

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025 - PART 3

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Hello Foundation Friends,

Happy Halloween! Welcome to this bonus newsletter because there are 5 Friday's in October. At this point, I think you expect nothing less than for me to talk about how busy we are and how grateful we are for that!

The rest of 2025 is going to fly by. Make sure to mark your calendar for upcoming events to support our community. We know a lot of time is going to go into Lights in the Park over the next month, so we are inviting anyone to come and help November 15th anytime between 9-5 or November 16 from 1-5. We will be based out of the coliseum at the Fairgrounds. Many hands make light work. There is a job for everyone! This would also be a good full family activity. What better way to start teaching philanthropy (giving of your time) while getting into the holiday spirit at the same time!

For those of you on Facebook, we just started a Wabash River Blueway page. Please find it on Facebook and Follow! We are proud of how many projects we have accomplished in the first 10 months and all the projects we have lined up that will be taking place over the next few months. We have been working with the Graphic Design CTE (Career and Technical Education) class out of South Vermillion and are excited to unveil some of the signs they have created in the next month. We are

Keep your eye out for a new initiative to be announced in the next month. We are proud of our involvement but haven't been able to talk about it with our newsletter readers yet.

Sincerely,

Michele Stucky



RECENT GRANTS



A BETTER WAY CO OP RECEIVES COMMUNITY GRANT

A Better Way Co-Op, a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting the community with much needed resources, received a Community Grant for \$2500. This grant will specifically be used for purchasing new shelving so that the diapers for the Bundles of Blessings program can be stored on the main level of the co-op building.



WARREN COUNTY YOUTH CHEERLEADING RECEIVES COMMUNITY GRANT

The Warren County Youth Cheerleading Team received a community grant for \$2,500. They have been working very hard to fundraise for the past few years now and this grant helps them get closer to the finish line of having enough money for the ever-expanding program.



NEWS & UPDATES



WILLIAMSPORT - ATTICA SENIOR CENTER RECEIVES COMMON GROUNDS SEPTEMBER TIPS

Every month since its inception, Common Grounds Coffee Co. has donated its monthly tips to a local organization. Beginning in October, these tips are now split between a local organization and Common Grounds' hard working manager, Lacie Butcher (middle). In September, \$1,124.52 was donated to the Williamsport - Attica Senior Center. Thank you to all of your support making it possible to give back!



BENCHES MADE BY SEEGER'S 2026 SENIORS

A couple weeks ago, Seeger's Class of 2026 volunteered for Senior Service Day where they volunteered for various organizations throughout the community. With the assistance of Brian Jordan, Dan Douglass, and John Rader, one group constructed benches for our local trails. These benches turned out great and are ready for your enjoyment at Harrison Park (located at the end of 3rd Street in Williamsport), the Falls, and soon to be at Cicott in Independence!



DEDICATION OF MURALS BY LOCAL ARTIST ZAC CODY

The Midland Painted Turtle by Zac Cody @zacs_art_creations is his largest animal mural to date! Measuring at 23 feet long and 12 feet tall, this impressive painting of this native species can be viewed from Hogback Road looking under the bridge that goes over Pine Creek. Look for the five hidden images or organization abbreviations in the painting!

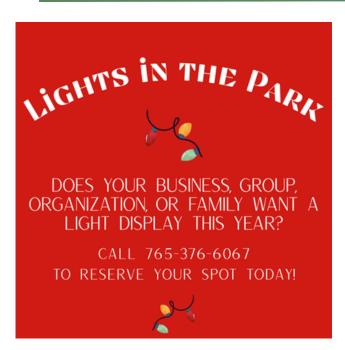
The second painting Zac Cody of ozacs_art_creations did was of a red-headed woodpecker with a baby poking through the cement "cracks." This a species that frequents the area and while Zac was painting he saw three of these woodpeckers in the nearby sycamore tree!

Painted at Fall Creek Gorge off Potholes road as you go over Big Pine Creek on the opposite side of the cement pier going down into the water. This is best viewed from the water, or by carefully walking down the hill to get to the waters edge.



Our Booth at the 2025 Trunk or Treat!

The annual Trunk or Treat hosted by Purdue Extension of Warren County was last week! We had an awesome time handing out candy to local families and seeing all of the amazing costumes. It was an awesome community event that we loved being a part of. Our booth represented both the Foundation and the Wabash River Blueway Grant. Director Michele Stucky dressed in kayaking clothes for her costume and brought a kayak with an inflatable skull. Have a safe and fun Halloween!





