



WARREN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY PART 2

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website!



Hello Foundation Friends,

Does it feel like 2026 just started to anyone else? No matter what it feels like, the first two months of the year are behind us now. Earlier this week, all staff members went to a two-day training. There were 12 different Community Foundations attending the training, and we all feel like we learned a lot about how to better utilize our fund accounting software. Being out of the office makes us feel a little bit behind, but in a weird way that is a good feeling because it means we are busy enough to feel behind. We love getting to be a part of so many awesome projects, and to have so many funds at the Foundation to make a positive impact in the community. Our number of funds continue to grow. There are many types of funds and many ways that funds can operate to fulfill the donors wishes. We make the fund work for you and your intent now, and in perpetuity! If you are curious about how setting up a fund at the Foundation works, come in to ask some questions.

Work started this week on the Herman White Public Access launch in Eugene, Indiana (Vermillion County) as part of our Blueway grant. We are also preparing to host a Wabash River Family Fun Day April 25th in Attica at the Ouabache Park Boat launch. Watch for a QR code to sign up. The event will be limited to 100 attendees.

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



Warren County Community Foundation staff at the training at the Prindle Institute in Greencastle.
L-R: Michele Stucky, Hannah McGowen, Kathy Allen, Linda Brier



RECENT GRANTS



MAC VAN RECEIVES TWO GRANTS

Two grants were awarded to MAC Van through the Warren County Community Foundation. The Alfred and Dorothy Ringer Memorial Fund provides an annual payout to MAC Van and the Williamsport-Attica Area Senior Center. This fund granted \$1,967.93 to MAC Van, a service that provides rides for elderly and disabled citizens of Warren and Fountain Counties. MAC Van also received a \$565.32 grant through the Warren County Community Foundation from the Ray and Hazel Barwick Memorial Fund. MAC Van is a door-to-door donation dependent service. These grants help assist this valuable service they provide!

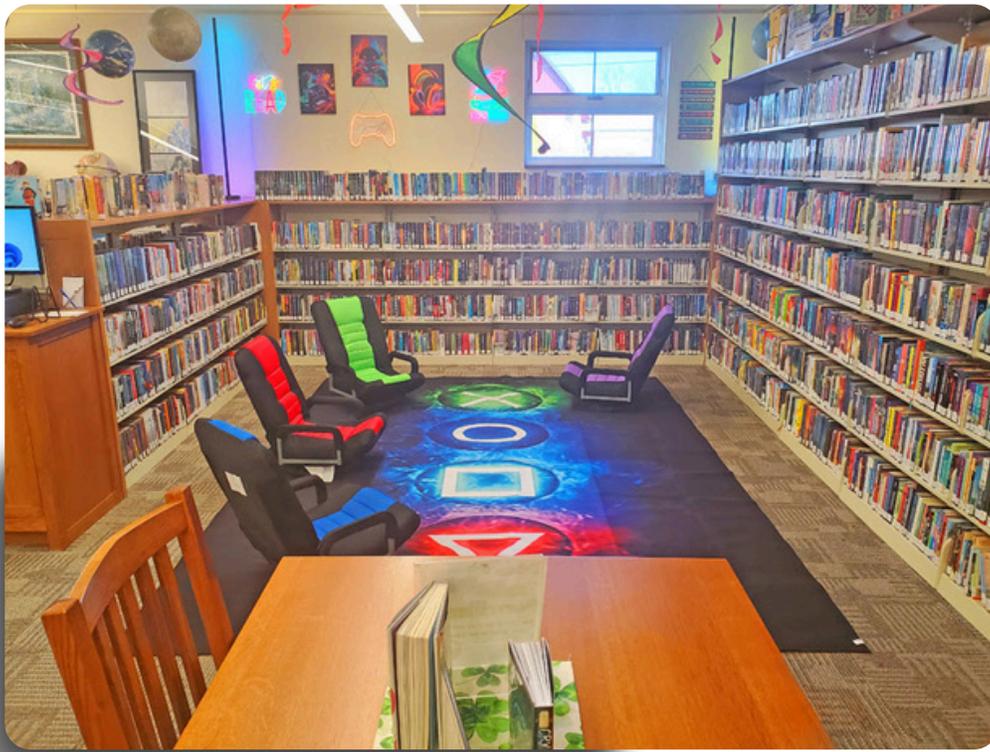


WILLIAMSPORT-ATTICA SENIOR CENTER RECEIVES GRANT

The Williamsport-Attica Area Senior Center was awarded an \$821.43 grant from the Alfred & Dorothy Ringer Memorial Fund for the Senior Center. The Senior Center serves as a gathering place for local seniors to share in community and fellowship. This grant helps support the activities members participate in. Membership is free, with the Senior Center being open Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

GEORGE PAULSON MEMORIAL/ DENISON UNIVERSITY FUND AWARDS GRANT

George N. Paulson graduated in 1949 from Denison University. Upon his death, a fund was created with the Community Foundation to honor his memory and provide funds to Denison University. This year the grant was \$485.48



GRANT FOLLOW UP

The Williamsport-Washington Township Public Library did not waste any time on putting the grant money they received in January from the McGraw Family Library Fund and George and Carolyn Paulson Library Fund to good use. They revamped the teen area of the library. Go check it out for yourself!



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



COMMON GROUNDS COFFEE CO. JANUARY TIPS DONATED

\$584 was donated to Seeger's Music Boosters from January's tips! We love being able to give back and make an impact in our community through your generosity. February tips will be donated to Seeger After Prom.



COFFEE SHOP ENRICHMENT NIGHT A SUCCESS!

These are the pottery pieces made by local residents under the guidance of Tina Million's expert teaching. We really like hosting these events for the community to enjoy at the coffee shop. There are still spaces for the next class which will be the evening of March 12th. See below.

