

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025 - PART 2



Hello Foundation Friends,

What a whirlwind the last couple of weeks have been! Since the last newsletter, we helped facilitate the Senior Service Day, co-hosted the Warren County Health Fair, hosted the Down by the River music event, and learned more about Lilly Endowment GIFT IX.

Senior Service Day was AMAZING. There is really no other way to describe high school students coming together with adult volunteers with the common goal of doing good in the community! They worked together to knock out 250 collective hours of community service! We are so excited to be a part of this and look forward to Senior Service Day 2026!

The Warren County Health Fair co-hosted by the Foundation, the Health Department, and Ascension St. Vincent Williamsport Hospital was a success! The vendors and attendees all thought it was a great event and we were happy to be a part of it!

Yes, you read correctly....Lilly Endowment announced GIFT IX. Our board is going to be working on the portion that is due November 6th. In addition, Lilly Endowment told us that we could go ahead and announce that we will be eligible for a 2:1 match for unrestricted gifts! This is amazing news. Since the beginning of GIFT VI, we have been continuously adding to our unrestricted grantmaking capabilities. Unrestricted grants are what we call our community grants. It means we don't already know ahead of time where the money is going to be spent. We have a grants committee that reads the proposals we receive, and makes funding recommendations to the Board of Directors. This multi-step process helps ensure that we are good stewards of donors gifts. This year we are able to give \$80,000 in this category, but that amount is growing by leaps and bounds and we could not be more excited!

As mentioned before, we are going to have a mural dedication at Fall Creek Gorge on Sunday October 19th at 4:00. This will be a very short event where the artist Zac Cody talks about the murals, answers questions from the attendees, and we look at the murals together. This will take place at Twin Bridges off Potholes Road and Hogback road. We will show you the murals in the next newsletter, but hope that your curiosity will bring you to Fall Creek Gorge on Sunday! Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Michele Stucky



RECENT GRANTS



INDIANA ROCKETRY RECEIVES GRANT

The Indiana Rocketry Club received a \$2,000 Community Grant from the Foundation. Warren County is lucky to have local farmers who are willing to let rocket launches be set up on their land when the crops aren't in. Out near Pence, people from all over the midwest come to launch their homemade rockets. These events bring a lot of people to Warren County. For more information, check out www.indianarocketry.org.



NEWS & UPDATES

Warren County
Community Foundation



Job Opening



20 hours per week
Bookkeeping position
See job description at

https://www.warrencountyfoundation.com/job-opening

Job Opening At Warren County
Community Foundation

The Warren County Community
Foundation is now accepting resumes for a 20-hour per week bookkeeping position. Resumes should be sent to jmwagoner75@hotmail.com. See the job description by clicking here.



Reflecting on the impact of the Valerie McIntosh Memorial Fund

Twenty-five years ago this week, Valerie McIntosh was taken from us too soon. She was an actively involved teenager with many interests. Valerie was all about her community, enjoying being active in 4-H, music, volleyball, and school. A memorial fund was established at the Warren County Community Foundation with the original intent of creating an annual 4-H Junior Leader award in her memory. The fund has grown so much that it has been able to do far more.

Each year, her parents Steve and Brenda, review with the Foundation all that is going on in the community and make decisions about where to direct the funds throughout the community. In addition to the annual Junior Leader award, many other organizations have received grants from the Valerie McIntosh Memorial Fund. These organizations include A Better Way Food Co-Op, Mac Van, Common Grounds Coffee Shop, Hope Springs, Junior Rodeo Association, Mother's Love Cancer Support Fund, Seeger Music Department, Special Olympics, the Summer Parks Program, Warren County Helping Hands, Western Indiana Community Foundation, Williamsport Elementary, Williamsport United Methodist Church, Warren County new pool fund, Women's Legacy Builders. The 4-H Junior Leader award has awarded \$15,000 to 30 recipients and just since 2010 the fund has awarded an additional \$11,400 to these other community organizations. This fund will continue to award around \$2,500 per year in perpetuity. It is a way we can all remember Valerie McIntosh every year. The Warren County Community Foundation has 120 different funds and can work with donors to create a new fund or add to existing funds.



