



**WARREN COUNTY**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024 - PART 2

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website!



Hello Foundation Friends,

I can't believe this is the last e-newsletter of 2024. I have some exciting news to share, but will put it at the end of my letter! This has been a year to remember! There is much to celebrate and be proud of. We awarded a record amount of grant dollars, received grants ourselves, and helped others receive grants. At the beginning of the year, we were awarded a \$50,000 Planning grant for Lilly GIFT VIII for Warren County and a \$50,000 Planning Grant for Lilly GIFT VIII for a regional collaboration between Warren, Fountain, and Vermillion counties. I will put more about these in the Did You Know? section at the bottom of the e-newsletter. We opened a coffee shop with the help of volunteers giving over 1,000 hours of their time. We applied for and made the finals of a competitive GIFT VIII Grant. We met the match on the unrestricted part of Lilly GIFT VIII and received \$675,000 in match (we are still about \$40,000 short on meeting the 1:1 match for the operating endowment but we have 2025 to complete this). We applauded Warren County LEDO as they made the Final Four in the Stellar Pathways program through OCRA. We partnered with CAPWI and other to successfully implement a \$125,000 grant from the Clinton Foundation for the Too Small to Fail Early Literacy Program. Then, just this week, we learned that we are one of 30 Community Foundations from around the state to receive a competitive GIFT VIII Grant!! There were 90 original submissions. This work started in January with the concept paper due in April. In the summer, we learned that we made the finals, and the final grant application was submitted in early September. This week we found out that our regional proposal for the Wabash River Blueway in Warren, Fountain, and Vermillion counties received a \$3 million dollar grant!!!! Work will start right away. Click [here](#) for the press release from Warren County. Click [here](#) for the overall press release from Lilly Endowment. Further down in the e-newsletter, I will explain 2 of the projects that we will start in January, and we need your help!! Thank you so much for all of the support you have given us this year. We could not do what we do without each and every one of you. The collective impact of everyone working together to make our communities great is motivating and inspirational. Thank you all so much. If you know others who you think would like to receive these newsletters, please get us their email address or tell them to contact the Foundation at 765-764-1501 or email [michele@warrencountyfoundation.com](mailto:michele@warrencountyfoundation.com).

Sincerely,  
Michele Stucky



# RECENT GRANTS



## FELLURE FAMILY LEGACY FUND AWARDS GRANT TO A BETTER WAY FOOD CO OP

The Fellure Family Legacy Fund at the Foundation gave a grant for \$254 to A Better Way Food Co-Op. This donor advised fund chooses a different local organization each year to donate to. We are pleased to give this money to the Co-Op to help with their holiday needs!



## HOPE SPRINGS RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE MELINDA MCNICHOLS ETCHISON MENTORING FUND

The Foundation awarded Hope Springs with \$2,438 to be used towards training and education expenses for the individuals who need Hope Springs services. We are excited to find out about all the certifications that are earned in 2025!



## SEEGER HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE AMBER KNIPE COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS FUND

The Foundation awarded \$239 to the Seeger Guidance Department to put towards College and Career Readiness activities. The guidance department hosts a few different events throughout the year to help students prepare for the next steps after high school.



## LEARNING CENTER RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE FOUNTAIN-WARREN VFW POST #3318 MEN'S AUXILIARY FUND

Lisa Cruea, director of the Learning Center accepted the check from the Fountain-Warren VFW Post #3318 Men's Auxiliary Fund at the Foundation. Many courses require specific equipment; this scholarship fund payout will go towards these supplies for the Adult Education program.



