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Hello Foundation Friends,

**AUGUST PART 1** 

School has started back and now people have their new set of activities to keep them busy. We submitted our first report to Lilly Endowment for our GIFT VIII Regional Grant. We have named this grant the Wabash River Blueway project. We look forward to co-hosting a concert in downtown Williamsport tonight. Main Street Exit will be performing and you can bring your lawn chair and sit in the shade of the buildings.

The last couple of days I have been reflecting on the success of Warren County Common Grounds. Later this month I will be attending the CEO retreat for Foundation directors around the state. Six of us have been asked to present using a style called Pechu Kucha. I was asked to talk about the Coffee Shop project. This style of presenting is a Powerpoint of 20 slides that is only photos. Each slide automatically changes every 20 seconds. This is a quick, visual, and fun way to talk about a project and show photos of it at the same time, while being forced to stay on a timed script. It is because of the collective impact of so many people donating and so many people helping with building the coffee shop that I am being asked to present. Everyone should be really proud of what was created because everyone worked together!

I'm working on several projects behind the scenes but don't have anything I can report on quite yet. Thank you all for your continued support and try to stay cool in this August heat!

Sincerely,

Michele Stucky







### RECENT GRANTS





# THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A GRANT!

The Warren County Community Foundation contributed \$1,000 to this first ever Warren County Community Baby Shower. If you or someone you know qualifies to attend, please pass the information along to them!



### **NEWS & UPDATES**



#### **MUSIC ON MONROE IS TONIGHT!**

Food vendors will start setting up at 6:00 or a little after. We will have a DJ from 6:00-8:00, so come eat dinner and hang out before the concert. Bring a lawn chair or sit in your golf cart, Gator, RZR, etc

Main Street Exit will perform from 8-10 PM



## + SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

### WARREN COUNTY HEALTH FAIR

FROM 10AM-2PM SEEGER MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL PAC

#### JOIN US FOR..

- HEALTH SCREENINGS
- PREVENTATIVE CARE
- INFORMATION SESSIONS
- SAFETY AND PREVENTION
- GUEST SPEAKERS













#### **WARREN COUNTY HEALTH FAIR**

We are very excited to be one of the co-hosts for the Warren County Health Fair! From our understanding, the last full-fledged health fair was back when the PAC had its grand opening at Seeger High School. We are currently working on contacting potential vendors to be set up at the fair. If you have a health/safety related business and would like to sign up for a booth, please contact us at 765-764-1501. As the details become more clear, we will give more information, but please mark your calendar and plan to attend. There will be pertinent booths for all ages.



#### **OUR FIRST "DOWN BY THE RIVER" MUSIC EVENT WAS A SUCCESS!**

Part of the Wabash River Blueway grant that our region received from Lilly Endowment GIFT VIII is set aside to host or sponsor events. We decided one of the things we would do is host a three-part music series taking place at the Williamsport Boat Launch. On August 2nd at 7:00pm, we hosted our first group. Crick's Up, with local resident Burt Etchison on the saxophone entertained us for nearly two hours. During the intermission, Seeger sophomore Joshua Dill played the keyboard. It was a really fun evening. Watch for an announcement for the September and October "Down by the River" Music Series dates.





#### **PRAIRIE WALK A SUCCESS!**

We had a great Prairie Walk in celebration of America 250 at Williams Woods on August 1st! It was at 8am and we called it a beat the heat event, but the weather was cool all on its own for us. It made for a wonderful walk through the prairie restoration. Historical records from an adjacent field were used to know what plant species were in the area long ago. Charles Deam was a renowned botanist who traveled to every county and township in Indiana, including the field next to Williams Woods! His publication, Flora of Indiana, was a comprehensive guide to the plants of Indiana. We saw over 20 different species of prairie plants and flowers as we looped through the prairie. We thank NICHES Land Trust Executive Director, Shannon Stanis, for leading this hike. Then, we had a second walk on August 6th at 6:30 pm. Dr. Kent Walters led our group on a tour of the Cicott County Park Prairie. The Community Foundation planted this prairie four years ago and the fruits of the labor are starting to be realized. There were many species of birds, butterflies, and other insects who are finding the diverse prairie to be a great place to live. We learned about how indigenous people would have done prescribed burns, which actually helps a prairie. This property will likely have an intentional burn in the fall of 2025 or the spring of 2026.



