LOCAL SCENE

Monday, Jan. 27
-80s teens after hours party with Stranger Things. Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6:30 p.m.
-Story Time for Preschoolers. Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6:30 p.m.
-Bingo. Warrenton Elks Lodge, 6:30 p.m.
-NA-Anon. College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
-Wright City Lions Club, 678 Westwood Road, Wright City, 7-10 p.m.
-Alcoholics Anonymous, Group 30. 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. - 12 p.m. To schedule an appointment call 314-205-6267.
-Story Time for Preschoolers. Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 1 p.m.
-Kiwanis Club of Warrenton Area meeting. Oliver's Restaurant, 209 W. Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton, noon.
-Chicks with Sticks, crochet or knitting lessons. Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 1 p.m.
-Downtown Abbey Tea Party. Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 5 p.m. RSVP Limited to 50.
-Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Grace Bible Church, 25445 S. Highway 47, Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 29
-Vet to Vet Breakfast. Oak Pointe, Warrenton, 8:10 a.m.
-Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Grace Bible Church, 8:10 a.m.
-Bingo. Warrenton Elks Lodge, 10 a.m.
-Swimming 50th Birthday. Baptist Church, 9 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 136. Meeting Fellowship Baptist Church, 8:30 p.m.

The building also offers basement storage that will save Agape thousands of dollars in yearly storage fees. Berthorn 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 office spaces 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, and they 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 Gladiex.

Many of the 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 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 on Jan. 16. Elizabeth Fry, of Warrenton, said Agape supported her family when she was unemployed.

"We were able to help our family when we needed it most," Fry said.

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

"We continue to seek additional funding sources," Berthorn said.

"The community partners who help make Agape's services possible.

Donna Best, the incumbent, did not face an opponent last day in court. The day ended with no further hearings.

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