

LOCAL SCENE

Monday, Sept. 16

- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Golf tournament to support veterans, Innsbrook Resort Golf Course, 10:45 a.m.
- Wright City Planning and Zoning Commission, city hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 17

- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Retired teachers and public school workers meeting, College United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 10 a.m.
- Wright City Senior Citizens meeting, Immanuel United Church of Christ, Wright City, 10:30 a.m.
- Chicks With Sticks, crochet or knitting lessons, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 1 p.m.
- Warren County Farmers and Artisans Market, Warrenton City Hall Pavilion, 3:30-6 p.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Grace Bible Church, 25445 S. Highway 47, Warrenton, 5:15 p.m.
- Cocaine Anonymous, 116 S. Maine St., Bellflower, 5:45 p.m.
- Warrenton Board of Aldermen, city hall, 6 p.m.
- "St. Louis Sound," Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6 p.m. RSVP.
- Warrenton Fire Protection District Board Meeting, Station 1, 606 Fairgrounds Road, Warrenton, 7-10 p.m.
- Warren County Democratic Central Committee meeting, Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, First Baptist Church, 104 Hedeman, Wright City, 9 a.m.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 10 a.m.
- The Kiwanis Club of Wright City meeting, Ruiz Castillo, Wright City, noon.
- Mat Pilates, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 5 p.m. RSVP.
- Marthasville Board of Aldermen, city hall, 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.



Prop J's proposed tax levy is marginally less than in April, but includes direct commitments about how the funding will be used.

One of the big sticking points for voters in April was that the ballot included no statements about how the taxes would be spent to benefit local students. SCC's board of trustees later promised the funding would only be used on programs and facilities for Warren County residents, but that language wasn't on the April ballot.

The new Prop J identifies how the funds will be used in three ways:

- Residents would pay in-district tuition to take any classes offered by SCC. This was true of the previous proposal, but now is directly stated.
- SCC would establish a "Warren County Regional Technical Education Center."
- SCC would provide other programs and services specifically for Warren County residents.

Kavalier said the SCC Board of Trustees is committed to using the tax revenue for those purposes. And this time around, representatives of SCC will have more time to visit with the community about what the college has to offer.

"The college's role in any tax levy campaign is simply to provide the facts and in-

ferent age groups.

Businesses seek tech school

One of the major proponents for bringing a technical school to the local area is the Greater Warren County Economic Development Council (GWCEDC). The organization says local training will help existing businesses and draw new employers, and that there currently is a need for more skilled workers in Warren County.

"A technical training facility will enable our region to compete for the jobs of the future while meeting the needs of our existing businesses to find skilled workers," the GWCEDC said in a statement. "A technical training center will help our community grow jobs in our existing businesses, attract new businesses, and increase wages for our area residents by enhancing their technical skills."

After the April election, members of the economic development council said most people who understood what Prop J offered were supportive, but many voters didn't have a clear understanding of the issue or the need for technical training.

The GWCEDC said for the November election, the ballot language is clearer about how tax revenue will be used for programs in Warren County. Proponents will

Charles, Missouri, annex the properties located geographically in the (Wright City R-II School District/ Warren County R-III School District) of Warren County, Missouri, effective the first day of January 2020?

"If this question is approved, revenue from the annexation will be used to provide:

- In-district tuition for Warren County residents taking classes from St. Charles Community College.
- Support for the establishment of a Warren County Regional Technical Education Center

• Support for the addition of programs and services for Warren County residents provided by St. Charles Community College

"If this question is approved, the overall property tax levy for Warren County property owners in the affected school district will increase by the addition of a Community College tax levy of \$0.1666 (16.66 cents) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation."

The ballot proposal only affects the Warren County R-III and Wright City R-II school districts. Anyone who lives in the Washington School District, including parts of the Marthasville area, would not be annexed into SCC.

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STRASSENBASH

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ing at 5 p.m., along with a variety of vendor booths. Friday also is the Chamber's Person of the Year Award presentation, in which one community member will be recognized for their contributions to the Wright City area.

Anyone who's hungry before the parade can stop at the Wright City Lions Club for a pancake breakfast hosted by volunteers with the Wright City Fire Corps. Breakfast is from 7-11 a.m.

Saturday afternoon has several attractions for visitors while browsing booths at the Lions Club. There are baby contests for different age groups starting at 2 p.m.,

"They have a pretty good following. We're hoping that will bring some new people out to the area," said Arbuthnot.

She added that Strassenbash organizers are still accepting applications for vendors at the festival. Applications will be open until Thursday, Sept. 19.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 636-