

LOCAL SCENE

Please check with individual organizers to find out if your event has been canceled or postponed.

Thursday, June 11

- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Wright Fire Protection District meeting, Station 1, 396 W. Second St. N., Wright City, 4 p.m.
- W8 Watchers meeting, 107 W. Walton, Warrenton, 5 p.m.
- Adult program, Wright City Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 5 p.m.

Monday, June 15

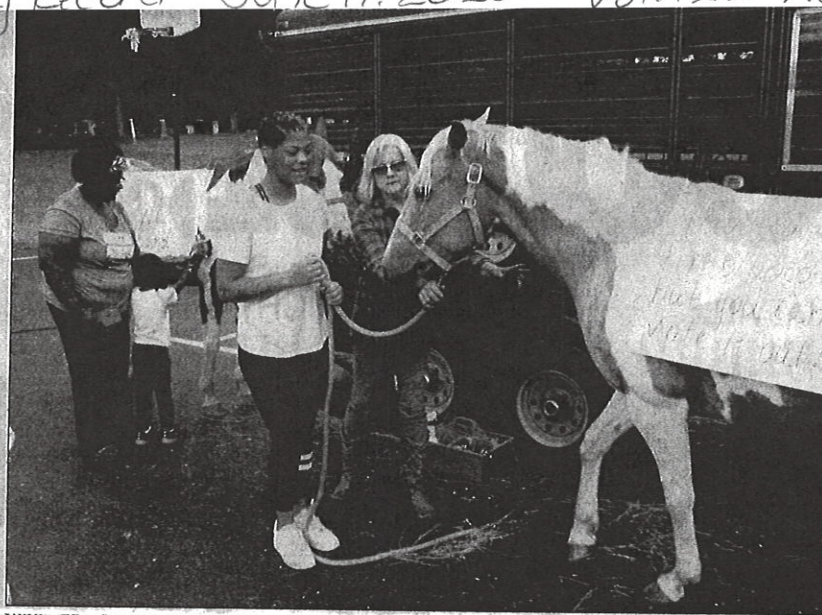
- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Kids Club, Wright City Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 1 p.m.
- Wright City Planning and Zoning Commission, city hall, 6 p.m.
- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.

Tuesday, June 16

- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Retired teachers and public school worker meeting, College United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, Warrenton Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.
- Wright City Senior Citizens meeting, Immanuel United Church of Christ, Wright City, 10:30 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Grace Bible Church, 25445 S. Highway 47, Warrenton, 5:15 p.m.
- Warrenton Board of Aldermen meeting, city hall, 6 p.m.
- Warrenton Fire Protection District Board Meeting, Station 1, 606 Fairgrounds Road, Warrenton, 7-10 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, First Baptist Church, 104 Hedeman, Wright City, 9 a.m.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, Wright City Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.
- The Kiwanis Club of Wright City meeting, Ruiz Castillo, noon.
- Teen program, Wright City Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 3 p.m.
- Marthasville Board of Aldermen, city hall, 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous



was to show that demands for change can be done without violence and aggression.

"My main hope is that we all can unify and make a change by doing it peacefully," said Nikay. "We don't believe in doing unpeaceful protests or getting the message across the wrong way. We feel like doing it the right way, having signs and everybody staying as one."

Signs along Elm Street declared "I can't breathe," and "Justice for George Floyd," while others encouraged a love and acceptance for one another, regardless of race or ethnicity.

Both Jones and Nikay expressed that oppression seems to be worse for black men than women.

"I feel like for me I really don't face injustice, but if I were a young black man in society, I feel like I would face some racial

It we get a new car, they wonder where we got our money from," said Jones. "I've worked all my life and never been in trouble. I've been flagged too, because I bought a brand new car. I bought a house and they wondered where I got my money."

She also believes there is a stigma connected to which parts of the community one lives in and that Route J has developed an inaccurate negative reputation.

"J Road is a good place to live, but you hear how people talk about J Road," said Jones. "J Road is not a bad place to live. I've lived here for 70 years and never had crime and have gotten along with everybody from white to black."

In showing understanding for police officers, she believes they are at a disadvantage and not perhaps ready when

ice officers, and they need to make a change," said Jones. "They were out here to be professional and trained. I feel like half of them are not trained enough, so I feel like they should get a little more training."

On a local level, both Jones and Nikay say they feel minorities living in communities like Wright City face challenges unique from those in larger metropolitan areas.

"I feel like it's very different, because we live in a small rural town, which is about 95 percent white people that live here," said Nikay. "So it's a very different percentage of African Americans to white Americans who live in the city."

"I've got to give Wright City credit," said Jones. "We have been a very special, clean environment to live. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

FAILS

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"I don't know how much more clear we could've been," said Klinginsmith. "We told everybody exactly where every penny would go. Our big focus was to make sure people knew exactly where money would go. That was our communication."

According to Klinginsmith, around 90 percent

of tax increase proposals on the ballot across the state passed. This included a tax levy in Wentzville that will help continue the growth of its district salaries.

"The big concern to me is with that community voting to pass a 55 cent tax levy and our community not supporting education the way they are, I'm fearful they'll continue to lose staff to the east at higher rate," said Klinginsmith.

He says the board

doesn't have an immediate response plan to the setback but will take its time in pursuing other courses to retain staff.

"At this point voters have been pretty clear they are not in favor of raising taxes for our teachers," said Klinginsmith. "We will have to look at areas to cut and have a fiscally neutral budget."

The board was scheduled to meet on Thursday to begin discussing ideas for moving forward.

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Neighbor County showed employment percent in Franklin County percent in St. Charles percent, and every County & Statewide, 286,000 percent unemployment with an unemployment rate of 9.8 percent Statewide the "acc and food se as the large

Executive D Eggen.

Many of ple reaching, matched the industries in the state. Egg employment offices, food salons and c been common people coming Center for new employment up for unemployment benefits.

Some of ple have been an additional week in unemployment available during the pandemic. The program providing benefit will last for months, Eggen said.

One of the es for the has been first to communicate unemployed assistance or op that are available

"We have a vative to cons through job fairs, and offering online assistance and nities for education certificate Eggen said.

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of July holiday.

NECAC working with program to pay off utility bills

The not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) is working

not pay for diversion charges. People assisted must be the Ameren customers on record.

ents must pay at least 25 percent of the bill before the rest is paid by Clean