**LOCAL SCENE**

**FEBRUARY 26**
- Wright City Food Pantry Field Dinner: begins at 6 p.m., 100 Wildcat Drive, Suite East 4 pm - 7 pm.
- Virtual morning meditation with Vic Wicker, all Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 9 a.m.
- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, Warrenson, 7:30 p.m.
- Virtual’s Club, all Scenic Regional Library Facebook pages, 4 p.m.
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 212 meeting, 1650 East Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenson, 6 p.m.
- Warrenson Board of Aldermen meeting at Walton Street Annex Building, 6 p.m.
- Warrenson Commission, County Administration Building, 9 a.m.
- Virtual storytime for preschoolers, Warrenson Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.
- Orient Round Sensibly, Grace Bible Church, 25445 South Highway 47, Warrenson, 11:30 a.m.
- Stitch in Time quits guild, College United Methodist Church, 9:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2**
- Warrenson Board of Aldermen, city hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 215 meeting Fellowship Baptist Church, 8:30 p.m.
- Virtual storytime for preschoolers, Wright City Library, Regional Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.
- Warrenson Laborers Club meeting, R.U.S., Wright City, 7 p.m.
- The Kiwanis Club of Wright City meeting, Wright City Lions Club, noon.
- Virtual teen program all Scenic Regional Library Facebook pages, 4 p.m.
- VFW Post 280 Auxiliary meeting, Warrenson VFW, 6:30 p.m.
- VFW Post 280 meeting, Warrenson VFW, 7:30 p.m.

**BAKERY REOPENS** — Olive’s Bakery in Warrenson welcomed guests from the Warrenson Area Chamber of Commerce for a ribbon cutting Feb. 19 to celebrate the bakery’s grand opening. Owner Olivia Clancy, pictured with the giant scissors, revived the bakery formerly known as Hometown Bakery after it was closed last year. Adam Rollins photo.

**Millionaire package money**
About $150 million in unemployment benefits have been overpaid in Missouri since the start of the pandemic, according to a report by the Missouri Department of Labor. Director Anna Hui, lawmakers cited reports indicating that 75-80% of the overpaid benefits were from federal funds.

The average overpayment was $4,500, according to Hui. Recipients of overpayments received letters starting in May stating they owed money back.

The bill has bipartisan support and has been a major point of discussion over the past few weeks.

In Wednesday’s meeting, Rep. Rachel Proude, D-Ferguson, shared how one of her friends had considered killing herself in the hopes that someone in the community would be willing to help pay her taxes and support her child if they were expecting.

“We have citizens in the state who are deciding whether or not to (end) their life, for the sake of us sending their money to the federal government in order to get benefits,” Proude said in tears. Her friend had been disenchanted from taking any action by the words of Rep. Scott Cupp, R-Shell Knob, who spoke last week during a hearing about the bill to people who were struggling financially.

The bill will now go to the House.

**Man charged for threats with shotgun**
An altercation in Wright City involving threats made with a shotgun has led to a criminal charges.

Jason Kristov, 47, of Warrenson, is charged with unlawful use of a weapon for making threats outside a home on the 400 block of West Second Street North in Wright City. Police were called to the home on Feb. 9, where a man stated Kristov had pointed a shotgun at him and another man during an argument, according to an arrest report. Kristov reportedly was not armed when the confrontation began, but at some point announced that he was going to get a gun and then retrieved it from the house.

Kristov is currently being held at the Warrenson County Jail. Associate Judge Richard Schelbe set his bail at $10,000, with a 10-percent payment authorized.

**Stealing charge issued for RV heist in December**
Prosecutors have charged Ralph L. Whitehead, 44, of Warrenson, for allegedly stealing a motor home from a local RV service provider in December.

The theft was reported at Jay’s RV on Armory Road Dec. 6, according to a Warrenson police report. The owner of the business told police that a custom-built motor home was stolen from the lot, along with an air-conditioning unit, according to the police report. After being detained, Whitehead allegedly admitted that he and another person had gone to Jay’s RV to steal a truck. Police said that the suspects found keys to the motor home while plundering other vehicles.

Whitehead was already facing aFelony charge of theft in another case. He is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on Feb. 23.