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Warrenton fire tax goes down in defeat

*Rural areas in district
prove to be difference*

By Adam Rollins
STAFF WRITER

Despite repeated runs at the ballot in hopes of a better outcome, Warrenton Fire Protection District was once again turned down by voters who were asked on Tuesday to approve a property tax increase to revive the district's depleted finances.

The district had proposed a tax increase of 15 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, which would have amounted to \$28.50 per year for a \$100,000 home. The funding would have pulled the fire district out of a spiral in which its annual expenses exceed its revenues despite cost-cutting measures.

The tax proposal was defeated by 157 votes, a 9-percent margin of the fewer than 1,800 voters who came to the polls on Tuesday. The vote totals were 813 in favor of the tax increase and 970 against.

Overall voter turnout at precincts within the fire district was 15 percent. The property tax was the only ballot item for the August special election.

Ballot results from individual precincts showed a noticeable contrast between the opinions of residents who live in the rural areas of the fire district, compared to those in the district's more densely populated core. Residents within the boundaries of Warrenton and Truesdale passed the tax proposal in each of their voting precincts, but rural voters heavily disfavored the tax increase. Those rural voting areas have carried a clear negative majority whenever Warrenton Fire has put a tax proposal on the ballot in recent years.

Leaders of the fire district are dis-



BALLOTS ARRIVE — Warren County Commissioner Tom Meyer helps deliver ballots to election officials at the Warren County Administration Building on Tuesday, Aug. 3. Also pictured are election judges Ginger Schenck and Marilyn Stuart. Adam Rollins photo.

heartened, but not surprised by the outcome. Several who spoke to *The Record* said they'll have to regroup to talk about what to do next.

"I think we're all exhausted," said Fire Chief Anthony Hayeslip. "We had such high hopes for this, we hadn't even breached that subject. ... We've talked about options of what we may or may not do, but there's been no full board discussion on it."

"All we can do is wake up tomorrow and go back to work," Hayeslip added.

Recently appointed board of directors member Laura McIntosh said she was distraught to see the lack of support for the district's firefighters and services, but that the firefighters would continue to support their community.

"I can tell you, the firefighters are dedicated. If they weren't, they wouldn't still be here," McIntosh said. "They are good stewards with the little amount they've been given, and they're going to run calls and do their jobs because they're dedicated individuals."

Former assessor appears in court

By Adam Rollins
STAFF WRITER

Former Warren County Assessor Wendy (Nordwald) Kozma appeared in Warren County Circuit Court on July 30 for her first hearing on 15 charges of felony theft. Kozma is accused of embezzling at least \$23,000 from the Missouri State Assessors Association (MSAA) prior to leaving office in 2020.

Kozma was allowed to drive herself to the hearing last week, after initially being arrested in Polk County, Florida, where she currently lives. The purpose of the hearing was to hold a formal arraignment and negotiate conditions for Kozma to remain out of jail prior to trial. Defense attorney Timothy Hunsaker waived a reading of the charges against Kozma as she seated herself in the rear gallery of the courtroom. Her primary attorney, Scott Rosenblum, was not present.

Hunsaker and Prosecuting Attorney Kelly King each petitioned Judge Nathan Carroz to modify the conditions for Kozma to be released on her own recognizance. King asked for the court to take Kozma's passport as one of the conditions. Hunsaker, who had been notified of this request several days prior, had the passport on hand and surrendered it to the court with no objection.

Hunsaker, for his part, asked Judge Carroz to alter one of the bond restrictions placed on Kozma's initial warrant, which would have required her to remain in Missouri while the case is resolved. Hunsaker said Kozma wished to remain at her home in Florida, where she lives with her current husband and youngest child.

King did not object to the request, saying that the initial release conditions were set by Associate Circuit Judge Richard



Wendy
Kozma

Warrenton approves \$5 million bond agreement

By Adam Rollins
STAFF WRITER

The Warrenton Board of Aldermen in July selected an underwriter and approved an agreement to issue \$5 million in bonds to finish construction of new sewer mains and upgrade the city's wastewater treatment plant.

Bonds are a form of IOU that a city sells to a lender, with the promise to repay that financing using public funds — in this case, user fees from the city's water and sewer services. An underwriter is a company that helps facilitate those bond transactions.

Warrenton is issuing the bonds to pay for construction of a sewer main from Fairlane Circle to the city's wastewater plant on Willow Road.

*To finish construction of new sewer
mains and upgrade treatment plant*

The city also plans to install a state-mandated UV light disinfection system at the plant. That will complete upgrades that Warrenton voters approved bond financing for in 2014.

During the board of aldermen's July 6 public meeting, financial advisor Joy Howard with WM Financial Strategies said Warrenton had received a AA credit rating on its bonds, meaning the interest rate on the bonds will be low.

"Of course, interest rates right now are at historical low levels. You're getting into the market at the perfect time," Howard commented to the al-

dermen.

Howard said underwriting firm Hilltop Securities out of St. Louis submitted the best proposal, in terms of interest rate, out of nine firms that had expressed interest in facilitating the city's bond sale. Aldermen voted 6-0 to accept Hilltop as the underwriting firm.

During the board's following meeting on July 20, aldermen voted to approve a bond issuance ordinance. According to the text of the ordinance published by the city, the bonds will be paid off over the next 15 years, with the last payment in 2036.

Also in July, aldermen ap-

proved \$3.3 million in expenditures for materials and construction of the sewer improvements.

To help repay bonds for sewer network upgrades that have been ongoing since voters approved bond funding in 2014, the board of aldermen has been steadily raising water and sewer service fees by about 4 percent each year.

After the current sewer main and disinfection upgrades are complete, city officials plan to return to voters for approval on a new sewer project as soon as 2023. Due to significant growth in housing and other developments, Warrenton's wastewater plant is in need of a capacity upgrade to handle the increased sewage load. That project would require its own new round of bond funding.

Demo projects up next in Marthasville

*Six vacant homes,
abandoned factory
to be cleaned up*

By Adam Rollins
STAFF WRITER

The city of Marthasville is hiring a company to demolish six vacant homes and the town's abandoned hat factory at the cost of \$128,000.

The Marthasville Board of Aldermen voted 4-0 at its July 28 meeting to approve Donald Martin Construction out of Hannibal as the contractor for the demolitions. A large portion of the project cost is being provided through a Missouri community development block grant that was awarded by the Department of Economic Development

in 2020.

The goal of the demolitions is to remove structures that have become so rundown that they're little more than health and safety hazards, and breeding grounds for vermin, city officials have said. The project will also open up ground for future redevelopment. The six homes slated for demolition are all privately owned by people who have agreed to allow the demolitions. The abandoned hat factory is owned by the city government, purchased several years ago for this purpose.

Donald Martin Construction submitted the second-lowest bid price for the demolition project. Mayor David Lange said the lowest bid was from Gibson Hauling of Warrenton, but that the company failed to follow bidding procedure and was disqualified.

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FOR DEMOLITION — The abandoned hat factory in Marthasville is the largest of seven structures currently slated for demolition in the city. The city just awarded a \$128,000 contract for the demolition work, funded in large part by a state grant. File photo.

LOCAL SCENE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

- Warrenton Senior Center, Bingo, 12:30-2 p.m., 501 Ashland St
- Farmers Market, Diekroeger Park, Wright City, 3:30-6 p.m.
- Grief Group, Martin Funeral Home, Warrenton, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Alzheimer's Support Group for caregivers, St. John's Lutheran Church, 950 S. State Highway 47, Warrenton, 1 p.m.
- Reese's Reads Book Club, Warrenton Scenic Regional Library, 5:30 p.m.
- Lions Club meeting, Lions Club Hall, Fairgrounds, Warrenton, 7:30 p.m.
- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Marine Corps League Detachment 1393, Elks Lodge, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Warrenton Planning and Zoning Commission, city hall, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

- Elks Barbecue, Elks Lodge, Warrenton, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
- First Friday on First Street Festival, Wright City, 5-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

- Virtual storytime for preschoolers, Warrenton Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.
- The Warren County Chapter of Missouri Right to Life meeting, Fellowship Baptist church, 1015 South Highway 47, Warrenton, 9:30 a.m.
- Ice Cream Supper, Central Grove United Methodist Church, 35569 Hwy A, Warrenton, 4-7 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

- Warrenton Lions Club Hall, Dance, music by Frank Stanek and the Country Limits, 1-4:00 p.m.
- Immanuel United Church of Christ, Wright City, Clothing Bag Sale and Flea Market, 8 a.m.-Noon.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

- Exercise, Warren County Senior Center, 501 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, 10-11 a.m.
- Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.
- Wright City Lions Club, 678 Westwoods Road, Wright City, 7-10 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

- Warrenton Senior Center, Bingo, 12:30-2 p.m., 501 Ashland St
- Farmers Market, Warrenton Fairgrounds, Warrenton, 3:30-6 p.m.
- Virtual storytime for preschoolers, Warrenton Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.
- Movie by moonlight, Warrenton Scenic Regional Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Warren County Commission, administration building, 9 a.m.
- Innsbrook Board of Trustees, the village hall, 4 p.m.
- Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting, Country Lakes Golf Course, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Warren County Ambulance District Broad meeting, Base 1, 604 Fairgrounds Road, Warrenton, 6 p.m.
- Old Threshers Association meeting, Agricultural Heritage Museum, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

- Exercise, Warren County Senior Center, 501 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, 10-11 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, First Baptist Church, 104 Hedeman, Wright City, 9 a.m.
- Parent's grief group, Martin Funeral Home, Warrenton, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Virtual storytime for preschoolers, Wright City Scenic Regional Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.
- Truesdale Board of Aldermen, city hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Marthasville Area Chamber of Commerce, Katy Trail Depot, 7:30 p.m.



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“(Project managers) booted their bid out. Their bid wasn’t complete. ... They didn’t even use the bid form. Their paperwork was all out of whack,” Lange said.

Ten total companies from as far as Cape Girardeau submitted bids for the demolition project. Most of the bids ranged from the mid-hundred thousands up to more than \$200,000.

Lange commented that Donald Martin Construction has previous familiarity with grant-funded demolition projects and has the approval of project managers with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission.

The Department of Economic Development has awarded Marthasville up to \$135,000 for the project, including for inspections and environmental surveys that were already completed. Up to

\$107,000 in grant funds are allotted to the actual demolitions, Lange said.

The grant is intended to cover up to 80 percent of the project cost, with Marthasville covering at least 20 percent – an estimated \$28,000 in cash and \$4,000 worth of in-kind labor, Lange said.

Alderman Nick Lange said the lowest demolition bids were actually cheaper than the estimated project cost, saving the city tax dollars. Early estimates suggested the lowest bids wouldn’t be less than \$160,000.

“The bids came in very well, to where a lot of it will be covered by the grant – more than I anticipated,” Alderman Lange said.

The demolition project is being managed by Boonslick Regional Planning Commission project coordinator Chuck Eichmeyer. He said the next step is to begin coordinating with the selected contractor and make sure the remaining paperwork is in order to proceed with demolitions.

“If everything goes

right, I would think sometime in early fall you should see something happen,” Eichmeyer said.

Although the project is seen as an economic boon, it did get pushback from a small number of residents when it was announced last year. Those critics say public tax dollars are being used to bail out irresponsible property owners who allowed houses they own to become derelict and unusable. The removal of those houses at the public’s expense could improve the value of those private properties.

These are the structures that the city plans to demolish:

- The hat factory at 205 N. Two St.
- A house at 206 N. Three St.
- A house at 105A E. South St.
- A house at 103 N. Three St.
- A trailer home at 400 W. South St.
- A trailer home at 103 N. Fourth St.
- A house at 105 N. Second St.

Stone Hill Winery wins top honors in state competition

Stone Hill Winery was awarded top honors at the 2021 Missouri Wine Competition held July 13-15 in Columbia.

