



# FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY PART 2

Hello Foundation Friends,

In the blink of an eye, the first month of the year is almost over. It has been a busy month with many meetings, thinking through the elements of our new strategic plan that will take us through 2028, a long report to Lilly Endowment for our Blueway grant, and creating Blueway kits for families to check out from all eight libraries across Vermillion, Fountain, and Warren County. Our scholarship application was due and we are currently distributing the digital applications to the many scholarship committees across the county. The Impact Fund picked back up right where it left off in 2025. We will be able to report on two new grants the Impact Fund has made within the next few weeks.

As part of the America 250 Committee we are excited to partner in February with the Public Libraries to provide a book, America the Beautiful, to the children in attendance at story time. Too Small to Fail is the early childhood literacy initiative and they donated the books that will be given out. Watch the social media pages of the libraries or give them a call to find out when the February Story time will be.

The local Attica-Williamsport Rotary Club is hosting a "Run with your Heart" 5K run/walk on February 14th at 10:00 am at Ravine Park in Attica. 100% of the money from registrations will go straight towards local youth scholarships. Register by Feb. 3rd to be guaranteed a shirt. Even if you aren't a runner please consider walking, or showing up and at least walking around the park. The money goes to a great cause!

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!

Sincerely,  
Michele Stucky



## RECENT GRANTS



### A BETTER WAY CO OP'S BUNDLES OF BLESSINGS RECEIVES GRANT

Bundles of Blessings received a \$2,000 grant for the purchase of diapers for the Diaper Bank at A Better Way Co-Op. Bundles of Blessings give out diapers the 2nd Saturday of every month. Using the honor code, residents in Warren, Fountain, and Benton County qualify to receive diapers by proving their zip code. Each child in a family will receive 50 diapers. This grant will help provide a necessity to families with young children!



### COATS FOR KIDS AT A BETTER WAY CO OP RECEIVES GRANT

Under A Better Way Co-Op's umbrella, Coats for Kids helps distribute free coats to local children in need during the cold months. In 2025, they provided warm coats, hats, and gloves to more than 120 children. They received a \$1,500 grant to support the purchase of coats and hats, as well as the storage and cleaning of donated items.

Many individuals help support Coats for Kids, including Valerie and Brian Jordan as co-chairs, and Cheryl Clark and Barb Richardson, who serve on the committee, along with others who provide essential assistance, such as Bonnie Myers, Lori Webb, Layna Cottingham, and Brenda Dezarn. We can't wait to see the positive impact this has next winter!



## TWO GRANTS AWARDED TO WILLIAMSPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Williamsport-Washington Township Public Library received two grants in January. A \$635.06 grant paid out from the George and Carolyn Paulson Library Fund. The funds given to the library are used at the discretion of the Library Board to benefit the library as they see fit.

The second grant was given from the McGraw Family Library Fund for \$543.48. This fund helps to create a well-equipped library, which in turn provides education for Warren County residents.



## 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

#### RUN WITH YOUR HEART 5K



Below is the registration for the Rotary Run with your Heart 5K race. If you have never done a 5K before, this would be a GREAT first race.

Relaxed small race with a nice route through Ravine Park and the quiet streets of that side of town. At this point, mailing the registration is not advised because it would not arrive in time for placing the t-shirt order. Online sign up using the QR code or contacting Steve Poston at [steven.poston88@yahoo.com](mailto:steven.poston88@yahoo.com) or Michele Stucky at [michele@warrencountyfoundation.com](mailto:michele@warrencountyfoundation.com) would be the best sign-up method.



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](#).

**AMERICA  
250**

## **Arts & Crafts Contest**

**Youth and Adult Categories**



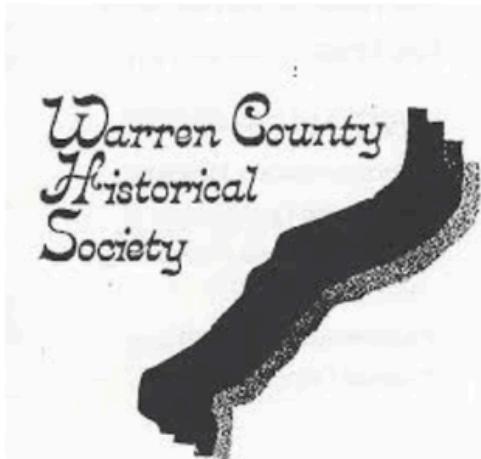
Warren County  
Indiana Historical  
Society

Get creative this winter and spend it creating an art piece that shows what America means to you! Enter the **America 250 Arts and Crafts Contest** with any art medium or craft in March for the chance to win! There will be a youth and adult category.

