



WARREN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

JUNE PART 1

*Visit our
website!*



Hello Foundation Friends,

The most recent developments at the Foundation have been in the works for a couple of months. We have been meeting with local organizations and will be awarding 11 organizations with a total of a little over \$350,000. These grants were made possible by a Lilly GIFT IX Community Support Grant that the Foundation received. We will be regranting the funds over the next three years. We are still working out details with some groups, waiting on additional estimates for capital projects, and finalizing the final numbers with some groups. In the next newsletter we will share several of the grants with you. Here at the office, the interns have been hard at work. Below in the newsletter you will see what each of them have written about being at the Foundation this summer. They are tackling several outdoor projects as well as some office projects. We appreciate receiving a grant each year to have college interns. We hope it is a good experience for the students while helping us maintain and upkeep several of our projects from the past.

Last, 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! Call if you have questions!

Sincerely,
Michele Stucky



RECENT GRANTS



POOL GRAND OPENING COMMITTEE RECEIVES GRANT

The Pool Grand Opening Committee received a Community Grant for \$2,500. This grant will help cover costs for the pool's grand opening that is quickly approaching. The Williamsport Pool serves as a safe space for local children and families to gather in their community. We can't wait to see it completed! Tentative date is July 11th, but watch social media for updates.



ACT ONE COMMUNITY THEATER RECEIVES COMMUNITY GRANT

ACT ONE Community Theater has received a \$2,500 grant. This grant will be used to help cover the costs associated with their summer show. This year they will perform Cinderella from July 23rd through the 25th at the Ura Seeger Auditorium. This group gives local community members a chance to find a creative outlet through summer musicals. ACT ONE Community Theater also performs previews for the Summer Parks Program, encouraging local children to get involved in their community activities.



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



MAY DONATIONS GO TO COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Common Grounds' May Donations went to Community Action Program of Western Indiana (CAPWI) in honor of their 60th anniversary! We love being able to give back to the community in this way and make a positive impact.

June's donation will go to West Lebanon Baseball!

2026 SUMMER INTERNS



We are excited to be employing three interns for the summer! These interns have already been hard at work helping organize the 2026 Warren County Summer Street Fair, cleanup at the Falls, and organizing records in the office. Read more about each intern below!



Hello! My name is Nathaniel Hale. I graduated from Seeger Jr.-Sr. High School in the summer of 2024. This upcoming year, I will be a Third Year at Ball State, where I am studying Architecture, and I aim to create sustainable, regenerative, and healing environments, both built and natural. Some readers might remember me from Common Grounds when I worked and volunteered there during my senior year and after graduation, during the summer, as well as my time as an intern at the Community Foundation last summer. I am thrilled at the opportunity to be a part of the community again! At the Foundation, I hope to get more than myself involved in the community and to continue to create a welcoming and proactive environment during my time here!

My name is Avery Fowler. I am 18 years old and recently graduated from Seeger High School. This fall, I will be attending Purdue University to study Business Management. I am excited to intern with the Community Foundation this summer and learn more about the work being done in Warren County. Since I hope to work in the nonprofit sector, I know this experience will be valuable.



Hello, my name is Marissa Rickey! I graduated from Seeger High School in 2025, and just completed my first year at Indiana State University. I am on track to graduate from ISU with my bachelors in Elementary Education in 2028. This is my second summer interning at the Foundation, and I am excited to be back! I hope to continue my involvement in the community and create a welcoming environment throughout my time at the Foundation.



WABASH RIVER BLUEWAY HIGHLIGHT

www.wabashriverblueway.org



The construction at the Herman White canoe and kayak launch is well underway. The stone road and parking lot have been created. Within the next couple of weeks, the cement launch will be poured and the landscapers will be onsite. This launch is located on the Vermillion River in Eugene, just downstream from the Historic Eugene Covered Bridge in Vermillion County. A paddler can start at the Osanamom Public Access site that is 5.4 miles upstream and get out in Eugene, or a paddler can start in Eugene and end on the Wabash at the Waterman Public Access Site in Lodi.

