

LOCAL SCENE

Thursday, June 27

- W8 Watchers meeting, 107 W. Walton, Warrenton, 5 p.m.
- Wright City Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., city hall.
- Artisan Guild meeting, 7 p.m., Handicap Building behind the old firehouse in Warrenton.
- Pickin' and Grinnin', Deerfield's on Main, 5 p.m.
- Warren County Farmers Market and Artisans, Diekroeger Park, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- "Gone With the Wind," Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6 p.m. RSVP.

Saturday, June 29

- Pound and Pour, Cedar Lake Cellars, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Live music 1-4 p.m.
- Warrenton Church of God blow-out rummage sale, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Story Time and Fairy Gardens, Long Row Lavender, Wright City, 1-2:30 p.m.
- Live music, Renaissance Wine Garden, 4-7 p.m.
- Live music, Cori's Twin Gables, 7 p.m.
- Gateway Mud Racers Association Mud Run, Hickory Ridge Motorsport Park, Warrenton, 11 a.m.
- "Gone With the Wind," Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton 12:30 p.m. RSVP.
- Live music, Deerfield's on Main, 6-9 p.m.

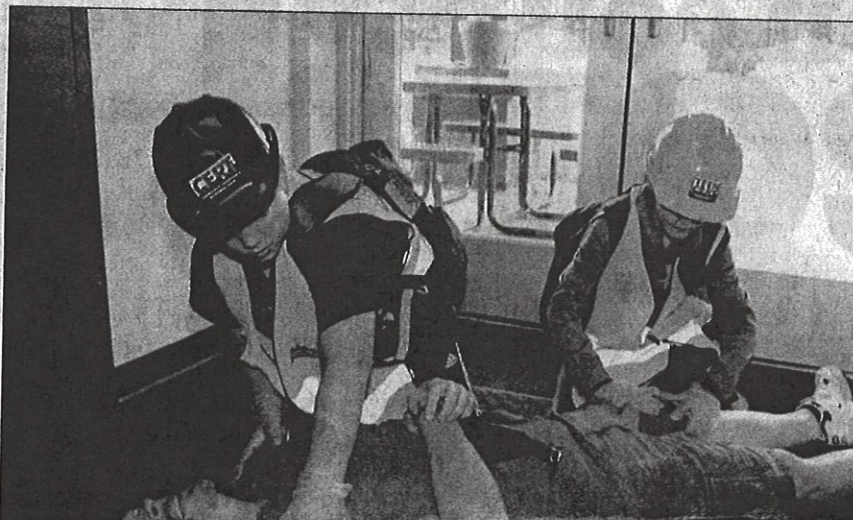
Monday, July 1

- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, senior center, 8-9 p.m.
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 122 meeting, 1050 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton, 6 p.m.
- Design & Wine Workshop, A Moment of Grace Florist, 6 p.m.
- Warrenton Elks bingo, 6:30 p.m.
- Warren County Laborers Club meeting, 7 p.m., Ruiz, Wright City. Meeting for union members only.
- Imagination Station, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 3:15-4:15 p.m. RSVP.
- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, July 2

- Warrenton Board of Aldermen meeting, 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, senior center, 9-10:30 a.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 S. Maine St., Bellflower, 5:45 p.m.
- Warren County Farmers and Artisans Market, Warrenton City Hall pavilion, 3:30-6 p.m.
- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Teen event, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, grades sixth and up, 1 p.m., movie "I Am Number Four"
- Music showcase band competition, Warren County Fairgrounds, 6 p.m.
- Intro to Sugar Flowers, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6-7:30 p.m. RSVP.

Wednesday, July 3



BUDGET

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are also increasing 5 percent.

The city's daily operational costs include city administration, policing, city planning and building inspection, park and facility maintenance, street maintenance, and operating the expanding the city's sewer network, almost \$1.2 million for street and sidewalk improvements, and around \$860,000 directed to improving stormwater drainage around the city.

Alderman Miller said the city plans ahead for infrastructure work that will need to be done, addressing the projects that the budget allows each year. Other work is to prepare the city for future growth coming to the area.

Much of the \$4 million funding for sewer infrastructure is for two main project areas: Ongoing upgrades of sewer lines that was approved by voters with a 2014 bond issue, and expansion of the sewer network to the area around the city's new Interstate 70 interchange.

Miller said building infrastructure around the interchange will support growth that he predicts will come over the next few years.

Ward 2 Alderman Gary Auch said another large project to accommodate more people moving to Warrenton is a new well for

which the city has budgeted \$700,000.

Water pressure is a known issue south of town, where new housing has been developed, Auch explained. "Being able to put a well into that area is critical if we're going to continue to see growth in that area."

Another \$859,000 is directed to stormwater drainage improvements at more various repairs and paving. It also includes \$590,000 for engineering and right of way acquisition for sidewalk construction on North Highway 47. Another \$207,000 is marked for engineering and construction of sidewalk improvements on Main Street.

Sidewalk improvements were identified by downtown business owners as a priority for downtown revitalization, Auch explained. Work to improve the accessibility and layout of the sidewalks has already been approved, and likely will begin later this summer.

One of the more visually noticeable projects in the Warrenton budget this year is a plan to convert the city's pavilion in the downtown area into a courtroom. The city has \$55,000 set aside for that project.

Aldermen said organizers of the farmers market that uses the pavilion do not plan to use that location next year. The pavilion will be altered to a court to better serve the changing needs of the municipal sys-

tem, and to get out of the proper of just a short time spring and summer men explained.

Ward 1 Alderman Dyer also highlighted the budget that should have a significant impact on residents to Warrenton is set aside for the

The city borrowed \$1 million in 2017 to build a new aquatic center surrounding Pool Park. It will cost almost \$425,000 on a 20-year payback.

About \$15.4 million has been loaned to the water and sewer improvements, which are ongoing \$1 million total toward those year.

And another \$1 million was borrowed to pay for construction of the second Interstate interchange on the north side of the city. About \$1 million is scheduled toward that loan, officials say they need an additional \$1 million top of that, in addition to the project's 20-year schedule.

Alderman Auch said the city is looking for additional payers that the city can seek to pay off to save on interest.

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costs of materials for the addition are around \$17,000 to \$18,000.

The livestock pavilion was originally built in 1997 to house cattle, pigs and sheep.

near the cattle pavilion. Schwartz says she hopes you won't take for much support to make the addition.