2025 Senior Service Day

On Tuesday October 7th, Seeger High School partnered with Warren County Community Foundation to create a service day for the Class of 2026 Seniors. For this first year, transportation was provided to two parts of the county. One bus went towards Pine Village and one big bus and one 15 passenger bus went to Williamsport. Students signed up to help at Williamsport Elementary School, A Better Way Food Co-Op, Common Grounds Coffee Shop, Williamsport Attica Senior Center, Williamsport Christian Church, Warren County 4-H, Warren County Community Foundation, Lights in the Park, Town of Williamsport, Hickman Heights Church, Pine Creek Camp, Pine Village Committee for Community Enhancement, and Pine Village Elementary school. All students arrived at their locations between 8:30-9:00 am and worked until sometime between 11:15-11:45. This means that a total of nearly 100 students working an average of 2.5 hours gave 250 hours of service time collectively. When people work together towards a common goal, so much gets accomplished, and much faster if the organization was having to do the work on their own.

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They spread mulch, took down bulletin boards in the cafeteria, and helped clean some areas in the school at Williamsport Elementary. At the Warren County fairgrounds, they cleaned out an entire storage garage and another storage space and filled 3 dump trailers while cleaning and organized the spaces. In the PV Cemetery, trees and brush were cut and stacked for pickup. Uptown Pine Village the flowerpots that the PVE students plant each Spring were emptied and moved into storage. The community gardens were cleared of vegetation (with the exception of a few plants that were left bc of rain coming down). Inside the Old Town Hall the Bay Area where one of the fire trucks is kept were cleaned and organized. In the meeting and memorabilia room of the Old Town Hall the cases which display PV history were moved out and cleaned.

At A Better Way Food Co-Op, there were coats in the upstairs that were brought down and put into a trailer ahead of the Coats for Kids on November 8th. The students built 2 raised bed garden boxes and placed them behind the co-op.

At the Williamsport Park. students carefully moved "Lights In The Park" decorations from upstairs storage in the Fair Office to downstairs locations (huge amount of decorations, lights, and three dimensional structures). They also attached lights to newly purchased decorations (deer, wreathes, angels, stars, candles, Santa's, and more). They even entertained with Christmas songs as they worked!

At Hickman Heights, the students repainted 12 picnic tables in our community pavilion. At Common Grounds Coffee Shop, the students helped make cookie dough, stamped coffee sleeves, and deep cleaned. For the Community Foundation, the students made 10 park benches to distribute (3 for Harrison Park, 3 for the Falls, and 4 for Cicott Park) At the Senior Center, the students helped completely reorganize a storage room. At Pine Creek Camp, the students split wood, did some demo projects, and cut posts.

Overall, this day could not have gone any better than anyone had hoped for. All students wore matching Seeger Senior Service Day 2025 t-shirts provided by the Warren County Community Foundation and the Foundation provided a meal from Food Basket which included either grilled tenderloin or hamburger, macaroni and cheese, chips, and a cookie. Twenty-five adult volunteers helped lead the various projects around the county. We could not have hosted the day without these adults who gave of their time and their talent to lead the students in completing their projects. It is safe to say that Seeger Senior Service Day 2025 was a huge success!



THE 2025 WARREN COUNTY HEALTH FAIR WAS A SUCCESS

The first Warren County Health Fair since 2007 was this past weekend and what a day it was! We had over 35 vendors, 13 speakers, an amazing Chair Yoga session with Lamira Wellness, and a helicopter landing with PHI Air Medical StatFlight! Visitors received free welcome bags, giveaways every half hour and access to free diagnostics like vision, blood sugar, hearing, blood pressure, and immunizations. Visitors left loaded down with freebies and tons of amazing information! Stay tuned on our website's Health Fair page for contact information for these amazing resources.



DOWN BY THE RIVER MUSIC EVENT

Our October Down by the River Music event was a success! Attendees enjoyed beautiful views with good music from local artists. This event is part of the Wabash River Blueway grant, and we hope to offer four of these events next year. If you know a local artist or band you would like to recommend, let us know. The backdrop of the river is so beautiful with the artists in the foreground and the state river in the background. Our Down by the River Music Series is a great way to get outside and enjoy all Warren County has to offer while supporting local artists! Thanks to all of those who came out!