Pickup Youth Coloring Pages and drop off completed works at Common Grounds Coffee Co. for the youth categories! **We have extended the art contest deadline to March 13th.**



# SAVE THE DATE!



**Open Every Friday  
10:00-3:00pm**  
**12 Midway Street, Williamsport**  
**Behind Fountain Trust Bank**

**2026**

**FOUNTAIN/WARREN COUNTIES SOCIAL SERVICE MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE 11AM-12:30PM

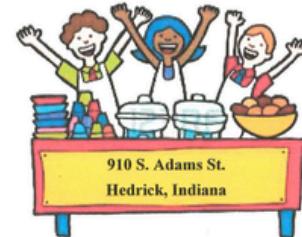
<b>13</b> JAN	AGAVE AZUL MEXICAN RESTAURANT ATTICA
<b>10</b> MAR	THE BEEF HOUSE COVINGTON
<b>12</b> MAY	THE LEARNING CENTER WILLIAMSPORT
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<b>08</b> SEPT	THE BEEF HOUSE COVINGTON
<b>10</b> NOV	THE LEARNING CENTER WILLIAMSPORT

LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT NOHEMI LUGO AT [NLUGO@YWCALAFAYETTE.ORG](mailto:NLUGO@YWCALAFAYETTE.ORG)

Hedrick Assembly of God

**SOUPER BOWL  
SUNDAY**  
February 8, 2026



910 S. Adams St.  
Hedrick, Indiana

Soups Sandwiches Salads

Following our A.M. Service

For info call 765-869-5181

**MINDFULNESS HIKE SERIES**

**SHELTER**  
**FEBRUARY 22**  
**2:00 PM**  
**BLACK ROCK**

[Learn More >>](#)



## 11th Annual Purse Bingo

Hosted by: Women's Legacy Builders

Wednesday, March 4th, 2026  
6:30 p.m.

Ura Seeger Memorial Auditorium

**Ticket Price: \$40 (per person)**

**Admission includes:** bingo, snacks, door prizes, and WLB membership

Call 765-764-1501 for tickets



We will be giving away  
**10** designer purses!



## WARREN CENTRAL WINTER CARNIVAL

February 28, 2026  
Seeger High School PAC | 5PM - 7 PM

- Smoked Pulled Pork by Matt Pruitt
- Inflatables
- 50/50
- Cake Walk
- Princess Meet and Greet
- Live Auction at the end
- Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Traveling Toms
- Balloon Artist
- Elephant Ears



Join us on Saturday, Jan 31st for a volunteer workday at our Shawnee Bottoms Preserve in Fountain county from 10am-1pm. We will be focusing our efforts on dragging downed brush and logs away from a fire line in preparation for our Spring 2026 burn season.

Please dress for the weather and consider bringing work boots, gloves, snacks, and a water bottle. Click [HERE](#) to register for this event.

## 4-H CALL OUT & PROJECT FAIR

**FOR NEW 4-H MEMBERS!**

Join us for a 4-H Project Fair on **Thursday, February 26th from 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Ura Seeger Auditorium lobby. Come see what 4-H is all about and learn about a few of the projects we have to offer through hands on activities and more! You will also be able to sign up to participate in 4-H while you're there.

765-762-3231  
 ade0@purdue.edu  
 1222 IN-263  
West Lebanon, IN 47991

JOIN 4-H NOW  
4HONLINE.COM



Extension - Warren County



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SOMETHING SPECIAL IS BREWING...

IN INDIANA

WARREN COUNTY  
**COMMON GROUNDS**  
COFFEE CO.,LLC

**2-YEAR**  
*Anniversary*  
CELEBRATION

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
7:30am-2:30pm

*Come & Go, Come & Stay*



**Common Grounds**



**BMK**  
BIG MONEY WRESTLING

**THE HEIST**

**January 31st** Doors Open at 6 Bell at 7 Seeger High School Auditorium West Lebanon, IN \$25 VIP Ticket and \$10 General Admission

Stay tuned on the Common Grounds Coffee Co. [Facebook](#) page for more details!



## Storm Spotter Class

6:00 PM, Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Warren County Learning Center  
28 E 2nd St  
Williamsport, IN

Presented by Meteorologist Andrew White,  
National Weather Service Indianapolis

Learn how to identify severe weather and report conditions that help protect lives and property.



**ICE Breakers**

**January 31st, 2026**

Event Coordinator: Sabrina Gossett

Check In: 10:00AM ET  
Check Out: 4:00PM ET

**1-2 Grade**

Registration Begins Dec 1st

\$25 per person  
\$35 per person after January 24th

[www.hangingrock.org](http://www.hangingrock.org)

**HANGING ROCK**  
Christian Camp

# AMERICA

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## BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATION



March 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.  
Illiana Antique Power Association  
986 W Briscoe Rd, Williamsport, IN

Warren County Indiana Historical Society

Save  
the Date  
2026 WARREN CO  
4-H FAIR

JUNE 15-20

FEATURING LUEHRS IDEAL RIDES - JUNE 16-20





## 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

Powered by GOGov



**WARREN COUNTY  
COMMON GROUNDS**  
COFFEE CO.<sup>®</sup>

**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](http://www.ywcalafayette.org) or call (765) 742 4375