The Missouri Governor’s Cup and Best of Class dry red was won by Stone Hill Winery’s 2019 Chambourcin, while the winery’s 2019 Norton was awarded the C.V. Riley Award for best Norton.

The C.V. Riley Award recognizes the best Norton produced in Missouri. C.V. Riley, Missouri’s first state-appointed entomologist, is accredited with his role in saving the French wine industry as he discovered the state’s pest resistant rootstock. This award is named in his honor and is awarded to the best Norton, the official state grape.

“Words cannot express how excited we were to hear the results of the 2021 Missouri Wine Competition. I couldn’t ask for a better outcome,” Jon Held, owner of Stone Hill Winery, said. “It is gratifying to be recognized for our commitment to quality-driven winemaking and viticulture, and it is thrilling to see our dedication paying off with excellent wines. I couldn’t be more

proud of our team.”

Eight judges blindly tasted 226 wines during the three-day competition. Judges awarded 40 gold, 90 silver and 57 bronze medals.

The Missouri Governor’s Cup winner was selected from the 11 Best of Class champions:

- Sparkling: Stone Hill Winery – Demi-Sec
- Dry White: Noboleis Vineyards – 2019 Dry Vignoles
- Semi-Dry White: Stone Hill Winery – 2020 Traminette
- Sweet White: Les Bourgeois Vineyards – Moscatto
- Dry Red: Stone Hill Winery – 2019 Chambourcin
- Semi-Dry Red: Stone Hill Winery – 2019 Ozark Hellbender
- Dry Rosé: Stone Hill Winery – Dry Rosé
- Fruit: Adam Puchta Winery – Jazz Berry
- Dessert: Augusta Winery – Fine Old Tawny
- Late Harvest/Ice Wine: Augusta Winery – 2020 Icewine
- Distilled: Montelle Winery – Napoleon Missouri Brandy.

A label competition accompanied tradition-

al judging in honor of Missouri’s Bicentennial celebration. This portion of the competition was designed to recognize wineries who have stand-out labels considering information provided, design and overall bottle appearance. Ten label winners were awarded in the following categories: Traditional, Contemporary, Bicentennial, Series, Alternative Packaging and People’s Choice.

- Bicentennial Label: Les Bourgeois Vineyards – Rocheport Reserve Aged 20 Years
- Traditional Label: Stone Hill Winery – 2015 Port
- Contemporary Label: KC Wineworks – 2017 Chambourcin
- Alternative Packaging: KC Wineworks – Show-Me Sangria
- Best Wine Series: Edg-Clif Farms and Vineyard – 2019 Sunset, 2020 Chambourcin Rosé, 2020 Soleil, 2020 Vidal Blanc, 2020 Vignoles
- People’s Choice Award: Small Batch Winery – Cardinal Red.

The winning wines will be on display at the 2021 Missouri State Fair from August 12-22 in Sedalia.

ASSESSOR

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Scheibe when he issued the warrant for Kozma’s arrest.

Carroz agreed to allow her to live at home in Florida while the case plays out in court. However, he required her to sign a waiver of extradition hearing to prevent any future roadblocks on returning her to Missouri, and Kozma was also required to complete the booking process at the Warren County Jail.

The former assessor remained in the rear audience seating of the courtroom and didn’t speak during the proceeding. She came forward to sign the extradition waiver at the conclusion, then immediately left, making little eye contact with those present in the courtroom.

Observing the hearing were two members of the Warren County Commission and several members of the public.

The next court hearing for Kozma’s case is set for Sept. 24. Prior to then, the prosecutor’s office will be fulfilling the defense attorneys’ requests to turn over evidence related to the charges, which King described as including a significant amount of material.

Kozma was the Warren County assessor for more than a decade, resigning from her position in 2020 to take work in Florida.

She had been serving as the executive director of the Highlands County Habitat For Humanity in Sebring, Fla., according to the agency’s website.

In court documents seeking charges against Kozma, investigators say MSAA reviewed records for the group’s education fund after Kozma’s departure and became concerned about suspicious expenditures from the account. Between 2011 and 2020, Kozma allegedly wrote 196 checks to herself from the MSAA fund, exceeding \$250,000, according to the Missouri Highway Patrol.

According to investigators with the highway patrol, Kozma was responsible for overseeing MSAA’s education fund from 2011 to 2020.

The memo line on many of the checks indicated they were written for reimbursement of expenses, the highway patrol said. However, investigators who reviewed Kozma’s personal bank and credit card records allege that they found no expenses that were related to her work with the assessor’s association.

When Kozma became aware of the investigation against her, she allegedly wired over \$46,000 back to MSAA and claimed that the situation was a misunderstanding. Investigators quoted her asking that “the dogs be called off” after she returned the funds. She allegedly also provided falsified bank records to the association.

Fitzpatrick cites experience in announcing bid for state auditor

By Caitlin R. King
COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick says he is running for state auditor because he has “been intrigued” about the potential of that office.

“I’ve really enjoyed the experience of being state treasurer and I’m looking forward to continuing that, at least through the end of 2022. ... but I’ve always been intrigued by the auditor’s office,” Fitzpatrick said in a telephone conversation Friday evening.

Fitzpatrick has served the state since 2013, first as a representative in the House for six years before being appointed state treasurer in 2018.

“The reason I got into politics in the first place was because, as a young man trying to build a business, I found myself dealing with the government and often found those encounters very frustrating and being frustrated with how bureaucracy worked,” he said.

“It wasn’t until those experiences that I had that I realized that you know, how the government runs is very important to our daily lives,” he added.

Fitzpatrick cites his years in the House work-

ing as the budget chairman and time as treasurer as giving him “even more perspective” for the role as auditor to look into the “nitty gritty details of how government works.” Fitzpatrick announced his bid in a Thursday statement, citing “his track record as a job creator, conservative watchdog, and next-generation leader.”

“Missourians are tired of politicians who use the Auditor’s office to target their political opponents for their own gain ... It’s time for a conservative watchdog with a proven record of protecting Missouri taxpayers,” he said.

Fitzpatrick is the first person to throw a hat into the ring following State Auditor Nicole Galloway’s announcement earlier this year that she would not be running for re-election in 2022. Her announcement came after an unsuccessful 2020 gubernatorial campaign against Republican incumbent Gov. Mike Parson.

Galloway is the sole Democrat holding state office. Speaker of the House Rob Vescovo, R-Arnold, and Rep. David Gregory, R-St. Louis, have both been mentioned as potential auditor candidates, according to The Missouri Times.

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Groeper to help lead state school board association

By Derrick Forsythe
CORRESPONDENT

Over nearly three decades on the Wright City School Board, Mary Groeper has been a part of hiring seven different superintendents and making hundreds of decisions impacting the outcomes of the district.

As she concludes her 27th year of service and anticipates running for another term in April, she is also being recognized on a statewide level. Groeper was recently elected to the executive committee of the Missouri School Board Association, where she has served as a board member since 2011.

"She's always got the best interest of the kids at heart," said R-II Board President Austin Jones, who's served alongside Groeper for the past 21 years. "If you listen, she has a lot of empathy for families in situations. I think those are the things that drive her and keep her motivated to do a good job as a board member."

Now Groeper will be able to effect change on a statewide level, as she meets among the president and other officers of MSBA.

"This is the board that meets prior to the executive session," explained Groeper, who was nominated and elected by her peers. One representative is chosen for small, medium and large school populations. In addition to her role on the executive committee, she is also a member of the MSBA Board of Directors and MSBA Future Builders Committee.

While Groeper never had a career in education, she has long taken an interest in the outcomes of students in the community. She and her husband, Jack, owned and operated Economy Grocery in Wright City for 26 years, employing many area youth.

"I think it starts with when they owned the store," recalled Jones. "She always said they would want to hire high school kids to give them an opportunity to have



DEDICATED TO SERVICE — Longtime Wright City School Board member Mary Groeper has been elected to a leadership position on the executive committee of the Missouri Association of School Boards. Groeper has served as a local school board member for 27 years. Adam Rollins photo.

a job. One of the things she and Jack would do is work with the students on their extra curricular schedules, so they could not only hold a job but stay involved in activities."

Groeper has an aunt who was a professor and a nephew who is a superintendent, linking her family's interest in education. But it was her compassion toward young people that drove her desire to become committed to the community. Beyond her work as treasurer of the school board, she also serves as vice president of the Wright City Parks Board and will take over as president of the Kiwanis Club in September.

"The reason I first did it was I just love kids," said Groeper. "Kids are my passion, and I like community service as well. I like being involved in the community, so I decided to run for school board. I've had several friends who are teachers, and I'd hear them talk about things going on in the school and thought maybe I could make a difference."

During her time on the board, Groeper has contributed to and witnessed the building of the current middle school, Wright City East Elementary, the Early Childhood Center and the central office.

"Adding football was one of the bigger deci-

sions we've had to make, because the board was very divided on that," said Groeper. "Building the new schools and selling the old building we had in town at the time was a tough decision to make."

She's also been a part of the push for competitive teacher salaries and advancing technology and course offerings to provide the best possible resources for student achievement.

"We've come a long way since I got on the board 27 years ago," said Groeper. "We've improved in a lot of ways with our test scores and facilities. I think the morale is better than it was at that time for teachers. We're in a much better place than we were several years ago."

Groeper is also a strong supporter of the athletic

and band boosters, along with the Blue and Gold Foundation.

"Everything geared in her life is toward helping the students succeed," said Jones. "It's a body of work with her. If you look at that entire body of work and how she's built on it, that's a testament of the long-lasting impact she'll have on the district."

With her school board position up for election next spring, Groeper is planning to continue her service and is hopeful to be a part of many projects to come.

"We're getting ready to build the new high school," said Groeper. "Hopefully we'll be putting that on the ballots in the future. We've started making plans for that, so I'd like to stick around for some input into that."

Schnucks donates \$1M for military families

Schnuck Markets Inc. has announced that Schnucks customers, vendors and the company pledged a gift of \$1 million to benefit the Folds of Honor Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides educational scholarships to the spouses and children of veterans who were killed or injured in the line of duty.

The Round Up at the Register campaign, which ran May 26 through July 4 at all Schnucks locations, enabled customers to round up their purchases to the nearest dollar to benefit the foundation. One hundred percent of the funds

will benefit Folds of Honor and will provide 200 educational scholarships.

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City faces questions over admin policy, new legal firm

By Adam Rollins
STAFF WRITER

Warrenton city leaders are weathering critical questions over proposals to change the qualifications for city administrator and to hire a specialty law firm as employment law advisors.

At issue are legislative bills that were first introduced during the Warrenton Board of Aldermen's July 20 public meeting, and which were voted on this week.

One of those bills, in its original version, proposed to reduce the prior work experience requirement for city administrator from five years of prior experience down to three years. It also would loosen a residency requirement, allowing an administrator to live within 15 miles of Warrenton City Hall, rather than within 10 miles.

Although aldermen quickly removed the experience requirement change from the bill after beginning discussion, it had already kindled concerns over the qualifications of current City Administrator Brandie Walters. Several local residents asked whether Walters meets the requirement of five years of public administration experience or relevant bachelor's degree that are called for in city ordinance.

"If the city administrator's work experience satisfied the qualification in the code prior to her hiring, what possible explanation is there for a bill that proposed lowering the qualification?" asked Josh Poore, a self-directed local government watchdog and author of the Liberty in Warren County Facebook page. Poore has been critical of the city government's decision to elevate an internal candidate to replace retired City Administrator Terri Thorn, without conducting an outside candidate search.

Poore framed the proposed qualification changes as "an attempt to make someone retroactively qualified."

Prior to her promotion to city administrator, Walters was Warrenton's director of operations since 2018, and assistant director of operations before that.

Alderman Steven Cullom, who was elected this year, said in July that he doesn't agree with how the administrator selection was handled, but that he supports Walters.

"(Walters) does an amazing job and I feel she is qualified to do the job that she does," Cullom said.