WABASH RIVER BLUEWAY MURAL DEDICATION

Join us for the unveiling of two new murals by local artist Zac Cody! These murals feature wildlife species native to the area. Join us on October 19th at Twin Bridges on Big Pine Creek at 4:00 pm! If seeing the new murals isn't exciting enough, we will have Common Grounds cookies there for the first 25 attendees!!



THE AUSTIN ACRE'S FINAL FARMERS MARKET

Don't miss the last produce stand of the season! On October 22nd in Downtown Williamsport beside the Warren County Community Foundation Office (31 N Monroe St.). Bring your Hoosier Works or WIC card for \$20 worth of free produce!





JOB OPENING AT WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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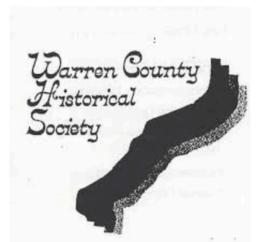


DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION NEED A GRANT FOR A PROJECT?

The Warren County Community Foundation awards Community Grants to groups and organizations in Warren County or who serve Warren County residents. The new grant cycle has just started. If you think your group might be eligible, take a look at our website. There is one online application for projects of \$2,500 or less and one application for projects larger than \$2,500. Click here to go to the grants page on the Foundation website.



SAVE THE DATE!



Open Every Friday 10:00-3:00pm

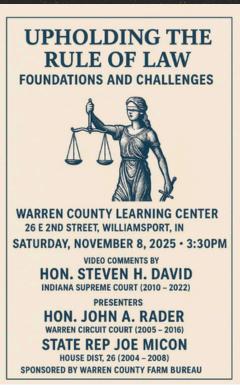
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Fall Band Concert Ura Seeger Auditorium October 22th- 7:00pm

Holiday Craft Fairs

November 1st 9–2 Williamsport Christian Church

November 7th 4:00–8:00 November 8th 10:00–4:00 Brown's Accent

Pine Village Holiday Craft Sale Nov. 8th



EMT COURSE Q&A

Emergency Medical Technicia

FIND OUT IF AN EMT
CERTIFICATION IS FOR YOU

Learn life-saving skills and make a difference in your community



NO COURSE FEE IF ELIGIBLE

David Greer - EMT Instructor

DATES: October 27th & November 10th TIME: 6:00 pm - END

LOCATION: Warren County Learning Center

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Free Q&A Session to discuss any questions regarding the program

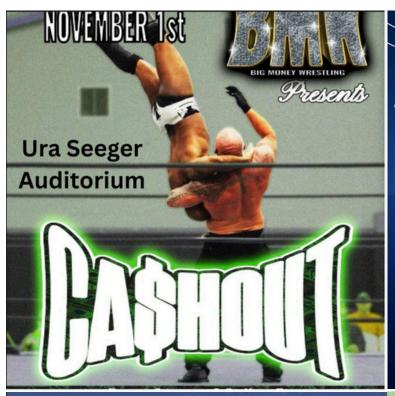


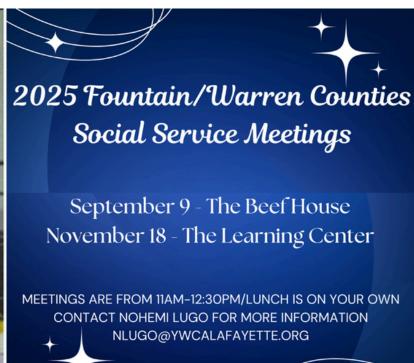
Contact the Warren County Learning Center with questions/ to register

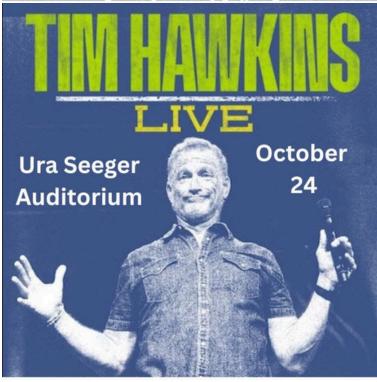
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November 8th
9:00-noon
Williamsport Christian Church
For Warren County Residents in Need





insured women in Warren County

We work every day to eliminate inequities in healthcare when it comes to access to vital early detection screenings. To do this, we promote early screening for breast and cervical cancers among uninsured, under-insured and minority women. Through our funding partners, we facilitate no-cost services to qualified women across Indiana.



INDIANA BREAST CANCER

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