

St. Paul's U.C.C. sausage dinner, 103 S. Second St., Marthasville, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 25

• 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.

• Wright City Lions Club, 7-10 p.m.

• Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6:30 p.m.

• Warrenton Elks Lodge bingo, 6:30 p.m., 1102 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), 5:15 p.m. Grace Bible Church, 25445 S. Highway 47, Warrenton.

• Wright City Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Wil Helliger Activity Building, Wright City.

• 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 S. Maine St., Bellflower, 5:45 p.m.

• Tom Bass, "The Horse Whisperer," Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6 p.m.

• Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast, St. Paul's U.C.C., 103 S. Second Street, Marthasville, 6:30-8 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

• 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, Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 10 a.m.

• Truesdale Board of Aldermen, 5:30 p.m., city hall.

• OATS Transportation Committee meeting, 1 p.m., Nutrition Center, 201 Ashland Ave., Warrenton.

• Take a Ticket technology tutor, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

• Warrenton Elks Lodge bingo, 10 a.m., 1102 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway.

• A Novel Book Club, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 2 p.m.

• Marthasville Elementary PTG Dine to donate, Cori's Twin Gables, Marthasville, 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

BackStoppers fundraiser for the first time this year to remember her father, Deputy Lonnie Cole, who was killed on duty in 2003. Cole is one of three Warren County officers remembered every year at the BackStoppers event.

"This is the first time I've been able to get myself to come," said Becky, who came with her husband, Mark Pruett. She told the gathered BackStoppers supporters the three things she remembers about the day her father died on duty.

"There was a knock on the door, and some police officers were saying that my dad wasn't here anymore. That was really hard," she described, fighting back tears. "The second thing I remember was a really long funeral procession with a lot of police cars, ambulances and fire trucks, and meeting what felt like a million faces. 'Taps' playing at his funeral, and 'Amazing Grace.'"

"The third thing I remember is BackStoppers saying 'We are here for you,' and that meant a lot. So thank you so much for everyone being here... for future families who have to go through this, so it's not as difficult as it would be."

The other officers honored every year at BackStoppers are Warren County deputy and Hawk Point Police Chief Paul Fricke, and Truesdale police officer Vernon Seals.

After the closing of a silent auction and a lively oral auction, attendees at the BackStoppers event

DAUGHTER OF FALLEN OFFICER SPEAKS — Becky Trammell-Pruett, daughter of Warren County Deputy Lonnie Cole, delivers an emotional remembrance of the support her family received after her father died while on duty in 2003. She spoke at the 2019 BackStoppers fundraiser Feb. 16 at the St. Ignatius Community Center in Concord Hill.

were treated to the music of Butch Wax and the Hollywoods.

Backhaus said the final tally of this year's donation for BackStoppers would be determined at an upcoming date. He said the organization currently has T-shirts for sale that will contribute to BackStoppers. Shirts are \$20 for short sleeve and \$25 for long sleeve. They can be purchased through the Warren County BackStoppers Organization Facebook page, or by emailing Backhaus at chief@marthasvillefire.org.

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percent, in college and career readiness.

"We were very close to a perfect score there," said Buck. "We needed just one more to have gone into a career or military."

"What's interesting to me is that system is really set up to show readiness for college better than career, but we're really wanting to focus on career," said Buck.

Attendance remained about the same at 75 percent and continues to be an area of focus.

Buck says this feedback is a good benchmark for where the district stands among other

districts but isn't necessary telling of all R-II is trying to achieve.

"I think there is so much more that a school should be doing than what a score shows," said Buck. "I'm proud of the score but we want every kid to become an adult you'd be proud to call your next-door neighbor. That's our true measure of success."

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would be used to support local technical training programs and eventually help fund a Warren County campus.

"We recognize that employers in Warren County have a need for local technical training and we know that SCC can provide that training. Approval of a community college tax levy this April will provide the operational funds to offer training in the county and begin planning for a local campus," Kavalier told *The Record*.

The tax increase for affected property owners will depend on how their property is classified. Different types of property are taxed at only a percentage of their market value.

For a \$200,000 home, the owner would be paying about \$68 per year in additional taxes if the SCC levy is approved. SCC staff said the median tax for homes in Warren County would be somewhat lower than that at \$52 per year.

The tax increase would also apply to personal property taxes, such as for vehicles.

A committee of people from local businesses, governments and schools has been develop-

ing plans for a Warren County tech college. Leon Busdieker, co-chair of the committee, said bringing an SCC technical college to the area would benefit employees and businesses.

"A technical training center in the community will enable our students and residents to acquire the highly technical skills that are needed to compete for the jobs of tomorrow, and will help our existing industries fill their current need for a highly skilled workforce," Busdieker said.

He added that a pipeline of new, highly trained workers would help the area attract businesses with well paying jobs that rely on those technical skills.

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