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outer roads via roundabouts, which have earned some positive comments and some grumbling. City staff hope access from the interchange to the Shoppes at Warrensburg mall and other developments along I-70 will spur economic growth and new development in future years.

Schnucks comes to Warren. One of the most prominent grocery chains in the St. Louis area opened its first store in Warren County at the corner of Highway 47 and Veterans Memorial Parkway. The 37,700-square-foot store is smaller than many other Schnucks, but it is one of the largest grocery stores in the area. Schnucks named its plaza Bent Oak Crossing, inspired by a Native American trail marking tree that was left standing when the property was cleared.

Megan Gross. A tragedy mourned by the Warren County community and beyond, high school senior Megan Gross was killed in a motor vehicle crash Sept. 17. Another student in the vehicle was taken to the hospital. Students at schools throughout the region wore red to pay tribute to Megan. Her teammates on the Warrenian warriors volleyball team honored her memory all the way to their first conference championship in 40 years.

Library renovation. The Warren County Special Library branch closed for two months for a renovation and expansion. The new interior has room for gatherings and a number of added amenities.

Doctor arrested. Doctor Philip Dean was sentenced to 40 months in prison for illegally distributing opioid medications and making a false statement to Medicare. Federal prosecutors said Dean provided drugs to women he was having relationships with and tried to cover up his actions.

WRIGHT CITY

City sells water utilities, buys land for park. Wary of major costs looming on the horizon, Wright City government officials asked citizens to approve the sale of the city's water and sewer utilities to a neighboring district. The Public Water Supply District 2 of St. Charles County purchased the utilities for $10.5 million.

Wright City used $1.2 million of that income to buy 62 acres of land on Westwood Road for a future park, just north of two Wright City schools. Plans for the new park are under development.

First library. Wright City got its first library with the construction of a Scenic Regional Library branch adjacent to West Elementary School. It offers 16,000 books and electronic media items, along with a host of programs and space for activities or study.

Strassenbahn move. The annual Strassenbahn Festival moved to a new location, changed parade routes and got a fresh logo in 2018. The festival moved to the Wright City Lions Club, where organizers say there will be space for more attractions.

City hall. More than a year in the making, Wright City put a new city hall building into operation at the beginning of December. Renovation of a former church into the government office was done with bond money approved by voters in 2016.

Firefighters deliver baby. A crew of Wright City firefighters helped bring baby Greyson Schuster into the world when they arrived at a medical call ahead of Lincoln County Ambulance. Greyson was born almost three months premature. He and his family visited firefighters two months after delivery to let them know the baby was doing well.

Seven-year water bill. A Wright City water customer was billed $6,700 for seven years of unpaid water service. The resident had called to report a service problem, leading city staff to discover that the water was still on in the home on Highway 1. He was supposed to be billed known German history festival was put to an end after 36 years. The festival at Luxemburg Farm, which celebrated the history and culture of 10th-century settlers, was ended because of a lack of volunteers and decreased attendance.

Treloar Mercantile. A historic store and bank in Treloar opened its doors for visitors to take a trip to the past. The building was restored to preserve it as a piece of architectural history. Treloar Mercantile and Bank is open for viewing on certain occasions or for special events.

Lawsuit settled. City officials and a former clerk settled a wrong termination lawsuit. Neither side admitted any wrongdoing in the firing of clerk Carla Ayala (formerly Carla Heggenmann). A statement from the city called the lawsuit "a misunderstanding."

TRUESDALE

Brueer Park. City officials in Truesdale bought land at Laura Street for the town's first public park. The ground played host to the second annual Railroad Days community festival. A pavilion is currently under construction.

Mailbox negotiations. Residents and representatives in Truesdale claimed success in a prolonged dispute with the U.S. Postal Service. Residents of the Heritage Hills subdivision had to fight for the post office to allow them to place mailboxes in front of their homes, rather than the subdivision entrance.

WARREN COUNTY

Commission sues collector. The Warren County Commission is in a legal dispute with County Collector Julie Schamber over whether the commission can waive tax bill late fees. The conflict arose when a taxpayer sought relief from a $93 late fee, which Schamber refused to waive even after ordered by the commission.

Although the Franklin County Associate Circuit Judge David Hovven gave a preliminary order in favor of the commission, no final ruling has been issued. The legal fight will spill over into the next year.
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