

room, 604 Fairgrounds Road, Warrenton, 6 p.m.
 •Mindful Thursday, Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 6 p.m.
 •Warren County Democratic Central Committee meeting, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
 •Deerfields on Main bingo night, 5-9 p.m.

Friday, April 26

•Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, senior center, 501 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, 8-9 p.m.
 •Live music, Lake Creek Winery, 5-8 p.m.
 •Daniel Boone Elementary color run and playground barbecue, 530 p.m.
 •Live music Deerfields on Main, 6-9 p.m.
 •"Steel Magnolias," Warrenton High School, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 27

•Missouri Wine Wobble Springtime Run, Cedar Lake Cellars, 11008 Schreckengast Road, Wright City, 130 p.m.
 •Live music Cedar Lake Cellars, 11008 Schreckengast Road, Wright City, 1-4 p.m.
 •Gateway Mud Racers Association Mud Run, Hickory Ridge Motorsport Park, 25647 Highway B, Warrenton, 11 a.m.
 •Warrenton city-wide cleanup, City Hall Pavilion, 7 a.m.-noon.
 •Basket weaving workshop, Long Row Lavender, 26549 South Stracks Church Road, Wright City, noon-3 p.m.
 •Wright City Trash Bash, Diekroeger Park, 9 a.m.-noon.
 •Bingo Bingo for the Women's Jail Ministry, First State Community Bank, 1022 N. State Highway 47, Warrenton, 6-9 p.m.
 •Live music, Lake Creek Winery, 1-4 p.m.
 •The Missouri Humanities Council wood working class, Luxenhaus Farm, 18055 State Highway O, Marthasville, 9 a.m.-noon, candle making class, 1-4 p.m., and basket making class 9 a.m.-noon.
 •Prescription drug take back, City of Tuedale and Missouri Rural Water Association, city hall, 109 Pinkney St., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 •Warren County Community Fitness Center bunco, 3920 North Highway 47, Warrenton, 6 p.m.
 •Wright City Hardware and General Store Stihl grand opening, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 •Live music, Deerfields on Main, 6-9 p.m.
 •"Steel Magnolias," Warrenton High School, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 28

•Live music Cedar Lake Cellars, 11008 Schreckengast Road, Wright City, 1-4 p.m.
 •Dance, Warrenton Lions Club Hall, 1-4 p.m.
 •Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, New Melle Spring sausage dinner, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 8 Highway D, New Melle.
 •Piano recital, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 2 p.m.
 •Live music, Lake Creek Winery, 1-4 p.m.
 •Holy Rosary spring dinner, craft show, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Monday, April 29

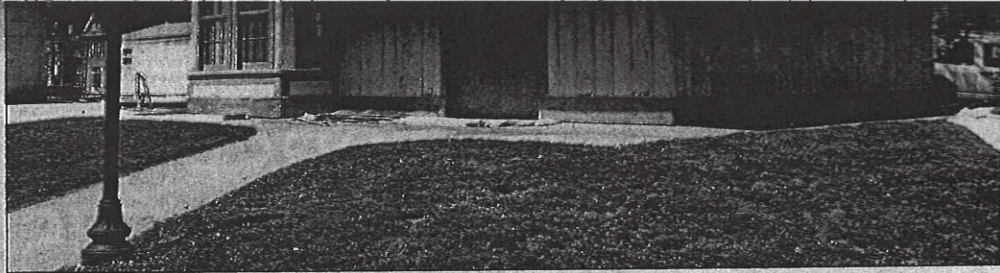
•Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, 701 E. Main St., Warrenton, 7 p.m.
 •Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, senior center, 501 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, 8-9 p.m.
 •Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 630 p.m.
 •First Impact, a new driver and parent education program, Wright City High School, 520 Westwoods Road, Wright City, 6-730 p.m.
 •Warrenton Elks Lodge bingo, 630 p.m., 1102 East Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Tuesday, April 30

•Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), 515 p.m., Grace Bible Church, 25445 S. Highway 47, Warrenton.
 •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 Maine St., Bellflower, 545 p.m.
 •"Mountain lions, elk & bears, Oh my!," Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1

•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, 730 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 East Veterans Memorial Parkway.



The depot building at the Marthasville trailhead along the Katy Trail. Record photo/Cindy Gl

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tic partnership.

However, Jensen did ask the board of aldermen to agree for the city to cut the grass at the depot grounds for no charge. She said the Chamber doesn't have the equipment to mow or much funding to pay for the service.

Jensen told *The Record* that the depot benefits all of Marthasville by providing quality park facilities and drawing visitors along the Katy Trail.

"It's one of the few original depots that are on the Katy Trail. ... It's the original specs, right down to the paint. It's such a treasure for the city to have," she said.

The facilities also include outdoor educational displays and it is one of the nicer trailheads, she added.

In the future, Jensen expressed interest in having the

depot be used for more local events, and welcomes anyone to contact the Chamber with ideas.

Although aldermen seemed receptive to keeping the grass cut, their negotiation with Chamber members was terse at times. Members of each group expressed frustrations about the equity of various partnerships between the city and the Chamber. The entities often work together to host public events, such as free outdoor concerts organized by the Chamber and held at city parks.

Eventually, aldermen agreed in principle to provide grass cutting at least through the end of this year, with East Ward Alderman Nick Lange insisting that there be a written agreement before the city makes a formal commitment.

Jensen said she is grateful for the cooperation, and is waiting to see what the city drafts for the agreement.

Mayor Lange said he supports continued cooperation

with community groups, but in a way that is sensible with taxpayers' money.

"The city needs to support all the area civic groups which we do. We provide the pavilion and property for the Concerts in the Park Chamber for free," for people, Lange said. That cooperation has little impact on the city budget.

When the DNR leased the depot for the depot facility, it was because the Chamber needed the participation to get to pay for moving the depot building from its original location to the trail, Lange explained. The depot was leased from DNR, and the Chamber owned the land.

Once the grant was awarded and the city was needed, Lange said, city leaders at the time have allowed the Chamber to take full responsibility for its own building.

POLICE

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es, behind businesses — if we get calls, we can check it out. That's a lot of times who's committing those crimes," Weber said.

Community outreach has been an increasing focus for Warrenton police. The department hosted an open gym night with local youth in February, and has plans for future events. Officers offer workshops on crime prevention and fraud detection to local businesses and community groups upon request. Weber said it's a priority to have more contact with the community other than just responding to calls.

Officers also are actively looking for opportunities to combat the spread of drugs in

the area. Drugs are an expensive habit, forcing users to steal to pay for their addiction, Weber commented.

Police have ramped up their efforts to locate drugs during traffic stops, Weber said, leading to a spike in drug-related arrests in 2018. UCR data shows that arrests for drug possession as the primary offense tripled last year, reaching 125, compared to 40 in 2017.

Reducing the spread of drugs in the community is another area where Weber said community engagement is extremely important. The biggest impact comes from early intervention and prevention among young people, and from establishing a positive influence early in their lives, he added.

"Between the ages of 10 to 18, if you can have a significant impact in someone's life, that's when you're going to have it.

And the earlier, the better.

Overall, UCR data shows any drastic change in crime trends over the years that aren't accounted for by yearly fluctuation or changes in how certain crimes are reported, Weber said. Like other cities, Warrenton police anticipate a growing population with more calls to police, something Weber said the department is prepared to handle.