FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER JULY PART 2

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Hello Foundation Friends,

This summer is really zooming by. The past two weeks have been full of exciting activities and events in our community. On Friday night, the Logan Kirby Band had an amazing concert in downtown Williamsport. You need to mark your calendar for August 8th from 8-10pm for Main Street Exit. This band will play songs that everyone will enjoy. Music on Monroe is a fun, free, family friendly event co-sponsored by the Foundation and the Town of Williamsport. Then on Saturday, I went to Riverfest in Lafayette to get ideas for what we could host in our area in the future through our Wabash River Blueway Project. Sunday was the Tyler Potts Memorial Scholarship Golf Scramble. The entire extended Potts family spent months preparing for this event and worked all day on Sunday to create a great golf scramble. There were great prizes, silent auction items, wonderful food, and an unbelievable amount of hole sponsors.

In addition, the date has been set for a large Health Fair that will be co-sponsored by Ascension St. Vincent Williamsport Hospital, the Warren County Health Department, and the Warren County Community Foundation. Mark your calendar now. There are going to be important booths, presenters, and activities for all ages! This will take place at the PAC at Seeger on October 11th from 10:00-2:00. We are really excited about being part of this event!

We have also been busy with the Wabash River Blueway Project. One of the launches we have partnered with the DNR on in Vermillion County will actually be opening in about 3 weeks! We have two more sites across the three counties which we are within a couple of weeks of submitting permits to the DNR. All of the interns have been very busy putting finishing touches on the Street Fair which will take place Saturday July 26th from 2:00-6:00. They have worked so hard to create a great event with so many different parts. Please bring the whole family and tell your out-of-town family and friends to join you! See more about the July 26th calendar below.

Spread the word about all the exciting things that are going on in Warren County! If you would like to stop by to talk with me about the things you are passionate about, I would love to meet you. If I already know you, I would love to hear more about what you care about in Warren County!

Thanks for all the support,

Sincerely,

Michele Stucky







THE 43RD ANNUAL ANTIQUE POWER EXHIBITION

\$7 entry fee for adults
Children 12 & under Free
Have you ever been to the show?
If not, you are missing out. Start
the tradition this year. There is
something for everyone of all
ages and all interests! Our
favorite it the train that you can
actually ride on with its own
tracks!



MURAL PROJECT IN THE WORKS AT POTAWATOMI SPRINGS IN INDEPENDENCE

Local artist Zac Cody has started a mural project at Potawatomi Springs in Independence. It should be complete in the next couple of weeks. Beverly Morgan has led the clean-up and beautification efforts at the springs over the last several years. Last fall, the Commissioners and the Foundation teamed up to provide some monetary support which will include the mural as well as some root and stump removal work, and stone work that already took place.



MARY T. KLINKER VETERANS CENTER RECEIVES JUNE TIPS!

The Mary T. Klinker Veterans Center received \$1,001.04 from the June Tips!

The Veteran Resource Center's mission is to restore hope to Veterans who have become lost in life. Through financial assistance, peer support, and the facilitation of a Veteran-centered approach to healing, we will leave no Veteran behind!



THE MUSIC ON MONROE EVENT ON JULY 11TH WAS A SUCCESS!

What a great night! The Logan Kirby Band performed a wide variety of music from many different genres. We had food vendors and the buildings blocked the sun, so Monroe Street was at least partially in the shade for the whole thing! Also, a special thanks to local teen, Joshua Dill, who played the keyboard for a few songs with the band as well as playing during the intermission. He was great too!

Mark your calendars for August 8th for the next Music on Monroe! Main Street Exit is the band for our next event. Bring a lawn chair or sit in your golf cart, Gator, RZR, etc



WARREN, FOUNTAIN, AND VERMILLION COUNTIES IN LILLY ENDOWMENT ANNUAL REPORT!

We are so proud to let everyone know that for the second time in the last five years, Lilly Endowment has included an article about our work in their annual report. Our work at the Williamsport Falls and other recreation areas in the county was one of two GIFT projects they wrote about in the 2022 annual report. This time, we were one of three GIFT projects they wrote about for their 2024 annual report! In addition, several local photos were used. The article, starting on page 12, titled Collaborating to Enrich Quality of Life includes information about our regional grant that the Western Indiana Community Foundation (Fountain and Vermillion) and the Warren County Community Foundation received. Local photos include a photo of Miles and Bolt Stucky in a kayak on the Wabash on page 2, photos of the Wabash by Will Poynter on pages 5, 15, and 49, and a photo by Zac Cody on page 16. Click here to see the Annual Report. Scroll down on the website and click Download the Full 2024 Report.



NICHES EVENT WITH THE BLUEWAY!