#### **NICHES EVENT WITH THE BLUEWAY!**

Join NICHES Stewardship Director Bob Easter for the Summer Creek Hike Series! We're inviting you to explore nature from a new perspective – a perfect hike for the entire family.

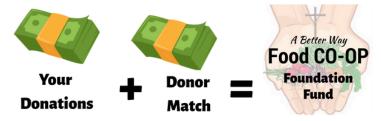
Escape the summer heat and immerse yourself in the beauty of Indiana's creeks and waterways. These guided hikes offer the perfect opportunity to cool off in the water while learning about the unique ecosystems that thrive in and around our local streams.

For this hike, we'll be meeting at Crow's Grove in Warren County (info here: <a href="https://nicheslandtrust.org/warren-county/crows-grove">https://nicheslandtrust.org/warren-county/crows-grove</a>). The Crow's Grove hike is co-sponsored by NICHES Land Trust and the Wabash River Blueway! Because it's hot and you'll be getting wet, we suggest you wear comfortable shoes (or waders), and bring water, snacks, sunscreen, and a walking stick. Each hike will last approximately 2 hours and will feature some uneven terrain.

Registration is required! Sign up here: <a href="https://nicheslandtrust.org/.../summer-creek-hike-series...">https://nicheslandtrust.org/.../summer-creek-hike-series...</a>



The Warren County Impact Fund is offering a 1:1 match towards the creation of a new fund at the Foundation. The donor is willing to match \$10,000!!!



#### THE WARREN COUNTY IMPACT FUND!

The Warren County Impact Fund is the newest fund at the Warren County Community Foundation. A coalition group has been formed and has had two meetings to talk about health and wellness in Warren County.. You are going to hear about many things that this fund is accomplishing in Warren County. We have been working with Ascension St. Vincent, the Warren County Health Department and other community partners to come up with goals of what we would like to accomplish both short-term and long-term. A Better Way Food Co-Op is one organization in Warren County doing great work. This organization relies on private donations from local individuals, organizations, and churches. Right now, you have an exciting opportunity! Your donations to Warren County Community Foundation with Better Way Match in the memo will receive a 1:1 match from the Impact Fund. When fully met, this will create a \$20,000 fund at the Foundation with an annual grant payout to A Better Way Food Co-Op. This fund can be contributed to at any time and in any way you would like. Do you have appreciated stock that you could transfer to this fund helping you avoid capital gains while fulfilling your philanthropic intent? This is just one of the ways you could donate money to this fund. If you have any questions, call Michele at 765-764-1501 or email michele@warrencountyfoundation.com





#### 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 <a href="here">here</a> to go to the grants page on the Foundation website.



## SAVE THE DATE!

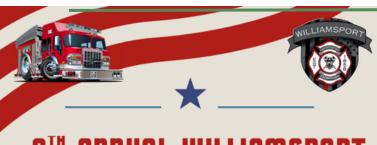


August 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 pm-3 am Perseid Meteor Shower Astronomy Event









### 8<sup>™</sup> ANNUAL WILLIAMSPORT FIRE CAR SHOW AND JONAH FISH FRY

#### CAR SHOW 11AM-4PM

(\$15 Registration 11am-2pm)

All you can eat Jonah Fish Fry 12pm-5pm
(\$15 Adult \$9 Child)

Vendors 10am-5pm

Town Wide Rummage Sale

Facebook: (Williamsport Rummage Sales) to sign up

Gun Raffle

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE WILLIAMSPORT FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY FUNDRAISER

### SEPTEMBER 6<sup>™</sup>.2025

AT THE WILLIAMSPORT INDIANA 4-H FAIRGROUNDS PARK AVE. WILLIAMSPORT INDIANA





## 1st Annual Restoring Hope Ruck for Veteran Mental Health



September 27th
417 S Old US Hwy 41
Boswell,IN
Ruck starts at 7am
22 miles through Benton County
small towns. All walkers welcome!
After Party starts at Restoring
Hope at 3pm. Join us to welcome
our ruckers home! Live music by
Thousand Year Flood. Food, raffles
and more!

#### **Leave No Veteran Behind**

What will you do to Thousand Year Scan to join Ruck STOP 22? Flood or Donate









## 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.

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Learn more at www.ywcalafayette.org or call (765) 742 4375