**Local Scene**

**Thursday, Dec. 6**
- Warren Area School District: 60th Annual Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, LeRoy, Warren, Washtenaw County
- Blue Water Church of Christ: 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., Warren, Macomb County
- Warren City Library: 1:30 p.m., Warren, Wayne County
- Warren Community Center: 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., Warren, Macomb County
- Warren Chamber of Commerce: 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., Warren, Macomb County
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**Friday, Dec. 7**
- Middle School Parent Group: 7:00 p.m., Warren, Macomb County
- Warren Area Chamber of Commerce: 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., Warren, Macomb County
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**Saturday, Dec. 8**
- VJBA Annual Dinner: 6:00 p.m., Warren, Macomb County
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**Sunday, Dec. 9**
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**Monday, Dec. 10**
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**Tuesday, Dec. 11**
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**Wednesday, Dec. 12**
- Warren Area Chamber of Commerce: 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., Warren, Macomb County
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**Bridge**

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The bridge has many benefits for residents in the region. "All of the children who go to Washington (school) in Warren County or other schools in the region can travel safely," he said. "The workforce can travel safely as well," he commented.

Kluenser added that the bridge not only connects Warren and Washtenaw counties, it also links the major state highways of Interstate 70 and Interstate 44.

"This is a regional bridge — it connects 44 and 70," Kluenser said. "Adding the bridge could facilitate new industrial jobs on both sides of the river." The MoDOT Director Patrick McKenna said the bridge will serve as a "vital piece" of the infrastructure in the state. This is a special day for us," said McKenna. "From the economy of children in Washington to the people who pay in gas taxes that go to Washington, D.C., this is a partnership." Franklin County Presiding Commissioner Jim Brinkler said the opening of the bridge fulfills a promise to the community.

A promise that reflects Missouri's commitment, Franklin and Warren counties' commitment to their future, children and generations to come," he said. "Billions of dollars in materials, millions of people and vehicles will surely cross this bridge with the promise of what lies ahead economically, socially and psychologically." Zick recognized the students who participated in penny drives to raise money for the bridge.

In 2010, children from schools presented about $1 million to the Missouri Department of Transportation, which funded the project.

**Homicide**

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Police in Warren County are investigating the death of a man found in a field off Eureka Road on Monday.

Daniel Russell
Authorities were called to the scene on Monday morning after a passerby found the body of a man who had been shot to death.

Russell, 32, was pronounced dead at the scene. The Warren County Coroner's Office said the cause of death was a gunshot wound.

Russell was last seen alive in the city of Warren on Saturday night. He had left his home to go to a nearby bar, but never returned.

A police investigation is underway to determine the circumstances surrounding Russell's death. Anyone with information about the case is urged to call the Warren County Sheriff's Office at 734-776-5100.