Alderman Bob Delaloye said the change to the administrator experience require-

ment was included in the bill by mistake, and that board members had previously determined that Walters' work history satisfied the city's requirements. Delaloye led aldermen in a vote to remove that change from the bill on July 20, ahead of final discussion and vote to change the residency requirement on Aug. 3.

Alderman Larry Corder, who was elected this year after Walters' selection as administrator, said he disagrees with criticism over how Walters was selected.

"Every good organization will have a succession plan, and that (Walters) was there shows that the city has done what they should have done. They had someone there ready to backfill for every position," Corder said.

Aldermen voted 6-0 Aug. 3 to change the city administrator residency requirement to living within 15 miles of city hall.

New law firm

The second bill garnering some push-back is a measure to contract with a specialty law firm to answer questions of employment law on a as-needed basis. The law firm, McMahon Berger, would only bill the city when called upon to provide assistance, according to the proposed agreement.

When the bill was introduced in July, some aldermen questioned why it was necessary when the city already has an attorney on retainer.

City Attorney Christopher Graville said the firm will provide particular expertise for complex employment law and federal compliance questions that only come up once or twice a year. He compared consulting with the firm to someone having both a general practice doctor and a specialist, adding that he has already gotten informal consultations from McMahon Berger in the past.

By consulting directly with the firm when needed, Graville said the city could get important questions answered more quickly, and also save money by not having to pay for Graville's time to do lengthy research.

"The city could pay me to do it, but what may take me 15 hours of research is typically a 15 minute phone call with people who are really well versed and do this every day," Graville commented.

With that explanation, aldermen voted 6-0 to approve a service agreement with McMahon Berger.



UNIONIZED — Representatives of Warren County Ambulance District and International Association of Firefighters Local 2665 take a photo after signing a collective bargaining agreement in July. Pictured, from left, are board Vice Chairman Jill Smoot, shop steward Brad Angert, IAFF 2665 Sixth District Vice President Rees Remington, board Secretary Jonathan Laubert, and Chief Tim Flake. Submitted photo.

Warren County Ambulance District votes to unionize

By Adam Rollins
STAFF WRITER

The Warren County Ambulance District in July voted to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Firefighters Local 2665. This is the first time in more than a decade that the ambulance district has engaged with a union, said district Chief Tim Flake.

The proposal to unionize came from the ambulance district's staff about a year ago, Flake said. With the acknowledgment of the board of directors, the district's 21 full-time paramedics, EMTs and lieutenants voted on unionization in September 2020. Part-time medics and the district's management-level administrators weren't eligible to vote or become union members, Flake said.

Following 10 more months of COVID-delayed negotiations, in July the staff, board and union all agreed to a finalized contract that establishes employee policy for unionized staff members, Flake said. The contract is good for two years and will be revisited in 2023.

Paramedic Brad Angert, the ambulance staff's union shop steward, said staff members were motivated to unionize because they've witnessed the success of unionized rescue agencies in neighboring areas.

"It's pretty obvious when you look at other districts, most of the good, forward-thinking and forward-moving districts are union, and their administration works well with them. We wanted to do the same," Angert said. "There's a lot of benefits. You learn to work hand-in-hand between labor and management, and everyone has a voice. We work more collaboratively together."

Jonathan Laubert, the secretary of

the ambulance district's board of directors, said the board believes the union contract is a positive advancement for the district. He said the process of negotiating the union agreement brought forward ideas to improve the district's policies.

"Our main focus as a board is to maximize taxpayer dollars, to make sure it's spent correctly. Part of that mission is to make sure that the teammates that we have working for the district are safe, and also that they can perform their duty in an efficient manner. We feel this (agreement) is a positive step in that direction," Laubert said. "We hope, bottom line, that the teammates are happy in what they do. This was a project they came to the board with, and we could find no reason not to go forward with it."

Chief Flake said none of the district's public-facing services will be affected by the new union agreement. The contract is more about internal policies, such as rules for shift assignments and how discipline will be handled.

"I think it clarifies a lot. We've had policy and procedures in place, but I think it makes it more clear for everybody in the district to understand this is what's expected, here it is in black and white. You do your part and we'll do our part," Flake commented.

"We're looking at it as another layer of support," he added. "If there's something going on, we have a third set of eyes to say 'This is right' or 'This is wrong.'"

Flake said there have been two previous times when the ambulance district had a union agreement with IAFF 2665, but that the previous agreements lapsed. It has been at least 10 years since the last union agreement, Flake said.

Alleged drunk driving crash sends three to hospital

One person was airlifted from a crash site and two others were transported to a nearby hospital after a single-vehicle accident near Dutzow that authorities believe was the result of drunk driving.

The crash occurred Sunday, Aug. 1, on Highway 94 southeast of Dutzow, according to a Missouri Highway Patrol crash report. A 2014 BMW sedan was traveling eastbound near Chuch Hill Road just after 2 p.m. when it drove off the right side of the highway and hit a tree.

One passenger, Britton B. Gillette, 27, of Union, was flown by helicopter to Mercy Hospital in St. Louis with serious injuries. Highway patrol investigators said they don't know whether

Gillette was wearing a seat belt or not.

Another passenger, Megan P. Kalish, 25, of Washington, was also reported to have serious injuries, and was taken by ambulance to Mercy Hospital Washington.

The driver of the vehicle, Alexander S. Rutz, 31, of Washington, was transported to Mercy Washington with moderate injuries, the highway patrol said.

The highway patrol reported that an officer detained Rutz at the hospital on the suspicion that he was driving while intoxicated. The patrol said it could seek prosecution for intoxicated driving that led to the serious injury of two people.

Missouri road maps will look a little different this year

The official map of Missouri's statewide highway network will look a little different this year as part of Missouri's bicentennial celebration. The Bicentennial Edition of the Official Missouri Highway Map celebrates 200 years of travel in the Show-Me State. You can pick up your free copy August 12-22 at the Highway Gardens Expo Center at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia or contact your local MoDOT district office.

"More than a million people have requested or picked up a printed Missouri highway map over the past two years," said MoDOT Director of Transportation Planning, Eric Curtit. "We print 1.3 million maps every two years. While many travelers rely on their smartphones or other GPS systems to get around, a lot of people don't have these options."

Among other advantages, the paper map

allows motorists to plan their route without having to worry about cellphone coverage or data drops, Curtit said.

The Bicentennial Edition souvenir map features a brief history of travel in Missouri, beginning before the state was ratified on August 10, 1821, through frontier days and into the state's modern era with 33,830 miles of state-maintained routes, 4,800 miles of railroad tracks, 1,380 miles of Interstate highways, 125 public-use airports and 15 public ports.

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— Sheriff’s report —

The Warren County Sheriff’s Department released the following weekly activity report. Jail statistics and law enforcement incident reports are as follows for July 25 through July 31.

Average total daily inmate count: 145

Average daily Warren County inmate count: 111

Average contract agency inmate count: 31

Average other agency inmate count: 3

New arrests or incarcerations: 52

Total law enforcement calls for service: 408

Sunday, July 25

Country Bend Circle, Warrenton. Domestic assault.

Township Line Road, Warrenton. Stolen property.

Monday, July 26

West Highway 94, Marthasville. Fugitive arrest. Subject taken into custody for active warrant.

West Booneslick Road, Warrenton. Violation of Order of Protection.

Klott Lane, Warrenton. Resisting arrest.

Highway TT, Marthasville. Property damage.

Highway 47, Marthasville. Traffic offense.

Tuesday, July 27

Highway AA, Warrenton. Traffic stop. Dangerous drugs found.

Park Drive, Wright City. Tampering with motor vehicle.

East Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton. Property damage.

Lakeview Estates Drive, Warrenton. Sudden death.

Highway EE, Warrenton. Fugitive arrest. Subject taken into custody for active warrant.

North Highway 47, Warrenton. Fugitive arrest. Subject taken into custody for active warrant.

Chester Drive, Wright City. Recovered property.

Highway J, Wright City. Traffic stop. Dangerous drugs found. Subject taken into custody.

Peaceful Bend, Wright City. Traffic stop. Dangerous drugs found.

Concord Hill Road, Marthasville. Traffic offense.

Wednesday, July 28

West Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton. Auto crash.

East Veterans Memorial Parkway, Wright City. Stolen property.

Thursday, July 29

Cedar Grove Village Street, Warrenton. Domestic assault.

Bell Road, Wright City. Trespassing.

West Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton. Auto crash.

Highway O, Wright City. Stolen property.

Friday, July 30

South One Street, Marthasville. Fugitive arrest. Subject taken into custody for active warrant.

Highway AA, Wright City. Sudden death.

Church Hill Road, Marthasville. Fugitive arrest. Subject taken into custody for active warrant.

Highway W, Warrenton. Stolen property.

Tower Road, Jonesburg. Fugitive arrest. Subject taken into custody for active warrant.

Saturday, July 31

Highway A, Warrenton. Traffic stop. Dangerous drugs found.

Eastbound 70, Foristell. Recovered property.

North Spoede Lane, Wright City. Traffic stop. Report of domestic assault.

Highway B, Warrenton. Domestic assault.

Engemann Lane, Marthasville. Traffic offense.

Highway 47, Marthasville. Fugitive arrest. Subjects taken in for active warrant.

Highway M, Wright City. Domestic assault.

Bishops Lane, Truxton. Trespassing.

Westwoods Road, Wright City. Domestic assault.

North Service Road, Wright City. Domestic assault.

Convictions begin in attack on Rader, but murder unsolved

By Adam Rollins
STAFF WRITER



UNSOLVED — Two people so far have been convicted of a 2017 assault on 21-year-old Airk Rader, seen here. Less than two months after the assault, Rader was shot to death at his home.

Submitted photo.

Two people thus far have pleaded guilty to an attempted robbery and assault on Warrenton resident Airk Rader in 2017, but no charges have ever been issued for Rader’s shooting death that happened less than two months later.

Last week Ashton N. Roach, 21, of Fredericktown, pleaded guilty to charges of assault, attempted robbery and burglary stemming from an armed home invasion at Rader’s house on Township Line Road on Aug. 8, 2017. Roach is one of four people accused of participating in the crime.

The alleged ringleader of the attack, Jack T. Huck, 24, of Ste. Genevieve, pleaded guilty in June to similar charges. He and Roach were both sentenced to 10 years in prison by Presiding 12th Circuit Judge Jason Lamb.

Two other suspects, Dakota W. McCain, 22, of Marquand, and Seth D. Ault, 21, of Silva, have yet to be tried for the attack. Both remain in custody with no bond.

When the felony charges were first issued in 2018,

investigators with the Warren County Sheriff’s Department said they believed Rader had been indebted to a criminal marijuana distribution network allegedly led by Huck. Huck and the three other suspects are accused of planning the assault and robbery of Rader to recover the debt, with one suspect allegedly promising to bring a bat and break Rader’s knees, according to investigators.

On Aug. 8, 2017, after coordinating with Huck, suspects McCain, Roach

and Ault are accused of entering Rader’s residence on Township Line Road while armed with a pipe and tire iron. They allegedly used the weapons to demand money from Rader, but were chased away by Rader’s roommate who was armed with a handgun.

In addition to the felony charges in Warren County, Huck, McCain and Ault were also swept up and convicted in a federal investigation of Huck’s alleged marijuana network. Huck was sentenced in February 2020 to more than seven years in federal prison, while McCain and Ault were each sentenced to about three years in prison.

Roach, the suspect who was just convicted in Warren County, was the only one of the four who wasn’t included in the federal convictions.

Information about the break-in and assault on Rader came to light only after Rader was shot to death on Sept. 27, 2017. However, authorities have not stated whether they’ve found any connection between the assault suspects and Rader’s killing. Nearly four years later, no criminal charges have been issued for his death.

— Warrenton police report —

The Warrenton Police Department released the following weekly incident report for the dates of July 26 through August 1.

Monday, July 26

Walnut Lake Court. Stealing. Unknown subject took handgun, Walther P22, from vehicle center console. Estimated cost of loss \$259. Owner not sure if gun was taken while his vehicle was in Warrenton or St. Louis City.

