



WARREN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

JULY PART 1

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Hello Foundation Friends,

Happy Independence Day! As we celebrate this Fourth of July, we are reminded of the incredible gift of freedom and the responsibility that comes with it. At Warren County Community Foundation, we are grateful for the vision, resilience, and determination that built our nation- values that continue to inspire the work we do every day to strengthen our community. Today, we honor those who have fought for our freedoms and those who continue to serve. We also celebrate the spirit of generosity and collaboration that defines our country. We wish you a safe and meaningful Independence Day filled with family, friends, and gratitude.

I have enjoyed this first week back to work, seeing all the hard work done by the rest of the staff while I was gone. I am refreshed and rejuvenated, looking forward to the second half of 2025.

The interns have been working hard on the Street Fair, which will take place from 2-6 p.m. on July 26th. If your group, business, church, or other organization would like a free booth, please contact us.

Sincerely,
Michele Stucky



RECENT GRANTS



YOUNG EXPLORERS RECEIVES A COMMUNITY GRANT!

The Young Explorers received a grant of \$2,470 from the Warren County Community Foundation.

The grant provided will assist the Young Explorers Program by providing supplies for students in all three elementary schools. Lessons that will benefit from this grant are lessons in dissection, hydroponics (a method of growing plants without soil, using mineral nutrient solutions in a water-based solution), electric motor kits for circuitry, and more! This fund gives an opportunity to expand and continue enriching and challenging lessons!

Shannon Crumbaugh is the teacher for this program. She accepted the check and is excited to get supplies ordered in time for the new school year.



NEWS & UPDATES

**EXCITING
NEWS!**



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!!!



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Donations**



**Donor
Match**



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

MURAL CELEBRATION AND ABE LINCOLN VISIT FOR AMERICA 250!

On Wednesday July 2nd, we celebrated the completion of a mural commemorating Abe Lincoln's visit to State Line City on February 11th, 1861. He was on his journey from Springfield, Illinois to Washington DC for his inauguration. There is a memorial plaque at the corner of the park in State Line City that was dedicated in 1930. Now when you visit State Line, you can see that stone and plaque. Then you can walk across the street and see the mural painted by Zac Cody, local artist. The project was joint funded by the Community Foundation and State Line City. The timing is great with our celebration of America's 250th anniversary kicking off last month. Indiana has decided to celebrate America's 250th anniversary from June 14th, 2025 through July 4th, 2026. We hope to do something each month to celebrate this milestone. Adding icing on the cake of a great ribbon cutting with the Town Council and Zac was an Abe Lincoln impersonator. First, Zac talked about his process for painting this large mural which required four levels of scaffolding. He answered questions about the challenges he faced with getting everything to scale, and how much the old bricks soaked in the paint. After Zac finished answering questions, we introduced the 16th President to the group. Abe talked for about 20 minutes about his childhood, his family, some of the hardships he faced, and ended with talking about slavery and delivered his Gettysburg Address speech to us. It was a fun evening! Zac just started a new mural for us as well. He just started on July 3rd at Potawatomi Springs in Independence and will be working on that project over the next couple of weeks if you want to go there and watch him paint.





NEW STORY AT THE STORYBOOK TRAIL!

Just in time for the holiday weekend, a new story has been placed at the Storybook Trail at the Williamsport Falls Trails. This trail is part of the Too Small to Fail Grant that Warren County received from the Clinton Foundation. This story is "Jack and the Cornstalk". 'Tis the season for corn and beans in Warren County. Wear some insect repellent, and check out the new story just off of Trail 5 at Falls Branch Park.

You can park at the top of the falls or at the parking area off of River Road.

JULY 26, 2025 IS JAM PACKED!

Saturday July 26th is going to be a busy day in Warren County!. So many times groups put on an event only to be told after the event, "I would have come, but I didn't know about it."

