LOCAL SCENE

FRIDAY, APRIL 9
- Warrenton VFW, fish fry, 515 Dryden Street, Warrenton, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Virtual morning meditation with Melody, all Scenic Regional Library Facebook pages, 10-10:20 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 12
- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Wright City Lions Club, 678 Westwoods Road, Wright City, 7-10 p.m.
- Warren County Commission, administrative building, 9 a.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Grace Bible Church, 2544 S. Highway 47, Warrenton, 515 p.m.
- Virtual story time for preschoolers, Warrenton Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.
- Warren County Commission, administrative building, 9 a.m.
- Innsbrook Board of Trustees, the village hall, 4 p.m.
- Warren County Ambulance District Board meeting, Base 1, 604 Fairgrounds Road, Warrenton, 6 p.m.
- Old Threshers Association meeting, Agricultural Heritage Museum, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Grace Bible Church, 2544 S. Highway 47, Warrenton, 515 p.m.

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she did for the benefit of the city,” Schleuter said, explaining that the city currently has a strong staff that has seen many successes.
When other cities were struggling during financial downturns, Thorn’s guidance and financial stewardship helped keep Warrenton in a position to continue with important infrastructure projects and developments, Schleuter said.
Former Mayor and Alderman Greg Costello, who worked with Thorn for eight of the past 18 years, said that she excelled in the responsibilities that were given to her.
"Terri, in my opinion, has been a real game changer for the city. She has been involved in planning and completing many projects in her tenure with the city, both large and small,” Costello said.
He commented that there were a few times Thorn sought advice from Costello’s previous experience as a public official. He recalled that his best advice for her was a quote saying “Reputation is what others think of you. What’s far more important is character, because that is what you think of yourself.”
Brandie Walters, the former director of operations who now takes over for Thorn as city administrator, said she learned a lot working with Thorn over the last 10 years.
“Terri is a great leader. She’s been a huge mentor for me. The way that she leads people, the relationships with her department heads, have been great,” Walters said.
“Shes willing to listen to them, listen to their ideas on projects... She would sit down with each one of us, individually and together, and find out ways that we can accomplish (goals).”
Walters said she’s learned from Thorn to go to work with no regrets, by treating others with respect and doing the right thing. Walters added that she feels confident stepping into the administrator role after being mentored by Thorn for the past several years.
Initial goals that Walters is bringing to the job include strengthening the city government’s relationships with other entities and updating technology used by the staff.
Although she is now retired, Thorn hasn’t completely stepped away from city government.
The board of aldermen has retained her as a consultant to provide her expertise on major projects. Those include the ongoing expansion of the city’s sewer system and construction of a sidewalk on North Highway 47, both of which have required significant planning, legal work, and navigation of state regulations.

SHAKEUP
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And in Warrenton Ward 3, newcomer Jeff Jaspering squeaked out a victory with a margin of just 12 votes over incumbent Gary Miller. Jaspering had 102 out of 192 votes, which is 53 percent.
Down the interstate in Wright City, incumbent Ward 1 Alderman Kerry Lambricht was unseated by challenger Don Anderson, taking 79 percent of 104 votes.
Wright City Ward 2 incumbent Nathan Rohr was re-elected unchallenged.
In Marthasville, David Lange will return for another term as mayor after edging out a challenge from former police chief and alderman Gene Jenkins. The race was a fairly comfortable win for Lange, who secured 64 percent of the 306 votes in the city.
Marthasville Aldermen Dan Graff and Leo Mayoral proposition fails
Marthasville residents were also asked to consider extending the term length of the mayor from two years to four years. Their answer was a somewhat firm “No.”
Out of the 306 participating voters in the city, 172 (56 percent) voted against extending the mayor’s term length.
Aldermen had asked voters to consider the term extension so that a mayor, once elected, would have four guaranteed years to