

BOONESLICK STRINGS

The cover of the September 1994 issue of Missouri Ruralist magazine shows the plow and



# LOCAL SCENE

## MANUFACTURING

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### Monday, Oct. 21

- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Survival, Escape room and game night, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6-8 p.m. RSVP.
- Wright City Planning and Zoning Commission, city hall, 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, Oct. 22

- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 10 a.m.
- Wright City Chamber of Commerce meeting, Wil Helliger Activity Building, Wright City, 11:45 a.m.
- Kiwanis Club of Warrenton Area meeting, Oliver's Restaurant, 289 W. Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton, noon.
- 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.
- Cocaine Anonymous, 116 S. Maine St., Bellflower, 5:45 p.m.

### Wednesday, Oct. 23

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, First Baptist Church, 104 Hedeman, Wright City, 9 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.
- Truesdale Board of Aldermen, city hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Parent Grief Group, Martin Funeral Home, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.

Manufacturing Day has been a national initiative since 2012, intended to bring members of the public into modern manufacturing facilities to see how much technology has transformed what used to be thought of as a dirty or unpleasant work environment. The local program started in 2018 as a partnership between the business groups and local schools, with hundreds of students participating.

Once the eighth-graders have a chance to see what local factories are like and the kinds of robotics, computers and other technology they use, the students might decide to focus their high school careers on STEM classes (science, technology, engineering and math) that will prepare them for one of those jobs, Toerper said.

That benefits the students who have new possibilities opened to them, and also local businesses with the kids the diversity that's available in their future career paths," added CertainTeed process engineer Chad Pearia. "(We're sharing) how many different types of careers exist just at one local manufacturing facility in one of their local towns."

For example, Pearia demonstrated 3-D printing technology similar to what he uses to design and produce machine parts for CertainTeed's manufacturing process.

"Young people are intelligent and they're capable. They need inspiration," Pearia continued. "If they're inspired to do a career, a trade, then they'll chase it and be successful."

Dr. David Buck, superintendent of Wright City R-II School District, said the district's mission is to prepare students for

success after graduation, whether that's through college or through a technical or trade career.

Buck said participant-employer while still in high school, Buck explained. Other classes and programs at the high school level impart leadership skills and opportunities for practical learning students can transfer into a successful career.

Regular communication between the school district and local employers is helping tailor those career-oriented programs, Buck said. And Manufacturing Day is a way to open students' eyes to what those programs could lead them to in the future.

## POLICY

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activities.

With the revisions to the state law, the district has to determine whether a student in possession of a medical marijuana card who tests positive for the substance in their system will be subject to the drug policy consequences.

from the association is that marijuana not be allowed in or administered within the school setting, regardless if the student possesses a state-issued medical marijuana card. Board members were in agreement and approved a policy that school nurses should not be administering marijuana and that the substance will not be allowed on school property.

But the discussion



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