



WARREN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023 - PART 1

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Hello Foundation Friends,

It is hard to believe that there will only be one more e-newsletter after this one in 2023. The year feels like it has gone really fast. This month has already been quite busy and we are only eight days in. The Williamsport Christmas Parade was a big hit, and Lights in the park which we have provided a community grant for has a steady stream of cars driving the loop every night. We were able to announce our 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar this past week, and found out that both our Lilly GIFT VIII county level grant and regional level grant were approved as submitted. We are frantically trying to finish up GIFT VII projects by the end of the calendar year and trying to finish up the coffee shop as well. All this makes for exciting and rewarding times for Warren County Community Foundation. Remember, we also have a 2:1 match for unrestricted gifts going on right now too!!!

Thank you all so much for the support this year.

Happy Holidays,

Michele Stucky

WARREN COUNTY APPROVED FOR \$50K PLANNING GRANT

Warren County Community Foundation has received a \$50,000 planning grant as part of the eighth phase of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s initiative, Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VIII). With the grant, the Community Foundation will bring Ball State Indiana Community Institute to Warren County for two workshops. We will be able to invite 30 stakeholders to each. One will be placemaking and the other will be marketing and storytelling. The Foundation director will also attend two placemaking conferences. We will engage a consulting firm to help create a Warren County Trails Master Plan, and gain access to a data analysis and research tool that will help guide our decision making on future projects and grant requests.

To read the entire press release click [here](#).

HADESSAH AUSTIN- WARREN COUNTY LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLAR



The Warren County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship for Warren County – Hadessah Austin of Seeger Memorial Jr./Sr. High School. Lilly Endowment Community Scholars are known for their community involvement, academic achievement, character, and leadership. Hadessah is the daughter of James and Carrie Austin.

“Hadessah Austin is a humble leader who has accomplished a great deal in her time at Seeger Memorial Jr./Sr. High School. She is currently ranked second in her class, has been involved in many school activities, and holds four school records in athletics. Hadessah works for her family organic garden business, will be a 10-year 4-H member, and

has completed over 175 hours of community service. Some of her school activities include National Honor Society, Student Government Association, Choir, and Pep Club. Hadessah was able to articulate her career plan and goals, planning to study exercise science and nutrition for her undergraduate degree,” said Michele Stucky, executive director of the Warren County Community Foundation.

To read the entire press release click [here](#).

REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT OF \$50K APPROVED BY LILLY ENDOWMENT FIGT VIII

Warren County Community Foundation and Western Indiana Community Foundation have received a \$50,000 regional planning grant as part of the eighth phase of Lilly Endowment Inc.’s initiative, Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VIII). With the grant, the community foundation will engage a consulting firm to help create the Wabash River Blueway Plan. Warren, Fountain, and Vermillion counties have over 60 miles of the Wabash River forming their borders. The river has untapped potential for recreation, historic and scientific education, the arts, and attracting visitors. The next four months will be spent looking at some of the possibilities.

To read the entire press release click [here](#).

ANOTHER LILLY GIFT VII PROJECT COMPLETE!



Another Lilly GIFT VII project is complete. The hillside next to the Falls overlook was overrun with invasive ailanthus trees and scrubby growth. We worked to properly eradicate the ailanthus trees which can't be killed by normal means, then Kevin Stricker from the Town of Williamsport prepared the hillside for Nature Matters, LLC to come in and create terracing and plant an assortment of shrubs and perennials and put down mulch to create a small picnic area.

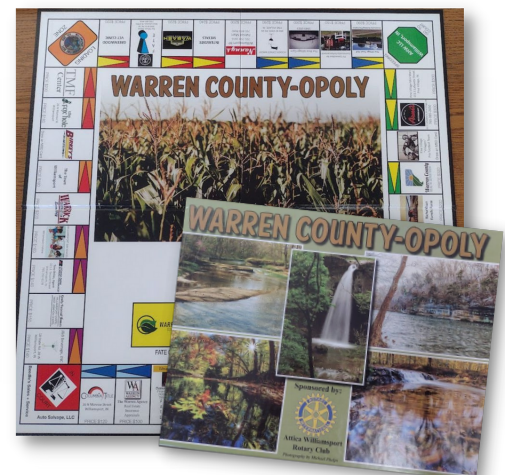
PROGRESS CONTINUES ON THE COFFEE SHOP!

The coffee shop is coming along. The students cleaned all the tools out of the storage closet, it was painted, the subfloor was installed in the kitchen, and the flooring was installed in the restroom. By the end of the week, we might have a functional restroom!



WARREN COUNTY-OPOLY : A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT

The Attica Williamsport Rotary Club created the Warren County-opoly game as a fundraiser. The games are \$25 and 100% of that money will go to student awards, scholarships, and programs. This is a fun gift to buy and will make a positive impact at the same time. We have the games available for purchase at the Warren County Community Foundation at 31 N. Monroe Street in Williamsport. Call 765-764-1501 to make sure someone will be in the office when you stop by to pick up your game.





2024 Marketplace Open Enrollment

Enroll in health insurance for 2024 on HealthCare.gov
Call to schedule an appointment or stop in at our event!

Location: West Lebanon Public Library
200 N High St, West Lebanon, IN 47991

Date: Wednesday, December 13th

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Call us at 877-313-7215, text ASPINNAV to 844-675-0617, or request an appointment online at www.aspinhealthnavigator.org

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COOKIES WITH SANTA!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

12:00 - 2:00 PM
Hooker Corner Winery

Join us to have your littles tell Santa what they want for Christmas and to enjoy some cookies!



2024 Marketplace Open Enrollment

Enroll in health insurance for 2024 on HealthCare.gov
Call to schedule an appointment or stop in at our event!

Location: Attica Public Library
305 Perry St, Attica, IN 47918

Date: Tuesday, December 19th

Time: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

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DECEMBER 29, 2023
URA SEEGER AUDITORIUM

Friends of the Library and Learning Center

Annual Christmas Open House

Dec 14th 5pm to 7pm

*Live Entertainment, Crafts,
Cookie Decorating, Holiday Bingo,
Santa and Mrs. Claus Storytime,
Refreshments*

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