Join Monte Million at

Bonsai Tree Building

A class on wire bending techniques



March 12th

6:00 p.m.

36 Spots Available

Rsvp Required:

Email hannahmcg.wccf@gmail.com or Text 765-918-1824

108 N Monroe St, Williamsport, IN 47993

WARREN COUNTY
COMMON GROUNDS
COFFEE CO. LLC



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



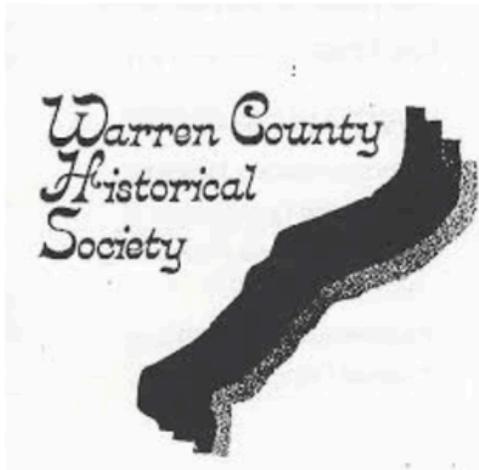
Warren County
Indiana Historical
Society

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

NICHES 2026 War of the Weeds

April 10 - May 10

From April 10 to May 10, NICHES will be hosting our 7th annual Spring volunteer effort to improve understory plant diversity in our 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 a series of garlic mustard pulling shifts at NICHES preserves within a 10-50 minute drive of Lafayette. This is our organization's single biggest annual volunteer push - if we can 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 by clicking [here](#).

2026

FOUNTAIN/WARREN COUNTIES SOCIAL SERVICE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE 11AM-12:30PM

13	AGAVE AZUL MEXICAN RESTAURANT
JAN	ATTICA
10	THE BEEF HOUSE
MAR	COVINGTON
12	THE LEARNING CENTER
MAY	WILLIAMSPORT
14	AGAVE AZUL MEXICAN RESTAURANT
JUL	ATTICA
08	THE BEEF HOUSE
SEPT	COVINGTON
10	THE LEARNING CENTER
NOV	WILLIAMSPORT

LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT NOHEMI LUGO AT NLUGO@YWCALAFAYETTE.ORG

Down by the River Music Series

Save the Date for the
next outdoor concert!
April 11th

NICHES Volunteer Workday at
Fisher Oak Savanna
March 7



Join us on Saturday, March 7th from 10am - 12:30pm for a volunteer workday at our Fisher Oak Savanna Preserve in Jasper County. We will be focusing on efforts on dragging brush to clear a fire break ahead of our 2026 spring prescribed fire season.

Please dress for the weather, wear sturdy boots, and bring gloves, water, and a snack.

This workday will be led by NICHES Stewardship Manager Justin Harmeson, if you are running late or have any questions please reach out at justin@nicheslandtrust.org. Also please note, all workday times are in EST. Fisher Oak Savanna is near the time line and your phone may automatically switch to CST while on the preserve. Click [HERE](#) to register for this event.

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



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



 **PURDUE
UNIVERSITY**

Extension - Warren County

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

**NICHES Volunteer Workday at Shawnee
Bottoms
March 7**



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.



Join us on Saturday, March 7th from 2pm - 4:30pm for a volunteer workday at our Shawnee Bottoms Preserve in Fountain County. We will be focusing on efforts on dragging brush to clear a fire break ahead of our 2026 spring prescribed fire season. Please dress for the weather, wear sturdy boots, and bring gloves, water, and a snack. This workday will be led by NICHES Stewardship Manager, Justin Harmeson, if you are running late or have any questions please reach out at justin@nicheslandtrust.org. Click HERE to register for this event.

AMERICA 250

BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATION



March 14th 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



Ura Seeger Auditorium Upcoming Events



**Apr 11 - "A John Mellencamp
Experience"**

Apr 18 - Beatles Tribute Band

**May 09 - The Ultimate Eagles
Experience**

♪♪ **SAVE THE DATE!** ♪♪

JUNE 6TH

JULY 25TH + THE WARREN COUNTY STREET FAIR!

AUGUST 15TH

SEPTEMBER 19TH

MUSIC
on
Monroe

Wildflower Walk

April 18th 10:00a.m.

Fleming Woods County Park

Join Dr. Kent Walters on an educational walk through native prairie!

3495 S 450 W, West Lebanon, IN 47991



WARREN COUNTY REPUBLICAN
CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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LINCOLN DAY *Dinner*

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Meet the candidates running for Secretary of State, U.S. Senate, Congress, State Offices and Warren County Candidates running for local offices. This is your chance to meet the candidates in person and learn the about the concerns of the offices! There will also be door prizes.

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Guest Speaker

STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND FORMER COLTS PUNTER
HUNTER SMITH
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SATURDAY Located at:
11 APRIL 2026 1092 W. Briscoe Rd.
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM Williamsport, IN 47993
DINNER AT 6PM

★ ★ ★

\$ 35 per plate or 2/\$60
At the door \$40

INDICATE CHOICE OF
ROASTED PORK OR CHICKEN BREAST
★ ★ ★

TABLE & EVENT SPONSORS AVAILABLE
FOR MORE INFO CALL 765-585-7408
★ ★ ★

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO WCRCC
MAIL TO - 7176 W. 350 S. WEST
LEBANON, IN 47991.
WCRCC86@GMAIL.COM

Mark Your Calendar!

**April 25th
Saturday in the Park**



**Join us for Family Day with the
Wabash River Blueway and
Expeditions in Education**






 June 27th, 2026



**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...

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WARREN COUNTY
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COFFEE CO.

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 or call (765) 742 4375



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 empowering women
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 Greater Lafayette