



**WARREN COUNTY**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2023 - PART 2

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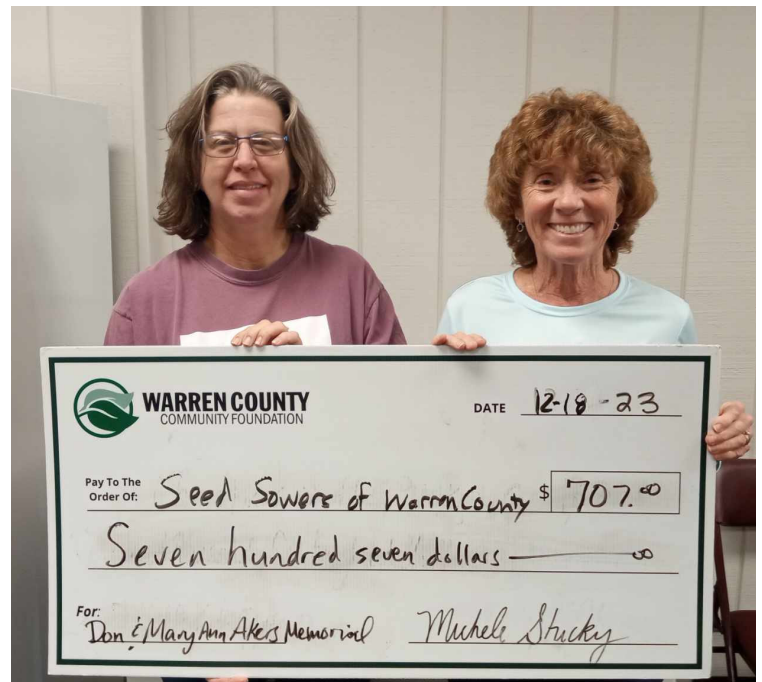
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone! 2023 has been a great year for the Foundation and we look forward to 2024. We will be busy in the first quarter of 2024 with our Lilly Endowment GIFT VIII planning grant work. We will also be fundraising from now until June 2025. We have a 2:1 match for unrestricted gifts. Please consider contacting the Foundation to see what type of donation is right for you and your family. Watch for more great projects in 2024 and Common Grounds Coffee Company is getting closer and closer to opening. Keep an eye out for our grand opening. Thank you all so much for the support this year.

Happy Holidays,

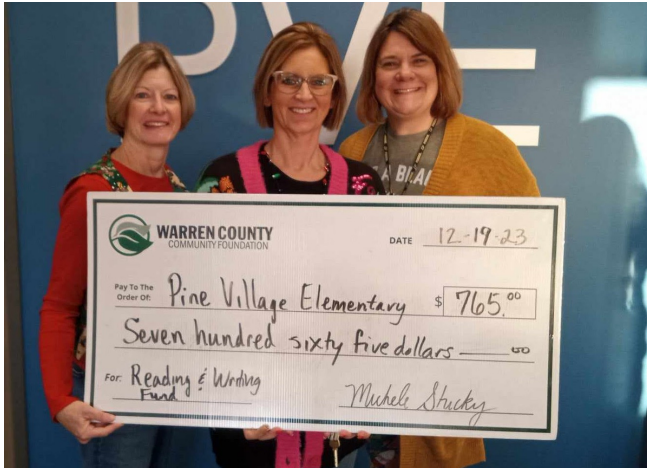
Michele Stucky

### SEED SOWERS RECEIVE GRANT

The Warren County Community Foundation made a grant from the Don and Mary Ann Akers Memorial Fund for \$707 to the Seed Sowers of Warren County. Starting in 2024, this group will take the place of the merged Warren County Helping Hands and Warren County Salvation Army. It will be under the larger umbrella of A Better Way Co-Op. Over the past 5 years, the Don and Mary Ann Akers Memorial fund has made grants to Illiana Antique Power Association, the Town of Pine Village, Pine Village United Methodist Church, Pine Village Volunteer Fire Department, the new pool fund, and now Seed Sowers for a total of \$3,489

