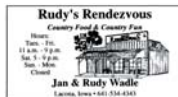




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Warren County Growth

Good things are happening even in tough economic times and Warren County and its communities have been able to move forward with economic development projects.

The City of Carlisle has seen new construction despite the recent economic decline. The Carlisle Center for Wellness has added a new 22 unit wing for Assisted Living, the Carlisle School is completing \$9 million worth of improvements, Peoples Bank is building a new facility and a new building to house antique tractors has been erected. In addition, James Oil Company built a new facility recently to house all of their equipment plus new offices and TMC Auto Body moved to Carlisle from Des Moines and built a new Body Shop. Carlisle has also secured Federal Stimulus funds for street improvements that will be used for S. First Street.

The City of Norwalk has experienced steady growth and made positive investments in the community. The city completed its new branding/marketing effort and has a new city logo that can be found on all official mailings, publications and other city materials. Norwalk is currently constructing a new public works facility at the southwest corner of North Avenue and R57. The facility will be the new home of Norwalk Public Works department as well as Norwalk School Districts busing operations. The facility is scheduled to be completed in June 2011. Norwalk was also able to secure \$300,000 in IJOBS funding for storm water improvements in the Orchard Hills development. As of November 2, 2010 Norwalk has seen 61 new homes built or currently in construction this year.

The City of Indianola is committed to a quality of life and is working to that vision. The VanWall Motor Sports building is nearing completion at the corner of 65/69 and 92. Market-link is opening and adding over fifty new jobs to the community and Little Caesar's is coming to town. Thiesen's Farm Products has begun their dirt work south of Noble Ford. The planning committee for a new wellness center and YMCA are moving forward with plans to have a facility in place in the near future. Work continues on the community outdoor amphitheater. Simpson College is adding to the Blank Performing Arts Center, the home of the Des Moines Metro Opera and is planning a new student center as the heart of the campus.

Warren County Developments

2010 WCLI Class

2011 Warren County Leadership Institute Schedule
(subject to change)

Session 1	January 6, 2011
Session 2	January 20, 2011
Session 3	February 3, 2011
Session 4	February 17, 2011
Session 5	March 3, 2011
Session 6	March 17, 2011
(Bus Tour)	(Bus Tour) March 26, 2011
Session 8	March 31, 2011
Class Project Work Day	April 16, 2010
Graduation	April 28, 2010

Message From WCLI President

As we look forward to the beginning of 2011 we will welcome in the 18th class of the Warren County Leadership Institute. Over this past year we have been hard at work not only recruiting and planning for this 18th WCLI class but also fundraising for projects such as Junior Achievement's Biz Town and Business Horizons.

Applicants for the 18th class of WCLI will range in variety from college students, professors, business professionals and city leaders throughout Warren County. While the class structures have not changed from the past we are constantly looking for new ideas and topics to incorporate into our leadership program. New this year will be a sessions involving cyber security, changing technology as well as fiscal responsibility/budgeting.

Each year the class is asked to identify a need within Warren County and complete a project to help meet those needs for the betterment of Warren County. Last year's class was instrumental in providing and installing new dog exercise/agility equipment at Warren County's off-leash dog park located south of Indianola in Downey Park. The board and class have received many compliments from people utilizing the park for the great effort put in by the class to install the much needed equipment.

As a final note, we are always excited to hear comments and feedback from WCLI alumni so please contact a board member or the WCLI office with your ideas or suggestions. Also WCLI Board always looking for volunteers to help out on the board, with classes, recruitment or fundraising so please feel free to let us know if you have an interest and get involved with our efforts.

Clint Welling (WCLI Class of 2009)

2010 Kent Britten Leadership Award - Kathi Pfeifer

The Kent Britten Memorial Leadership Award was presented to Kathi Pfeifer for her volunteer hours at Kiya Koda animal shelter in Indianola. The award was presented during the Warren County Leadership Institute graduation on Thursday, April 15, 2010. Kathy Pfeifer was honored for the excellent qualities of leadership that she has displayed while serving in Warren County.

Kathi Pfeifer has been serving as President of the Kiya Koda Humane Society for over 20 years and has been volunteering her time to the organization since 1975. She spends the majority of her volunteer time with the animals doing everything from cleaning kennels, cages, and vaccinating, medicating animals to helping families connect with a pet. Kathi has also spent time representing Warren County and its animals at state wide events like the Pet Expo and pet exhibitions. A donation of \$100 dollars has been made in Kathi's name to Kiya Koda to assist with animal care at the shelter.

The Warren County Leadership Institute committee was proud to present the 2010 Kent Britton Memorial Leadership Award to a well-deserving Warren County Resident.

The Kent Britten Memorial Leadership Award is named in honor of Kent Britten, Warren County Leadership Institute Class of 2000 and WCLI Board Member until his death in March 2005. "Kent was a man who was humble and would do anything he was asked. He was an inspiration and magnificent role model for all. He was involved in more volunteer opportunities than most are involved in their entire lifetimes. He had a great passion for life that was obvious and was a major reason for his success. This shows in how he was always giving help to others. Kent made the world a better place to be. We thank God for what he achieved in his short life and that he displayed this with so much class". In memoriam by fellow alumnus Rick Wilson, WCLI Class 1998.



