

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER JULY 2023 - PART 1



Hello Foundation Friends,

We have a fun evening planned for TONIGHT, Friday July 14th. Back by popular demand, the magician Rusty Ammerman who performed last year at the outdoor amphitheater is coming back with a different show for you! Tonight at 6:00 pm at the outdoor amphitheater at the Williamsport-Washington Township Library/ Learning Center. This is a fun magic show for people of all ages. Last year everyone from small children to senior citizens enjoyed Rusty's humor and magic. Please join us in this show as part of our 25th anniversary celebration. Tell your family, tell your friends, tell your neighbors!

Also, please don't forget that the Street Fair is on Monroe Street in Downtown Williamsport July 29th from 2:00-6:00pm. If you would like to have a free booth space for your business, group, nonprofit, or church, please contact us.

WARREN COUNTY SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT

During the fair, there was a 1:1 match offered for up to \$1,200 to support the activities of the additional numbers of children enrolled in the parks program this year. There are 342 total children enrolled! While not every child attends every day, they are averaging over 200 per day. Within a couple of days there were 8 donations of \$100, and 2 donations of \$200. We are happy to match those gifts and award the full \$1,200! Here is a picture of the kids enjoying a movie at the Devon Theater.





COMMON GROUNDS COFFEE COMPANY UPDATE

The demolition has gone quickly! So far, over 350 total hours of volunteer labor have gone into the space by removing carpet, underlayment and the kitchen floor. There has been wall demolition, paneling removed, sanding walls, and removing the drop ceiling and fluorescent lighting. . We now transition to the more technical part of the project and soon we should be ready to paint. If you would like to volunteer time and have any experience in electrical work or construction, we could use your advice and assistance. We also accept any volunteers who just like to give back in their community. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Foundation at 765-764-1501 or contact Michele Stucky at <u>michele@warrencountyfoundation.com</u>



COMMON GROUNDS COFFEE COMPANY UPDATE

Zac Cody, local resident and artist, was at it again enhancing the Williamsport Falls area. The area under the Falls Junction depot is a bit dull and grey. We are happy to add some pops of color with depictions of local wildlife. The red fox, barred owl, marbled salamander, red backed salamander and yellow spotted salamander have all been completed! These are all species that can be enjoyed in Warren County. At first you might think the salamanders are a strange choice. Believe it or not, the stretch of road on the Warren County side of the green bridge between Fountain and Warren County is a great spot to see salamanders. On rainy nights in late March and early April, hundreds of salamanders run across the road. Over 50 species of amphibians have been identified in this area. In April on a cold rainy night, there were 10 Purdue students, 4 herpetology enthusiasts, and a professor from the University of Miami Ohio all counting salamanders as they ran across the road. On that particular night there were seven different species identified! The marbled salamander will make a similar breeding journey across the road again in October. Enjoy this new art installation!



LOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS



