

LOCAL SCENE

Thursday, March 28

- WB Watchers meeting, 107 W. Walton, extension center, Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.
- Wright City Board of Aldermen 6:30 p.m., city hall.
- Artisan Guild meeting, 7 p.m., Handicap Building behind the old firehouse, Warrenton.
- Pickin' and Grinnin' at Deerfield's on Main, 5 p.m.
- Mindful Thursday, Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 6 p.m.

Friday, March 29

- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, senior center, 501 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, 8-9 p.m.
- St. Patrick's Church fish fry, 505 1st St., Jonesburg, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-7 p.m.
- Holy Rosary fish fry, 4-7 p.m.
- St. Vincent fish fry, 13495 S. Highway 94, Marthasville, 4-7 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

- Warren County Family Health Fair, Wright City High School gym, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Battle Blast, Will Heiliger Activity Building, Wright City, 10-11 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Agape Back to the '80s Trivia Night, Holy Rosary Activity Center, 6 p.m.
- Winter's Last Blast, Wright City Lions Club, 6 p.m.-midnight.
- Avengers assemble by watching 'Avengers: Infinity War', Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- An evening with Irish Aires, Belle Starr Theater, 112 E. Booneslick Road, Warrenton, 7-9 p.m.
- Live music, Downtown Pub and Grill, 8 p.m.

Monday, April 1

- 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.
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 122 meeting, 1050 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton, 6 p.m.
- Read, Build and Play Club, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- Design & Wine Workshop, A Moment of Grace Florist, 511 N. Highway 47, Warrenton, 6 p.m.
- Warren County Laborers Club 7 p.m., Ruiz, Wright City.
- Warrenton Elks Lodge bingo, 6:30 p.m., 1102 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Tuesday, April 2

- Warrenton Board of Aldermen, city hall, 6 p.m.
- Marthasville Area Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), 5:15 p.m., Grace Bible Church, 25445 S. Highway 47, Warrenton.
- Veterans Coffee, Warren County Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 10 a.m.
- Cocaine Anonymous, 116 S. Maine St., Bellflower, 5:45 p.m.
- Once Upon a Time movie night, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

- 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.
- VFW Post 2180 and Auxiliary meeting, Warrenton VFW, 7:30 p.m.
- The Kiwanis Club, Wright City meeting, noon, Ruiz Castillo Mexican Restaurant, 223 N. Service Road, Wright City.
- Warrenton Elks Lodge bingo, 10 a.m., 1102 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway.



OVERSEEING THE DECONSTRUCTION — Jason and Joanne Marsch residents who met in high school, married and later founded Marsch that is imploding the old Highway 47 bridge in Washington. They at the old bridge, by local artist Jim Peters. Submitted photo.

BRIDGE

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Warrenton High School in 1993. They were homecoming king and queen together. They went to separate colleges. Joanne earned a degree in business administration.

Jason was studying aviation to be a pilot but ended up taking some time off. It was during his time away, when he discovered a new career path, one that eventually led the couple to starting their own wrecking company in Fenton in 2007, Joanne said.

Since then, the company has grown to employ 100 people and has some 20 to 25 jobs going on throughout the day, Jason said. Jobs take them throughout

Concrete deck, sections of beam removed, anything that's nonstructural, and then we go back and precut the bridge to weaken predetermined parts," he explained.

It's very precise work, and must be considering the health and welfare of the crew, residents, the river, and the new bridge. Just 10 to 12 feet separates the two.

"We have 200 pages of calculations that engineers did for the weakening and precutting for the blast" Frye said, noting that they aren't ordinary fireworks. "These explosive are specifically designed to cut steel."

It takes days for the explosives to be put in place.

Like the Marschels, Frye appreciates working on this special project.

"I think it's a neat proj-