

LOCAL SCENE

Thursday, Dec. 26

- W8 Watchers meeting, 107 W. Walton, Warrenton, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 29

- Dance with Frank Stanek and the Country Limits, Lions Club hall, Warrenton, 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 30

- Bingo, Warrenton Elks Lodge, 6:30 p.m.

- Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6:30 p.m.

- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 7 p.m.

- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

- New Year's Eve Party, dinner, auction and dance, St. Ignatius Hall, 19129 Mill Road, Marthasville, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

- New Year's Day bingo, Warrenton Elks Lodge, 11 a.m.

- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 2

- Alzheimer's Support Group for caregivers, St. John's Lutheran Church, 950 S. State Highway 47, Warrenton, 1 p.m.

- Adult book bingo, Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 1 p.m.

- W8 Watchers meeting, 107 W. Walton, Warrenton, 5 p.m.

- Marine Corps League



SHOP WITH A COP — Truesdale police officers took local families shopping for Christmas presents at Walmart Dec. 14 as part of their department's first Shop With a Cop program. Adam Rollins photo.

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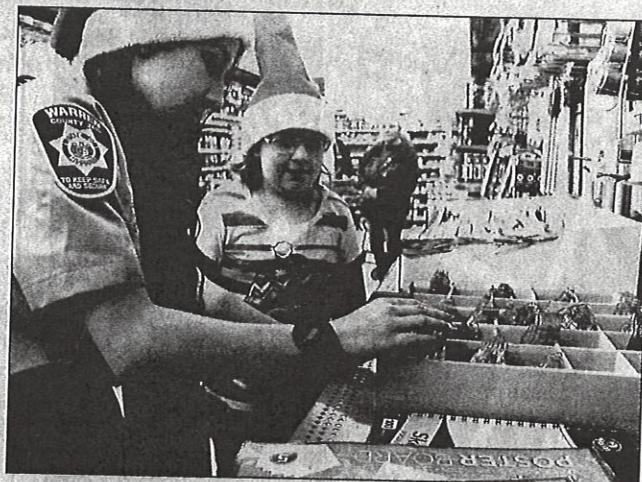
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"It's just awesome to be able to come and shop," commented Moritz. "It's fun to be able to go in and just let them run around and say, 'Hey, pick what you want.'"

"I have two little brothers and sisters, so I know kids super enjoy this kind of stuff," added Smith. "And kids are usually pretty cool with me."

To find families who might have had a blue Christmas without a little help, the officers contact their local schools to help connect them. The families who get recommended are those in tough personal or financial situations.

But as their children led officers from toy to toy, bubbling with enthusiasm at all the possibilities, parents smiled as if they too were receiving a



MANY GIFT OPTIONS — Cpl. Alexandria Smith and Ava McClary look through paintable decorations in the craft section at Walmart during a wide-ranging shopping trip to find Ava presents for Christmas. She was one of over a dozen local youths who got to go on a Christmas shopping spree thanks to the Warren County sheriff's Shop With a Deputy program. Adam Rollins photo.

cart full of gifts.

"I think this is amazing, I really do. I wish we could have had everyone I know who needs this up here," said Angie Light as her children shopped with deputies. Light

trailed her young son, Dylan, on his shopping spree.

Light said she was glad they were invited to participate. "The excitement in his face is worth it," she said.

Emmaus Homes sells parcel at former campus