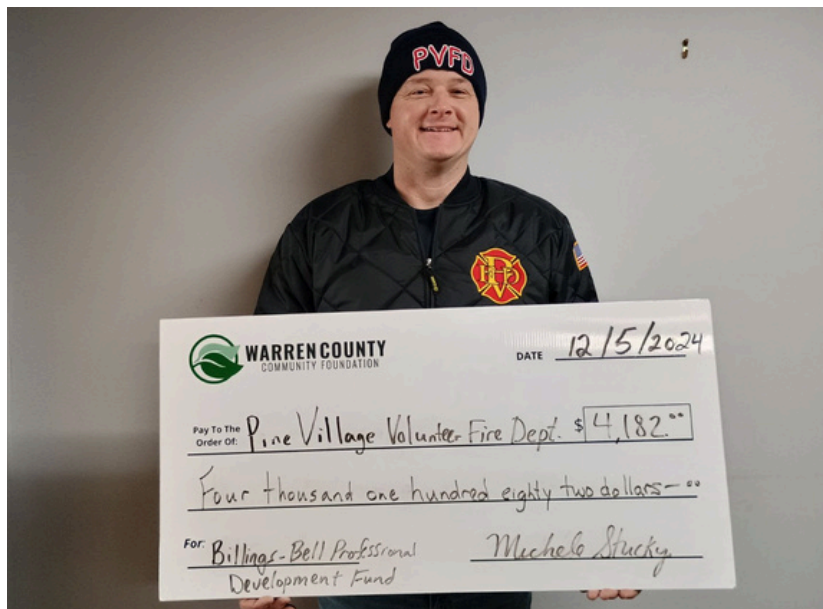
## COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT FOR HEAD START SAFETY KITS

In a previous newsletter we announced that a grant was awarded to the Community Action Program for safety kits. Toni McGowen, the director of CAPWI Head Start accepted the grant check for \$750 this month. We are happy to be able to provide this grant for these kits!



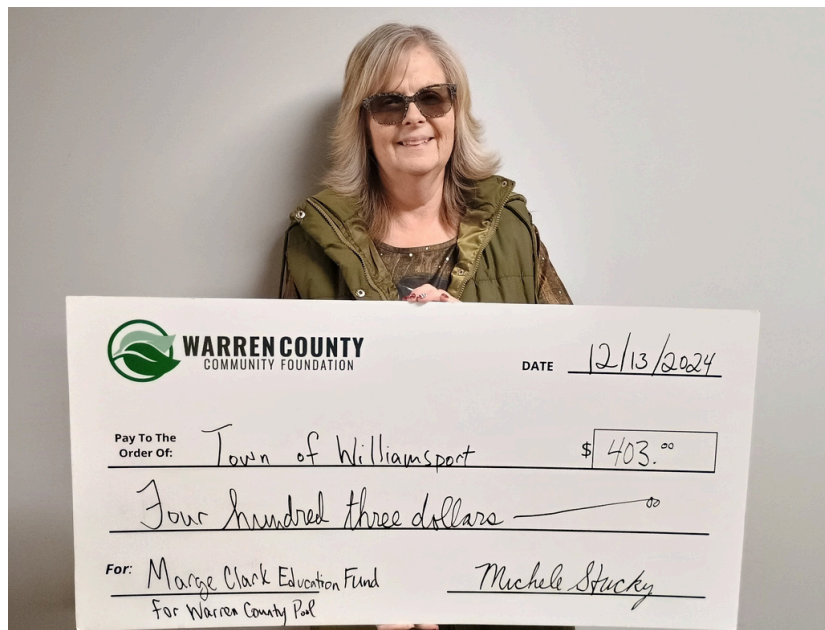
## COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDED TO WILLIAMSPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Foundation awarded all three elementary schools a grant for items including clothes and personal hygiene items for the nurse's office to have available for students. A \$1,500 grant was awarded to Williamsport Elementary School to put towards the items they put in their grant submission!



## **BILLINGS-BELL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS \$4,182 TO PINE VILLAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Foundation is pleased to award this grant to help pay for the expenses associated with the Emergency Medical Responder Certification Course. Over 20 people completed the course and passed the class. The grant went towards instructional materials and consumable training aids. The course was hosted by the Pine Village Volunteer Fire Department and took place at Ascension St. Vincent. Individuals from all fire departments in Warren County were represented.