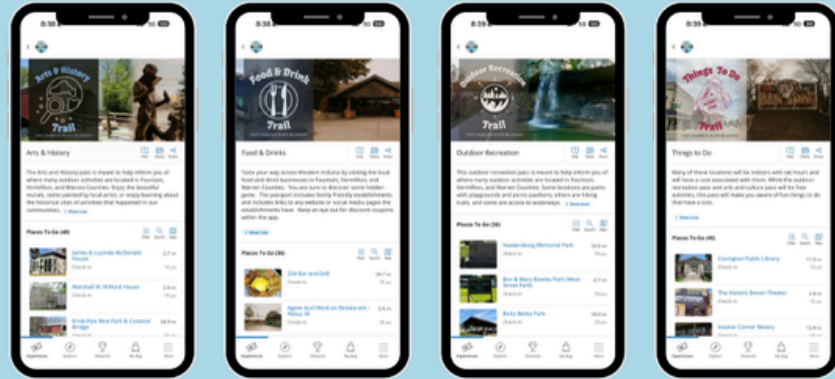


The canoe and kayak launch at Moores Hill Road on the Big Pine Creek is under construction. This launch site is located just 2.5 miles from the Warren County Courthouse. Paddlers will be able to start at this launch and end in the Wabash at the Attica Ouabache launch or continue on to the Williamsport launch. Paddlers could also start further upstream at the 450 bridge north of Carbondale, or at Fall Creek Gorge and use the Moores Hill Road site as the take out spot.



Digital Passports

Embark on a free, new way to discover more about Fountain, Vermillion, and Warren County with our digital passports. Check in at locations to earn points. You can track your progress and plan free family fun adventures!



Have you checked out the free Digital Passports from Wabash River Blueway? This is a fun way to discover the awesome activities, restaurants, and history that Warren, Fountain, and Vermillion Counties have to offer!

You can check-in at each location to earn points for a chance to win a gift certificate. Visit and check-in at 10 locations totaling 100 points. This enters you for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate, or let points accumulate for a chance for a bigger prize drawing! Drawing takes place in July.

Here's how it works:

On your mobile device

Go to: www.wabashriverblueway.org

Go to: Digital Passports

Click 'Sign Up' on 1 of the 4 options (you can add multiple to cart!)

Click 'Checkout' - it's free!

Add your information

Complete order

Click 'Access My Items'

Optional:

After clicking 'Access My Items'

Click the 'Share' button

Find and click the 'Add to Home Screen' option

A 'WCCF Experiences' app will download for easy access to your digital passports



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](#).



Spring is finally here and we are excited to announce that FREE seed kits are back! This project was started in 2020 as a way to give local residents an outlet during the pandemic, and has been highly requested ever since. We are excited to have 250 kits available containing ready-to-plant seeds for cucumber, radishes, turnips, green beans, snap peas, onions, cilantro, spinach and potatoes!

This project is a part of the broader goal of encouraging food security and healthy eating within our community while simultaneously encouraging members of our amazing county to partake in the numerous benefits that come with gardening. There is a limited number of packets available, so stop in to our office in downtown Williamsport to pick one up for your family today! 31 N. Monroe Street

This project is a collaboration between the Warren County Community Foundation, America 250 through the Warren County Historical Society, and the Warren County Health Department.



WARREN COUNTY SUMMER STREET FAIR VENDOR CALLOUT

The Warren County Summer Street Fair is looking for vendors! The Foundation is excited to be hosting the annual Warren County Summer Street Fair on July 25th! This event will take place in Downtown Williamsport on N Monroe Street.

We are looking for local artists, crafters, bakers, ceramists, woodworkers, and other similar style businesses to apply to host a booth! We have taken suggestions from previous years and made this an evening event taking place from 4-7:30 PM with a free Music on Monroe event beginning at 7 PM.

We are also excited to be bringing back the free School Supplies Initiative to the event this year with plans to provide 300 local school children with free school supplies!

The Free School Supplies will go from 4- 7 PM, or while supplies last.

Rain or shine! Street Fair Rain Location: Warren County Fairgrounds | Park Ave, Williamsport, IN 47993

Set your calendars now for food, local art, and a free concert!

Sign up to have a booth [HERE](#).



COMMON GROUNDS MAKER'S MARKET ON JUNE 19TH

JOIN US for our second Maker's Market!

This will be a joyful morning of celebrating local small businesses showcasing their unique wares including:

Handcrafted Leather Goods

Locally Made Art

Handmade Pottery

Delicious Local Bites


Unique Stained Glass


And more!

Shop, sip, and support local small businesses on Friday, June 19th from 8:00AM-12:00PM!


We will be open our normal hours to serve you your favorite local coffee: 7:30AM-2:30PM

Every child deserves a safe, supportive, and permanent family.





CASA Volunteers are every day heroes from all lifestyles that speak up for the best interests of foster children. With a CASA volunteer, a foster child is twice as likely to find a safe, permanent home.



You Can Help!

VOLUNTEER


Become an everyday hero who can change the lives of foster children.


CASAs are trained and empowered to ensure essential needs and best interests of the children are being met.


