents page. Written comments regarding both the TAP and FSFL programs can be emailed to [SM.FPAC.FBC.ENV@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FPAC.FBC.ENV@usda.gov) until Jan. 18.

For detailed program information,

view FSA's TAP and FSFL program fact sheets.

FSA helps America's farmers, ranchers and forest landowners invest in, improve, protect and expand their agricultural operations through the delivery of agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster recovery and marketing programs through a national network of state and county offices and locally elected county committees. For more information, visit [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov).

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [usda.gov](http://usda.gov).

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## LEGALS

### Notice of Administration

IN THE RIPLEY CIRCUIT COURT STATE OF INDIANA SS: COUNTY OF RIPLEY CAUSE NO. 69C01-2412-EU-000033  
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF DENNIS HOLCOMB, DECEASED  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA  
In the matter of the Estate of Dennis Holcomb, deceased.  
Cause Number: 69C01-2412-EU-000033  
Notice is hereby given that Misty Holcomb was on October 12, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of Dennis Holcomb, deceased, who died on December 9, 2024.  
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Versailles, Indiana, this 12/19/2024.

Liz Baumgartner  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Ripley County

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Have Questions?  
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# BCEF to award \$42,000 in scholarships to BHS grads

The Batesville Community Education Foundation (BCEF) is now accepting applications for its five scholarships to benefit Batesville High School (BHS) graduates, announced BCEF executive director Anne Wilson. In total, \$42,000 will be awarded by the nonprofit partner to the Batesville Community School Corporation (BCSC). All five scholarships use one common application available on the BCEF website.

One \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship will be awarded in 2025 from the Ron Raver Memorial Scholarship Fund. Applicants must be BHS graduating students in the top 20% of their class and have participated in basketball, cross country, or track. In addition, applicants should be able to demonstrate that they have the following qualities and characteristics that Coach Raver displayed: actively involved in school, church, and community, and have proven determination and perseverance.

One 2025 graduate will be awarded the \$3,000 non-renewable Bobbie Brandes Memorial Scholarship. BHS graduates in the top 20% of the class qualify for this scholarship. Special consideration will be given to those applicants who meet any of the following criteria: are first-generation college-bound; have demonstrated leadership in school organizations or sports teams; are pursuing a career in education, or have demonstrated civic and community engagement.

In addition to the Raver and Brandes scholarships, the Mary C. Horstman Memorial Scholarship will again be awarded by

BCEF. As in previous years, the non-renewable Horstman scholarship is available to all BHS graduates pursuing any type of additional education, including trade school. Horstman applicants who have a connection to agriculture or are pursuing a trade will receive special consideration but are not guaranteed selection. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

The fourth memorial scholarship, named for alumnus James E. Fritsch, will remain at five \$5,000 recipients in 2025, as in previous years. The Fritsch scholarship requires applicants to be in the top 20% of the graduating class. An essay is required, as it is for several of the other scholarships.

A new scholarship offered by BCEF this year is the Randy Smith Scholarship, made possible by the generous, ongoing support of this alumnus. For 2025 only, one \$5,000 non-renewable scholarship will be awarded, as well as one \$5,000 scholarship with renewal potential for up to three additional years. Applicants must be in the top 20% of the class, with those who are first-generation college-bound receiving special consideration. Award amounts will be adjusted in 2026.

The BCEF common application, instructions, and details regarding all the scholarships may be found on the organization's website at <http://batesvilleeducationfoundation.org/programs/scholarships/>. Scholarship applications are due to the foundation no later than 4:00 PM on February 28. Questions may be directed to Wilson at [awilson@batesville.k12.in.us](mailto:awilson@batesville.k12.in.us).

# Slick roads on south side of Ripley County

WOODY BUSH PHOTO  
Coming down County Road 400W was treacherous Monday morning since the county hadn't had a chance to get to that road yet. There was a good reason for the red alert the county gave, which means to stay off the roads!



WOODY BUSH PHOTO  
Pictured left is County Road 850 South of Versailles, where just a few tire marks could be seen as people tried to navigate the high snowfall Ripley County received Sunday, January 5 into Monday, January 6 throughout the county.

WOODY BUSH PHOTO  
Pictured right is US 421 South of Versailles on Monday afternoon. As you can see it was still only one lane with slick spots. The county and towns, along with state units have worked tirelessly to clean the roads but with that type of snowfall - up to 12 inches in places - it was hard to keep up.

