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 she 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!

Look for another survey question on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/wcnews

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 troopers 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, 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, packet, or job.

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Secretary of State

Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft recently announced the top five investment schemes likely to trap Missouri’s investors in the New Year and recommended steps to protect themselves from fraud.

The list was developed by survey members of the North American Securities Administrators Association, of which Missouri’s Division of the Secretary of State is a member, to identify threats that are likely to be seen in 2020. The five schemes were most frequently identified by members as the top five areas of concern for the coming year:

1) Ponzi Schemes
2) Cryptocurrency-related Investment Products
3) Social Media/Internet-based Investment Products
4) Promissory Notes
5) Real Estate-related Investments

"It is important for investors to understand their specific situation and the risks involved in their investments," Ashcroft said. "Don’t assume that all investments are safe or are underwritten by reputable companies. If you are unsure of how to invest, ask your financial advisor or seek the advice of a trusted professional before making any investment decisions.

Cuivre River State Park hosts formal meeting

Cuivre River State Park is hosting a formal meeting at 6 p.m., Thu, Jan. 30 for those interested in learning about volunteer opportunities at the park. Volunteers have an important role in improving the park through trail maintenance, facility improvements, and special events.

Park volunteers logged 293 volunteer hours on various projects from exotic critter control to trail improvements in 2019. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to meet the park’s visitor center, located at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

We welcome you to Cuivre River State Park! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact, or rollins@warrencountyrecord.com.