GET INVOLVED

Connect with us on social media and share our volunteer opportunity with friends and family.


To learn more, contact us:

 765-299-9095


 casa@fountaincounty.in.gov

 304 N. Sterling Avenue
Veedsburg, IN 47987

indianacasa.org



CASA is a volunteer opportunity where everyday citizens commit to ensure foster children have a chance at a better life.





Making a Difference

CASA Volunteers bring a sense of urgency to getting a child's needs met by the foster care system, and their commitment makes a difference.



You Can Help!

Requirements/Qualifications

- 21 years of age or older
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- Have a passion and devotion to help children in need
- Complete an online application and in person interview
- Complete 30 hours of initial training and 12 hours per year ongoing training
- Sign a pledge of confidentiality and submit to criminal and DCS background checks

A child with a CASA Volunteer is more likely to:

- ✓ Find a safe, permanent home
- ✓ Experience fewer foster placements
- ✓ Spend less time in long-term facilities
- ✓ Receive needed healthcare and educational support
- ✓ Succeed in school
- ✓ Avoid re-entry into foster care

**VOLUNTEERS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
SIGN UP TODAY!**

Check out our website:
indianacasa.org

While serving as the eyes and ears of the court, each CASA Volunteer:

- ✓ Establishes a consistent, one-on-one relationship with the child
- ✓ Gathers information from the child's teachers, foster parents, family members, physicians, etc.
- ✓ Ensures that the child has access to needed medical, education, career, and housing services
- ✓ Attends court proceedings (usually every 3-6 months)
- ✓ Provides an independent recommendation to the Judge regarding the child's best interest
- ✓ Remains involved until the case is permanently resolved.

Learn more about becoming a CASA by visiting indianacasa.org



SAVE THE DATE!



Open Every Friday
10:00-3:00pm
12 Midway Street, Williamsport
Behind Fountain Trust Bank



Warren Piece

Open House
June 21 1:00-4:00

Traverse through our woodlands and prairie, campground, trails, Big Pine overlook, wetlands, projects and learn about what we do to keep it all going!

We are a conservation-minded 501c3 nonprofit with an educational twist and a dedicated volunteer community.

Please come out to see why!

Parking: Warren Piece Barn Parking Lot

Location: 40°22'18.2"N 87°19'33.2"W

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



Ura Seeger Auditorium Upcoming Events



June 20 - The 77 Experience

June 27 - Haley Jones



DONATE BLOOD

MONDAY
June 15
3:00 - 7:00 pm

Bloodmobile @
Warren Co 4-H Fairgrounds
 Parke Ave - Williamsport, IN 47993



Helpful tips: Make sure to eat a healthy meal & drink plenty of water before donating.
 Don't forget your **Photo ID!**

Warren Co Health Dept

Your **SUMMERTIME** blood donation helps to prevent shortages by keeping **stable & safe inventories** for Indiana patients who need transfusions in their health care journey.

Did you know?

- 1 in 7 patients entering the hospital need blood
- 30% of our blood supply is used in cancer treatment
- 75% of us will need blood before the age of 72
- 97% of us will have a loved one that needs blood

As a thank you, donors will receive an exclusive t-shirt, featuring Versiti's Beacon the Bear! while supplies last

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED / Walk-ins Welcome
 Scan the QR Code or call (800) 632-4722 to sign up



— WARREN COUNTY —

SUMMER STREET FAIR

JULY **25** SATURDAY

HANDMADE ART - LOCAL BITES
LIVE MUSIC - LOCAL BUSINESSES

THE FREE BACKPACK PROGRAM RETURNS!

JUNE 19

— WARREN COUNTY —

COMMON GROUNDS

— COFFEE CO., LLC —

LOCAL ARTISANS

Maker's MARKET

8:00AM-12:00PM

108 N MONROE ST,
 WILLIAMSPOR T, IN 47993

SIP, SHOP, AND SUPPORT LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES

Warren Piece

Save the Date:

Friday, May 22nd

Live Animal Encounter & Night Hike

Saturday, June 20th:

Firefly Night Hike



Save
the Date

2026 WARREN CO
4-H FAIR

JUNE 15-20

FEATURING LUEHRS IDEAL RIDES - JUNE 16-20



♪♪ SAVE THE DATE! ♪♪

JUNE 6TH

JULY 25TH + THE WARREN COUNTY STREET FAIR!

AUGUST 15TH

SEPTEMBER 19TH

MUSIC
on
Monroe






 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...

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD 

Powered by GOGov



WARREN COUNTY
COMMON GROUNDS
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