

LOCAL SCENE

Tuesday, Jan. 21

- 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.
- The power of a plant-based diet, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6 p.m. RSVP.
- Wright City Spring sport registrations, Wil Heiliger Activity Building, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, First Baptist Church, 104 Hedeman, Wright City, 9 a.m.
- Bingo, Warrenton Elks Lodge, 10 a.m.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 10 a.m.
- OATS Transportation Committee meeting, the senior center, 1 p.m.
- A Novel Bunch book club, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 2 p.m. RSVP.
- Mat Pilates, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 5 p.m. RSVP.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.



Regional Planning Commission (BRPC), which is helping manage the project, and the Warren County Commission,

first place required direct assistance from the county commission. Toerper explained that community development block

Hubie Kluesner. "Handicapped Services are doing good for the community. It's a win-win (for the county)."

DOG

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plan time."

For some, Rosko's presence alone seems to evoke calmness as they make a connection.

"Some of our kiddos bring in a lot of hardships from home," said Hickman. "One day we had a student come and lay with Rosko and read books to him for a while. In that situation, it was more helpful than a staff member trying to process with the student."

Currently Rosko "works" at East Elementa-

ry at least one day a week, sometimes twice. Hickman said it's important for Rosko not to recognize the school as a second home, so he can clearly distinguish between his roles as family pet and facility dog. This is also accomplished through the use of a command collar, which Rosko wears only when he is on duty at East Elementary.

Hickman said Rosko is also trained on specific commands and boundaries.

"When we're at home, he knows he can come up for attention, but when we're at school he recognizes not to initiate contact but to let oth-

ers approach him," said Hickman. "It can be tough sometimes, because people get very excited to see him."

Students are expected to ask permission before petting, but on a busy morning in the hallway, dozens of hands can be vying for a spot in the thick black fur. Just the brief moment of contact with Rosko can lift a smile out of someone who walked through the doors discouraged.

Superintendent Dr. David Buck said there is work in progress to supply two facility dogs at Wright City West Elementary, which is around twice the size of East.

Two children were living in home with drug stockpile

Warren County sheriff's deputies arrested two suspected drug dealers Jan. 8 while executing a search warrant at their home on the 28000 block of Sunnyside Road.

Hundreds of pills believed to contain the opioid fentanyl or a related substance were seized from the home, where deputies said two young children were also living. A small amount of methamphetamine was also located, according to an arrest report.

Meagan M. Harris, 32, and Jonathan D. Alger, 29, are each charged with delivery of a controlled substance, drug possession, and two counts of child endangerment.

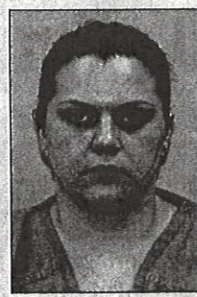
According to the sheriff's department, deputies entering the residence located Alg-

er coming out of a bathroom. Deputies found a bag of fentanyl spinning in the recently flushed toilet.

In the master bedroom, deputies reportedly uncovered about 100 pills containing fentanyl, along numerous other pills containing a "cutting agent" used to dilute illicit opioids. About 200 more pills with a mix of both substances were found in a spare bedroom, deputies said.

Living in the home were two children, a 6 year old and a 9 year old. The sheriff's department said both children had easy access to the narcotics in the house.

Harris and Alger were incarcerated at the Warren County Jail with bond set at \$15,000.



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