

## LOCAL SCENE

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

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- Farmers Market, Diekroeger Park, Wright City, 3:30-6 p.m.
- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Wright City R-II School Board meeting, central office, Wright City, 6:30 p.m.
- Virtual adult program, Warrenton Regional Scenic Library Facebook page, 5 p.m.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

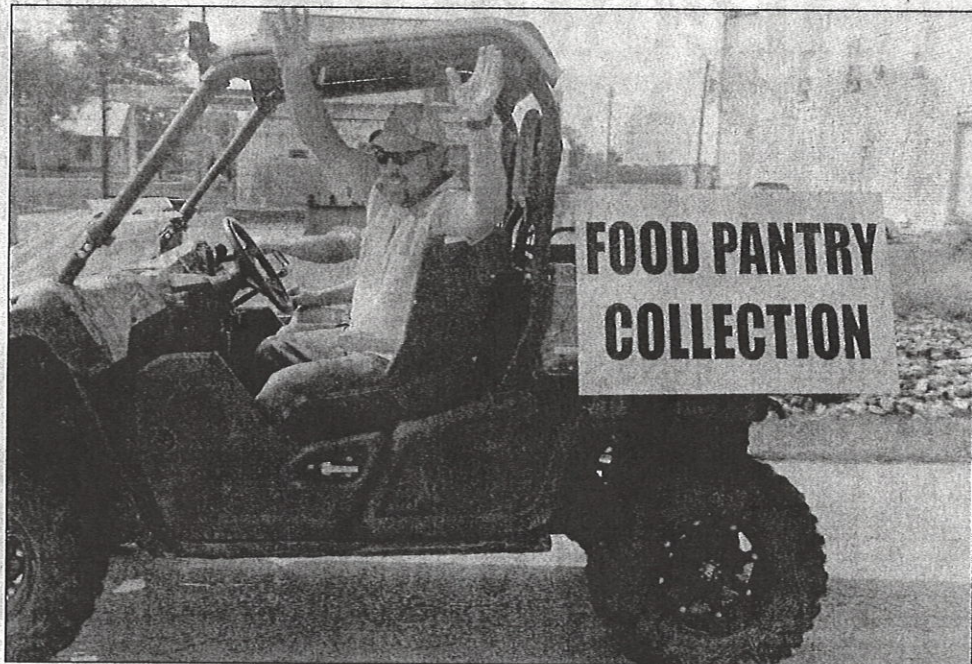
- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.
- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Wright City Planning and Zoning Commission, city hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Virtual Kids Club, all Scenic Regional Library Facebook pages, 4 p.m.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Virtual storytime for preschoolers, Warrenton Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.
- Wright City Chamber of Commerce meeting, Wil Heiliger Activity Building, Wright City, 11:45 a.m.
- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Farmers Market, Fairgrounds, Warrenton, 3:30-6 p.m.
- Kiwanis Club of Warrenton Area meeting, Oliver's Restaurant, 289 W. Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton, noon.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- OATS Transportation Committee meeting, the senior center, 1 p.m.
- Truesdale Board of Al-



**COLLECTING FOR CHARITY** — Volunteers wave from a utility vehicle as they collect food pantry donations along the route of the Journey For Charity tractor cruise Sunday, Sept. 13. Adam Rollins photo.

## RESPONSE

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Emergency Management Agency.

Warren County Ambulance Chief Tim Flake said a large chunk of the money will go toward automated CPR machines, which perform chest compressions, reduce close contact and free medics to provide other lifesaving treatment at the same time.

Flake said his agency and Marthasville Community Ambulance worked together to request a total of eight CPR machines. He estimated that they cost around \$17,000 apiece.

Other major ambulance upgrades will include UV light systems to kill airborne contamination.

"We're really trying to get the airborne stuff under control in the back of the trucks," Flake commented.

UV lights installed in the roof of the truck will help reduce pathogens in the back where patients are treated, while additional UV lights inside the

going down the road."

In addition, Flake said the ambulance district is purchasing Chromebook laptops to help staff, administrators and board members communicate without meeting in person.

The district is also purchasing privacy screens and crowd control stanchions, in case it needs to assist in large-scale health or vaccination clinics in the future, Flake added.

Warren County Emergency Management Director Mike Daniels said his agency is using its portion of the funding to reimburse the cost of numerous portable sanitizing sprayers, which have been distributed to every emergency agency in the county.

Daniels said half the cost of the sprayers was paid when they were ordered months ago, but the other half was owed when they were delivered in August. The county paid about \$1,800 apiece for 30 backpack-mounted sprayers, \$800 apiece for 30 handheld sprayers, and \$10,000 for about 30 barrels of special disinfectant solution.

tal personal protective equipment and sanitizing supplies. Those costs can add up to thousands over several months.

"No payroll or anything like that (is included)," Gildehaus said.

Gildehaus said there will likely be two more rounds of disbursements this year. Between \$700,000 to \$800,000 in CARES funding is being left in reserve to cover emergency needs for the remainder of the year.

### Disbursements

Below are the full disbursements approved by the Warren County Commission in September, according to data provided by the county clerk's office.

- Total — \$293,915
- Marthasville Community Ambulance District — \$19,785
- City of Foristell — \$885
- Wright City — \$87
- Warren County Ambulance District — \$183,267
- Warren County Assessor — \$5,434
- Warren County Commission — \$2,070

## MEALS

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qualify for a free or reduced lunch program.

Berger said the district expects an increase in government meal program funding, but additional funding is not guaranteed.

"It's a lot of money for every family in the district," Berger said. He said the district will also look for additional staff time to spend on managing meal programs.

Meals are available even if you don't get that

## TRASH

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weeks," Tappin explained.

Ward 1 Commissioner Hechler said that Wright City has its own trash service in Meridian. He said he would try to cancel trash service in Meridian, but the waste management agency said it would not do that. Tappin said that any incentive to provide trash service, which is costly for the city and paid for by residents.

Regardless of the Meridian response to complaints, Rowden said he would seek financial bids for trash service.

"That's a challenge to local citizens, and that we expect service," Rowden said.

## Recycling

One specific complaint