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a standalone agenda item), Berger said. "You approve the master plan, it doesn't trigger



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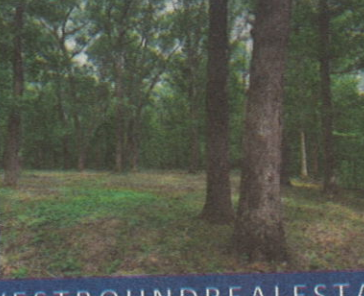
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Schaefferkoetter was leading the Literary Traveler book club at the library, one of two such groups at the

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LOCAL SCENE

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

- Warren County Commission, County Administration Building, 9 a.m.
- Book Bingo, Wright City Scenic Regional Library, 1 p.m.
- Kids Club, College United Methodist Church, 3:15-5:30 p.m.
- Reese's Reads Book Club, Warrenton Scenic Regional Library, 5:30 p.m.
- Saving Lives/Cocaine Anonymous, Warrenton Christian Church, 6 p.m.
- Warrenton Lions Club Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Grief Group, Martin Funeral Home Warrenton, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Wright City Fire Protection District Fire Corps, Station #1, 6 p.m. Call 636-745-2262
- Wright City Lions Club Meeting, 7-10 p.m.
- Marine Corps League Detachment 1393, Warrenton Elks Lodge, 7 p.m.
- Warrenton Planning & Zoning Board, City Annex Building, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

- Alcoholics Anonymous, Warrenton Christian Church, 9 a.m.
- The Warren County Chapter of Missouri Right to Life, Fellowship Baptist Church, 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JAN. 7

- American Legion Post 180 Bingo, Marthasville, 1:30 p.m.
- Saving Lives/Cocaine Anonymous, Warrenton Christian Church, 5:45 p.m.
- Recovery Class, Community Center, High Hill, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 8

- Warren County Commission, County Administration Building, 9 a.m.
- Warrenton Chamber of Commerce, Country Lake Golf Club, 11:45 a.m.
- Pre-competitive swim team evaluation day, Warrenton Aquatic Center, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
- Warrenton Artisan Guild, Warrenton Scenic Regional Library, 12:30 p.m.
- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Baptist Church, 7 p.m.



A member of the Literary Traveler's book club reads her discussion question during the Dec. 27 meeting.

BOOK

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At the group's meeting in December, they discussed "The Seamstress" by Allison Pittman. The story "breathes life into the cameo character from the classic novel 'A Tale of Two Cities,'" the book's description on Amazon says.

It allowed readers in Warrenton to go back to the days of the French Revolution, but to see it from a different perspective.

It was a bit smaller of a group than normal who came to the library Dec. 27 to discuss the story, Schaefferkoetter said, largely because the group met just after Christmas and just before New Year's. The weather didn't help either. But she said they also don't want the group to get too big.

She said headquarters thinks these types of groups shouldn't get bigger than 12 people.

"More than that gets too restrictive," she said. "Everybody doesn't get the chance to talk and some dominate a little bit and others don't say as much."

The group discussing "The Seamstress" was

were able to contribute to a conversation that lasted almost an hour.

Usually, once the discussion finishes, the group colors in the most recent country they "visited." That didn't happen at this meeting because the group had already read a story set in France, which is one of 16 countries they've been to.

The Literary Travelers group have discussed stories set on four continents – North America, Europe, Africa, and Asia – and are hoping to add South America and Australia in the near future.

"We just enjoy traveling around the world," Schaefferkoetter said.

The next book they are reading, "Girl in Ice" by Erica Ferencik, is set on Norwegian islands in the Arctic Circle. They'll discuss that story at the Jan. 24 meeting.

Schaefferkoetter said anyone wishing to join the group simply needs to stop by the library and check out the book.

"Then they just show up on the fourth Wednesday at 2:00," she said.

She also said that, even though the group is small, there is still enormous benefit to the community.

"I think anytime you can give purpose to people of all ages and keep them actively engaged,

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The asphalt pavement repair work scheduled on eastbound and westbound lanes of Interstate 70 in Warren and Montgomery counties has been postponed during the winter season, with operations anticipated to begin in the spring of 2024.

The project is located from the Callaway County line to the St. Charles County line, between mile marker 167 and mile marker 188. When the

project begins will occur hours of 7 p.m. A 10-foot width will be in p workers are p torists can ex mittent delays will be reduc lane where wo ring.

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get board approval to do it. Obviously, we've got to do some front loading work."

Berger stressed the plan provides guidance on how the district will address future capacity challenges. He said the early parts of the plan are more certain than the long range timelines. The plan will be revisited annually for course correction as new information is available, Berger said.

The district's proposal in the master plan includes proceeding in fiscal year 2030 with renovating the current high school, which will no longer be in use at that time. The district plans to vacate the current high school and move into the new high school

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