FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER APRIL PART 2



Hello Foundation Friends.

The weather is finally starting to get a little nicer! Our wildflower walk was great despite rain in the beginning. A big thank you to our board President, Kent Walters, for leading that walk. Our Park projects are looking good, and we are helping with a new trail project behind Harrison Park in Williamsport. If you have an interest in helping with this trail project, please email me at michele@warrencountyfoundation.com.

In the past two weeks, I was able to talk with all of the second graders in the school district about Philanthropy. I really appreciate the building principals for allowing this, as well as the classroom teachers! The lesson explained that philanthropy is about giving of your time, your talent, and your treasure. We talked about examples of each, and things that the students could do to be a philanthropist. The idea is that if everyone is even just a little bit philanthropic, imagine how much more awesome it would make our community. It was SO heartwarming when, a few days later, one of these students saw me in public and excitedly told me about how he had picked up sticks in the yard of a neighbor who couldn't pick the sticks up for themselves. I hope to continue going into the schools in the years to come to continue teaching kids about philanthropy.

Completely unrelated to the Foundation, a few weeks back I went to Washington DC. I used to help lead school trips to Washington DC. I really enjoy helping people have the chance to see the memorials, monuments, and museums. The purpose of my trip a few weeks ago was to plan out an itinerary for a hybrid trip this summer. I call it a hybrid trip because we aren't taking a 56-passenger bus all together and staying at the same hotel. People who go on the trip can decide whether to drive or fly, and can decide what type of hotel to stay at. Then for three days we will use the Metro (train) to travel around Washington DC as a group with me leading the way, sharing the knowledge I have gained over the last 15-year and several trips under my belt. The dates of the organized activities are July 18-19-20. If you have an interest in this trip, email me at michele@warrencountyfoundation.com and I will send you more information and the itinerary. I will need to start booking group tickets within about the next two weeks to ensure entry into places that now require timed tickets. Again, this trip is not Foundation affiliated. It is just me taking a couple of vacation days and wanting to help people enjoy Washington DC.

Sincerely, Michele Stucky







RECENT GRANTS

SEEGER HORTICULTURE CLASS RECEIVES GRANT TO HELP PURCHASE A FLORAL COOLER

A \$2500 Community Grant was gifted to the Seeger Horticulture class to aid in the purchase of a floral cooler used to keep live flowers fresh. This grant will allow students to express their flower arrangement creativity and work on projects for longer without wilting flowers. This grant will allow students the chance to create more arrangements to be used for Homecoming, the FFA banquet, Mother's Day vases and more! We can't wait to see the creations this new cooler will allow students to create!





HANGING ROCK CHRISTIAN CAMP RECEIVES GRANT FOR CPR/ AED AND LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION SUPPLIES

A Community Grant was gifted to Hanging Rock Christian Camp in the amount of \$1750 to aid instruction. Supplies will be purchased to aid in the certification for CPR/ AED and lifeguard training. This will result in more individuals being CPR/ AED certified and more summer jobs for lifeguards!



SEEGER HIGH SCHOOL'S FILM CLUB AWARDED GRANT

A \$2500 grant was gifted to the Film Club at Seeger High School to help cover the expense of the weekly Free Summer Movie Program at the Devon Theater! This program is used by students from Warren and Fountain county, providing enjoyment and a sense of community. This grant will help cover the expenses it takes to keep a local gem thriving!





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







WILDFLOWER WALK A SUCCESS!

Our annual wildflower walk was a success despite the rain. Because of the rain and lack of sunshine, most of the flowers had their petals closed, but Dr. Kent Walters explained to us that was a protection mechanism. The pollinators would not be out in the rain, so closing up was protecting that pollen from the rain. We saw many different wildflowers including Wild Ginger, Drooping Trillium, White Trout Lily, Solomon's Seal, False Solomon's Seal, Spring Beauties, Bloodroot, Dutchman's Breeches, Large -flowered Bellwort, Cutleaf Toothwart. Blueeyed Mary, Isopyrum, Mayapples, Prairie Trillium, Wild Leeks, Common Blue Violet, Yellow Violet, and Wild Blue Phlox. Fleming Woods is an excellent place to see MANY types of wildflowers. They are still out there, so if you get a chance in the next week or so, I highly recommend going to check it out!









THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING THE WOMEN'S LEGACY EVENT A SUCCESS!

