



**WARREN COUNTY**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## **FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER**

### **MARCH PART 2**

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website!



Hello Foundation Friends,

Spring is officially here, but it doesn't feel like it yet. Yesterday felt like summer and today feels like winter! Hopefully the weather will straighten out soon because as you will see below in the Save the Date section, there are many upcoming events, many of which are outside.

Yesterday, the Storybook Trail story was changed out for a new story. There are 13 story panels on trail 5. This is part of the Too Small to Fail Early Literacy grant that Warren County received from the Clinton Foundation. This particular story is all about the Wabash River and was created by college interns Nathan Hale and Marissa Rickey. On a nice weather day, check it out. Due to the construction at the base of the falls, it is muddy on the first part of the main trail. To access the storybook trail I would recommend parking on the River Road end of Falls Branch Park and the Storybook Trail will be on the right hand side and 3/10 of a mile down the trail.

Another way to get out and explore is through the new passports we created as part of the Wabash River Blueway. There are four different passports to choose from including: Outdoor Recreation, Arts & Culture, Things to Do, and Food and Drinks. You can sign up for free by clicking on this [link](#) and following the directions on the webpage.

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

2025 Year  
In Review



What we've  
**Accomplished**  
together

Take a look back at 2025 and all that we have accomplished together. As a community, when we work together towards a common goal, so much can be accomplished.

Access this digital document [HERE](#).



## RECENT GRANTS



### WARREN PIECE CO. RECEIVES COMMUNITY GRANT

Warren Piece Co., a community of nature enthusiasts dedicated to promoting opportunities to connect with the land, has received a community grant of \$2,500. This grant will be used to host five public educational events in 2026. These funds will help cover speaker costs, hospitality and other expenses that come with hosting community events. These events include: a Woodcock Walk, Firefly Night Hike, Perseid Meteor Shower, Fungal Inoculation Workshop, and Monarch Butterfly Tagging. We can't wait to see the great experiences local residents can find when they attend these awesome events!



## HANGING ROCK CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY RECEIVES GRANT

Hanging Rock Christian Assembly has received a grant for \$1,750 from the Warren County Community Foundation. This grant will be used to purchase lifeguard equipment including a rescue training dummy, rescue tubes and hip packs. This equipment will help lifeguards better protect swimmers this summer!

## GRANT TO DENISON UNIVERSITY

George N. Paulson graduated in 1949 from Denison University. Upon his death, a fund was created with the Warren County Community Foundation to honor his memory and provide funds to Denison University. This year the fund awarded \$485.48. This is a good example of how local Warren County residents can create funds here within their own county that have an annual grant that goes outside the county. The Warren County Community Foundation honors the donors wishes through a legally binding fund agreement contract. We can help donors make an impact for local organizations or if an organization outside of Warren County or Indiana is near and dear to the donor, we can help with that too.



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



### AMERICA 250 MARCH EVENT

March's America 250 event was a Blacksmithing Demonstration held at Illiana Antique Power Association. Attendees were able to watch and ask questions about blacksmithing.

Stay tuned for upcoming events as we countdown to July for America's 250th Anniversary



## **STUDENTS EXPLORE THEIR SURROUNDINGS!**

We received these awesome photos from Lori White's Second Grade class at Warren Central Elementary School! They are using the mini-microscopes that Warren, Fountain, and Vermillion Counties received as part of the STEM bags received from the Blueway grant!

We love seeing young minds exploring their surroundings and discovering new things together!



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](#).

**Wabash River Blueway Saturday in the Park**  
**Family Bash**  
*A Day of Wonder, Water, & Wild Learning*

 Location: Oubache Park, Attica IN  
Time: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
This is an all day event, not a drop in for a short amount of time.  
Date: April 25<sup>th</sup> 2026

**What to Expect**

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- Hands-on science & nature rotations
- Family-friendly outdoor challenges
- Picnic lunch by the river

**Activity Highlights**

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- Share your "Blueway Wonder"
- Group photo
- Prize drawings for completed passports

Sign Up:  

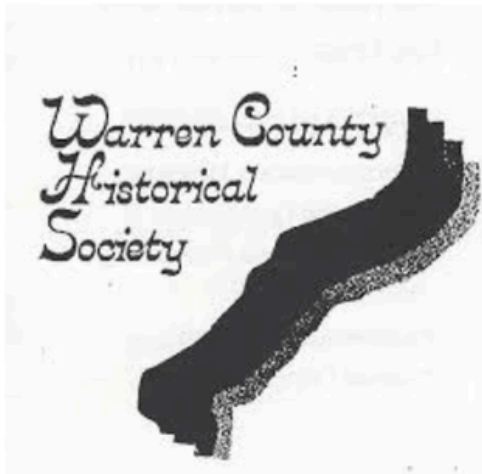

Families bring your own picnic lunch and a blanket or camp chairs to sit in.

