

ONLINE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

This week we asked, how often do you visit a local library?
What do you use the library for? Is there any program or service you wish local libraries offered?

Bethany Kelley Minderman — Our family uses both branches (Warrenton and Wright City) every week. We love all of the reading options for the kids. Both branches have amazing staff. I would love to have art classes for kids!

Katie Shaw — I visit our library about once a week. I just check out books. We have a great staff at our branch. They are always friendly and helpful. The Libby app for checking out books for a Kindle is also wonderful.

Anna Creviston — We try to get there as much as we can, especially since my first grader can read now. She even signed up for her own library card! It's nice that I can take her up to our local branch and she can read or play while I get some work done. Our staff is amazing and they offer some great classes and workshops!

Shelby Graves — As the library media specialist at Rebecca Boone, I am always recommending to our students that they go to the Warrenton branch. Since the remodel, the inside is beautiful and has something for everyone. I'm proud to live near such a versatile facility.

Holly Lichtenberg Forrest — I love our library and the programs offered here in Warrenton. When time allows, I'll be there even more!

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MSHP seeks applicants for recruit class

The Missouri State Highway Patrol is testing for new troopers. The Patrol is encouraging qualified individuals of all backgrounds to apply, and will offer testing at nine different locations in Missouri. Those who successfully complete testing will be eligible to continue in the selection process for the 110th Recruit Class, scheduled to begin training on July 1. The application deadline is Feb. 16.

To be eligible candidates must possess a minimum of 30 college credits, or two years of federal active duty military service with an honorable discharge, or two years of full-time POST-certified experience as a law enforcement officer with arrest authority, at the time recruit training begins.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has updated its uniform guidelines to allow troopers to have tattoos or brands as long as they meet two requirements: 1) The tattoos or brands cannot depict or support criminal behavior, drug usage, nudity, profanity, promiscuity, subversive

head, neck, hands, wrists, or any part of the body which would be visible during movements in the performance of their duties while wearing an official uniform or civilian attire. Troopers with tattoos on the arms that would be visible in the class B uniform (short sleeves) will wear the class A uniform (long sleeves).

The starting salary for trooper is \$4,128 per month while in training and \$4,274 per month at two years of service. Following three years of service, a trooper first class' annual salary is \$52,200. Other benefits include group health insurance, contributory retirement, career advancement, and more.

The selection process is a multi-phase testing procedure including: written examination, a physical fitness for duty assessment, polygraph examination, background investigation, and oral interview board.

Interested persons can find out more about the qualifications by contacting a patrol recruiter at telephone number 660-660-6606.

Revenue to try to get answers from them. To date, the State Auditor's Office has contacted the Department of Revenue on behalf of more than 2,500 taxpayers who have been asked for the office's help in getting their tax refunds and, with explicit permission, the State Auditor's Office has passed along contact information to the Department of Revenue.

Secretary of State

Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft released the top five investment promotion schemes likely to trap Missouri's investors in the New Year and recommended steps that investors can take to protect themselves from investment fraud.

The list was developed by surveying members of the North American Securities Administrators Association, of which the Missouri Secretary of State's Office is a member, to identify threats to investors likely to see in 2020. The five most frequently identified by members as the top five areas of concern for the coming year:

- Promissory Notes
- Ponzi Schemes
- Real Estate-related Investments
- Cryptocurrency-related Investments
- Social Media/Internet-based Investment Schemes

"It is important for investors to understand what they are investing in and who they are investing with," Ashcroft said. "Don't be pressured to invest. If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

Such investment offers that sound too good to be true often share similar characteristics. The most common sign of an investment scam is an offer of guaranteed high returns with no risk. All investments carry some risk that some, or all, of the invested

Cuivre River State Park hosts

Cuivre River State Park is hosting an informational meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 30 for those interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at the park.

Volunteers have an important role in improving the park through trail maintenance, facility improvements, special events and more.

Park volunteers logged 293 volunteer hours on various projects from exotic plant species control to trail improvements in January. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. The meeting will be held at the visitor's center at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

We welcome you

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