

LOCAL SCENE

Thursday, Jan. 30

- Dine to donate for Turning Point, El Jimador, Warrenton, 4-9 p.m.
- Read, Build, Play (grades 3-5), Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 4 p.m. RSVP. Space is limited.
- W8 Watchers meeting, 107 W. Walton, Warrenton, 5 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 3

- Imagination Station, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 3:15-4:15 p.m. for grades K-fifth.
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 122 meeting, 1050 East Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton, 6 p.m.
- Bingo, Warrenton Elks Lodge, 6:30 p.m.
- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Warren County Laborers Club meeting, Ruiz, Wright City, 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

- Stitch in Time quilt guild, College United Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 10 a.m.
- Chicks with Sticks, crochet or knitting lessons, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 1 p.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Grace Bible Church, 25445 S. Highway 47, Warrenton, 5:15 p.m.
- Meet author Judy Mundle, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6 p.m. RSVP.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

- Veterans Coffee, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 9-10 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.
- The Kiwanis Club of Wright City meeting, Ruiz Castillo, Wright City, noon.
- American Red Cross blood drive, St. Patrick Catholic Parish, 505 1st Street, Jonesburg, 3-7 p.m.
- Mat Pilates, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 5 p.m. RSVP.



Our hero in Warrenton.

Beyer commented. It will take some effort to turn around that mindset, but in the end they hope more new restaurants and other shops will be able

events during community festivals, cooking competitions and regular social media content are some of the ideas they've kicked around to keep drawing attention.

mented. Whether it's a buffet, pastry shop or ethnic food restaurant, Gustin said he wants local people to know those can be found in their own hometown.

Truesdale proposes sales tax for streets

By Adam Rollins
STAFF WRITER

The city of Truesdale is asking local voters to consider a half-cent sales tax to help pay for improvements to city streets.

Truesdale aldermen voted Jan. 22 to place the tax on election ballots for city residents. Local elections are April 7 this year.

If approved, the tax would add a half-cent to each dollar of purchases at Truesdale businesses. The language of the ballot specifically limits the proposed sales tax to be used only for "transportation purposes."

The proposal would not affect property taxes.

Mayor Chris Watson said there are several streets in Truesdale in need of extensive repair or replacement, and the additional funding would help make that happen. He said residents have noted multiple spots they

want the city to get fixed.

"Just like everybody else, I don't like tax increases, but sometimes it's what's needed," Watson said. "We sent out a survey, and we had positive feedback that (residents) would be willing to support a tax increase."

One major project that recently took a large chunk out of the city's street budget was a storm drain collapse that damaged a street in the Heritage Hills subdivision. Watson said that repair is costing the city close to \$150,000.

Watson said he believes residents will understand that the board of aldermen is trying to serve the public good by proposing the transportation sales tax.

"I feel the citizens of Truesdale know that the board has the best interest of the city in mind. They feel very confident that we will spend that

money wisely," Watson commented.

City Administrator MaryLou Rainwater explained that Truesdale currently has a 1-cent sales tax for general city operations and a half-cent tax for capital improvements. Capital improvement funds are currently used for the city's water system, Rainwater said.

Put together, the ballot proposal would increase the total Truesdale sales tax to 2 cents per dollar.

Rainwater estimated the increase would bring in about \$65,000 per year for street projects.

Truesdale residents who want more information about the sales tax proposal can attend a town hall meeting that will be hosted in March. Rainwater said an exact date hasn't been set yet, but a notice will be sent out with water bills prior to the meeting.



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