## **MARGE CLARK EDUCATION FUND AWARDS GRANT TO THE WARREN COUNTY POOL**

Earlier in the year the Marge Clark Education Fund awarded a large grant to the Young Explorers for a drone program leaving \$403 remaining for this year's payout. With the additional money that was remaining, the foundation made a grant from the Marge Clark Fund to go towards the new Warren County swimming pool.



## NEWS & UPDATES

### Thank you Stellar Pathways Team!

This week, the Lt. Governors office announced the winners of Stellar Pathways. The winners were Wabash County and Dearborn County. Copy and paste the link below into your browser for the press release. Everyone on the Warren County Stellar Pathways team and Warren County LEDO worked so hard making it to the Final Four and then spent almost six months working on their Strategic Investment Plan and Presentation. This over 200-page long plan will help lay the groundwork for projects in Warren County in the future. The LEDO office was so appreciative of the almost 800 people who completed the survey, and the people who attended the Open House or one of the work sessions. Everyone learned so much through this process. The LEDO office will be able to work with local government officials to determine individual agencies to apply for grants in 2025 and beyond.

<https://events.in.gov/event/Stellar-Pathways-2024-Designees>



Warren County Common Grounds Coffee Co. will be open today from 7:30-1:30 and 2:30-4:30 and Saturday from 9:00-12:00. This will be your last chance before Christmas to buy a gift or a stocking stuffer from the Coffee Shop. There are several choices of gifts. We have gift certificates in \$5, \$10, and \$20 amount, take n' bake cookies that can be baked at home to eat over Christmas vacation or to take with you to a family gathering. This would even make a fun gift for your cookie loving friends. Next, we have Cold Brew kits. This kit will make 8 cold brews. You get a freshly ground bag of coffee, a cold brew filter with instructions and a house made syrup. Choose from Toasted Marshmallow or Brown Sugar! This would make a really fun gift for your coffee loving friends. Finally, Lacie Butcher the manager is a talented stained glass artist. She has a limited supply of hand-made stained glass sun catchers for sale as well. Stop by this afternoon or tomorrow morning!





# Lights in the Park



Grab your friends, hot cocoa and  
turn on Christmas music to  
enjoy the lights at the  
Williamsport park!



## Opening Hours



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Christmas Eve	Closed
Christmas Day	Closed
26th December	Closed
27th December	7:30-1:30pm, 2:30-4:30pm
28th December	9:00AM- 12:00PM
29th December	Closed
30th December	Closed
New Year's Eve	7:30-1:30pm, 2:30-4:30pm
New Year's Day	Closed







Below you can see what we were up to this year, working towards the Lilly GIFT VIII competitive grant. We learned so much that is going to help us lead a great project over the next five years. We are so grateful for this opportunity and can't wait to connect with our local residents. In the 3rd and 4th slide below, you can see what we will be working on first, and how you can help.

## Lilly GIFT VIII Warren County Planning Grant



Ball State Indiana Communities Institute came to Warren County to teach a placemaking class and a storytelling class



WCCF Director attended two placemaking conferences



HWC created a Trail and Active Transportation Master Plan



We paid for half of a subscription to Placer.AI tool



Purchased Placemaking books, storytelling books, community leadership books, and placemaking online courses

## Lilly GIFT VIII Regional Planning Grant



Warren, Fountain, and Vermillion counties worked with Kimley-Horn to develop a Wabash River Blueway Master Plan. The long-term goals are to create a 74-mile Blueway along the Wabash River going through all of Warren, Fountain, and Vermillion counties. We also want to work towards more launches on Big Pine Creek and the Vermillion River.



# WE NEED YOUR HELP



## January- May 2025



### TRAVELSTORYSGPS

The company's patented, award-winning mobile platform, TravelStorys™, enables location-based organizations to create high-quality, mini-podcast-like audio content about local places and travel routes. The audio launches automatically - hands-free - as travelers approach sites of interest, without the need for cell service or Wi-Fi. Accompanied by an exhibit hall of images, videos, and weblinks, these engaging audio tours are presented collectively on the user-friendly TravelStorys app.

They can also be enjoyed remotely for trip-planning.

