



WARREN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

MAY PART 2

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website!*



Hello Foundation Friends,

We hope you enjoyed looking at the scholarship newsletter last week. Thank you so much to all the donors who have already created scholarship funds and for the people who have asked questions about scholarship funds in the past week! Like I said last week, we are always happy to answer any questions you have about any of our fund types or how to create a fund. It might be information you want to gather for right now or for the distant future. Also, ultimately after a conversation you might realize that creating a fund isn't for you, and that is okay. Part of my job is to talk about the Foundation and sometimes new funds come from that and sometimes it is just a good conversation.

This weekend please consider stopping by the Williamsport Boat Launch tomorrow May 30th. The group Crick's Up is going to be performing. Last year the group was a hit and they are back from 4:00-5:30 tomorrow. Bring a lawn chair or come on your golf cart, RZR, or gator. You can stay for a little while or for the whole time. This outdoor music event is sponsored by the Wabash River Blueway.

Last, don't forget we have a 2:1 match for unrestricted gifts thanks to Lilly GIFT IX. This means if you donate \$10, Lilly will donate \$20, if you donate \$100, Lilly will donate \$200, if you donate \$1,000, Lilly will donate \$2,000! Call if you have questions!

Sincerely,
Michele Stucky



RECENT GRANTS



THE ARTS FEDERATION (TAF) RECEIVES GRANT

The Arts Federation, also known as TAF, received a \$750 Community Grant. This grant will go towards supporting art in Warren County. Art serves to bring joy and creativity to counties, and we are excited to see the impact of this grant.



URA SEEGER AUDITORIUM RECEIVES COMMUNITY GRANT

The Ura Seeger Auditorium received a Community Grant of \$1,250. This grant will be used to purchase tablecloths for the events and gatherings hosted at the auditorium. These tablecloths will elevate the venue for the community's use, creating a large capacity gathering space close to home!



HOPE SPRINGS RECEIVES FINAL PUSH TO OPEN DOORS

The Warren County Community Foundation was pleased to award a Lilly GIFT IX Community Support Grant to Hope Springs for \$8,840. This was the amount of money needed to pay the final contractor to finish up the last few projects around the new house. We were happy to help speed up the process in getting the doors open on the new house. At the ribbon cutting, Director Misty Barnett said a few words about the challenges the group has faced since a lightning strike hit their original house. Through perseverance and many, many private donors and grants, the ribbon cutting on May 21st was a culmination of their efforts. The house was open for tours after the ribbon cutting. It is truly a beautiful home that will serve the needs of the people Hope Springs serves.



MARGE CLARK EDUCATION FUND AWARDS GRANTS

The Marge Clark Education Fund awarded \$8,426.23 in grant projects for this year's grantmaking. Teachers or staff members at the schools could write a proposal for a project they were going to do with students either this summer or after school first semester of next school year. All seven projects that were submitted were funded. Ms. Martin will lead an after school craft class, Mrs. Rickey will lead a self-esteem after school program as well as an after school STEM program. Ms. Nowak will lead a cooking and baking class after school, Mrs. Reynolds will lead a crochet class after school. Mrs Crumbaugh will get an Ultimate Kit from the STEM company infento.com to use in the Young Explorers Program. The largest grant was given to Act Two Summer Youth Theater. These students will be performing Junie B Jones Jr. The Musical from July 9th-11th. Please go and support these students who are in grades 5-8.

The Marge Clark Education Fund, a field of interest fund with the Foundation, was created in memory of Marge Clark, well-known author, farm wife, mother of four, and resident of Warren County. Marge was a very generous and giving individual, and her giving spirit continues in perpetuity through the Marge Clark Education Fund.



APPLY FOR A GRANT

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.



NEWS & UPDATES



Back row left to right: Dana Craft, CSR; Emily Current, Branch Manager; Samantha Otten, Loan Officer; Kasey McIntosh, Loan Portfolio Manager.

Front row left to right: Donald Blume, CEO; Christina Carlson, CSR; April Hegg, WCCF Board Chair; Michele Stucky, WCCF Executive Director; Kelsey Hetrick, SVP.

FARMER'S AND MERCHANTS BANK DONATES \$20,000 TO WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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The contribution is part of the Lilly Endowment GIFT IX (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) initiative, a statewide effort designed to strengthen local communities by building permanent charitable funds through community foundations. Through the program, donations are eligible for a two-to-one matching grant, significantly increasing the impact of local giving.

