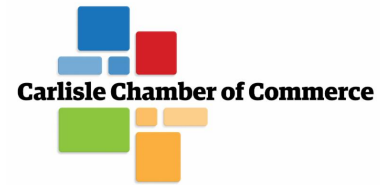




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Congratulations to *Carlisle Hardware* Receiving a WCED Grant

The Journey To Your Vision
November 3, 2025 - Make Your Reservations



September News

WCEDC AWARDS \$20,000 TO LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES



2025 Grant Recipients Pictured Left to Right: Chris & Brandy Werner - Werner's Elite Automotive, Deja Keppler - Savor the Rise, Finch & Marechen Clark - Freebird & Co., Taylor Claypool - Carlisle Hardware, Bethany Grabe - The Haven, Rusti Wood - Muddy Puddles Ice Cream



We're excited to celebrate the winners of the 2025 Warren County Small Business Grant Contest Pitch Off Event!

Six outstanding Warren County businesses earned their share of \$20,000 in grant

funding this year. The annual contest gives both established and start-up businesses the chance to showcase their ideas, gain visibility, and secure resources to fuel their growth. This year's competition highlighted the creativity of local entrepreneurs, the generosity of our investors, and the expertise of our dedicated judges.

Existing Business Awards

1st – [Savor The Rise](#)

2nd – [Werner's Elite Automotive](#)

3rd – [Carlisle Hardware](#)

Start-Up Business Awards

1st – The Haven

2nd – [Muddy Puddles Ice Cream](#)

3rd – [FreeBird & Co](#)

Read more about the winners in this [Independent Advocate](#) article.

A heartfelt thank you to [TruBank – Member FDIC](#) for hosting in their beautiful space, to our judges for sharing their time and insight, and to the WCEDC investors, whose support makes this contest and our many other initiatives possible.

We're proud to support these businesses and can't wait to see the impact they will continue to make as they grow right here in Warren County.



FREE SEMINAR FOR WARREN COUNTY BUSINESSES

Every business faces peaks and valleys on the path to success. Do you know where your business stands and how to move it forward?

Warren County Economic Development, the [Carlisle](#), [Indianola](#), & [Norwalk](#) Chambers, and [Indianola Main Street](#) have joined forces to host this complimentary business growth opportunity right here in Warren County. Join us for this valuable half-day seminar to help stack the odds in your favor by understanding the stages of business growth, their unique challenges, and methods to overcome them.

Led by Joel Bennett of Veel Hoeden Consulting, You'll gain clarity on your business's stage of growth, uncover hidden challenges, learn from other businesses, and walk away with practical strategies to address these barriers head on.

The Journey to Your Vision Seminar
Location: West Hill Brewing Company
Date: November 3rd
Time: 8:15 AM – 1:00 PM
Cost: FREE
Light breakfast & lunch provided
Pre-registration is required

This complimentary session (a \$350 value) is designed for CEOs, business owners/managers, and top decision makers who want clarity, tools, and peer support to help their business/organization grow.

Space is limited so don't delay... **[REGISTER NOW](#)**



SAVE THE DATE: DEC 2, 2025

Economic Impact Celebration & Awards

Mark your calendars for December 2, 2025! Join us for an evening of celebration, connection, and recognition. Bring your family and friends, network with fellow business owners, and be part of a night full of inspiration and community spirit. Business award nomination information as well as registration details coming soon!

APPLICATION NOW OPEN FOR WCLI 2026

Applications are now open for the 2026 Warren County Leadership Institute! Don't miss the chance to develop your leadership

skills and connect with other community leaders. Applications are due December 8, 2025.

APPLY NOW!



WANDER WARREN COUNTY TOURISM

Discover all the fun happening in Warren County! Check out our tourism calendar for events, activities, and experiences for the whole family.

Have an event to share? Add it to the calendar and let the community know—it's a great way to get the word out!



WANDER WARREN COUNTY CALENDAR



WARREN COUNTY
GIFT CERTIFICATES

It's Easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Order ahead in any dollar amount.
2. Pick up at our Indianola office - 110 N. Howard St.
3. Give as a gift that can be spent at any Warren County business. Spends like cash!