**What Warren County stories need to be told? We will get to create 8 stories about Warren County. We will host a meeting where people can give ideas, or can you call 765-764-1501 or email [michele@warrencountyfoundation.com](mailto:michele@warrencountyfoundation.com) to give us ideas!**

## January- March 2025



**This company specializes in creating passports for visiting places. You load a passport onto your phone and can navigate to different attractions. We will highlight art, history, outdoor recreation and local food and drink places in Warren, Fountain, and Vermillion Counties. We want to make sure we don't leave anything out. Watch for a meeting within the next month to help us make our list.**

**If meeting times don't work for you but you want to provide feedback, don't hesitate to call!**

**If you want to look at some other passes that already exist, go to [visitindiana.com](http://visitindiana.com), click on Indiana Passports at the top of the page. There are many to explore and we are excited to make our own.**





# SAVE THE DATE!

## WARREN COUNTY COUNTDOWN TO

# Christmas

*St. Francis Xavier  
Holiday Bazaar*

Saturday, Nov 23 9-11

407 Perry St. Attica

*Homemade waffles, pumpkin rolls,  
pies, breads, desserts, crafts, and more!*

ATTICA MAIN STREET

*Christmas in  
Attica Lit.*

*Kickoff Parade*

2024

DECEMBER 5TH 1-6 PM

ILLIANA ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS:

**CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE**

December 6 and 7, 2024  
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Located at the Illiana Antique Power Association grounds:  
986 West Brisco Road  
Williamsport, IN 47393

Admission is free, but we are accepting donations for the local food pantry!

Join us for an old-fashioned Christmas celebration! Our village will be decorated for Christmas and will be filled with fun activities for the young and old!

Call Cathy for more details!  
(765) 491-1213

*Christmas City*  
in the Village

STARRING JOHN THOMAS & TOMMY OAKS!

A FUNDRAISER BANQUET FOR THE DINING HALL EXPANSION!

Dec 7 6-8 pm	Dec 8 1-3 pm
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Dress up for a NIGHT on the TOWN!  
An Italian-styled dinner  
\$30 per person OR  
\$200 for a Table of 8

Register at [www.hangingrock.org](http://www.hangingrock.org)

*Friends Wreath Decorating*  
Williamspoint Public Library

Saturday, Dec 7th at 10am-1pm

\$50.00 per Wreath

Come and make your own large holiday wreath. We supply the wreath and all the accessories ribbons, decorations, etc.

Fun for one or all the family!  
Wreaths limited. Call for reservation.  
785-782-6555

**SANTA IS RIDING THE FIRE TRUCK TO THE WILLIAMSPORT FIRE STATION**

DECEMBER 7th, 2024  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

FREE Picture with Santa

SILLY SAFARI

GOODIE BAGS AND HOT CHOCOLATE

Sponsored by  
WILLIAMSPORT FIREFIGHTERS AND AUXILIARY  
PHOTOS BY TAM

**Christmas Parade**

December 7th  
6:00

From Downtown  
Williamsport to the Park

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EXTRA SPECIAL OCCASION:  
CELEBRATING ONE YEAR IN THE VILLAGE

**HOHO HOLIDAY**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

NOON-3:00PM

SANTA & MRS. CLAUS  
with **stalph**  
SAT COOKIES, DRINK, COOLA & BEER PLEASE!

**HEART & SOUL FARM**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 09th, 16th, & 23rd -STRETCH & STRENGTHEN

SATURDAY DEC. 14th-STRETCH & STRENGTHEN

THERE ARE ONLY 10 SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR OUR SATURDAY STRETCH AND STRENGTHEN TRADITIONAL ASANA BASED YOGA PRACTICE, TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT PLEASE MESSAGE BELOW, MESSAGE PRIVATELY, OR TEXT IF YOU HAVE MY PERSONAL CELL.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE YOGA PRACTICE OFFERINGS PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE [HTTPS://WWW.HEARTANDSOULFARM.ORG/KSP/YOGA-OFFERINGS](https://www.heartandsoulfarm.org/ksp/yoga-offerings)

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST**

Decorate your space in the most creative and festive way possible to show us your festive spirit!