“We’re proud to support the Warren County Community Foundation and the important work they do for in our community,” said Donald Blume, CEO of Farmers & Merchants Bank. “Programs like the Lilly Endowment GIFT IX initiative allow local donations to grow into lasting resources that benefit the community for generations.” With the matching grant, the \$20,000 contributed by The Farmers and Merchants Bank will result in \$60,000 in new funds for the Warren County Community Foundation’s unrestricted community endowment, supporting grants, programs, and initiatives that address local needs now and into the future.

In addition to this donation, Farmers & Merchants Bank has an unrestricted fund at the foundation, demonstrating a long-standing commitment to community.

“The Warren County Community Foundation plays a vital role in supporting charitable causes throughout the county, working with donors, nonprofits, and community leaders to enhance the quality of life for residents and our entire F&M family is proud to support that,” stated Blume.

“At Farmers & Merchants Bank, supporting the communities we serve has always been part of our mission,” the statement continued. “We are honored to partner with the Warren County Community Foundation to help strengthen the future of Warren County.”



"...our junior ranger day was a great success last Friday! The kids had so much fun examining and sorting the scat, tracks, life cycle boxes, water testing etc."

-Lori White



Photos from one of the Williamsport Elementary School's Second Grade classes using the Tracks & Scats kit!

With this kit, students can touch and feel life size models of animal scat and tracks. We love receiving these photos from local teachers showing the fun that comes with hands-on learning!



JOIN US for our second Maker's Market!

This will be a joyful morning of celebrating local small businesses showcasing their unique wares including:

Handcrafted Leather Goods

Locally Made Art

Handmade Pottery

Delicious Local Bites

Unique Stained Glass

And more!

Shop, sip, and support local small businesses on Friday, June 19th from 8:00AM-12:00PM! We will be open our normal hours to serve you your favorite local coffee:

7:30AM-2:30PM

There are just a few remaining spots if you or someone you know is interested in applying to be a vendor:

<https://forms.gle/KnKrjv2bNnTwkWwk6>

Email hannahmcg.wccf@gmail.com with any questions.

The Warren County Summer Street Fair is looking for vendors! The Foundation is excited to be hosting the annual Warren County Summer Street Fair on July 25th! This event will take place in Downtown Williamsport on N Monroe Street. We are looking for local artists, crafters, bakers, ceramists, woodworkers, and other similar style businesses to apply to host a booth! We have taken suggestions from previous years and made this an evening event taking place from 4-7:30 PM with a free Music on Monroe event beginning at 7 PM. We are also excited to be bringing back the free Backpack Initiative to the event this year with plans to provide 300 local school children with free school supplies! The Free School Supplies will go from 4- 7 PM while supplies last.

Set your calendars now for food, local art, and a free concert!

Sign up to have a booth [HERE](#).





The Wabash River Blueway is a grant awarded to us along with the Western Indiana Community Foundation during the Lilly Endowment GIFT VIII grant initiative. The goal of this grant is to activate the 74-mile stretch of the Wabash River between Lafayette and Terre Haute through outdoor recreation, public access, and community partnerships. Catch up on all of the already completed projects, and stay tuned to see exciting future projects! Follow the page [here](#).





Spring is finally here and we are excited to announce that FREE seed kits are back! This project was started in 2020 as a way to give local residents an outlet during the pandemic, and has been highly requested ever since. We are excited to have 250 kits available containing ready-to-plant seeds for cucumber, radishes, turnips, green beans, snap peas, onions, cilantro, spinach and potatoes!

This project is a part of the broader goal of encouraging food security and healthy eating within our community while simultaneously encouraging members of our amazing county to partake in the numerous benefits that come with gardening. There is a limited number of packets available, so stop in to our office in downtown Williamsport to pick one up for your family today! 31 N. Monroe Street


This project is a collaboration between the Warren County Community Foundation, America 250 through the Warren County Historical Society, and the Warren County Health Department.

Every child deserves a safe, supportive, and permanent family.





CASA Volunteers are every day heroes from all lifestyles that speak up for the best interests of foster children. With a CASA volunteer, a foster child is twice as likely to find a safe, permanent home.



You Can Help!

VOLUNTEER


Become an everyday hero who can change the lives of foster children.


CASAs are trained and empowered to ensure essential needs and best interests of the children are being met.


GET INVOLVED

Connect with us on social media and share our volunteer opportunity with friends and family.


To learn more, contact us:

 765-299-9095


 casa@fountaincounty.in.gov

 304 N. Sterling Avenue
Veedsburg, IN 47987

indianacasa.org



CASA is a volunteer opportunity where everyday citizens commit to ensure foster children have a chance at a better life.