Order ahead at **www.wcedc.com**

An initiative of Warren County Economic Development Corp

ORDER CERTIFICATE

Investor News & Events

City of Norwalk Campaigns for a Buc-ee's!

The City of Norwalk is calling on the community, state leaders, and the iconic travel

center chain, Buc-ee's to consider Norwalk, Iowa as the home of the state's very first Buc-ee's location.

Buc-ee's is a large travel center chain known for its clean restrooms, abundant food options and unique merchandise.

The City of Norwalk still needs signatures on their petition! **Help them out by signing the petition!**



New Public Library Coming to Carlisle!

The city of Carlisle has broken ground on a new \$7 million library that will provide more space and learning opportunities for those who use library resources.

The construction comes after nearly 10 years of planning and fundraising efforts. The hard work paid off as ground was broken two weeks ago at the new location. The library is currently located just north of the Carlisle High School football field. The new library will be located on the south side of town near the community pool.



[Read More](#)

Indianola's Group Tourism and Convention Efforts Pay Off!

Next month Indianola will welcome an infusion of visitors, the fruits of a concentrated effort by the Indianola Chamber and its tourism partners to position Indianola as a premier destination for tour groups, meetings, and group events.

What began with the creation of the Experience Indianola tourism brand and a deep dive into the community's unique tourism assets has quickly grown into a thriving opportunity for group tourism and events.



[Read More](#)

Big Upgrades Coming to Hartford City Park!

Beginning Wednesday, September 24th the City Park in Hartford will be closed for construction. The City & Hometown Pride Committee are kicking off a revitalization project with repainting, repairs and more!

[Stay up to date on the Hartford Happenings facebook page!](#)

 **CITY PARK** 
CLOSED
starting Sept. 24!

Big upgrades are coming!

The City & Hometown Pride Committee are kicking off a revitalization project—repainting, repairs & more.



Please respect barriers & caution tape for everyone's safety.



No set completion date yet—we'll keep you updated!

Parents: remind your kids the park is off-limits during construction.

Thanks for your patience while we make the park even better! ✨



Peoples Company Bi-Monthly Webinar Series

In the September edition of Landowner Insights, Elizabeth Burns-Thompson of Modern Ag Alliance and Katie Hall, Senior Director of Advocacy at the Iowa Soybean Association, will join the discussion to provide insight on MAHA initiatives and the potential impact for farmland owners.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

BI-MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES

LANDOWNER INSIGHTS Webinar
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Director of Capital Markets, Peoples Company

 **Elizabeth Burns-Thompson**
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Join us tomorrow!
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
2:00 PM CT

Middlebrook Agrihood's Fall Fest

Join Middlebrook Agrihood's Fall Fest on October 4th from 10am-2pm for food, drinks, market and music! All ages are welcome!

[LEARN MORE](#)

MIDDLEBROOK AGRIFOOD'S
FALL FEST
ON THE FARM GROUNDS

FOOD • DRINKS • MARKET • MUSIC

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OCTOBER
10AM-2PM

FOOD & DRINK
KIDNEY COTTAGE • BERRY & BEAN • THE MOOSE
GENERAL DEPT. (FARMER'S MARKET) • FINE'S BUTTER CREAM
WALSH'S DELICIOUS & FARM

LIVE MUSIC: JOSHUA VINCIGUERRA

KIDS ACTIVITIES

MIDDLEBROOKFARM.COM

Warren County Women's Mentoring Event

We were thrilled to attend the Warren County Chambers Women's Mentoring Event last Thursday! Keynote speaker Lisa Even shared insights on "Joy is My Job" and how to bring more joy into everything you do. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with business owners from across Warren County and learn about some exciting new developments happening throughout the area.



[VIEW PHOTOS FROM THE EVENT](#)



**Passionate about Warren County Growth?
Become an investor today and support the work of Warren County
Economic Development Corp. to GroWARRENow!**

Every initiative we have, every dollar we are able to pass along to businesses, and every minute we spend working to grow our incredible county is made possible with the support of our investors. Consider making a pledge today!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Chamber Members Monthly Calendar

**You will be receiving a monthly Calendar each Monday with
all up-dated information. So watch for any changes or
additions that may occur. Hope this will help you to keep
updated on all Chamber events.**

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