

LOCAL SCENE

Thursday, Dec. 20

- W8 Watchers meeting at 107 W. Walton, University of Missouri Extension Center, Warrenton. Weigh-in begins at 5 p.m. and the meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.
- Wright City R-II School Board meets at 6:30 p.m., at the central office in Wright City.
- Warrenton Lions Club, 7 p.m., at 601 Fairgrounds Road in Warrenton.
- Deerfield's on Main Pickin' and Grinnin' Jam Session, 5-9 p.m.
- Pitch the Keys and Girls' Night Out at the Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6 p.m. Register online, stop by the branch or call 636-456-3321.

• Story night at Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 6 p.m. RSVP today. Call 636-944-6100, stop by the branch or register online.

Friday, Dec. 21

- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meets at Warren County Senior Center, 501 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, from 8-9 p.m. For more information, call 636-970-0013 at Tri-County Intergroup or email tri-countyaa@gmail.com.
- Live music at Deerfield's on Main, Class Act will perform, 6-9 p.m.
- 16th Annual ornament making at the Library hosted by Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 22

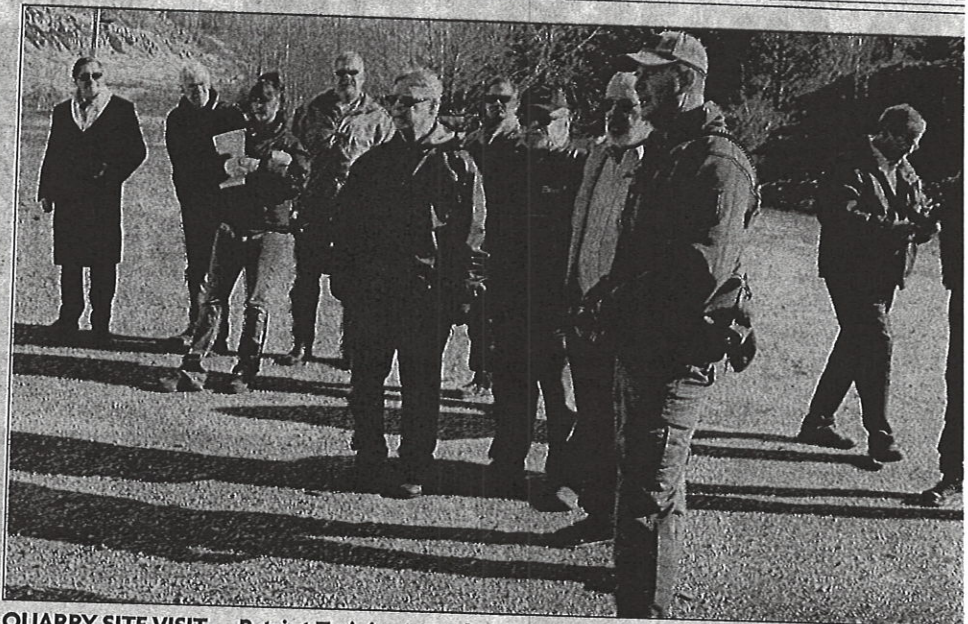
- Live music at Deerfield's on Main, RajaBlu will perform, 6-9 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 23

- Deerfield's on Main Pickin' and Grinnin' Jam Session, noon-4 p.m.
- "All About the Baby" musical hosted by Fellowship Baptist Church, 1015 S. State Highway 47, Warrenton, 10:45-11:45 a.m.
- Smith Creek United Methodist Church will have its Christmas program, "The King's Birthday," Sunday, December 23, 2018, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Fellowship and refreshments will follow. The church is located 11 miles southwest of Warrenton on Highway U. All are welcome.

Monday, Dec. 24

- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meets at Warren County Senior Center, 501 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, from 8-9 p.m. For more information, call 636-970-0013 at Tri-County Intergroup or email tri-countyaa@gmail.com.
- Candlelight Christmas Eve service at College United Methodist Church, 701 E. Main St., Warrenton, contemporary service 5 p.m. and traditional service 11 p.m.
- Sunrise United Methodist Church, 70 Bell Road, Wright City, hosting Christmas Eve service, 4 p.m.



QUARRY SITE VISIT — Patriot Training Foundation President Keath Hausher, front, on Dec. 11 features of a training site and shooting range in the BMC Stone quarry south of Warrenton. W are members of the Warren County Commission and other visitors.

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the quarry and further away in Innsbrook Resort strongly opposed the CUP for Patriot Training Foundation, saying a shooting range would be a noise nuisance and safety risk, among other concerns. After the CUP was initially approved by county planning and zoning officials, opponents protested to the commission for an appeal.

Commissioners declined to rescind the CUP Monday, choosing instead to tighten restrictions on when Patriot Training Foundation will be allowed to shoot.

The total number of days per year the organization can shoot in the quarry was set at 40, down from a requested 60. That can only include five Saturdays, and never any Sundays or holidays.

Daily shooting hours were cut in half to 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., compared to the 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours on the initial CUP. Commissioners left in place an allowance for six late-evening and two overnight shooting days per year.

Also carrying over from the

initial CUP are a restriction on the size of ammunition allowed, prohibitions on automatic weapons and explosives, and a requirement that all trainees be associated with a military or law enforcement agency.

"Some (people) are going to be happy with our decision. Some are not going to be happy. That can't be helped," said Presiding Commissioner Roger Mauzy.

The three-person county commission was split in its support for the CUP. Mauzy and Southern District Commissioner Hubie Kluesner voted to approve, indicating they were satisfied with the restrictions placed on shooting operations. Northern District Commissioner Dan Hampson dissented, on the grounds that a shooting range could hurt the enjoyment or value of surrounding property.

Mauzy observed that anyone still dissatisfied with the commission's decision has a right to bring the issue to Warren County Circuit Court. There's a chance some will take that step.

"What about the rights of the Warren County citizens living around the quarry?" property owner Ed Anderson later commented to *The Record*. Anderson owns land nearby on

Quarry Road and is a vocal critic of the plan. He said some are considering action to overturn the plan.

Anderson pointed out around 100 people have expressed their opposition at a public hearing for the shooting range. "It's a shame, he said, that the commission is not listening to property owners and citizens to consider their personal money to support their own government."

Jeffrey Thomsen, president of the Village of Innsbrook, said the village remains in solidarity with the county and opposed to the shooting range.

"I thought the commission made some effort to try to make a promise. They did tighten restrictions somewhat," Thomsen noted. "But the public support feels there should be a shooting range at all."

Patriot Training Foundation has been running projects at the quarry since 2010. The quarry was halted earlier this year after the organization learned the CUP is required to open up outdoor shooting range organization offers special training that police and other agencies might not have to because of limited funding resources.