Rural King Way. Stealing. Man and woman concealed two lithium batteries in bag and left the store without paying. Estimated cost of loss \$350. Under investigation.

Rural King Way. Stealing. Man and woman concealed sawzall power tool in large, black bag and left the store without paying. Estimated cost of loss \$199.99. Under investigation.

West Booneslick Road. Missing person. Woman reported her brother, white male age 27, missing. Ongoing investigation.

North Highway 47. Two vehicle crash. Vehicle one changed lanes directly in front of southbound vehicle two in order to make a right turn into McDonalds. Driver two was unable to avoid a collision and

his vehicle struck the right side of vehicle one. No injuries reported. Neither vehicle required a tow.

Tuesday, July 27

North Highway 47. Drug possession. Subjects sitting in a running vehicle over two hours at the gas pump. Glass pipe and small baggie of crystal substance found during vehicle search. Subject had active warrant out of St. Peters. White male age 37 arrested. Charges pending lab results.

Fairlane Circle. Single vehicle crash. Deer ran out from right side of roadway and driver was unable to avoid a collision. His vehicle (motorcycle) overturned causing minor injuries to his arm. The driver was assessed by EMS and he refused further medical treatment. Motorcycle was placed in owner’s driveway.

Northeast Service Road. Stealing. Unknown subject(s) broke into construction site trailer and took several power tools. Estimated cost of loss \$2,800. Under investigation.

Columbus Circle. DWI. Traffic complaint received about a vehicle driving all over the roadway and almost causing an accident. Officer administered standard field sobriety tests.

Driver white male age 27 arrested. Citation issued for driving while intoxicated.

Wednesday, July 28

Warren County Center. Stealing. Store personnel observed woman conceal several items and then under ring items at a self-checkout register. Merchandise recovered. White female age 38 was issued citation and released at the scene.

Rural King Way. Stealing. Man selected power tool and placed it in his cart. A short time later a woman placed the item in her large bag and left the store without paying. Estimated cost of loss \$199.99 for Milwaukee rotary hammer. Under investigation.

North Highway 47. Two vehicle crash. Vehicle one changed lanes and struck vehicle two. No injuries reported. Neither vehicle required a tow.

Friday, July 30

Steinhagen Road. Stealing. Unknown subject took unsecured vehicle from Pizza Hut lot. The abandoned Toyota Camry was recovered the following day on eastbound I-70 near the 202 mile marker by Warren County Sheriff’s Department. Under investigation.

Truck hits motorcycle rider in Marthasville, rider hospitalized

A motorcycle rider was sent to the hospital with serious injuries Friday evening, July 31, after being hit by a truck on Highway 47 in Marthasville.

A Missouri Highway Patrol crash report states Kevin T. Nichols, 44, of St. Clair, was stopped on southbound Highway 47 at Marthasville, waiting to make a turn into town, when the crash occurred just before 5 p.m. Nichols was riding a 1999 Yamaha motorcycle.

The second driver, Chad A. Willams,

41, of Washington, was traveling southbound in a 2001 Ford F350. The highway patrol alleges Willams failed to notice the motorcycle was preparing to make a turn. He reportedly tried to pass on the left at the same time that Nichols was making a left turn, causing the vehicles to collide.

Nichols suffered serious injuries and was flown from the crash scene to Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. Willams did not have any reported injuries.

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TEAM FIREFIGHTER — Assistant Fire Chief Josh Riebe takes off for first base in an Aug. 3 community softball game pitting Wright City firefighters and their teammates against the city's police and their team. The game was part of National Night Out events that help bring community members together with their local emergency responders and public services. Adam Rollins photo.



RESCUE TRAINING — Amberlynn Weese practices throwing a lifesaver ring with guidance from Warrenton Aquatic Center employee Gio Martinez. Games and activities related to water safety were part of a regional National Night Out event hosted at the Warrenton Athletic Complex on Aug. 3. Waiting their turns to try are Christina Galvin, Kailee Owenby, and Madelyn Priest (not pictured). Adam Rollins photo.

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Bank of Missouri named one of top agricultural lenders

The Bank of Missouri was named in the top 20 banks in agricultural lending for 2020 by the Independent Community Bankers Association.

The bank, headquartered in Perryville with local branches in Montgomery City, Wellspring, Martinsburg and Mexico, was ranked 18th in the list recognizing the best agricultural lenders with more than \$1 billion in assets.

“The Bank of Missouri has the expertise and tools, including fixed rate options, to serve farming operations of all types,” said Jeff Thielmeier, community bank president for The Bank of Missouri. “Our ability to make local decisions provides farmers with quick responses they need and deserve. Agriculture is an integral part of the communities we serve and we are dedicated to ensure all of the financial needs are met for this industry.”

The ICBA’s Top Lenders 2021 demonstrates the strength of the community bank business model as a pathway for success as agricultural, commercial, and consumer and mortgage lenders. It showcases the importance of their sound and efficient banking practices and their local knowledge and expertise in adapting to shifting market dynamics and evolving customer needs.

The annual list is based on the strength of competitive banking services and operational efficiencies using FDIC data for 2020.

The Bank of Missouri was the only bank in central Missouri to be recognized in its lending category. Other banks in the list represented Iowa, South Dakota, Illinois, Montana, California, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota and Wyoming.

Marthasville annexes 3-acre Happy Apples lot

The Marthasville Board of Aldermen last week approved annexation of a 3-acre lot on Highway 47 that’s planned to be the home of a Happy Apples shop.

In May, Marthasville Mayor David Lange said the Washington-area candy apple maker asked the city to annex a property just north of Pecan Street, where it had expressed plans for a retail store. Further details about any proposed retail establishment hasn’t yet been provided to the city.

During a May 19 discussion with the city’s board of aldermen, board members expressed an interest in getting more information about the proposed

use for the property and potential benefits for the city. However, during an official public hearing on the annexation in June, no one from the public or from the company came to meet with aldermen.

The board gave minimal attention to the question of annexation during their next public meeting on July 28. Aldermen voted 4-0 in favor of an ordinance ruling that the request for annexation is reasonable, that city utilities and services are able to be provided there, and that the annexation is accepted. The ordinance also notes that no written or verbal objections were made to the annexation.

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Judge issues order blocking St. Louis County mask mandate

By Jason Hancock
MISSOURI INDEPENDENT

St. Louis County is prohibited from enforcing a mask mandate following a judge’s order issued Tuesday afternoon.

After hearing arguments earlier in the day, St. Louis County Circuit Court Judge Ellen Ribaldo issued a temporary restraining order blocking the mask mandate from being implemented.

The restraining order, which was requested by Attorney General Eric Schmitt, expires on Aug. 17, with the judge acknowledging in the order that the county was unlikely to prevail.

The county issued its mandate on July 26. Schmitt sued the same day to block it, followed by a vote the following day by the St. Louis County Council to terminate the mask requirement.

County Executive Sam Page argued that the health order still stood, despite the council’s vote, prompting Schmitt’s office to ask for a temporary restraining order.

Ribaldo wrote that based on arguments, it is likely Schmitt will prevail in arguing that state law “gives the St. Louis County Council the authority to terminate the July 26, 2021 face covering order issued by the county defendants.”

The judge wrote that COVID-19 has become a political issue and continues to be a “political flash point for many.”

“The court’s ruling in no way speaks to or determines the wisdom of the St. Louis County Council vote to terminate the face covering order,” Ribaldo wrote.

Schmitt, who is running for U.S. Senate, celebrated the judge’s order.

“This is an important, hard-fought victory,” he said in a statement, but our fight against unreasonable and unconstitutional government overreach continues.”

The Attorney General announced he was filing a lawsuit seeking to halt a mask mandate in Kansas City later Tuesday afternoon.

Page responded to the ruling via Twitter, saying “more mask requirements are



put in place across the country to help slow this deadly virus. The CDC recommends wearing masks in public places and we ask everyone to follow that guidance as we continue our vaccine efforts.”

Tuesday morning, the state Department of Health and Senior Services reported that COVID-19 hospitalizations topped 2,000 for the first time since January. The state reported 2,690 infections, with a seven-day average of reported cases rising to 2,682 — up 9 percent from a week ago and 211 percent from a month ago.

Record parent company to acquire Moberly newspaper

Westplex Media Group, owner of the *Warren County Record*, announced last week that it has agreed to acquire the Moberly Monitor-Index from Gannett Co., Inc. It is the fourth community newspaper in Westplex’s portfolio.

Dirks, Van Essen & April, a media merger and acquisition firm based in Santa Fe, New Mexico, represented Gannett in the transaction. Terms of the transaction, expected to close on Sept 1, were not disclosed.

Gannett’s portfolio includes USA TODAY and local media organizations in 46 states in the U.S. and Guam. Westplex is owned by Tim Schmidt, who has nearly 20 years of experience in the newspaper industry. Schmidt founded Westplex in 2018 when he purchased the Montgomery Standard, a weekly newspaper in Montgomery City.

Schmidt added a second weekly newspaper in October 2019 when he acquired *The Record* from the Missourian Media Group based in Washington. In August 2020, Westplex acquired its third newspaper in Missouri, the Mexico Ledger, from Gannett Co.

“We are excited and honored about the opportunity to expand our family-owned company to Moberly and Randolph County,” said Schmidt. “The Monitor-Index has a proud history and we feel this is a natural fit to grow our company. We will work hard to publish a newspaper that the community can be proud of. We feel the newspaper industry has a bright future and we’re glad to work with Gannett a second time to make this deal happen.”

The Moberly Monitor-Index will continue to publish a printed newspaper on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with its distribution through the post office.

More details of changes, if any, will be announced as the transition takes place, said Schmidt.

The 152-year old Moberly Monitor-Index newspaper was started June 23, 1869 by Lafayette R. Brown under the name of The Monitor.

Group abandons effort to force vote on gas tax increase

A push by a conservative anti-tax group to force a statewide vote on a gas tax hike approved by Missouri lawmakers earlier this year has been abandoned, the group’s Missouri director said Monday.

Jeremy Cady, state director of Americans for Prosperity, confirmed via text message that his organization is no longer working to place the issue on the statewide ballot.

“We were unable to get all the pieces to come together,” he said. “We’ll be looking at tax reforms the legislature can take up that would remove the extra burdens lawmakers added by increasing the gas tax by 75%.”

Earlier this year, lawmakers approved a bill to increase the fuel tax in five 2.5-cent steps, with the last increase taking effect on July 1, 2025. It is designed so that each annual increase is less than the constitutional limit on tax increases without voter approval.

Gov. Mike Parson signed the tax increase last month.

Cady opposed the idea of raising taxes without a vote of the people, noting that if lawmakers had increased the tax 12.5 cents in one fell swoop, the constitution would have required it go on the ballot. He filed paperwork with the Secretary of State’s Office to put the question on the statewide ballot, a process that would have required him to collect at least 107,246 signatures spread among six of the state’s eight Congressional districts by Aug. 28.

When fully implemented on July 1, 2025, the state gas tax would total 29.9 cents a gallon. The new tax is estimated to add \$375 million annually to the state road fund and provide \$139 million for city and county governments to spend on local roads by fiscal 2027.

Motorists who drive an electric vehicle or one that burns another fuel such as natural gas would see a 20 percent increase in the cost of an alternative fuel decal purchased each time a vehicle’s registration is renewed.

The bill also includes a mechanism for receiving a rebate on the new tax. Motorists who keep receipts can file a claim between July 1 and Sept. 30 of each year for a refund of the additional tax.

Americans for Prosperity is a Virginia-based not-for-profit founded by billionaires Charles and David Koch that has spent \$100 million or more nationally each election since 2012 on campaigns to support conservative candidates and causes.

The last bill sent to voters by referendum was the Right to Work legislation passed by lawmakers in 2017 and turned down by voters in 2018.

Nearly every year during the month of July the House debate and votes on appropriations bills for the next fiscal year. This July, particularly this past week followed suit.

