LOCAL SCENE

Please check with individual organizers to find out if your event has been canceled or postponed.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1
- Virtual Reese’s Reads Book Club, Warrenton Scenic Regional Library, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
- Warrenton-Lions Club, 601 Parkgrounds Road, Warrenton, 6 p.m.
- Warrenton County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Warrenton Planning and Zoning Commission, virtual, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
- Wright City Food Pantry fish dinner, Wright Way Diner, 10 Wildcat Drive, Suite E, 4-7 p.m.
- Warrenton Elks BBQ, 1101 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
- Virtual storytime for preschoolers, Warrenton Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.
- The Warren County Chapter of Missouri Right to Life meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 1015 South Highway 47, Warrenton, 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 5
- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Warrenton County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 132 meeting, 1030 East Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Grace Bible Church, 25445 S. Highway 47, Warrenton, 8:15 p.m.
- Virtual storytime for preschoolers, Warrenton Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.

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these units, but funds had not previously been available for replacing them entirely.

"A heat exchanger on this unit is $20,000," said Chandler. "We didn’t have the money at the time to replace the entire unit, but three months later the federal government comes through with these funds."

It's anticipated the cost of each McQuay unit is between $85,000 to $110,000. Each new unit will include a purification system to help filter air and mitigate the risks of COVID-19.

Until now, the district has had to rely on one unit to compensate for another, working at maximum capacity to heat or cool multiple areas of the school. In particular, cafeteria units were counted upon to control temperatures on the stage.

"If we didn’t have COVID to disrupt activities held on the stage, we may have been in trouble. We wouldn’t have been able to keep the stage cool," said Chandler.

He said one of the most disruptive challenges at the high school are problems with the communications systems reading and controlling temperatures in individual classrooms.

"We’ll be able to schedule things more efficiently, where we can turn things on and off," said Chandler. "That will be tied into the Ameren rebate program we’re going to be working with. With the new scheduling and upgraded communications system, we’ll be able to shut these units down for a period of time, and the school will be reimbursed money."

It’s anticipated the district could receive between $5,000 and $7,500 from Ameren through its Demand Response Program.

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flexibility and a passion for the mission of preventing illness.

"My vision for the Warren County Health Department is for us to be a strong partner, by actively collaborating across all of the sectors that make up our unique community," White said. Although the health department’s focus now is on effectively executing the the rise of virtual interactions, along with a more "mobile and global" society increasing the likelihood of future disease outbreaks.

"No matter the challenge, we focus on the broad goals of disease and injury prevention, and health promotion for communities," White said.

Walters retires

Retired Health Administrator Ruth Walters said she’s proud of the legacy and programs she’s brought to the health grant to address growing obesity in Warren County. The aggressive pursuit of grants for public health services was a hallmark of Walters’ time at the helm.

"Back in 2006, when we were researching for grants, many folks would say ‘Why create the extra work?’” commented Walters. ‘I’d say ‘Why not?’ This will benefit our community.”

Walters said every program the health department provides is only made possible by a heroic staff working together toward the same goal. Along