JUDGING DEC 12

Winners announced Dec 14 at Christmas in Our Town  
sponsored by the PVCCCE

**Merry Christmas**

SANTA IS COMING TO FIVE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS IN OUR TOWN

DECEMBER 14 5:00 PM

TREE LIGHTING - CAROLING  
STORY TIME - CRAFTS  
COOLA & COOKIES  
AND MORE!

MSO of Warren County

**CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

GREENSBORO CHRISTMAS SHOW  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH @ 7PM  
SANTA'S CHRISTMAS TO ME

FIVE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH @ 7PM

WARREN CENTRAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH @ 7PM

WILLIAMSPORT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH @ 7PM

SEEDEN BOND CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH @ 7PM

**Lights in the Park 2024 Williamsport**

We are again seeking businesses, organizations, churches, etc. to show their holiday cheer by putting up displays all around the Williamsport Park. The intent is to create a drive around the park loop of light displays for all to enjoy! Displays will be put up right after Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. Displays can be simple as a tree or as far as your imagination will take you! Installation starts Thanksgiving week.

FOR MORE INFO  
BRIAN JORDAN  
765-376-6067  
9248PUBGMAIL.COM

**CHRISTMAS IN OUR TOWN**

Dec 6 & 7, 10 am - 11 - Decorating Downtown  
Dec 7, 4 pm - Studio 66, PV Bible Church  
Dec 8 & 9 - Christmas in the Village  
Dec 12, 7 pm - PV Elementary Christmas Program  
Dec 13, 6 pm - Christmas in the Village  
Dec 14, 5 pm - Christmas in Our Town  
Dec 15, 6 pm - Christmas in the Village  
Candlelight Services in Five Village  
Dec 22, 8pm - PV Christian Church  
Dec 24, 7 pm - PV Bible Church

Save this calendar to your phone for your Countdown to Christmas guide!



# Inner LIGHT

Please Join us for an anxiety and depression focused support group.

Who:

- Anyone 55+ that is struggling with Anxiety and/or Depression

When:

- The Third Wednesday of each month at 12:00 PM

Where:

- We will meet at the Warren County Learning Center, 26 E 2nd St. Williamsport, IN.



Mental Health Support Case Managers  
765-447-7683  
Nancy Burton - Ext. 272  
Olivia Waugh - Ext. 225

**CHRISTMAS IN OUR TOWN**

**Dec 6 & 7, 10 am - ?? - Decorating Downtown**  
Old Town Hall, Pergola, Caboose, Pine Village

**Dec 7, 4 pm - Studio Go, PV Bible Church**

**Dec 6&7 - Christmas in the Village**  
Illiana Steam and Power Assoc Grounds, Rainsville

**Dec 12, 7 pm - PV Elementary Christmas Program**  
Pine Village Elementary, CR 26 E

**Dec 14, 5 pm -Christmas in Our Town**  
Pergola & Old Town Hall, Pine Village

**Candlelight Services in Pine Village**  
**Dec 22, 6pm,- PV Christian Church**  
**Dec 24, 7 pm - PV Bible Church**

Pine Village Committee for Community Enhancement

## PURDUE EXTENSION WARREN COUNTY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER 2024

- 11 - Office Closed, Veteran's Day
- 19, 21, 26 - Cake Mixers SPARK Club for grades 3-6, 4-6pm
- 21 - 4-H Fair Board & 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm
- 28-29 - Office Closed, Thanksgiving

#### DECEMBER 2024

- 10 - Bi-State Crops Conference @ Beef House
- 24-25 - Office Closed, Christmas
- 31 - Office Closed, New Year's Eve

#### JANUARY 2025

- 1 - Office Closed, New Year's Day
- 13 - Master Gardener Virtual Basic Training Application Due
- 25 - 4-H Foundation Scholarships Due

#### MARCH 2025

- 28-30 - 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend @ Camp Tecumseh

#### JUNE 2025

- 4-6 - 4-H Camp for current grades 3-6



### 2025 Marketplace Open Enrollment

Enroll in health insurance for 2025 on [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov)  
Contact us to schedule an appointment or stop by our event!