Appropriations bill fund all “discretionary spending” by the government, meaning everything except mandatory programs like Medicare, Medicare, Social Security which are automatically funded each year. Discretionary funding is broken up into twelve appropriations bills ranging from the Interior Department to the Department of Defense to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Historically, the appropriations process has been done on a bipartisan basis. Sure, the majority always works to advance their priorities, but in order to build consensus (and acquire enough votes to pass it), government funding typically includes enough of the nation’s priorities to receive large majorities of support.

While this year’s bills certainly cover a lot – the average increase in spending is roughly 20% per bill – the price tag plus the number of divisive and unnecessary riders in these bills made it clear there was no effort to reach consensus. And while the majority of government funding was covered, it is very noteworthy that two of the departments the House did not consider funding for were the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security.

I’m not saying Congress will not fund those departments next year; we will. The bills passed

Blaine’s Bulletin

By Blaine Luetkemeyer, Third District Congressman



ernment and two cities in Missouri are back to mandating masks, hundreds of thousands of people are being allowed into our country without any knowledge of their medical condition.

Like the Department of Defense, the men and women of the Border Patrol and other Homeland Security agencies are now less likely to receive the resources and improvements they need to carry out their mission next year. It is absolutely unacceptable.

Regarding what is actually in the bills, the Hyde Amendment — which has prevented taxpayer dollars from being spent on abortions for over 40 years - has been eliminated for the first time. Changes are being made to the COPS and Byrne-JAG programs, which directly support law enforcement, to make accessing the funds more difficult for local police stations. And increased government regulations are being placed on small businesses who are working so hard to stay afloat amid historic inflation and labor shortages.

As these businesses continue to grapple with being understaffed and overworked, the last thing they need right now is increased government red tape taking up time and resources. While these are clearly the goals of the majority party in the House, they certainly are not mine.

A less consequential, but certainly noteworthy, provision of the package is the 13% increase in funding for Representatives’ offices. This provision clearly illustrates the unfortunate priorities of the bills’ supporters.

After small businesses and families spent a year and a half figuring out how to survive with less, many of my colleagues just voted to increase their own budget by 13%. That number is not based on any sort of performance metric or need. It was just put in the bill because members of the Appropriations Committee and the Speaker decided they deserve it.

You can find all of the bills that were passed here: <https://clerk.house.gov/Votes>.

Funding the government is obviously essential and one of Congress’s jobs as written in the Constitution. I don’t expect a Democrat majority to write or pass conservative bills, but this year’s process paid no attention to the country’s needs and certainly ignored the record-breaking nationwide inflation levels we’re experiencing.

This tax-and-spend bill exceeds even President Biden’s budget request by billions of dollars. Either through a lack of understanding or a lack of caring, if passed, these bills would continue to raise the cost of the daily essentials you buy and devalue the dollars in your pocket.

Hopefully, with the long district work period coming up, a view into the real world may help some of my colleagues understand the implications of these actions and begin to think twice before acting with such reckless abandon.

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5 tips for remodeling in today's market

In the aftermath of the COVID-19 lockdown, labor shortages and access to certain products affects numerous industries, including remodeling. Even so, after extra time at home and delays caused by the pandemic, there is high demand for home renovation projects.

If you're planning a home remodel or construction project, consider these tips from professional remodelers to avoid frustration and ensure your vision comes to life.

Do Research and Plan Ahead

Mapping out your project early and thoroughly can help you avoid delays. This is especially important when it comes to materials, said John Brown of Bliffert Lumber and Hardware.

"The quicker a homeowner can make selections, the sooner we can get it on order and get it in," Bliffert said.

Some contractors are adjusting the way they approach planning to offset delays. For example, selecting materials and finishes at the outset, instead of as you progress

through the project like you normally would, may mean the materials are available when you need them.

"The design process has really changed," said Robi Kirsic of TimeLine Renovation and Design. "We're still designing based on homeowners' wishes and dreams, but we're also modifying by providing options based on what's available."

Know Where You're Willing to Compromise

Whether you're able or willing to compromise often comes down to why you're doing the renovation in the first place.

"Some homeowners are specific about what they want," Kirsic said. "They've been waiting for a long time to do this project and they're not doing it to compromise. Others have a time constraint for one reason or another; they don't have the luxury of waiting."

It's a sentiment echoed by others, who caution that you may be able to get an item you have your heart set on, but you may need to be willing to wait.

"If you have your heart set on a certain bathtub, it might



be a 6- or 8-month wait, but another one might be available sooner," said Jason Hensler of Marvin Windows and Doors.

Avoid Making Changes

Once your plans are set and your materials have been ordered, avoid unnecessary delays by changing your project scope or material selection. In this environment, project timelines are extremely tight and even minor changes can create significant disruptions, especially if there's a delay in obtaining different materials or your new ideas require a different crew that wasn't already scheduled for your job.

Choose a Trustworthy Partner

While these are unusual times, having a reliable contractor can make the project run more smoothly and help you feel more comfortable as the project progresses.

"Use someone you trust, someone who is part of a reputable group like the National Association of the Remodeling Industry," Brown said.

That way, if you encounter unexpected bumps along the way, you can be confident they will be handled professionally and appropriately. Brown encourages his teams to communicate early and often, which helps home-

owners understand and trust they're doing everything possible to keep the job on track.

Be Patient

Above all, understanding these are unusual times can go a long way toward a more successful project.

"Patience will help it go a lot smoother," Hensler said. "That may mean accepting longer wait times than you anticipated and a later completion date than you hoped."

The sooner you get your project started, the sooner your contractor can start mapping out a project timeline.

(Family Features)

— Food inspections —

The Warren County Health Department, Office of Environmental Public Health conducts food service inspections under the authority of Warren County Ordinance No. 96-02. This ordinance sets forth standards by which sources of food, food service establishments, food service personnel, and food service equipment are regulated to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Blue House Theatre. 112 East Booneslick Warrenton, MO 63383. Pre-Opening. 7/1/2021. This facility has all that is required by the Warren County Health Department to store, cook, and serve food.

Blumenhof Vineyards. 13699 South HWY 94 Dut-zow, MO 63342. Routine. 7/2/2021. No Core or Priority Items at this time.

Lost Creek Winery. 21356 Gore RD Marthasville, MO 63340. Routine. 7/2/2021. No Core or Priority Items at this time.

Mikeys Pourhouse. #10 Wildcat Drive Wright City, MO 63390. Re-Inspection. 7/2/2021. All Items from previous routine inspection have been corrected by the time of this re-inspection.

Oliver's Restaurant. 289 W. Veteran's Memorial PKWY Warrenton, MO 63383. Routine. 7/14/2021. No Priority Items, at this time. Core Items: Repairs, The ice machine needs a cover over mechanical parts. A ceiling tile needs replacing in the kitchen and another ceiling tile needs to be moved back into place. All Items were corrected by the time of re-inspection on 7/28/2021.

Abel's Quik Shop #19. 645 West North Service RD Wright City, MO 63390. Routine. 7/15/2021. Priority Items: Pest Control, There were excessive flies in the building. Management has contacted pest control. Core Items: Cleaning, The floor in the bag in the box room and the Blue Bunny Ice Cream freezer, both need cleaning. Repairs, There is a stall door in the women's restroom that needs repair. All but the fly item have been corrected by the time of re-inspection on 7/29/2021. We are working closely with them to correct the fly item.

On the Hook Fish and Chips. Temporary. 7/16/2021. No Priority or Core Items at this time.

Lu Lu's Shaved Ice Food Truck. Temporary. 7/16/2021. No Priority or Core Items at this time.

Warrenton Church of God Summer Food Program. 25162 State HWY 47 Warrenton, MO 63383. Routine. 7/17/2021. No Priority or Core Items at this time.

Waffle House #676. 1012 North HWY 47 Warrenton, MO 63383. Follow-up. 7/19/2021. All Items from previous routine inspection have been corrected by the time of this follow-up inspection.

Bob's Kettle Korn. 24004 West Veteran's Memorial PKWY Warrenton, MO 63383. Routine. 7/20/2021. No Priority Items at this time. Core Items: Cleaning, There is dust and grime accumulating on the non-food contact surfaces.

Downtown Pub and Grill. 101 W. Booneslick RD Warrenton, MO 63383. Routine. 7/26/2021. No Pri-

ority Items at this time. Core Items: Outer Openings Protected, The door to the outside in the back room has a whole next to it and along the trim.

Pizza Hut. 902 N. Steinhagen Warrenton, MO 63383. Routine. 7/26/2021. No Priority or Core Items at this time.

Hanny's Market. 103 West 2nd Street North Wright City, MO 63383. Routine. 7/27/2021. No Priority Items at this time. Core Items: Repairs, Floor tiles in the pet food isle and in front of the potatoes need repair or replacing. Non Food Contact Surfaces, There were shelves in the deli that had contact paper on them. One of the deli slicers was sitting on bare wood blocks. There are some bare wood shelves in the back room that need to be painted. Cleaning, The back room floor has grime worked into the grooves. The walk in cooler floor is covered in ice and needs cleaning.

Country Lake Golf. 21309 Country Lake Drive Warrenton, MO 63383. Field Visit. 7/28/2021. Arrived at this facility for a routine inspection of the kitchen and found a full-scale remodel. The Warren County Health Department has requested plans for the remodel and will be working closely with them to ensure that all food codes and ordinances are followed during and after the remodel.

StLouisianaQ. 101 Locust Wright City, MO 63390. Routine. 7/28/2021. No Priority or Core Items at this time.

McDonald's #7938. 647 West North Service RD Wright City MO 63390. Field Visit. 7/29/2021. During re-inspection of Abel's Quik Shop #19, which is adjacent to this McDonald's, it was discovered that this facility was having an issue with flies also. We are working closely with management to correct this.

Wright Way Diner. 10 Wildcat Drive Suite E Wright City, MO 63383. Routine. 7/30/2021. No Priority Items at this time. Core Item: Non-Food Contact Surface Cleaning, There is build up of grime and grease on the stove and the griddle side that is next to the stove.

Xpress Liquor and Smokes. 623 East Veteran's Memorial PKWY Warrenton, MO 63383. Routine. 7/30/2021. No Priority or Core Items at this time.

Dutzow Deli. 11861 East State HWY 94 Marthasville, MO 63357. Routine. 7/30/2021. No Priority Items at this time. Core Items: There are boxes of food in the walk in cooler not being stored at least 6" off the floor. Refrigeration, Pie cooler needed defrosting and was not holding food at proper temperature. This was corrected on site.

China House of Warrenton. 1018 North HWY 47 Warrenton, MO 63383. Routine. 7/30/2021. No Priority or Core Items at this time.

Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers. 905 North East Service RD Warrenton, MO 63383. Routine. 7/30/2021. No Priority Items at this time. Core Items: Floors, The walk-in cooler and freezer floor, cooks line floor, and the floor by the drink station all needed cleaning. Hair Restraint, Two employees had long hair hanging out of their hats. This was corrected on site.

Dollar General #6284. 441 West Service RD North Wright City, MO 63390. Field Visit. 7/30/2021. Floor cleaning company came to clean floors since last routine inspection, but did not do a satisfactory job on floor edges, corners, and under shelving.

Wright City BP. 13190 Veterans Memorial Wright City, MO 63390. Re-Inspection. 7/30/2021. The Items that could be corrected from most recent routine inspection, were corrected. Management still waiting on parts to repair fryer lid and contractor to clean fryer equipment.

Building Permit Report

The Warren County Planning and Zoning office issued the following permits in July.