Live Birds of Prey and Owl Prowl

When: Saturday, November 22nd,

2025 (4:30pm - 5:30pm)

Where: NICHES Crow's Grove Preserve parking lot in Warren Co. What: Join us—rain or shine—for an awe-inspiring encounter with live birds of prey, like hawks and owls! Discover their fascinating life histories, unique adaptations for survival, and the vital role they play in maintaining healthy ecosystems. This one-hour presentation will be held outdoors under a shelter, so please dress for the weather. The program takes place along the southern end of Big Pine Creek, an entrenched valley ecosystem that provides raptors with essential resources, food, water, shelter, and a natural corridor for movement. The evening concludes (weather permitting) with an optional Owl Prowl, a short night hike (approximately ½ mile) in search of owls along Big Pine Creek, followed by a cozy campfire complete with warm soup, hot cocoa, and s'more

Pre-registration required. Space is limited!

fixings.

Please arrive on time. Questions? Call 513-490-5080



This event is possible with the support of Wabash River Blueway.



The Friends of the Library and Learning Center are hosting an event on December 6th from 10-1 to make your own wreath. There are a limited number of spots so if you are hoping to participate in this, call and get your reservations made.



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.

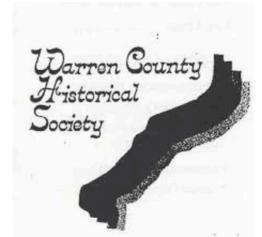


SAVE THE DATE!









Open Every Friday 10:00-3:00pm

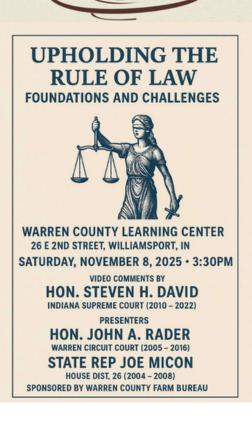
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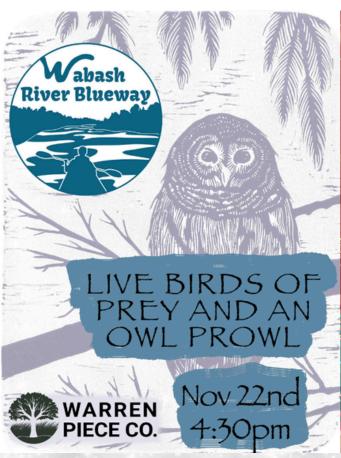


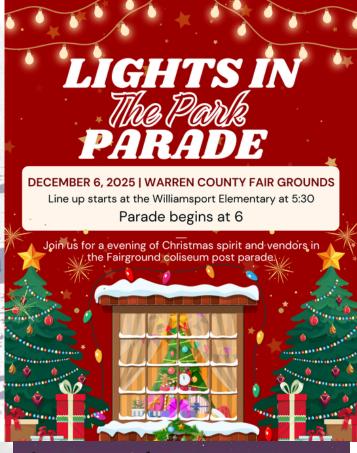










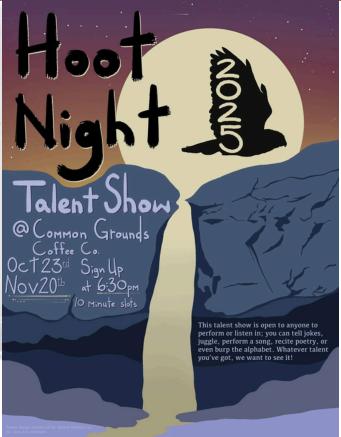


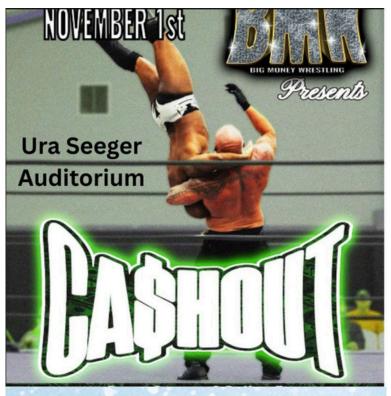
Holiday Craft Fairs

November 1st 9–2 Williamsport Christian Church

November 7th 4:00–8:00 November 8th 10:00–4:00 Brown's Accent

Pine Village Holiday Craft Sale Nov. 8th













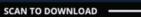
Does your child need a coat? Stop by Williamsport Christian Church on November 8th to pick one out. Child in need of coat must be present!

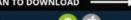




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