



A section of sidewalk on Main Street in Warren is being demolished as an excavator rips out layers of concrete last week.

## Plan includes major projects

Pavement resurfacing on Highway A, from Truxton to I-70. Main engineering and construction in fiscal year 2021. Estimated cost: \$980,000.

Pavement resurfacing on Highway 94 from Highway 19 in Montgomery County to the Highway 47 junction in Marthasville. Main engineering and construction in fiscal year 2019. Estimated cost: \$1.8 million.

Pavement improvements on South Highway 47, starting near Highway M/MM in Warren and going south to the Missouri River bridge. Main engineering and construction in fiscal year 2022. Estimated cost: \$1.5 million.

Pavement preservation treatment on Highway TT, from Highway 94 in Dutzow to Highway T in St. Charles County. Main engineering and construction in fiscal year 2021. Estimated cost: \$102,000.

MoDOT also has a payment scheduled for construction being contracted by the city of Warren. MoDOT is contributing more than \$1.3 million for construction of sidewalks along Highway 47, from the I-70 North Outpost to Hickory Lick Road.

Other projects in Warren County are being evaluated, meaning MoDOT is considering the need for future work but has not committed to any improvements.

The first project being evaluated is poten-

# Changes to R-III District schedule

## Four-day week begins this year

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Starting this fall, students in the Warren County School District can stay home on Mondays.

The first day of school is Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Last year the Warren County School Board OK'd a plan to go to a four-day school week starting this year.

Going to four days a week is intended to improve student attendance. Students are more likely to come to school four days a week and a four-day work week is likely to attract and retain teachers. Attendance and teacher retention are district goals, said Superintendent Gregg Klinginsmith, Ed.D.

The district will save less than 1 percent of the budget, school district officials said.

School hours this year are 7:40 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The day is extended by about 40 minutes from previous years. Extra recess time will be added in, Klinginsmith said.

"Teachers are off Mondays. They will be on duty maybe one Monday a month for professional development," he said.

### 'Care Days'

Because there are no classes Mondays, the district will hold "care days" at Rebecca Boone Elementary. Care days are optional and free and are not to be confused with "day care," Klinginsmith said.

"With the care days, we're looking to expand learning opportunities that wouldn't ordinarily be there," he added.

Activities will be scheduled each day, such as story time with the Scenic Regional Library.

During one of the care days, Lee Gustin, chef and owner of the Blue Anchor Coffee & Bistro, will talk about how he started a business.

More activities, with a learning purpose, are scheduled, and more are being scheduled, said Janelle Stanek, care day and summer school coordinator.

Stanek said 135 students are already enrolled in care day activities. Most of those students are in kindergarten and first grade.

Parents should enroll their kids online for care days on the school district's website. Registering is important so organizers can plan staffing needs and age-