

## LOCAL SCENE

Thursday, July 16

- Farmers Market, Diekroeger Park, Wright City, 3:30-6 p.m.
- W8 Watchers meeting, 107 West Walton St., Warrenton, 5 p.m.
- Warrenton Lions Club, 601 Fairgrounds Road, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, FCFC Church, South Service Road, Warrenton, 5:15 p.m.
- Virtual adult program, all Scenic Regional Library Facebook pages, 5 p.m.
- Town Hall meeting on fire district sales tax, Pendleton Firehouse, 6 p.m.

Monday, July 20

- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.
- Virtual Kids Club, all Scenic Regional Library Facebook pages, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21

- Retired teachers and public school workers meeting, College United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.
- Wright City Senior Citizens meeting, Immanuel United Church of Christ, Wright City, 10:30 a.m.
- Farmers Market, County Fairgrounds, Warrenton, 3:30-6 p.m.
- Virtual storytime for preschoolers, Warrenton Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, July 22

- Virtual storytime for preschoolers, Wright City Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.
- OATS Transportation Committee meeting, Warren County Senior Center, 1 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, First Baptist Church, 104 Hedeman, Wright City, 9 a.m.
- Virtual teen program, all Scenic Regional Library Facebook pages, 3 p.m.



**CHANGING OF THE GUARD** — Outgoing Wright City R-II Superintendent Dr. David Buck addresses the crowd at the Class of 2020 commencement ceremony on Friday. Pictured at Buck's left is incoming Superintendent Dr. Chris Berger. Derrick Forsythe photo.

## WRAP

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him up out of my basement, and I was like, 'this would be a great mascot to bring to all the sporting events,'" said McFadden. "We decorated him up and brought him to every game, and he became an iconic character. He's been everywhere with the senior class. We even took him on our float trip and gave him a life jacket."

Caesar crossed the stage adorned in a variety of blue and gold jerseys, showing his school spirit and evoking light-hearted laughter during a time that has been challenging for many.

Senior Tommy Trollope carried his signature digital camera during the procession, snapping memories along the way, as he was named Male Student of the Year.

He and Caesar were among the topics mentioned by seven seniors who spoke on behalf of

the Class of 2020. There was banter peppered among reminiscing of difficulties faced over the past months since they watch me graduate from behind a chain-link fence," quipped Johnson, referencing social distancing restrictions at the event. Seniors were limited to just six tickets apiece for graduation, with chairs placed in blocks six feet apart on the football field. This left several dozen spectators to watch from outside of the facilities.

Johnson addressed the class, along with Autumn Nixon, Katherine Mazella, Brennan Logan, Sara Deane, Erik Pritchard and Class President Summer Boswell.

"There was a common theme that in life there will be challenges and resilience is key," said Brooks, of the speeches presented. "I would be hard pressed to find a collective class better able to handle this circumstance, given their positive attitudes."

The keynote speaker was teacher Dan Friedel, selected by the student body after his first year in the district. He has taken place since the Class of 2020 entered kindergarten.

"You are the last class to have never gone to East Elementary," said Buck. "When you started school, the track you are seated on was gravel and the building behind you didn't have air conditioning. Yet, here you are, having accomplished so much. You excelled and made us all proud."

Sgt. Jeremy Burd from the United States Marine Corps was also on hand to present special awards to a class that accumulated over \$400,000 in scholarships.

Earning the Academic Award was Danielle Schubert, while the Band Award went to Kiana Luna.

The Female Athlete of the Year was Genevieve Rodriguez, and the Male Athlete of the Year was Brandon Culton.

## FUND

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All requests for CARES Act funding are being filtered through an advisory committee of three local men. The committee will make recommendations on how to use the funds based on direct requests from the Warren County Commission, but the commission will be disbursing the funds.

Boonslick Planning Commission is also assisting the county to ensure the CARES Act spending is in line with federal guidelines for the use of the funds.

Requests for funding were received in May. Many districts are getting all the requests they requested part because of the postponing of the school year. Some of the requests were incurred and so will be for the next reimbursement period, Eggen said.

These are the funding amounts that have been provided and announced by July 14:

## FEEDBA

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demonstrated the needs that can be met beyond the pandemic.

"Some people want to see this change, but I think it's an opportunity for us to grow as an area," said Klinginsmith. "This is a model for the future of our new frontier. I think it will go well."

He said the committee will be on delivery of the same curriculum regardless of the method through which learning is taking place.

"In the high school content, we're the same whether we are learning in

## CASES

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severity of the virus," Walters said. "We ask that if someone is tested for COVID-19, that they would quarantine and wait for the results before returning to work or outside activities. We also ask people to stay home if you are sick!"

Between July 8 and

As of yet, zero deaths have been reported.

COVID-19 testing is available Monday through Friday at Compass Health in Warrenton. Call ahead to get an appointment slot. The number for the testing service is 636-377-2434.

### Cases by area

Central Warren County, including the city of Warrenton, has surpassed the Wright City area for the unfortunate

that zip code.

### County response

Presiding County Commissioner Joe Gildehaus said on Tuesday that Warren County will continue following health guidelines issued by the Missouri governor's office. Currently, that does not include requirements for face masks or business restrictions.

Commissioners commented that some individual businesses will