Whether you were an attendee, a committee member, or a sponsor, thank you so much for helping make the Women's Legacy Purse Bingo Event held last month a huge success. Below are several photos from the event. Several people walked away from the evening with prizes, but we hope that all attendees had a great time and realize that the real winners were the three grantee organizations. We were happy to provide over \$2,700 in grants to the Backpack programs, Seed Sowers, and Coats for Kids.



Judyville School Marker Project

A donor has agreed to match the first \$500 that comes in for a marker in Judyville where the school once stood. Call 765-764-1501 if interested





-May 1 4-H Council Meeting 6:30 pm, Purdue
Extension Office Meeting Room
-Shooting Sports Instructor
-Computer Superintendent
-4-H Council Member
-4-H Fair Board Member
-Washington Whizzes Club Leader
-Achievement Record Superintendent
-Weather and Climate Science Superintendent

Help us pull STARD!

From April 11th to May 11th, NICHES will host our 6th annual spring volunteer effort to improve native plant diversity in woodlands.

Every spring, the invasive plant garlic mustard emerges across our preserves in large numbers. If left unchecked, this weed can change soil chemistry, overtake the forest's understory, and diminish the beautiful display of native ephemeral wildflowers. With your help, the forest understory will be filled with a diverse mix of plants that provide food and shelter to abundant wildlife.

For this year's effort, we will be hosting 3O garlic mustard pulling shifts at local nature preserves within a 1O-5O minute drive of Lafayette. This is our organization's single biggest annual volunteer push; if we can manage to fill every volunteer shift it will provide over a thousand volunteer hours during a critically important stewardship window. Please check out our shift dates/locations and sign-up.



All volunteers who register for 2 or more pulling shifts before the end of March will receive this years 'War of the Weeds' garlic mustard identification bandanna (design above)

Please check out our shift dates / locations and sign-up at:

nicheslandtrust.org/ war-of-the-weeds



There are several Warren County garlic mustard pull dates. Click here to sign up for volunteer shifts. The photo below is from the event last year. Let's see if we can make an even bigger pile of garlic mustard to help NICHES Land Trust get rid of this invasive species.





SAVE THE DATE!



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April 26 Sheep & Goat Weigh In & ID
May 9 4-H Round-Up Registration
Deadline
May 15 Animal Enrollment Deadline
June 4-6 4-H Camp
June 12 Livestock Setup
June 16-21 Warren County 4-H Fair

*Dates subject to change *For more information contact Purdue Extension Warren County





Jeepers Peepers/Full Moon Prairie Hike May 3rd-1:00-3:30

Fungal Inoculation workshop \$25

June 14th

Firefly Night Hike August 16th 9pm-3am

Perseid Meteor Shower Astronomy Event



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.



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



PURDUE EXTENSION WARREN COUNTY

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2025

4-5 - Indiana Small Farm Conference in Danville, IN
7 - PARP Meeting @ Fountain Co Fairgrounds, 9-11am
28-30 - 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend @ Camp Tecumseh

APRIL 2025

18 - Office Closed - Good Friday

19 - Supreme Showmanship Clinic @ Warren Co Fairgrounds

MAY 2025

15 - 4-H Animal Enrollment Deadline 26 - Office Closed - Memorial Day

JUNE 2025

4-6 - 4-H Camp for current grades 3-6 16-21 - Warren County 4-H Fair

AUGUST 2025

1-17 - Indiana State Fair, closed Mondays



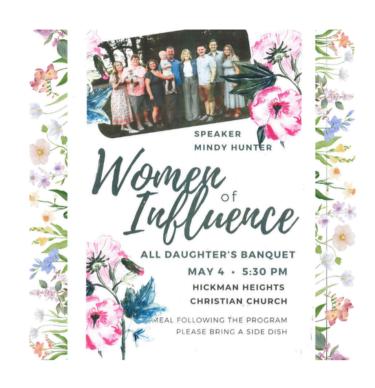






















JUNE 2, 2025 - AUGUSC 1, 2025
GRADES: ENCERING K - 5CH IN CHE FALL
CHECK-IN: 7-8:30am, Daily, Monday - Friday, June 2 AUGUSC 1

CHECK-OUG: 4:15-5:45PM DAILY, MONDAY - FRIDAY,
JUNE 2 - AUGUSG 1

FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK HERE.











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



INDIANA BREAST CANCER