Marty & Beth Schneider, 38914 Winters Rd, Truxton, MO, 63381, SFR 3BDR/2BTH

Chris Jaeger Construction LLC, 109 Gladshire Ln, Warrenton, MO, 63383, SFR 3BDR/2.5BTH

Steve Chatman & Lori Galkowski, 22980 Wild Horse Farm Rd, Warrenton, MO, 63383, SFR 4BDR/4BTH

Ronald J & Pamela R Shaffer , 19988 Dogwood Lake Circle, Warrenton, MO, 63383, RV

Paul England, 22875 Hidden Oaks Dr, Wright City, MO, 63390, Shed, 12x24

Jesse Ward, 10233 Village Drive East, Foristell, MO, 63348, Deck

Thau Nguyen, 28781 Country Side Dr Lot B2, Wright City, MO, 63390, MH

Barbara McAllister, 19558 Hilltop Trails Ct, Warrenton, MO, 63383, In Ground Pool, 20x40

Jared & Jennifer Moser, 10571 Butternut Ct, Foristell, MO, 63348, Deck, 24x12

Colin Murdock, 22055 Prairie Haven Ln, Warrenton, MO, 63383, Pole Barn, 50x30

Sandy Hosack, 25813 Dogwood Lake, Warrenton, MO, 63383, RV

Ammon & Donna Lacy, 25958 Schuetzenground Rd, Warrenton, MO, 63383, Pavilion, 10x16

Richard & Kathryn Hoormann , 26876 Schuetzenground Rd , Warrenton, MO, 63383, SFR 2BDR/2BT

S&J Farms & Ranch LLC, 27782 Sunnyside Rd, Warrenton, MO, 63383, n/c, Pole Barn

Jennifer Hammers, 18012 St Jude, Wright City, MO, 63390, SFR 3BDR/2BTH

James F Holt III, 29711 N Stringtown Rd, Foristell, MO, 63348, SFR 2BDR/2BTH

James P Vaccaro, 29066 St Anne, Wright City, MO, 63390, MH

Randy & Sue Neumann, 31897 Tea Olive Dr, Foristell, MO, 63348, Deck, 14x20

James & Alana Baker, 19705 Township Line Rd, Warrenton, MO, 63383, SFR 3BDR/2BTH

James Skinner, 25884 Sunflower Lake, Warrenton, MO, 63383, RV

Haas Homes, 24300 Deer Creek, Warrenton, MO, 63383, Detached Garage, 30x30

Foristell Enterprises LLC, 11008 Schreckengast Rd, Wright City, MO, 63390, Comm. Band Stage, 32x24

Jeff Bergsieker, 13825 Klausmeier, Wright City, MO, 63390, SFR 3BDR/2BTH

Dawn DeLoach, 13327 Polston Ln, Marthasville, MO, 63357, SFR 2BDR/2.5BTH

Larry Bauer, 22980 Wild Horse Farm Rd, Warrenton, MO, 63383, Detached Garage, 30x50

David McClain , 23601 Lake Ridge Ln, Warrenton, MO, 63383, In Ground Pool

Cheryl Longacre, 31460 Michaels Dr, Wright City, MO, 63390, Shed, 18x10

Steve & Mary Smith, 11957 Claremont Ln, Wright City, MO, 63390, In Ground Pool

Foristell woman hurt in Ozarks boat explosion

A woman from Foristell was among three people injured in a boat explosion at Lake of the Ozarks last Saturday, July 31.

Mariah E. Moceri, 23, of Foristell, was identified as having moderate injuries, according to a Missouri State Highway Patrol incident report. She was transported by ambulance to Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach.

Two other occupants, Grace M. Wright, 22, of St. Charles, and Logan N. Waldow, 21, of Omaha, also suffered moderate injuries and were taken to the hospital, the highway patrol said.

The driver of the boat, Travis P. Jones, 23, of St. Charles, was uninjured.

Investigators said the 1993 IMP boat they were in experienced a mechanical failure in the engine compartment, causing an explosion in the engine compartment.

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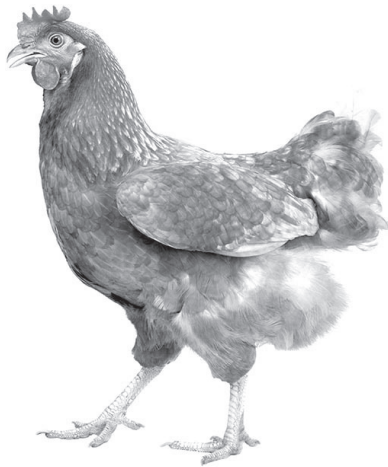


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Mildred “Mim” Elizabeth Dunn

Mrs. Mildred “Mim” Elizabeth Dunn (nee: Hahn) of Wright City, MO went home to her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at the age of 99. Mim was born on June 28, 1922, in St. Louis, MO to the late Herman and Carrie (nee: Scholle) Hahn.

Mim was united in marriage to Paul Howard Dunn on July 10, 1943, in Wellston, MO. Together, they raised their family and grew the family business Cee Kay Supply, where Mim worked for 65 years. They were blessed with three children, Diane, Tom, and Cathy. Mim lived the last 45 years in Wright City where she was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Warrenton. She was active in Ladies Aid, traveling and visiting with family and friends. Mim was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend.

Mim was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, her parents, Herman and Carrie, and one brother, Bob Hahn. Those who will remain grateful for having shared in Mildred’s life are her children, Diane Dunn, Tom Dunn, and wife Vicki, Cathy Teson and husband David, 8 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Margie Hahn, nephew David Hahn, as well as other relatives and close friends.

Visitation for Mim was held on Saturday, July 31, 2021, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Warrenton. Funeral services began at 11:00 a.m. also at the church. Private burial followed at Lake Charles Cemetery. Memorial donations are suggested to Little Lambs Preschool or St. John’s Lutheran Church c/o Martin Funeral Home, 510 East Main Street, Warrenton, MO 63383. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.martinfuneral.net>.

Glenda Dowd-Tait

Glenda Dowd-Tait passed away on July 30, 2021, at the age of 71. Glenda was born May 12, 1950, in St. Louis, MO to Harold and Lorrain Coley nee Stevson.

She is survived by her husband, Rick Tait of Warrenton, MO; two sons, Mike (Darla) Dowd of Marthasville, MO, Richard Jason (Cathie) Dowd of Warrenton, MO; twin sister, Brenda McMenamy of St. Peters, MO; two brothers, Harry (Barb) Coley of St. Peters, MO, Donald Coley of Jonesburg, MO; brother in law, Curt Vancil of St. Peters, MO; three grandsons, Michael (Electie) Dowd, Joshua (Courtney) Dowd, Logan Dowd; granddaughter, Emily Dowd; 4 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Michael Dowd, father, Richard Coley, mother, Lorrain Coley, sister, Bonnie Grimm, sister, Connie Vancil.

Glenda was a graduate of Charis Bible College. She was a leader and participant in church and evangelizing and worshiping with church groups. A faith minister network partner. Glenda was a founder of Glenda Tait Ministries and she was a director of Faith Ministries for International Partners. Glenda enjoyed playing cards, loved entertaining and traveling. She was a great cook, loved her family and friends. She was always so very proud of her boys and her grandchildren were her light. She will be dearly missed by all who knew.

Visitation will be held Saturday, August 7, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Pitman Funeral Home, 904 S. Hwy 47, Warrenton, MO 63383.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at Pitman Funeral Home, Warrenton.

Memorials can be made to Abundant Life Church in care of Pitman Funeral Home P.O. Box 126 Warrenton, MO 63383.

Randy Karrenbrock

Friends and family of Randy Karrenbrock (May 29, 1962 – January 12, 2021) are invited to attend a Memorial Service/Celebration of life on Saturday, August 7th at St. John United Church of Christ, 405 South Fifth Street, in St. Charles, Missouri. There will be a short service at 2:00 p.m. in the New Fellowship Hall, followed by a time to visit and greet the family.



Missouri celebrates state bicentennial Aug. 10

JEFFERSON CITY — A special, public event on Missouri Statehood Day, marking the state’s bicentennial, will be held at the Missouri State Capitol August 10. The public is invited to attend a formal ceremony on the South Lawn of the Missouri Capitol beginning at 9 a.m. Governor Mike Parson, past governors and other dignitaries will recognize the 200 years of statehood. The public is invited to attend the ceremony in person. In addition, it will be livestreamed on Missouri2021.org for those who wish to attend virtually or view it later.

In addition to the Governor’s Proclamation, in recognition of the bicentennial, the U.S. Postal Service will unveil the Missouri Statehood stamp. Remarks will be made by Governor Parson, U.S. Senator Roy Blunt, Gary Kremer, executive director of the State Historical Society of Missouri, Judge Paul C. Wilson, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Missouri, Carrie Tergin, mayor of the City of Jefferson and co-chair of the Missouri Bicentennial Commission. Missouri’s Poet Laureate Mary-

frances Wagner will read a poem for the bicentennial and music will be performed by Missouri Choral Directors Association All-State Festival Choir and the Missouri National Guard 135th Army Band. Following the formal ceremony, the public is invited to a Naturalization ceremony that begins at 11 a.m. in the first floor Rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol. Special bicentennial-themed exhibits will be on display inside the Capitol, including the Missouri Bicentennial Quilt, the Missouri Bicentennial Mural, My Missouri 2021 Photo exhibit, and a Missouri Timeline display.

The Missouri Bicentennial Commission is planning the State Capitol event, including an invite to communities to celebrate Missouri’s birthday Aug. 10 with an ice cream social. The commission is asking communities to sign up for the statewide ice cream social at missouri2021.org; plan their community celebration and share photos using the hashtag #ScoopAcrossMissouri. To-date, there are more than 150 registered events in 87 counties for the ice

cream social.

The Missouri bicentennial is the theme for the Missouri State Fair, Aug. 12-22 in Sedalia. Our Missouri Celebration features special bicentennial events and exhibits, including Missouri on Mic, a project sponsored by the State Historical Society of Missouri and KBIA operated by the Missouri School of Journalism, to record stories of Missourians during the bicentennial year. In addition, there will be livestock shows and competitive exhibits, entertainment, motor sports and other regular State Fair offerings.

Missouri Statehood Day, Aug. 10, 2021, marks an important milestone of 200 years since the Missouri Territory became the 24th state to enter the Union. More than 200 bicentennial events are taking place this year, statewide, with major public events scheduled in August. Events are being developed with COVID-19 safety measures during the pandemic and in-person activities will adhere to local and state health guidelines at the time of the event.

Asian longhorned tick confirmed in Missouri

The Missouri Department of Agriculture, working in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and Missouri State University, has confirmed the first finding of an Asian longhorned tick (*Haemaphysalis longicornis*) in Missouri. Missouri becomes the 16th state with a presence of the tick species, following the first confirmed report of the Asian longhorned tick in the United States in 2017.

Asian longhorned ticks are light brown in color and are very small, often smaller than a sesame seed. Unlike other ticks, a single female Asian longhorned tick can produce offspring (as many as 1,000 at a time) without mating. That means individual animals could host thousands of ticks, which can cause great stress on a heavily infested animal.

The Department encourages producers to continue protective measures and to check their livestock regularly for ticks. Keeping grass and weeds trimmed and clearing away brush are important tick prevention practices. If you spot any unusual looking



Asian longhorn tick. Photo courtesy of Missouri Department of Agriculture.

ticks or large infestations on your animals, contact your local veterinarian.

According to the Center for Disease Control, the Asian longhorned tick appears to be less attracted to human skin. However, ticks of any kind should be removed immediately, as they can carry diseases that affect human health. Use EPA-approved insect repellent when you will be in or near tall grasses or wooded areas.

Research on the presence of tick species in Missouri continues through a partnership between

the Missouri Department of Conservation and A.T. Still University. Residents are asked to send ticks to the University through September 2022 so that University researchers can study the distribution of ticks in Missouri and any human pathogens transmitted by those ticks. For more information, or to find out how to submit a sample, visit Missouri ticks and tick-borne pathogen surveillance (atsu.edu).

To learn more about the Missouri Department of Agriculture, please visit Agriculture.Mo.Gov.