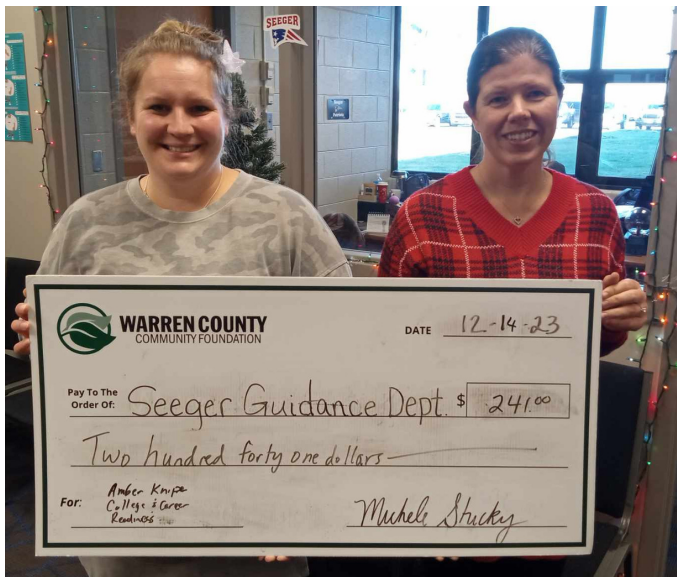


## READING & WRITING FUND WRITES GRANT TO PINE VILLAGE



The Reading and Writing Fund made a grant to Pine Village. This fund payout rotates between the three elementary schools with this year's grant of \$765 going to Pine Village Elementary. In the past five years, this fund has awarded \$3,178!

## SEEGER GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT



The Amber Knipe College and Career Readiness Fund made a grant in the amount of \$241 to the Seeger Guidance Department. In the last five years, this fund has awarded \$965 in the area of helping students be prepared for the steps that come after high school.

## WARREN COUNTY LEARNING CENTER RECEIVES GRANT



The Fountain-Warren VFW Post #3318 Men's Auxillary Fund made a grant to the Warren County Learning Center in the amount of \$475. This funding helps with special equipment the participants in the programs need. In the last five years, this fund has awarded \$2,350 to the Learning Center to help the adult education program.

## SEED SOWERS OF WARREN COUNTY RECEIVES GRANT



The Lioness Marie Ducker Fund made a grant to Seed Sowers of Warren County in the amount of \$932. In the past 5 years, this fund has awarded \$3,709 to the community. The primary intent is eye care, but other health and human services needs as a secondary goal.

## PINE VILLAGE STUDENTS ATTEND EDUCATION DAY EVENT

The Lon and Linda Akers Pine Village Elementary School Fund sent the Pine Village 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students to Education Day presented by the Purdue Women's Basketball team. The students had a great time! In the past five years, this fund has awarded over \$7,000!



## COMMON GROUNDS COFFEE COMPANY RECEIVES GRANT



A grant in the amount of \$957 from the Sharma-Mehaffey Internship Fund was awarded to County Common Grounds Coffee Company. Seeger High School has an internship program that juniors and seniors are eligible for. These internship experiences give the students real world job opportunities. This grant will help pay the wage of a Seeger intern working at the coffee shop.

## ATTICA HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT



The Bi-County Educational Fund made a grant to Attica High school. This grant for \$700 will be used to set-up college and trade visits to pay for travel and other associated expenses. This will mainly focus on juniors, however opportunities to take younger students to attend group college visits and trade visits will be explored.

## A BETTER WAY FOOD CO-OP AWARDED GRANT



The Beau's Gift Fund made a grant to A Better Way Food Co-Op for \$800. Beau was a beloved german shepherd. This fund goes to help animal needs. The Co-Op will use this to buy pet food for the individuals using the Food Co-Op who have pets. Dayleann Waymire presented the check to Gary Myers and Julie Clark, with Mooch waiting in the car on a busy Co-Op day and getting added to the picture later.

## UPPER FALLS BRANCH PARK GETS A FENCE



Another Lilly GIFT VII project just got completed. Upper Falls Branch Park which will officially open in the spring got a privacy fence for its southern border. The Town of Williamsport crew cleared some brush, and Alvin Fencing Company installed over 125 ft. of fencing. This will be a nice park to visit in 2024!

# CHAINSAW CARVER VISITS WARREN COUNTY!



Yet another Lilly GIFT VII project complete. Walter Dobbins of Woodworx came back one last time to Warren County to do some more carving. In total, between Fleming Woods County Park outside West Lebanon and the Boat Ramp in Williamsport, we now have 18 chainsaw carvings. Yesterday he carved a raccoon and beaver and helped us mount an eagle he had brought with him and a squirrel and rabbit we had acquired from another chainsaw artist. If we have a nice weather day, you'll have to check them out!



## LOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS



**LONESTAR**  
FT. LEVI RIGGS  
**LIVE**  
DECEMBER 29, 2023  
URA SEEGER AUDITORIUM



**MAD HATTER SHOWS**  
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**NAPOLEON DYNAMITE LIVE!**  
At Ura Seeger Auditorium  
Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7:30 pm - 10 pm EDT



**HEYWOOD BANKS**  
**A NIGHT OF COMEDY**  
January 12, 2024 | URA SEEGER AUDITORIUM