Making a Difference

CASA Volunteers bring a sense of urgency to getting a child's needs met by the foster care system, and their commitment makes a difference.



You Can Help!

Requirements/Qualifications

- 21 years of age or older
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- Have a passion and devotion to help children in need
- Complete an online application and in person interview
- Complete 30 hours of initial training and 12 hours per year ongoing training
- Sign a pledge of confidentiality and submit to criminal and DCS background checks

A child with a CASA Volunteer is more likely to:

- ✓ Find a safe, permanent home
- ✓ Experience fewer foster placements
- ✓ Spend less time in long-term facilities
- ✓ Receive needed healthcare and educational support
- ✓ Succeed in school
- ✓ Avoid re-entry into foster care

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE SIGN UP TODAY!

Check out our website: indianacasa.org

While serving as the eyes and ears of the court, each CASA Volunteer:

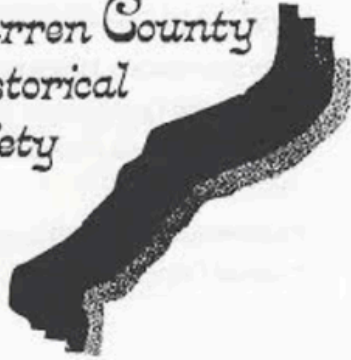
- ✓ Establishes a consistent, one-on-one relationship with the child
- ✓ Gathers information from the child's teachers, foster parents, family members, physicians, etc.
- ✓ Ensures that the child has access to needed medical, education, career, and housing services
- ✓ Attends court proceedings (usually every 3-6 months)
- ✓ Provides an independent recommendation to the Judge regarding the child's best interest
- ✓ Remains involved until the case is permanently resolved.

Learn more about becoming a CASA by visiting indianacasa.org



SAVE THE DATE!

Warren County
Historical
Society



Open Every Friday

10:00-3:00pm

12 Midway Street, Williamsport
Behind Fountain Trust Bank

Down by the River Music Series



May 30th - Crick's Up
Williamsport Boat Launch
4-5:30 PM

Sit in your golf cart,
gator, or RZR! Or
bring a lawn chair!

2026

FOUNTAIN/WARREN COUNTIES SOCIAL SERVICE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE 11AM-12:30PM

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JAN

AGAVE AZUL MEXICAN
RESTAURANT
ATTICA

10

MAR

THE BEEF HOUSE
COVINGTON

12

MAY

THE LEARNING CENTER
WILLIAMSPORT

14

JUL

AGAVE AZUL MEXICAN
RESTAURANT
ATTICA

08

SEPT

THE BEEF HOUSE
COVINGTON

10

NOV

THE LEARNING CENTER
WILLIAMSPORT

LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT NOHEMI LUGO AT NLUGO@YWCALAFAYETTE.ORG



Ura Seeger Auditorium Upcoming Events



June 20 - The 77 Experience

June 27 - Haley Jones



DONATE BLOOD

MONDAY
June 15
3:00 - 7:00 pm

Warren Co Health Dept

Your **SUMMERTIME** blood donation helps to prevent shortages by keeping **stable & safe inventories** for Indiana patients who need transfusions in their health care journey.

Bloodmobile @
Warren Co 4-H Fairgrounds
 Parke Ave - Williamsport, IN 47993

Did you know?

- 1 in 7 patients entering the hospital need blood
- 30% of our blood supply is used in cancer treatment
- 75% of us will need blood before the age of 72
- 97% of us will have a loved one that needs blood



As a thank you, donors will receive an exclusive t-shirt, featuring Versiti's Beacon the Bear! while supplies last

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED / Walk-ins Welcome
 Scan the QR Code or call (800) 632-4722 to sign up

Helpful tips: Make sure to eat a healthy meal & drink plenty of water before donating.
 Don't forget your **Photo ID!**



SPONSORED BY
 Attica Community Foundation
 Wabash River Blueway

ATTICA RECREATIONAL INC. FISHING TOURNAMENT

JOIN US FOR A FUN WEEKEND **\$40**
JUNE 6-7 on the River! ENTRY FEE

GIVEAWAY PRIZE PACKAGE	MONETARY PRIZES
PROVIDED BY WABASH RIVER BLUEWAY KAYAK + PADDLE + LIFE JACKET	\$ \$400 FIRST PLACE \$ \$200 SECOND PLACE
Enter to win all weekend! Entries accepted throughout Saturday and Sunday. Winner drawn toward the end of the event on Sunday!	<i>Great fishing, great prizes, great weekend!</i>

TOURNAMENT IS ON THE RIVER
 SIGN UP AT QUABACHE PARK PAVILION

Let's reel in a great weekend!