State continues COVID support in Springfield

The State of Missouri’s effort to relieve the strain of COVID-19 on the Springfield region’s health care system continues with more patients being treated at the state-supported Monoclonal Antibody Infusion Center, ambulance strike teams transporting additional COVID-19 patients out of the region, and planning efforts with local health care officials to provide additional support if necessary.

On Thursday July 29, the advanced life-support ambulance strike teams transported an additional 20 patients to hospitals outside the Springfield area to reduce hospital censuses in the region. Through Thursday, the 10 ambulance teams had transported a total of 107 COVID-19 patients outside the area. The transports have included some roundtrips of seven to nine hours or more. The Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) arranged for the ambulance teams through an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request, which was fulfilled by the State of Arkansas Division of Emergency Management.

On Thursday July 29, the Monoclonal Antibody Infusion Center served a total of 25 additional patients. The infusion center had served a

total of 113 patients, who previously would have required treatment in a hospital setting, since it opened on July 23. The infusion center is supported by the Missouri Disaster Medical Assistance Team (MO DMAT-1). It has served patients from around southwest Missouri, including Joplin, Branson, and Bolivar. Monoclonal antibodies are proteins that help the body fight off COVID-19 and reduce the risk of severe disease and hospitalization to high-risk patients.


Springfield hospital leaders have called the strike teams “a life-line for us” and the infusion center “hugely helpful” because it has freed up as many as 10 beds a day for one hospital.

On Friday, state team members met with Springfield-Greene County health care leaders and a team from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to continue to be proactive and plan for additional health care needs if conditions change in the region. The HHS team is providing technical assistance to help rapidly meet challenges posed by the Delta variant in the Springfield area.

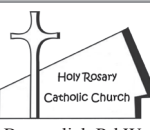
“Our state health and emergency management teams continue to work closely with Springfield-Greene County and federal partners to promote vaccination and meet critical health care needs,” Governor Parson said. “In recent weeks, we saw an increase in the number of vaccines requested by vaccinators, and it is encouraging to see a drop in the 7-day average for new COVID-19 cases in Greene County.”

On Thursday July 29, the Springfield-Greene County Health Department and the Springfield-Greene County office of Emergency Management withdrew their request to the state for an Alternate Care Site.


“Vaccinations are a critical way we combat this disease, and we encourage anyone age 12 and up to get vaccinated to help protect themselves and those around them,” Governor Parson said.




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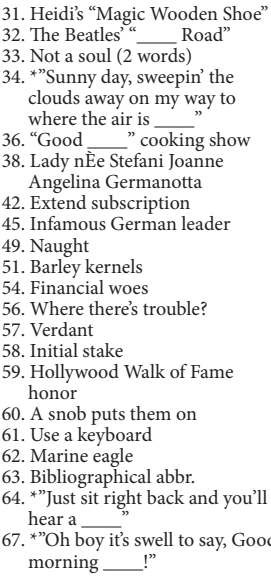
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Local News
Mrs. Christine Wilson entered St. John's Mercy Medical Center, Creve Couer, on Thursday, July 25. Mrs. Wilson underwent surgery on Thursday and returned home on Saturday, July 27.

The Club invites all to come out and enjoy the weekend with them. See their advertisement in this week's issue of The Record for more details.

Friday, August 13-
No activities.

Friday August 13-
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of **Frank C. Lockett, decedent.**

Pursuant to Missouri Revised Statute 456.5-505, the undersigned, Deborah Davis, is acting as Trustee under a trust the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof. The address of the Trustee is 816 Ridgetop Circle, St. Charles, MO 63304. The creditors of the estate are hereby notified to deliver or mail their written claims to the Trustee at the address above, or deliver or mail their written claims to the Trustee's attorney of record, Brian E. Mense at Mense Law Firm, LLC, 603 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway, Suite 300, Warrenton, MO, 63383, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

Date of first publication is July 29, 2021.

Mense Law Firm, LLC
/s/ Brian E. Mense
603 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway
Warrenton, MO 63383
(636) 456-2345

Publication dates: July 29, August 5, 12 & 19, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
WARREN COUNTY, MISSOURI
JUVENILE DIVISION

In Re the Adoption of:)
Joseph Charles Hill,)
Male Age 4 Years)
Olyvia Ann Hill,)
Female Age 5 Years)
Adam Wayne Hill and)
Sarah Elizabeth Hill,)
Petitioners.)
Case No. 21BB-JU00029

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to **Alecia Renee Rhodes, 1111 Huber Street, Festus, MO 63028**

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Warren, Missouri, at Warrenton, the object and general nature of which is an adoption of minor children.

The names of all parties in this action are stated in the caption above and the name and address of attorney for Petitioners is Jeffrey A. Robertson, 603 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway, Suite 250, Warrenton, Missouri 63383.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the 5th day of August, 2021, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 29th day of June, 2021.

Seal Tim Beard
Circuit Clerk
C.L. Benkowich
Deputy Clerk

Publication dates: August 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
WARREN COUNTY
CIRCUIT JUDGE DIVISION
STATE OF MISSOURI

DONALD J. ROTHERMICH)
and RHONDA K. ROTHERMICH, his wife,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.)
THE HEIRS, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS,)
AND ASSIGNS OF BEN GIBSON,)
Defendants.)

Cause No. 21BB-CC00058

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Defendants, The Heirs, Devisees, Successors and Assigns of Ben Gibson:

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for Warren County, Missouri the object and general nature of which is obtain a judgment declaring that Plaintiffs are the fee simple owners via adverse possession of certain real property located in Warren County, Missouri and described as follows:

A parcel of land in the South part of the Southwest Quarter, fifteen feet wide in Section Eleven (11), Township forty-seven (47) Range One (1) West. (Said 15 foot strip was excepted from transfer in Warranty Deed recorded in Book 33-365 of the Warren County Recorder of Deeds).

The names of all parties to the action are stated above in the caption and the name(s) and address(es) of the attorney(s) for Plaintiffs is: Stephen C. Hiotis, Summers Compton Wells LLC, 8909 Ladue Road, St. Louis, MO 63124, Telephone: 314-991-4999..

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the date of first publication of this notice, which date is July 22, 2021, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

This document was prepared by Plaintiff's counsel, Stephen C. Hiotis (#30840) and costs of publication shall be paid by Summers Compton Wells LLC, 8909 Ladue Road, St. Louis, MO 63124

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 19th day of July, 2021.

Seal Tim Beard
Circuit Clerk/lod

Publication dates: July 22, 29, August 5 & 12, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
WARREN COUNTY, MISSOURI

In re:)
Erika Pauline Avery)
Case No. 21BB-DR00095
Division 3

JUDGMENT FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF
ADULT INDIVIDUAL

Petitioner, Erika Pauline Avery, appears in person. The court finds that the change of name would be proper and would not be detrimental to the interests of any other person.

The name of Petitioner is changed as follows: Erika Pauline Avery to Hunter Pauline Adder.

DOB: February 5, 1996

Publication dates: July 22, 29 & August 5, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of **Frank C. Lockett, decedent.**

Pursuant to Missouri Revised Statute 456.5-505, the undersigned, Myra Lockett, is acting as Trustee under a trust the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof. The address of the Trustee is 24673 State Highway U, Warrenton, MO 63383. The creditors of the estate are hereby notified to deliver or mail their written claims to the Trustee at the address above, or deliver or mail their written claims to the Trustee's attorney of record, Brian E. Mense at Mense Law Firm, LLC, 603 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway, Suite 300, Warrenton, MO, 63383, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

Date of first publication is July 29, 2021.

Mense Law Firm, LLC
/s/ Brian E. Mense
603 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway
Warrenton, MO 63383
(636) 456-2345

Publication dates: July 29, August 5, 12 & 19, 2021

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

A default has accrued on a certain note secured by a deed of trust executed by, **Stephen A. Bolte AND Barb E. Bolte** dated 6/27/2016 and recorded on **7/18/2016 in Document 201603665**, in the Recorder's office for **Warren County, Missouri**. The successor trustee will on **August 6, 2021** between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, more particularly at **1:30 PM**, at the **North Front Door of the Warren County Courthouse, 104 West Boone's Lick Road, Warrenton, Missouri** sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only), the following real estate:

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for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

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Publication dates: July 15, 22, 29 & August 5, 2021

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
CONSERVATOR
RICHARD L. SCHEIBE, JUDGE

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WARREN)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
WARREN COUNTY, MISSOURI
ESTATE NO. 20BB-PR00029

IN THE ESTATE OF:
KENNETH F. SILMAN,

Disabled

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF KENNETH F. SILMAN, A DISABLED PERSON

On the 29th day of June, 2021, THE TRUST COMPANY was appointed Conservator of KENNETH F. SILMAN, a person adjudged disabled under the laws of the State of Missouri, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Warren County, Missouri. The addresses of the Conservator is:

c/o POLLY REYNOLDS, 4210 PHILLIPS FARM RD, STE 109, COLUMBIA, MO 65201

The business address and phone number of the attorney for the Conservator is: CURTIS NIEWALD, 200 SALT LICK RD, ST. PETERS, MO 63376, 636.397-7133

All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Warren County, Missouri, within six months from the date of first publication of this Notice or be forever barred.

Date of first publication: July 15, 2021.

Sheryl Schimweg
Probate Clerk

Publication dates: July 15, 22, 29 & August 5, 2021

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Warren County R-III School District will receive sealed bids for **Kuhl Complex Roof Project 2021 Mandatory walk-thru will be August 9, 2021** at 8:00 a.m. at Black Hawk Middle School located at 302 Kuhl Ave. Warrenton Mo 63383. Bids will be received until **9:00am on Monday, September 13, 2021**. Opening will be held in the Warren County R-III School District Central Office located at 385 West Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton Mo 63383. To request bid specifications, contact John Chandler, Warren County R-III School District, 302 Kuhl Ave., Warrenton, Missouri, 636-456-5802 x 3360

Publication dates: July 29 & August 5, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
WARREN COUNTY, MISSOURI

In re:)
Ethan Lloyd Collier-Stark)
Case No. 21BB-DR00096
Division 3

JUDGMENT FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF
ADULT INDIVIDUAL

Petitioner, Ethan Lloyd Collier-Stark, appears in person. The court finds that the change of name would be proper and would not be detrimental to the interests of any other person.

The name of Petitioner is changed as follows: Ethan Lloyd Collier-Stark to Ethan Lloyd Collier.

DOB: February 28, 1991

Publication dates: July 22, 29 & August 5, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF WRIGHT CITY

The Wright City Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall Auditorium, 636 Westwoods Road, Wright City, Missouri, regarding the following application:

Request for Variance(s) at **401 Falcons Prey (Lot 58 Falcons Crest), Wright City, Missouri**, to allow:

1) A fence to encroach into the required setbacks required by Wright City Municipal Code Section 400.100 due to a small rear lot area.

The City of Wright City offers all interested citizens the opportunity to appear and be heard at the hearing. Citizens needing special assistance or auxiliary aids should contact the City sufficiently in advance to assure that accommodations may be made. Request for assistance/aids may be made by contacting the City in writing at the City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road, P.O. Box 436, Wright City, MO 63390, or phone 636-745-3101.

Abbie Ogborn
City Clerk
City of Wright City

Publication date: August 5 & 12, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on **August 17, 2021**, at the City Annex Building, 202 West Walton Street, Warrenton, Missouri, at which citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the City of Warrenton, Missouri, a political subdivision. The tax rates shall be set to produce the revenues which the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 shows to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

Assessed Valuation	Current Tax	Prior Tax
(By Categories)	Year 2021	Year 2020
Real Estate	\$ 93,787,723	\$ 89,680,012
Personal Property	\$ 22,102,800	\$ 19,764,088
Total	\$ 115,890,523	\$109,444,100
New Construction (Included in valuation)	\$ 2,983,744 Real Estate	
	\$ 2,338,712 Personal Property	

Fund	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted for 2021	Proposed Tax Rates For 2021 (Per \$100) Valuation
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General Fund	\$ 326,300	\$.2926
Park	\$ 179,500	\$.1732
TOTAL	\$ 518,675	\$.4658

Revenue related to new construction \$24,792 or 5% of revenue

These rates are based on initial valuations from the Warren County Assessor and subject to change when final valuations are provided.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
By: Eric Schleuter
Mayor

Publication date: August 5, 2021

IN THE 12TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT COURT
WARREN COUNTY, MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION
Case Number: 21BB-PR00071

In the Estate of **ARMIN G. EMICH**, Deceased.

