

LOCAL SCENE

Thursday, Feb. 7

- 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., at the administration building, Warrenton.
- Warrenton Lions Club, 7 p.m., 601 Fairgrounds Road, Warrenton.
- Grief group meeting, Martin Funeral Home, Warrenton, 6 p.m.
- Hatha Yoga, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.
- Teen book to movie club, Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 6-7 p.m.
- Live music at Deerfields on Main, 5 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 8

- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, senior center, 501 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, 8-9 p.m.
- Cedar Lake Cellars, Boots, Blue Jeans and Boogie, 7-10 p.m.
- Painting for a Cause, Warren County R-III counselors and Art Department, Warrenton High School Band Room, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- Live music at Deerfields on Main, 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9

- Live music at Deerfields on Main, 6-9 p.m.
- Teddy Bear Tea Party, Wil Heigler Activity Building, 10 a.m.-noon.
- Valentine's Dinner and Dance, Holy Rosary Activity Center, 6 p.m.
- Warren County Fair Annual 3D Dance, Wright City Lions Club, 678 Westwoods Road, Wright City, happy hour 6 p.m.
- Royal Princess Tea Party, Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Live music at Downtown Pub and Grill, 101 West Booneslick Road, Warrenton, 8 p.m.
- Live music at Deerfields on Main, 6-9 p.m.
- Annual sweethearts breakfast, Pauldingville Lodge 11, 101 N. Elm St., Wright City, 6-11 a.m.
- Immanuel United Church of Christ, Wright City, clothing bag sale and flea market, 8 a.m. until noon.

Sunday, Feb. 10

- Warriors' Journey Home, a support group for veterans and their loved ones, 2 p.m., Bridgeview Behavioral Health Center, 1206 East Veterans Memorial Parkway.
- Holy Rosary Parish Redemptorist Missionaries, Holy Rosary Church, 7 p.m.
- Valentine Dance, Warrenton Lions Club Hall, 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 11

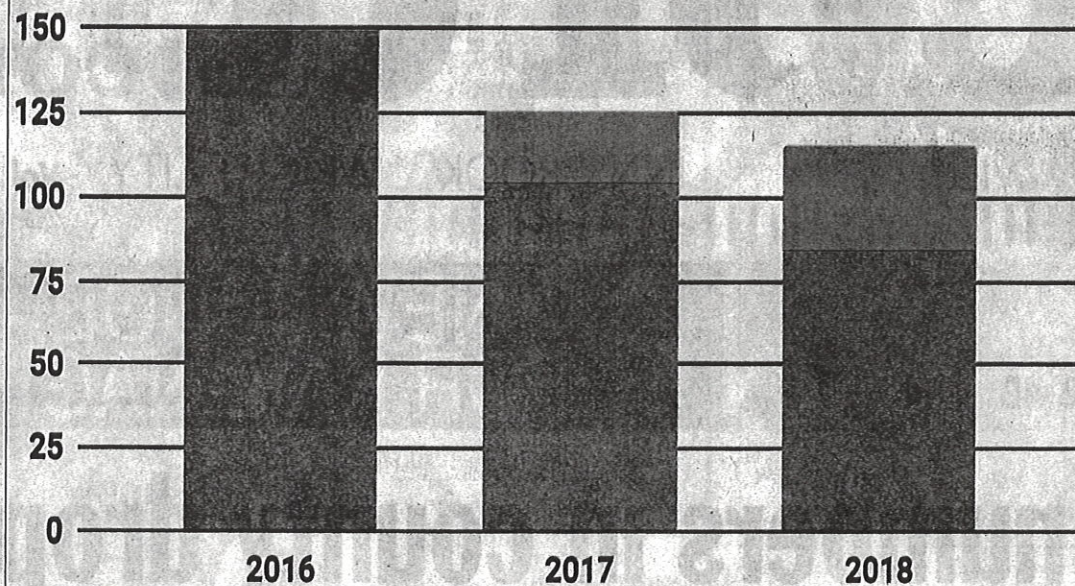
- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, 701 E. Main St., Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, senior center, 501 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, 8-9 p.m.
- Artisan Guild meeting, 12:30-2 p.m., College Methodist Church.
- Wright City Lions Club, 7-10 p.m.
- A sweet for your Valentine, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 3:15 p.m.
- Holy Rosary Parish Redemptorist Missionaries, Holy Rosary Church, 7 p.m.
- Warrenton Elks Lodge bingo, 6:30 p.m., 1102 East Veterans Memorial Parkway.
- Pre-planning for Emergencies, Warren County Ambulance District, county health department, 101 Mockingbird Lane, Suite 100, Warrenton, 12-1 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.), 5:15 p.m., Grace Bible Church, 25445 S. Highway 47, Warrenton.
- Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, chamber office, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Old Threshers Association meeting, Agricultural Heritage Museum, 7:30 p.m.
- Innsbrook Board of Trustees meeting, Village hall, 5 p.m.
- Story time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 10 a.m.
- Chicks With Sticks, crochet or knitting lessons, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 1 p.m.
- Cocaine Anonymous, 116 South Main St., Bellflower, 5:45 p.m.
- Chick Flick and Chocolate Bar, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.
- Holy Rosary Parish Redemptorist Missionaries, Holy Rosary Church, 7 p.m.

Narcan doses administered

■ Ambulance districts ■ Police and fire agencies



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deputies, four jail detention officers and one detective. More officers would be hired in future years, when the budget shows those positions can be sustained.

"I don't want to try to grow things too fast. The recruitment to find four deputies and a detective, to hire them, to train them ... that's going to be a busy year," Harrison said.

Purchases of patrol vehicles, along with repairs, upgrades and other costs at the county jail, represent over \$300,000 in other spending increases over last year.

Total revenue for the sheriff's department in 2019 is projected to be \$4.7 million, up \$1.2 million from last year. The increase from Prop P is slightly offset by a scaling back of funding from Warren County's general revenue.

The Warren County Commission plans to transfer \$490,000 from its general revenue fund,

which pays for most day-to-day operations other than law enforcement. Last year's transfer of \$755,000 was far above average and not sustainable, officials at the time said.

Harrison explained that part of the objective for the new Prop P funding is to stabilize general revenue transfers to an average close to \$490,000.

Overall, Harrison said he is pleased with the progress the sheriff's department is making thanks to the goodwill of voters.

"The (Prop P) vote was a huge vote of confidence, and we have to live up to the trust that the public gave us."

County budget up \$2 million

The 2019 budget approved by the Warren County Commission totals more than \$19.4 million in spending, an increase of \$2.2 million from last year. Most of that increase is accounted for by the new funding for the sheriff's department.

Presiding Commissioner Joe Gildehaus said most county employees are get-

ting a small raise this year, and that health insurance costs continue to rise.

Also this year, the county will begin paying off a \$3.6 million loan to build more jail housing within the county courthouse building. Sheriff's department offices are being moved to the basement of the court building so that housing for around 50 additional inmates can be added to the main level.

There is \$5 million budgeted for county road and bridge work this year, with another \$1.7 million set aside for building and grounds maintenance.

The county estimates that its total revenue this year from taxes, service fees and payments from other government agencies will be \$15.7 million, according to budget documents.

Although budgeted spending is higher than revenue, Warren County typically does not spend its entire budget, and several million dollars stay in reserve for the next year. Even if the county spent its entire \$19.4 million budget, \$1.2 million would remain in the county's reserves.