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WCLI Mission:

The mission of the Warren County Leadership Institute is to identify, develop and motivate current and future leaders for Warren County and its communities.

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WCLI Class of 2010 Project

Warren County Leadership Institute Class of 2010 service project is complete at The W.O.O.F. Off Leash Dog Park located in Indianola, IA. On Saturday, May 22, 2010 the dog agility equipment and park benches were installed.



The Indianola Off-Leash Dog Park is the only exclusive dog park in Warren County. The recreational area, situated in Downey Park, is one mile south of the Warren County Fairgrounds at South K Street & West 17th Ave. The park was started from the efforts of the W.O.O.F. committee, a group of volunteers who funded, constructed, maintain



and monitor the park in collaboration with the Indianola Parks & Recreation Department.

"When choosing a service project, our class was impressed by the fact that the dog park is truly a grass-roots effort for a recreational opportunity of this kind," says Misty Soldwisch, class member. "It receives minimal financial support from government resources, and we noted that we all knew of residents from throughout Warren County that benefit from the park."



The Warren County Leadership Institute Class of 2010 would like to thank the following businesses for their generous contribution: WCLI Board, Walmart, Mike Schultz-Farmers Insurance, Cementech, RE/MAX Innovations, Kim Cross-RE/MAX Innovations, Karey Bishop-Iowa Realty, Peoples Bank, Pizza Ranch, Williams Machine Shop, All Creatures Small and the Soldwisch Family.

The Warren County Leadership Institute, formed in 1993, is a program of Warren County Economic Development Corporation (WCEDC) and is an integral part of fulfilling WCEDC's mission. The Warren County Leadership Institute facilitates interactive classroom programs and networking opportunities designed specifically to assist emerging leaders. The WCLI Class of 2010 consists of 16 members from throughout Warren County.

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Warren County Leadership Institute is now on Facebook. Stay informed by becoming a fan of WCLI on Facebook. Social networking is a convenient way to keep up on the latest news in Warren County, along with reconnecting with WCLI Alumni. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Warren-County-Leadership-Institute/200154706927?ref=ts>

The Board of Directors of the Warren County Leadership Institute Cordially invites you and your guest to celebrate the

Graduation of the Class of 2011

Thursday, April 28, 2011
Matthew Simpson Room
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6:00 PM Reception
6:30 PM Dinner and Program

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The favor of your reply is requested by Friday, April 1, 2010 to the Warren County Leadership Institute
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Check out the Warren County Leadership Institute webpage by visiting www.wcedc.com/wcli/. Details about the leadership program, a list of alumni and board members, and information on the Kent Britten Memorial Leadership Award are available on this page. There are also some great WCLI photos!

Fun Facts

Warren County Fun Facts:

- ◆ Norwalk, IA was named most affordable Suburb in Iowa - *March 10, 2010 Business Week*
- ◆ Martensdale-St. Marys new football stadium is home field for the only Iowa Women's Football Team
- ◆ Warren County Philanthropic Partnership has made 114 grants to local organizations and charities. Together these awards have leveraged over \$3,457,780.12 in new projects for Warren County, IA .

- ◆ Warren County is the 4th fastest growing county in Iowa.
- ◆ In 2009 the Summercrest Hills 160 acre Development was announced in Indianola, IA - Warren County.
- ◆ Warren County was named in honor of General Joseph Warren, who died on June 17, 1775 at the Battle of Breed's Hill in the Revolutionary War.

It is what we make of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another.
~Nelson Mandela

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Warren County Leadership Board actively fundraises and continues to support Warren County schools by participating in Junior Achievement of Central IA.

The purpose of Junior Achievement of Central IA is to educate, inspire, and motivate young people to improve the quality of their lives.

Junior Achievement curriculum requires that the students not only learn the content but also the skills needed to apply what they have learned.

2011 Kent Britten Memorial Leadership Award

The Warren County Leadership Institute is looking for the person who best exemplifies leadership in Warren County! Do you know someone who displays exemplary qualities of leadership and strives for a better Warren County through their career, volunteerism, organizational participation, or their everyday life? Nominate him or her for the Kent Britten Memorial Leadership Award. In a one or two page letter include the following:

- ◆ An introduction of the nominee,
- ◆ A description of the nominee's leadership abilities and qualities, and
- ◆ A description of how the nominee uses those abilities for the benefit of Warren County.

Please include your name, address, email address, and telephone number, along with your nominee's name, address, and telephone number. Nominations must be received by Thursday, March 17, 2011. You may complete the nomination form online at <http://www.wcedc.com/WCLI/leadershipaward.asp>, drop off or mail your letter to the WCEDC office, 515 North Jefferson, Suite C, Indianola, 50125 or email your letter to wcedc@mchsi.com.

Congratulations to last year's recipient, Kathi Pfeifer of Indianola, who was presented the Kent Britten Memorial Leadership Award for the excellent qualities of leadership that she displays while serving Warren County.

The 2011 award will be presented during the graduation ceremony of class of the Warren County Leadership Institute on Thursday, April 16, 2011.

"Why chose failure when success is an option"

Author Unknown