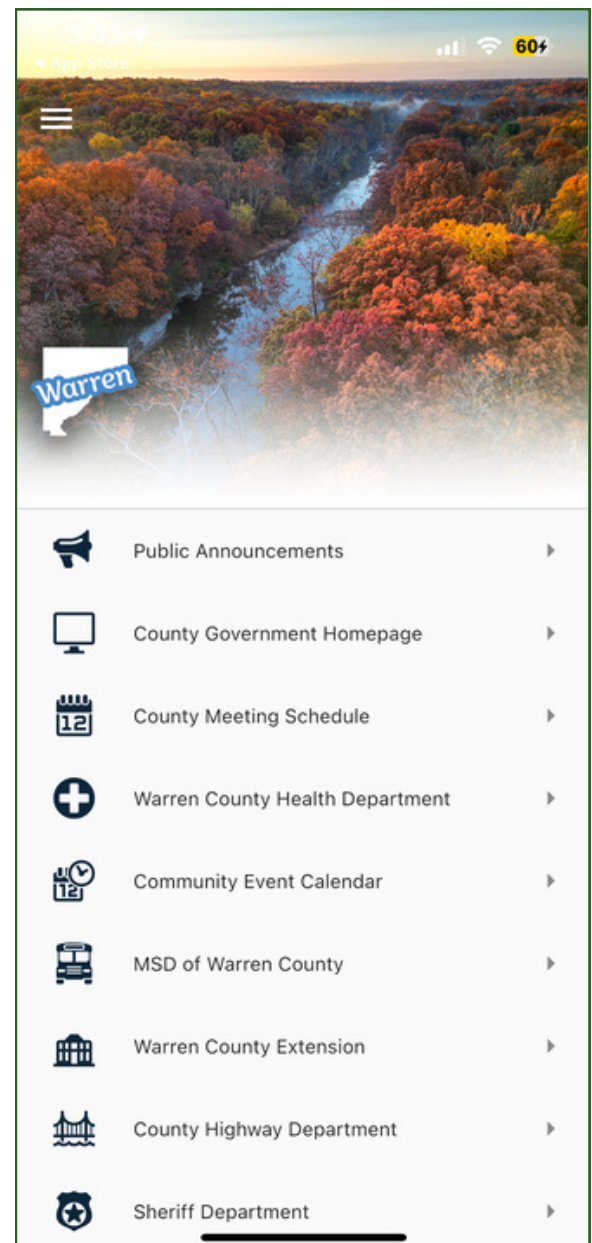
The new app, described below, has a community events button to help keep people in the know about what is going on in Warren County and the surrounding area. I encourage everyone to participate in more than one event on July 26th in Warren County. Make a day of it! Make an extended Family Fun Day out of it. Support local organizations. There is still time to register for the Ray Cottingham Fly High Memorial Scholarship Golf Scramble Fundraiser. Also taking place is the National Night Out Street Fair from 2:00-6:00. We will again this year have our backpack school supplies give away. Monroe Street will be closed down and we already have over 40 vendors signed up. Several vendors are part of our "Mini Health Fair". There are going to be several booths promoting health and wellness in Warren County. We are very excited for this addition to our event. There is also a blood drive and we hope to have at minimum 15 people donate blood, so please consider this life saving donation! There will be a bounce house area at Upper Falls Park where the Cornhole Tourney takes place at 3:00. Free to sign up and there are prizes for the top three teams! Then at the end of the Street Fair, the Concert begins at the Outdoor amphitheater. This event is sponsored by the Warren County Learning Center. That event goes from 6:00-8:00. An evening of 60's music! Then at 9:00 is a special event hosted by NICHES Land Trust at the Crow's Grove property near Carbondale. This Firefly walk will have a special guest, entomologist Tom Turpin. You have to register for this special event and we included a link under the event in the Save a Date section.



NEW APP FOR WARREN COUNTY!

THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/COURTHOUSE, AND WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TEAMED UP TO CREATE AN APP FOR WARREN COUNTY. IT IS CALLED WARCO INFO AND IS AVAILABLE AS A FREE DOWNLOAD IN YOUR APPLE OR ANDROID APP STORES.

To the Right you will see what it looks like when you open the app. You see an aerial view of Big Pine Creek captured by photographer Will Poynter. Below that are the "applets". With the simple press of a finger on any of these you can get quick access to important Warren County information. We are really pleased with how the Community Event Calendar has turned out. We are relying on you to notify us of upcoming events here at the Foundation. You can call 765-764-1501 or email michele@warrencountyfoundation.com to let us know of an event we should add. We will work to add more applets and if you have suggestions of other helpful links we should have for Warren County residents or people interested in what is going on in Warren County, we would be willing to entertain those ideas. We are currently working to add an important phone numbers applet and an elected officials applet. Download this app and tell everyone you know that they should load it too!!





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!