

LOCAL SCENE

Monday, Jan. 27

- 80s teens after hours party with Stranger Things, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6-7 p.m.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6:30 p.m.
- Bingo, Warrenton Elks Lodge, 6:30 p.m.
- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Wright City Lions Club, 678 Westwoods Road, Wright City, 7-10 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

- St. Luke's Mobile Mammography Unit, Warren County Health Department, 101 Mockingbird Lane, Warrenton, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment call 314-205-6267.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 10 a.m.
- Kiwanis Club of Warrenton Area meeting, Oliver's Restaurant, 289 W. Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton, noon.
- Chicks with Sticks, crochet or knitting lessons, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 1 p.m.
- Downton Abbey Tea Party, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 5 p.m. RSVP. Limited to 60.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Grace Bible Church, 25445 S. Highway 47, Warrenton, 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

- Vet to Vet breakfast, Oak Pointe, Warrenton, 8-10 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, First Baptist Church, 104 Hedeman, Wright City, 9 a.m.
- Bingo, Warrenton Elks Lodge, 10 a.m.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 10 a.m.
- Mat Pilates, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 5 p.m. RSVP.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church,

The building also offers basement storage that will save Agape thousands of dollars in yearly storage fees. Bernth said the agency previously had to rent storage units to house donated supplies.

After receiving a county permit for the facility this month, the objective now is to get the new pantry and offices renovated and transfer locations by the end of April.

A combination of contractors and volunteers are in the process of renovating the building and constructing walk-in coolers.

Over the past week, professionals with Competitive Paint volunteered their services to

Servant's Heart program came out to move supplies and help with the renovation.

"We're helping Agape because they're helping people in the community who are in need. That's why we're here," said volunteer organizer Denny Gladieux.

Many of items donated to Agape, which can now be stored on-site, go toward a yearly school supply drive at the church.

But the people who benefit most from the new Agape facility will be those who rely on it for regular assistance.

One former Agape client spoke on the agency's behalf during a permit hearing Jan. 16. Elizabeth Fry, of Warrenton, said Agape supported

my lights on and keep my pantry full," said Fry, who is now employed full time. She said Agape was able to help her because all of its executives and social workers are located in the community and work quickly to help those in need.

Agape was able to purchase the new location and begin renovating by combining local funding sources and donations, but Bernth said the agency could use help to finish the project without draining its reserves.

"We continue to seek additional funding sources," commented Bernth. She said the agency is grateful for all the community partners who help make Agape's services possible.

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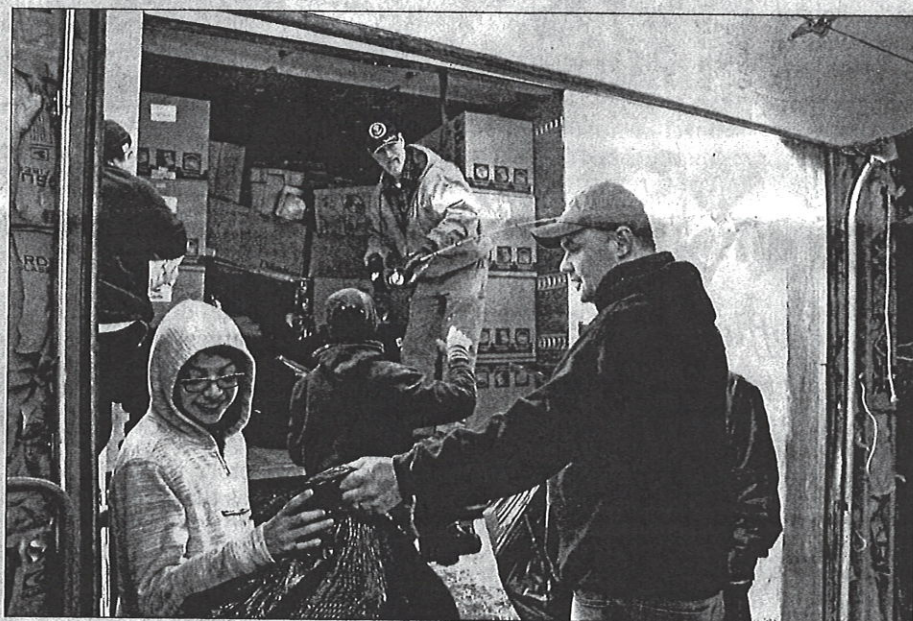
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AGAPE MOVING IN — Volunteers help carry donated supplies into the future location of the Agape food pantry, which will move into the former American Legion Hall on Highway W in Warrenton. The supplies previously had to be kept in storage units. About 30 volunteers with Faith Christian Family Church helped at the new location Saturday, Jan. 18.

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