LOCAL SCENE

Tuesday, Feb. 18
- Retired teachers and public school worker meeting, College United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 10 a.m.
- Wright City Senior Citizens meeting, Immanuel United Church of Christ, Wright City, 10:30 a.m.
- Chicks with Sticks, crochet or knitting lessons, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 1 p.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Grace Bible Church, 25445 S. Highway 47, Warrenton, 5:15 p.m.
- Chick flick, trivia night, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6 p.m. RSVP, Limited to 70.

Wednesday, Feb. 19
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, First Baptist Church, 104 Hederman, Wright City, 9 a.m.
- Bingo, Warrenton Elks Lodge, 10 a.m.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 10 a.m.
- The Kiwanis Club of Wright City meeting, Ruiz Castillo, Wright City, noon.
- Mat Pilates, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 5 p.m. RSVP.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.

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"The response has been consistent — keep the district moving forward and provide learning opportunities for all of our students, along with remaining competitive in our salary schedules to retain staff," said a statement from the district's central office.

"The good news was that what the board and administration thought we needed was pretty consistent with feedback we received," said Jones. "I think there's good synergy there."

The board is determined to keep the community engaged and informed in the process.

Thus far the district has 10 candidates for the position to fill the vacancy of Dr. David Buck after his departure at the end of June. Buck is leaving for an identical position in the Lee's Summit School District.

The application process for R-II superintendent closes on Feb. 17.

The next phase of the search will be on March 8, when the board will review all candidate applications and begin the interview process soon after.

"We'll make a decision on the top six or so to interview and go from there," said Jones. "We're going to pick out 12 canned questions for each person to answer."

"Based upon that we'll narrow it down to two or three candidates and have them back in for second interview and from there make a decision."

The goal of the board is to have a finalist selected by the end of March and announced before the April school board election.

"We're trying to have it done before the election, so that the current sitting board hires the next superintendent," said Jones.