The Wabash River Blueway is excited to announce the Wabash River Family Bash! This event will run from 9:30-2:30 and when your family signs up you are signing up for the whole day. There are several 20-60 minute activities that are great for a nature loving family or those wanting to learn more. The event is limited to 100 participants. Dacia Jones, founder of Expeditions in Education, is leading this event along with assistance from Western Indiana Community Foundation and Warren County Community Foundation. This is an all day event, so dress for the weather, rain or shine!

If you have any questions, please email [michele@warrencountyfoundation.com](mailto:michele@warrencountyfoundation.com). Sign up [HERE!](#) Or scan the QR code above.



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

LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN

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

## Down by the River

### Music Series



**April 11<sup>th</sup> - Jerry Crowder Band**  
**Williamsport Boat Launch**

**2:00PM-4:00PM**

**Rain location: Badlands  
Community Center - Attica, IN**

**Sit in your  
golf cart,  
gator, or RZR!  
Or bring a  
lawn chair!**


**Candy & Egg Hunt**  
**April 5, 2026**




**Hedrick Assembly of God**  
**in Hedrick, Indiana**  
*(following our morning services)*  
**Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship at 10:30 a.m.**



**For more information call;**  
**Pastor Harold Varner**  
**765-869-5181**



**Warren Piece**




**Woodcock Walk**  
 Saturday, April 4 | 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

What: Join us for the sights and sounds of spring as we listen for the "Peent! Peent! Peent!" of our twilight-dancing, feathered friends, American Woodcock aka Timberdoodle. The male woodcocks' sky dances of upward spirals and downward swoops are a spectacular sight. We will begin the evening learning fascinating facts about the American Woodcock, and then we'll explore the fields for the sights and sounds of these interesting birds. Hike approx. ½ mile on unpaved, uneven trails -please wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight.

Where: NICHES Crows Grove parking lot


Warren Piece is a community that stewards a hundred-acre piece of land in Warren County, Indiana. This is where people come together to build community and conserve our shared land.  
[wpconnect.org](http://wpconnect.org)



**Pre-registration is required for this event**

The first of many exciting 2026 Warren Piece events is this weekend! Made possible by a Community Grant through the Foundation, we are excited to see the educational impact these events bring to our community.


Pre-registration is required for this free event: Register [HERE](#)



**Work Day!**

Join us to take action on projects around property and create a sustainable environment before summer camp!

**MAY 9, 2026**  
**8AM-12PM ET**




**Warren Piece**

**Save the Date:**

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>:**  
**Shitake Inoculation Workshop**

**Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Firefly Night Hike**



♥ Hosted by: Love Our Community

<p>5-6 <b>Williamsport Easter Egg Hunt</b></p>	<p>6-7 <b>Community Easter Dinner</b> Catered by Food Basket Hot Dogs and Hamburgers Catered by Best Eats and Treats</p>	<p>7-8 <b>Hot Cocoa Bar and Smores Fire Pit</b> Brought to you by Town of Williamsport</p>	<p>8-9 <b>GLOW HUNT</b></p>
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**APRIL 4 AT WILLIAMSPORT PARK**  
ALL FREE THANKS TO A GRANT FROM  
WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**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*

**2026 WARREN CO 4-H FAIR**

**JUNE 15-20**

FEATURING LUEHRS IDEAL RIDES - JUNE 16-20

♪♪ **SAVE THE DATE!** ♪♪

**JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> + THE WARREN COUNTY STREET FAIR!**

**AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**MUSIC on Monroe**



WARREN COUNTY REPUBLICAN  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE

LINCOLN DAY  
*Dinner*

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.

*Guest Speaker*

STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND FORMER COLTS PUNTER

HUNTER SMITH

SATURDAY  
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM  
DINNER AT 6PM

Located at:  
1092 W. Briscoe Rd.  
Williamsport, IN 47993

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

INDICATE CHOICE OF  
ROASTED PORK OR CHICKEN BREAST

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MAIL TO - 7176 W. 350 S. WEST  
LEBANON, IN 47991.  
WCRC86@GMAIL.COM

**Dr. Inman's Family is having  
a "semi-surprise"  
retirement reception for Dr.  
Inman on Saturday, April 25  
from 2:00-5:00 at  
Common Grounds Coffee Shop.  
Stop by to help celebrate!**

*Wildflower Walk*

April 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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Sign up [here](#) or scan the QR code above!  
Limit of 100 people, so sign-up before the spots fill! This is an all day event. Be sure to bring a lunch and chairs to sit in!



WARREN COUNTY  
**COMMON GROUNDS**  
COFFEE CO.

**Hours of Operation**  
Monday-Friday  
7:30am-2:30pm  
Closed Weekends




  **June 27<sup>th</sup>, 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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