Join NICHES Stewardship Director Bob Easter for the Summer Creek Hike Series! We're inviting you to explore nature from a new perspective – a perfect hike for the entire family.

Escape the summer heat and immerse yourself in the beauty of Indiana's creeks and waterways. These guided hikes offer the perfect opportunity to cool off in the water while learning about the unique ecosystems that thrive in and around our local streams.

For this hike, we'll be meeting at Crow's Grove in Warren County (info here: https://nicheslandtrust.org/warren-county/crows-grove). The Crow's Grove hike is co-sponsored by NICHES Land Trust and the Wabash River Blueway! Because it's hot and you'll be getting wet, we suggest you wear comfortable shoes (or waders), and bring water, snacks, sunscreen, and a walking stick. Each hike will last approximately 2 hours and will feature some uneven terrain.

Registration is required! Sign up here: https://nicheslandtrust.org/.../summer-creek-hike-series...

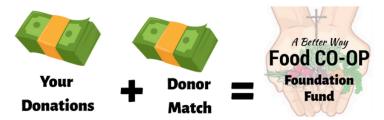


PRAIRIE AT CICOTT PARK IS LOOKING GREAT!

Make a visit to Independence. At Cicott Park, the native prairie planting is finally starting to look like we hoped that it would! The first year, you sow it. The second year, you grow it. Starting the third year, you show it! It takes time but the results are worth it. When these photos were taken, there were butterflies everywhere. Providing habitat for small animals and pollen producing plants for pollinating insects is beneficial for the environment while being pretty for us to enjoy at the same time! You can check out the mural on the shed by the wooded trail access, the natural playground and outdoor music instruments by the pavilion. Hopefully by the end of the month we will have new educational signage up at Cicott too! While you are in town, check out the progress on the mural at Potawatomi Springs!

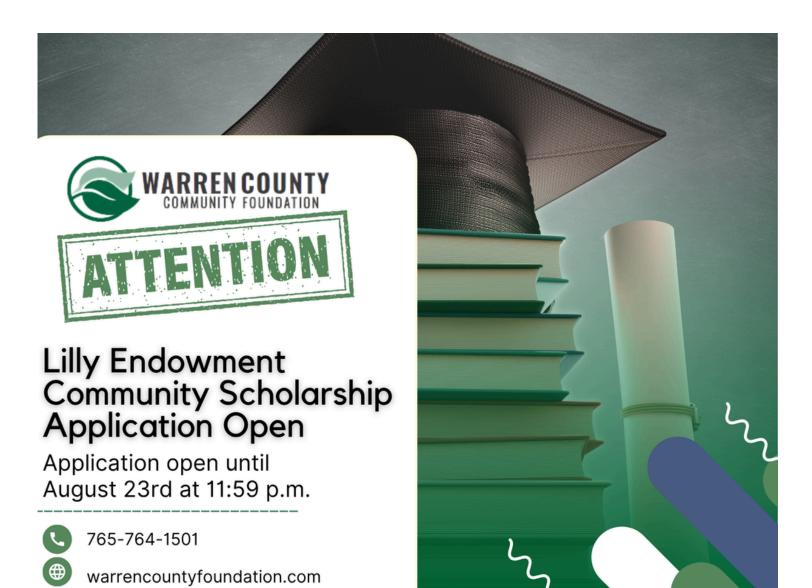


The Warren County Impact Fund is offering a 1:1 match towards the creation of a new fund at the Foundation. The donor is willing to match \$10,000!!!



THE WARREN COUNTY IMPACT FUND!

The Warren County Impact Fund is the newest fund at the Warren County Community Foundation. A coalition group has been formed and has had two meetings to talk about health and wellness in Warren County.. You are going to hear about many things that this fund is accomplishing in Warren County. We have been working with Ascension St. Vincent, the Warren County Health Department and other community partners to come up with goals of what we would like to accomplish both short-term and long-term. A Better Way Food Co-Op is one organization in Warren County doing great work. This organization relies on private donations from local individuals, organizations, and churches. Right now, you have an exciting opportunity! Your donations to Warren County Community Foundation with Better Way Match in the memo will receive a 1:1 match from the Impact Fund. When fully met, this will create a \$20,000 fund at the Foundation with an annual grant payout to A Better Way Food Co-Op. This fund can be contributed to at any time and in any way you would like. Do you have appreciated stock that you could transfer to this fund helping you avoid capital gains while fulfilling your philanthropic intent? This is just one of the ways you could donate money to this fund. If you have any questions, call Michele at 765-764-1501 or email michele@warrencountyfoundation.com





AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Warren County has developed events that help celebrate America's 250th Anniversary!

We would love for you to join the community in all of the events that we have planned! If you scan the QR code, it will take you to the Foundation's website, which lists all the events!