

LOCAL SCENE

BRIDGE

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Thursday, Dec. 6

- Alzheimer's Support Group for caregivers, meeting, 1 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 950 S. State Highway 47, Warrenton.
- Marine Corps League Detachment 1393, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge in Warrenton.
- W8 Watchers meeting, 107 W. Walton, extension center, Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.
- Warrenton Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., administration building, Warrenton.
- Warrenton Lions Club, 7 p.m., 601 Fairgrounds Road, Warrenton.
- Hatha Yoga, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.
- Deerfields on Main Pickin' and Grinnin' Jam Session, 5-9 p.m.
- Grief group meeting, Martin Funeral Home, Warrenton, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 7

- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, senior center, 501 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, 8-9 p.m.
- Live music at Deerfields on Main, 6-9 p.m.
- Cedar Lake Cellars movie night, 6 p.m., 11008 Schreckengast Road, Wright City.

Saturday, Dec. 8

- Smoky G and Aaron Acoustic, Downtown Pub and Grill, 8 p.m.-12 a.m.
- Immanuel United Church of Christ, Wright City, Clothing Sale and Flea Market, 8 a.m. until noon.

Sunday, Dec. 9

- Warriors' Journey Home, a support group for veterans and their loved ones, 2 p.m., BridgeWay Behavioral Health Center, 1206 East Veterans Memorial Parkway.
- Deerfields on Main Pickin' and Grinnin' Jam Session, noon-4 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 10

- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, 701 E. Main St., Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, senior center, 501 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, 8-9 p.m.
- Artisan Guild meeting, 12:30-2 p.m., College Methodist Church.
- Wright City Lions Club, 7-10 p.m.
- Warren County Health Department Holiday Wellness Luncheon, 101 Mockingbird Lane, Suite 100, Warrenton, noon-1 p.m.
- Warrenton Elks Lodge bingo, 6:30 p.m., 1102 East Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

- Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting, chamber office, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- OLB Threshers Association meeting, Agricultural Heritage Museum, 7:30 p.m.
- Innsbrook Board of Trustees meeting, village hall, 5 p.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), 5:15 p.m., Grace Bible Church, 25445 S. Highway 47, Warrenton.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, library, Warrenton, 10 a.m.
- Chicks With Sticks: crochet or knitting lessons, library, Warrenton, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, senior center, 501 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, 8-9 p.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), 9 a.m., First Baptist Church, 104 Hedeman, Wright City.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, library, Wright City, 10 a.m.
- Truesdale Board of Aldermen, 5:30 p.m., city hall.
- Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton Hot Chocolate Happy Hour, 5-7 p.m.
- OATS Transportation Committee meeting, 11:30 a.m., Denny's, Warrenton.
- Warrenton Elks Lodge bingo, 10 a.m., 1102 East Veterans Memorial Parkway.
- Wright City, city hall open house, 6:30 Westwoods Road, 4-6 p.m.

bridge has many benefits for residents in the region.

"All of the children who go to Washington (schools) — Washington High School, (St. Francis) Borgia (Regional), or any other schools — can travel safely," he said.

Kluesner added residents of Warren County can more easily access medical care at Mercy Hospital Washington.

"The workforce can travel safely back and forth," he commented.

Kluesner noted the bridge not only connects Warren and Franklin counties, it also links the major state arteries of Interstate 70 and Interstate 44.

"This is a regional bridge — it connects 44 and 70," Kluesner said, adding the bridge could facilitate new industrial jobs on both sides of the river.

MoDOT Director Patrick McKenna said the bridge will serve as a "vital piece" of infrastructure in the state.

"This is a special day for us," said McKenna, "From the pennies from children in Washington to the pennies people pay in gas taxes that go to Washington, D.C., this is a partnership."

Franklin County Presiding Commissioner Tim Brinker said the opening of the bridge fulfills a promise to the community.

"A promise that reflects Missouri's commitment, Franklin and Warren counties' commitment and the city of Washington's commitment to our region's future, our children and generations to come," he said. "Billions of dollars in materials, millions of people and vehicles will surely cross this structure 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 2012, children from schools presented about \$1 in pennies to the Missouri 1 way Commission members met in Washington.

"What a community — even the children help pay the bridge," Zick joked.

Causeway

According to Kluesner, that the new bridge is in p focus should be shifted to the north of the Missouri R where flooding has shut d access to Warren County.

"As a community we i to figure out a way to keep bridge open, even if the l souri River goes on a rampa he said.

Preliminary plans call fo elevated roadway that coul low access between Wash ton and Warren County du major flooding like that w occurred in May 2017.

In June, Kluesner and Bo slick Regional Planning C mission (BRPC) Execu Director Chad Eggen met v the transportation commi to discuss their plans to s BUILD (Better Utilizing vestments to Leverage De opment) grants to connect bridge through low-lying la in southern Warren Cou during flooding.

For more than two days May 2017 there was no conn tion to the bridge. The situat could be more dire if the le near Treloar would break.

About 13,000 people cre the Missouri River bridge da including 600 children on t north side of the bridge who tend classes in Washington.

A causeway would carry vel cles and pedestrians. The BR has ranked as a "high priorit within the region.

In July, the Washington Ar Transportation Committ agreed to submit a letter bac ing the plan to seek BUIL grant funding for the project.

HOMICIDE

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was taken into custody early Tuesday morning at his home in Warrenton with the help of the U.S. Marshals Service. Russell was taken into custody by Lincoln County deputies the same morning, just prior to his release from a Department of Corrections facility in Tipton. He was incarcerated there for an unrelated offense, authorities said.

In charging documents, authorities allege that Russell and Harrell murdered Owens because Russell believed Owens had "snatched" to law en

later that night, he reportedly burned his clothes and took a bath. A witness claimed to have seen possible blood spatter on Russell's face.

Authorities said the vehicle Harrell and Russell traveled in was left in the possession of two unidentified men and has never been found.

After Owens' body was discovered, a gun identified as the murder weapon was recovered from a creek at the crime scene charging documents state. A St. Louis County crime lab confirmed the firearm matched five



Daniel Russell