**Location:** West Lebanon Public Library - 200 N High St, West Lebanon, IN 47991

**Date/Time:** Monday, December 30th from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

ASPIN's Navigator services are **FREE** to **ALL** Hoosiers! Virtual and in-person appointments available. Find a health plan that best fits **YOUR** budget and **YOUR** needs.

Call us at **877-313-7215**, text **ASPINNAV** to **844-675-0617**, or request an appointment online at [www.aspinhealthnavigator.org](https://www.aspinhealthnavigator.org)

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Open Enrollment Period for the Marketplace has begun! It will be open from November 1st through January 15th. Anyone interested in enrolling will need to do so during this period. Anyone currently with a Marketplace plan will also need to re-enroll for the 2025 plan year!





**Scholarship Application  
now open!  
November 1st-January 18th**



## 2025 Fountain/Warren Counties Social Service Meetings

January 14 - Maggie's Grill, Attica

March 11 - The Beef House, Covington

May 13 - The Learning Center, Williamsport

July 8 - Maggie's Grill

September 9 - The Beef House

November 18 - The Learning Center

MEETINGS ARE FROM 11AM-12:30PM/LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN  
CONTACT NOHEMI LUGO FOR MORE INFORMATION  
NLUGO@YWCALAFAYETTE.ORG



### 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](http://www.ywcalafayette.org) or call (765) 742 4375



eliminating racism  
empowering women  
**ywca**  
Greater Lafayette




# ICE BREAKERS



January 4th  
10am-4pm  
1st-2nd Grade  
Event Coordinator:  
Sabrina Gossett

Registration begins  
Nov 1 at \$20  
Registration after  
Dec 28 is \$30

*NEW Adventures*



[www.hangingrock.org](http://www.hangingrock.org)

# WINTER FEST



JANUARY 17-18  
3RD-5TH GRADE  
EVENT COORDINATOR:  
LUCI BAKER

REGISTRATION BEGINS  
**NOVEMBER 1 AT \$45**  
REGISTRATION AFTER  
**JANUARY 10 AT \$55**




[WWW.HANGINGROCK.ORG](http://WWW.HANGINGROCK.ORG)



# HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT

**FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1**  
EVENT COORDINATOR: DAVE SIMS  
CHECK IN AT 6:00, CHECK OUT AT 4:00

REGISTRATION BEGINS  
NOVEMBER 1 AT \$45

REGISTRATION AFTER  
FEBRUARY 21 IS \$55

[WWW.HANGINGROCK.ORG](http://WWW.HANGINGROCK.ORG)



# JR HIGH WINTER RETREAT

**FEBRUARY 7-8**  
EVENT COORDINATOR:  
KYLE PURDY

- REGISTRATION BEGINS **NOV 1 AT \$45**
- REGISTRATION AFTER **JAN 31 IS \$55**



**CHECK IN AT 6:00, CHECK OUT AT 4:00**

[WWW.HANGINGROCK.ORG](http://WWW.HANGINGROCK.ORG)



BBQ! BIDDING! BINGO! Join us at the URA Seeger Auditorium Foyer on Feb. 1st to play Bingo and raise funds for the Williamsport Backpack Program! Join us early from 5:30-6:30 PM to feast on delicious foods from local trucks, including Dogg Pound, Hoosier Sugar, and Bundt Bites. Peruse silent auction items and make some bids! BINGO starts at 6:30 PM with the first round free! BRING CASH to purchase additional rounds for your chance to win exciting prizes! Don't forget to invite your friends and family for a fundraising night and an opportunity to make a difference in your community!

If you can't attend, but you still want to support the event, you can [donate here!](#) (Must select Backpack option & add desired amount)

Tickets will be available at the door for \$20 adults. All proceeds go to The Williamsport Backpack Program coordinated by Hickman Heights Christian Church.