JUNE 19

WARREN COUNTY
COMMON GROUNDS
 COFFEE CO., LLC

LOCAL ARTISANS

Maker's
MARKET

8:00AM-12:00PM

108 N MONROE ST,
 WILLIAMSPOR T, IN 47993

SIP, SHOP, AND SUPPORT LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES

Music on Monroe

PRESENTING
A LOCAL FAVORITE

ROUTE 117

In loving memory of "Chubbs"

SATURDAY
JUNE 6TH 7PM-9PM
FREE CONCERT

LIVE music, Food trucks,
Food specials, Bring your own
seating and have lots of fun
with the whole family!

Playing all the hits from
rock, country and funk!

LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN WILLIAMSPORT

WARREN COUNTY

SUMMER STREET FAIR

JULY 25 SATURDAY

HANDMADE ART - LOCAL BITES
LIVE MUSIC - LOCAL BUSINESSES

THE FREE BACKPACK PROGRAM RETURNS!

Work Day!

Join us to take action on projects around property and create a sustainable environment before summer camp!

MAY 9, 2026
8AM-12PM ET

Warren Piece

Save the Date:
Friday, May 22nd
Live Animal Encounter & Night Hike

Saturday, June 20th:
Firefly Night Hike

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES
 MAY 31, 2026
 2-5 PM ET
 MUSIC | ACTIVITIES | FOOD + MORE!

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING CEREAL DONATIONS!

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ROCKETEERS
 SAUGH HUT
 KLINDE
 HANGING ROCK
 Christian Camp

Warren Piece Live Animal Encounter & Night Hike
 Friday, May 22 | 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

What: Join the Hoosier Herpetological Society for an evening of live native animal encounters followed by a guided exploration for frogs, tadpoles, and more!

Bring a flashlight and wear sturdy shoes or boots that can get wet for a toad-ally awesome experience.

Please note: This program includes walking on unpaved, uneven, and wet terrain.

Ages 4+ | Pre-registration required
 Cancelled in the event of inclement weather

Where: Warren Piece - Navigate to "NICHES Crows Grove Nature Preserve"

Pre-registration is required for this event

Made possible through a grant from **WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Warren Piece is a community that stewards a hundred-acre piece of land in Warren County, Indiana. This is where people come together to build community and conserve our shared land.
wpconnect.org

Save the Date

2026 WARREN CO 4-H FAIR
JUNE 15-20
 FEATURING LUEHRS IDEAL RIDES - JUNE 16-20

♪♪ **SAVE THE DATE!** ♪♪

JUNE 6TH

JULY 25TH + THE WARREN COUNTY STREET FAIR!

AUGUST 15TH

SEPTEMBER 19TH

MUSIC on Monroe

**WEST LEBANON TOWN-WIDE
YARD SALE**

MAY 29-30



**West Lebanon Fire Department
Sausage & Pancake Breakfast**

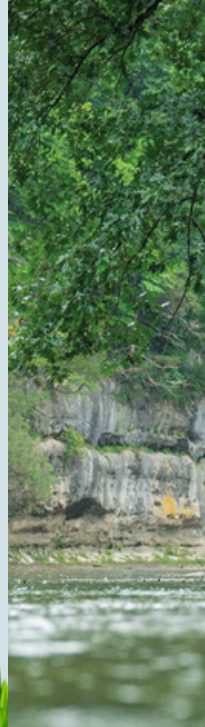
**Saturday, May 30th
7-11 AM**



Free-Will Donations Accepted

**BIG PINE
CREEK
FLOAT**

**Saturday, May 30
12:00 PM
Crows Grove**



4-H Fair
Dates to Remember

June 4: Mini 4-H Day
June 11: Livestock Set-Up







 June 27th, 2026



**Warren
County's
New App!**

Scan QR Code or Search for 'WarCo INfo' in your app store!

- Access Information
- View Latest Updates
- Receive Notifications
- And more...

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD 

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WARREN COUNTY
COMMON GROUNDS
COFFEE CO.

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday
 7:30am-2:30pm
 Closed Weekends



WOMEN'S WELLNESS PROGRAM

Free screenings for uninsured and under 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.

Learn more at www.ywcalafayette.org or call (765) 742 4375



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 empowering women
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 Greater Lafayette