Libraries offer refuge from the heat

Free cooling stations are available during this week’s heat wave at all Scenic Regional Library branches in partnership with United Way. These cooling centers are air-conditioned and have cool water available for anyone, especially those without access to air conditioning. Many locations are open during the hottest part of the day, but hours vary by location.

— Sheriff’s report —

The Warren County Sheriff’s Department released the following weekly activity report. Jail statistics and law enforcement incident reports are as follows for June 5 through June 11.

Average total daily inmate count: 141
Average daily Warren County inmate count: 106
Average contract agency inmate count: 27
New arrests or incarcerations: 55
Total law enforcement calls for service: 447

**Sunday, June 5**
Highway AA/Ranch Road, Wright City. Fugitive arrest. Subject taken into custody for active warrant.
East Lane, Wright City. Domestic assault.

Tuesday, June 7
Massas Creek Road, Jonesburg. Burglary.
Rottman Drive, Marthasville. Leaving the scene of an accident.
Cotton Road, Foristell. Motor vehicle crash.
South 47, Warrenton. Motor vehicle crash.
Rodeo Drive, Foristell. Sudden death.
Powerline Road, Warrenton. Informational call.
West Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton. Motor vehicle crash.

Wednesday, June 8
Massas Creek Road, Hermann. Report of stolen property.
Powerline Road, Warrenton. Report of stolen property.

Bear Creek Road, Jonesburg. Report of stolen property.
Cox Road, Wright City. Domestic assault.
Eden Trail, Warrenton. Property damage.
Highway M/South Stringtown Road, Wright City. Leaving the scene of an accident.
Cescutti Road, Marthasville. Domestic assault.

**Thursday, June 9**
High Plains Road, Marthasville. Domestic assault.
Mistie Drive, Wright City. Fugitive arrest. Subject taken into custody for active warrant.
47/94 Dutzw, Marthasville. Fugitive arrest. Subject taken into custody for active warrant.
Oakleaf Lane, Warrenton. Domestic assault.

One arrested in home break-in, theft

A man from Warrenton was arrested last week after sheriff’s deputies named him as a suspect in a burglary that took place on Massas Creek Road, south of Jonesburg.

Cody Menke, 20, was arrested on June 9 at 10:04 p.m. on charges of burglary and theft of $500 or more.

Man charged with stealing PlayStation

**Suspect allegedly said he “was only going to keep it for a day”**

Prosecutors have charged a Warrenton man with a theft that occurred in March, in which he allegedly took a PlayStation 5 game video console.

The console is most recent iteration of the popular gaming platform. Among supply shortages, the systems are difficult to acquire and can sell for hundreds of dollars more than their official retail price.

A warrant was issued on June 6 for the arrest of Drew B. Hampton, 19, of Warrenton, in connection with the March 25 theft of a PlayStation 5 system from a home just outside of Warrenton to the southwest, according to court records.

Hampton is charged with burglary and stealing property valued at $500 or more.

According to a report from the Warren County Sheriff’s Department, the theft was reported around 5:30 p.m. After reviewing security camera footage, deputies said people at the house identified Hampton as the suspect seen on the video.

Sheriff’s deputies said they then went to Hampton’s house in Warrenton, where a family member allegedly said he had been attempting to purchase a PlayStation 5 but had been unsuccessful. Video from Hampton’s home showed him leaving the house wearing the same clothes as the suspect, deputies reported.

A short time later, the family re-contacted deputies to confirm Hampton had come home and possession of a PlayStation 5 or would turn over to them, deputies said.

Upon contact with deputies, Hampton reportedly declined to make any statement to the investigators.

However, after collecting the and arresting Hampton for charges, the man allegedly maintained while being walked to the jail that he “was only going to keep it for a day,” according to sheriff’s deputies.

Hampton was later released pending formal charges. The now issued for his arrest allows him to be released from jail on his own recognizance prior to trial.