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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025 - PART 1

Hello Foundation Friends,
Happy 2025!! The year has started out with some crazy weather, but the snow does make it feel like winter, which is nice in small doses. Christmas in the Park was a huge hit this year. A big thank you to the Town of Williamsport and the 45 local businesses, churches, and organizations that had displays. The tear down was great. There were 18 volunteers who gave a collective 56.5 hours to help get everything taken care of between January 2nd-5th before the first round of weather was supposed to come in. While we didn't get that much snow it was nice knowing that the majority of everything was taken down and inside.
We didn't miss a step during the holiday season. The week of Christmas, my husband and I visited 103 boat launches in the northern half of the state to get ideas about projects that will take place with the Wabash River Blueway grant. This was interesting and provided some insight that will help when we start having conversations with the DNR in the next couple of weeks.
We have started working on the digital passport for outdoor recreational opportunities in Warren, Fountain, and Vermillion Counties. Also, the TravelStoriesGPS planning is in full swing as well. I need your help! What are the eight stories we need to make sure we tell about Warren County. I am collecting information from anyone and everyone who will give ideas. Also, there will be a meeting at 7:00 pm on January 16th at Common Grounds Coffee to talk about what stories we need to tell. Everyone is invited to attend this. Please help spread the words to others. Speaking of spreading the word. Unfortunately, our Facebook page never came back. We will be making a new one. When you see it pop up, please follow and tell others that we legitimately are making a new page and need people to refollow.

If you know others who you think would like to receive these newsletters, please get us their email address or tell them to contact the Foundation at 765-764-1501 or email michele@warrencountyfoundation.com.

Sincerely,
Michele Stucky

RECENT GRANTS

STUDENT ADVISED FUND AWARDS GRANT TO DISNEY WAY WORKSHOP

Leadership the Disney Way Workshop allowed Seeger students to learn effective communication, critical thinking, and the art of innovation as well as the belief that everyone can be a leader. Several leadership styles were discussed including the difference between being an autocratic leader versus a democratic leader. The real-world application of these principles were experienced through participation in various problem-solving scenarios. Students also learned about the importance of Disney's 5 Keys of Excellence—principles that guide Disney Cast Members in everything they do and Disney's 3 Keys Concepts Strategy. The Student Advised fund gave an $800 grant to help pay for one of the leadership activities while the students were on the trip.

COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDED TO SERVANTS AT WORK

The Warren County Community Foundation awarded a grant for $1,500 to Servants at Work. This is an organization that builds ramps for residents who need one. This grant will help provide a ramp for a Warren County resident in need!

LON AND LINDA AKERS PINE VILLAGE FUND SENDS STUDENTS TO DEVON THEATER

The Lon and Linda Akers Pine Village Fund paid for the Pine Village students to all go and see a movie at the Devon the last week of school before Christmas Break. The younger students got to watch The Grinch and the older students saw The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. All of the students also got a popcorn and a drink. Thank you to Lon and Linda Akers for making this trip possible!

NEWS & UPDATES

If you are members of Farm Bureau, you or a high school/ college student you know might be eligible for one of these scholarship opportunities.

Click here for more information about the INFB Youth Scholarship.

Click here for more information about the INFB Career Enrichment Scholarship.

Lilly Endowment GIFT VIII Matching Opportunity Progress

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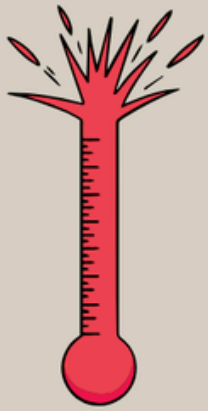
Unrestricted



We raised $337,500
Lilly Matched $675,000

Operating

We have raised $37,550!
We are half way to our goal & will get a 1:1 match!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

TRAVELSTORYSGPS

What Warren County stories need to be told?
Come help brainstorm at 7:00pm on January 16th at Common Grounds Coffee.
(the coffee shop isn't open we are just using the space for the meeting)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

SAVE THE DATE!

Inner LIGHT

Please Join us for an anxiety and depression focused support group.

Who:
- Anyone 55+ that is struggling with Anxiety and/or Depression

When:
- The Third Wednesday of each month at 12:00 PM

Where:
- We will meet at the Warren County Learning Center. 26 E 2nd St. Williamsport, IN.

AREA IV AGENCY
ON AGING & COMMUNITY ACTION

Mental Health Support Case Managers
765-447-7683
Nancy Burton - Ext. 272
Olivia Waugh - Ext. 225

PURDUE EXTENSION WARREN COUNTY

JANUARY 2025

1 - Office Closed, New Year's Day
13 - Master Gardener Virtual Basic Training Application Due
25 - 4-H Foundation Scholarships Due

MARCH 2025

28-30 - 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend @ Camp Tecumseh

JUNE 2025

4-6 - 4-H Camp for current grades 3-6

THE QUEEN OF CLEAN COMEDY
CHONDA PIERCE
2/22
WEST LEBANON, IN
Ura Seeger Auditorium
FEATURING
Karyn
Williams
K-LOVE

WINTER
FEST
JANUARY 17-18
3RD-5TH GRADE
EVENT COORDINATOR:
LUCI BAKER
REGISTRATION BEGINS
NOVEMBER 1 AT $45
REGISTRATION AFTER
JANUARY 10 AT $55
WWW.HANGINGROCK.ORG
HANGING ROCK
Christian Camp

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Christian Camp
HIGH SCHOOL
WINTER
RETREAT
FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1
EVENT COORDINATOR: DAVE SIMS
CHECK IN AT 6:00, CHECK OUT AT 4:00
REGISTRATION BEGINS
NOVEMBER 1 AT $45
REGISTRATION AFTER
FEBRUARY 21 IS $55
WWW.HANGINGROCK.ORG

JR HIGH
WINTER
RETREAT
HANGING ROCK
Christian Camp
FEBRUARY 7-8
EVENT COORDINATOR:
KYLE PURDY
• REGISTRATION BEGINS NOV 1 AT $45
• REGISTRATION AFTER JAN 31 IS $55
CHECK IN AT 6:00, CHECK OUT AT 4:00
WWW.HANGINGROCK.ORG

BBQ! BIDDING! BINGO! Join us at the URA Seeger Auditorium Foyer on Feb. 1st to play Bingo and raise funds for the Williamsport Backpack Program! Join us early from 5:30-6:30 PM to feast on delicious foods from local trucks, including Dogg Pound, Hoosier Sugar, and Bundt Bites. Peruse silent auction items and make some bids! BINGO starts at 6:30 PM with the first round free! BRING CASH to purchase additional rounds for your chance to win exciting prizes! Don't forget to invite your friends and family for a fundraising night and an opportunity to make a difference in your community!

If you can't attend, but you still want to support the event, you can donate here! (Must select Backpack option & add desired amount)

Tickets will be available at the door for $20 adults. All proceeds go to The Williamsport Backpack Program coordinated by Hickman Heights Christian Church.

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Scholarship Application now open!

November 1st-January 18th

2025 Fountain/Warren Counties Social Service Meetings

January 14 - Maggie's Grill, Attica
March 11 - The Beef House, Covington
May 13 - The Learning Center, Williamsport
July 8 - Maggie's Grill
September 9 - The Beef House
November 18 - The Learning Center

MEETINGS ARE FROM 11AM-12:30PM/LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN
CONTACT NOHEMI LUGO FOR MORE INFORMATION
NLUGO@YWCALAFAYETTE.ORG

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
ywca
Greater Lafayette