Notice to Creditors
(Small Estate)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of **ARMIN G. EMICH, Decedent:**

On July 20, 2021 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Warren County, Missouri.

All creditors of the decedent, who died on May 19, 2021, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of the decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.

Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Warren County, Missouri.


Date of first publication: July 29, 2021.

Sheryl Schimweg
Probate Clerk


Publication dates: July 29 & August 5, 2021

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING		
A public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 16, 2021 , at the Warrenton Fire District Station #3, 28884 State Hwy. B, at which citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Village of Pendleton, a political subdivision. The tax rates shall be set to produce the revenues which the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 shows to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.		
Assessed Valuation (By Categories)	Current Tax Year 2021	Prior Tax Year 2020
Real Estate	\$ 1,493,568	\$ 1,491,411
Personal Property	\$ 335,599	\$ 59,957
Total	\$ 1,829,167	\$1,551,368
	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted for 2021	Proposed Tax Rates For 2021 (Per \$100) Valuation
<u>Fund</u>		
General Fund	\$ 0	\$.50
TOTAL	\$ 0	\$.50
Christopher A Pottebaum Sr. Board of Trustees		
Publication date: August 5, 2021		

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING		
A public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at the Wright City City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road, Wright City, Missouri, at which citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the City of Wright City, Missouri, a political subdivision. The tax rates shall be set to produce the revenues which the budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, shows to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.		
Assessed Valuation (By Categories)	Current Tax Year 2021	Prior Tax Year 2020
Real Estate	\$ 59,672,182	\$ 57,106,357
Personal Property	\$ 14,726,026	\$ 13,541,580
Total	\$ 74,398,208	\$ 70,647,937
	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted for 2021	Proposed Tax Rates For 2021 (Per \$100) Valuation
<u>Fund</u>		
General Fund	\$ 321,000	\$.4970
Park Fund	\$ 63,000	\$.0923
Street Light Fund	\$ 112,000	\$.1846
Debt Service Fund	\$ 133,000	\$.1426
TOTAL	\$ 629,000	\$.9165
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN Abbie Ogborn City Clerk		
Publication date: August 5, 2021		

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing on amendments to the Warren County Budget for the year 2021 will be held on August 30, 2021 in the Warren County Administra- tion Building, in the Warren County Commissioner's Chambers, at 101 Mockingbird Ln., Ste 300, War- renton, MO, at 10:00 a.m.

Warren County Commission

Publication date: August 5, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING		
A public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 23, 2021 , at the Marthasville Community Ambulance District building in Mar- thasville, Missouri, at which citizens may be heard on the prop- erty tax rates proposed to be set by the Marthasville Community Ambulance District, a political subdivision. The tax rates shall be set at a rate sufficient to produce the required revenues which the budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 shows are needed to be produced from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.		
Assessed Valuation (By Categories)	Current Tax Year 2021	Prior Tax Year 2020
Real Estate	\$ 85,662,636	\$ 83,550,813
Personal Property	\$ 24,260,154	\$ 21,201,710
Total	\$ 109,922,790	\$104,752,523
	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted for 2022	Proposed Tax Rates For 2021 (Per \$100)
<u>Fund</u>		
General Fund	\$ 447,275	\$.4069
TOTAL	\$ 447,275	\$.4069
BOARD OF DIRECTORS By: Larry H. Brewe Chairman		
Publication date: August 5, 2021		

MO VALLEY LEVEE DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021		
BALANCE ON HAND JULY 1, 2020		
Bank of Washington Checking Account C.D. #108481		\$138,491.33 35,778.92
Total		\$174,270.25
INCOME		
Levee Taxes Collected	\$70,919.12	
Interest	342.64	
Total Income		\$71,261.76
TOTAL		\$245,532.01
EXPENSES		
Levee Maintenance and Repairs	\$56,459.78	
Publication Costs	102.15	
Total Expenses:		\$56,561.93
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2021		
Said Balance Consists of: Bank of Washington Checking Account CD #122755		\$152,913.61 36,056.47
TOTAL:		\$188,970.08
Publication date: August 5, 2021		

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF WRIGHT CITY

The Wright City Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road, Wright City, and Wright City Board of Aldermen will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday August 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road, Wright City for the purpose of hearing public com- ments on the following petitions:

1) A petition from Myers Select Homes to rezone Tract 1 of The Shire located on Highway H, 0.5 mile south of Highway 70 from "SR-3" to "SR-4"

2) A petition from Bank of Washington to rezone Tract 2 of The Shire located on Highway H, 0.5 mile south of Highway 70 from "SR-3" to "SR-4"

The City of Wright City offers all interested citizens the opportunity to give written and/or oral comment on public matters. Handicapped citizens needing assistance or aux- iliary aids should contact the city sufficiently in advance to assume that accommodations may be made. Requests for assistance/aids can be made by contacting the city in writing at the City Hall, 636 Westwoods Road, P.O. Box 436, Wright City, MO 63390 or by phone at 636-745-3101.

Abbie Ogborn
City Clerk
City of Wright City

Publication date: July 29 & August 5, 2021

A RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING
ON TAX RATES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Jones- burg-High Hill Fire Protection District as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Jonesburg-High Hill Fire Protection Dis- trict, a political subdivision, shall fix its ad valorem property tax rates at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at the Jonesburg Fire House, 109 North Third Street, Jonesburg, County of Montgomery, State of Missouri, on August 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 2. A public hearing on the proposed rates of taxes at which citizens may be heard prior to their approval shall be held at the hour, date and place mentioned in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3. That the Secretary shall cause a notice stating the hour, date and place of the hearing to be published in The Montgomery Standard, a newspaper qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri of general circulation in Montgomery County, being the county within which the largest portion of the District is situated, and such notice shall be published at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall comply, in all respects, with the requirements of Section 67.110 R.S.Mo.

SECTION 4. That the Secretary shall cause a notice stating the hour, date and place of the hearing to be published in The Warren County Record, a newspaper qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri of general circulation in Warren County, being the county within which the largest portion of the District is situated, and such notice shall be published at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall comply, in all respects, with the requirements of Section 67.110 R.S.Mo.

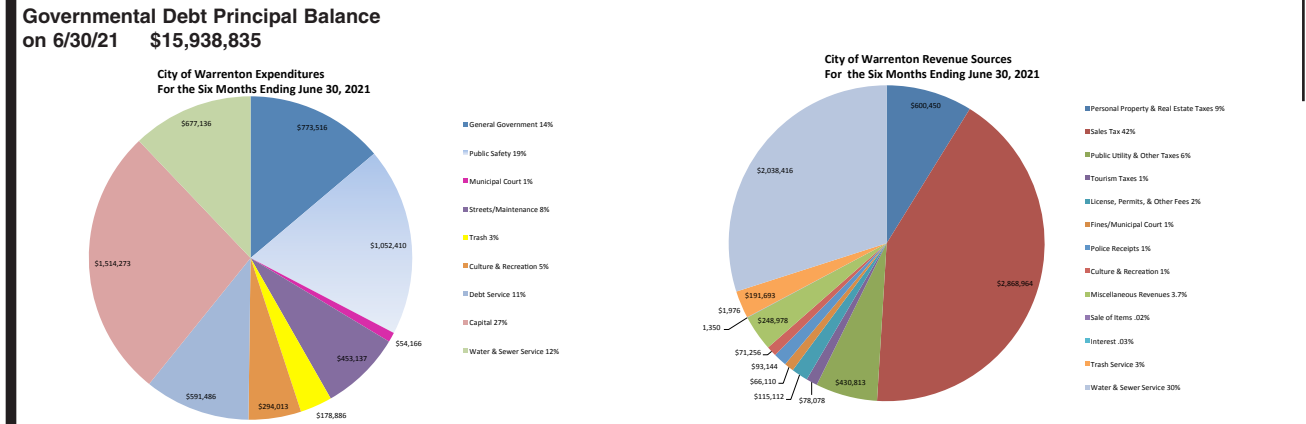
SECTION 5. Following the hearing, the Board of Directors shall fix the rates of taxes, the same to be entered in the tax book.

PASSED: JULY 15, 2021

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Publication dates: August 5, 2021

CITY OF WARRENTON COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2021								
	General Fund	Cemetery Fund	Capital Sales Tax Fund	Neighborhood Improvement District Fund	Special Revenue Fund	West Interchange Fund	TIF Fund	6/30/21
REVENUE								
Personal Property & Real Estate Taxes	\$295,013	-	-	-	\$173,226	-	\$132,211	\$600,450
Sales Tax	\$1,450,233	-	\$234,572	-	-	\$1,030,713	\$153,446	\$2,868,964
Public Utility & Other Taxes	\$430,813	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$430,813
Tourism Taxes	\$-	-	-	-	\$78,078	-	-	\$78,078
License, Permits & Other Fees	\$115,112	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$115,112
Transfers In	\$707,317	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$707,317
Grant Receipts	\$1,004	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,004
Fines/Municipal Court	\$66,110	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$66,110
Police Receipts	\$93,144	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$93,144
Culture & Recreation	\$71,256	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$71,256
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$28,392	-	-	\$1,764	-	\$218,822	-	\$248,978
Sale of Items	\$-	\$1,350	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,350
Interest	\$643	\$6	\$98	\$245	\$117	\$675	\$192	\$1,976
Trash Service	\$191,693	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$191,693
Loan Proceeds	\$526,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$526,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,976,730	\$1,356	\$234,670	\$2,009	\$251,421	\$1,250,210	\$285,849	\$6,002,245
EXPENSE								
OPERATING								
General Government	\$773,516	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$773,516
Public Safety	\$1,052,410	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,052,410
Municipal Court	\$54,166	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$54,166
Streets/Maintenance	\$453,137	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$453,137
Trash	\$178,886	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$178,886
Cultural & Recreation	\$280,920	-	-	-	\$13,093	-	-	\$294,013
Grant Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	\$100,000	-	\$293,817	-	-	\$393,817
DEBT SERVICE								
Interest & Fiscal Charges	-	-	\$73,461	\$22,127	-	\$495,898	-	\$591,486
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$440,987	-	\$13,781	-	-	\$1,059,505	-	\$1,514,273
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,234,022	-	\$187,242	\$22,127	\$306,910	\$1,555,403	-	\$5,305,704
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$742,708	\$1,356	\$47,428	\$(20,118)	\$(55,489)	\$(305,193)	\$285,849	\$696,541
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2020	\$3,752,031	\$13,239	\$544,052	\$21,584	\$220,178	\$4,153,600	\$236,589	\$8,941,273
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2021	\$3,793,490	\$15,439	\$372,502	\$21,106	\$253,366	\$2,304,375	\$744,609	\$7,504,887



CITY OF WARRENTON
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses
and Changes in Retained Earnings
Proprietary Fund for the Six Months Ending
June 30, 2021

	PROPRIETARY FUND
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for Service	\$1,899,726
Other Revenues	\$150,316
Transfers In	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	\$2,050,042
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Payroll and Related Benefits	\$383,073
Operating Supplies	\$72,099
Repairs & Maintenance	\$55,815
Utilities	\$93,294
Other Services & Charges	\$43,347
Transfers Out	\$313,500
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$961,128
OPERATING INCOME	\$1,088,914
NONOPERATING REVENUE/EXPENSE	
Interest Income	\$1,409
Interest Expense	\$(138,395)
Other Debt Service Costs	\$(3,787)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	\$(140,773)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$948,141
RETAINED EARNINGS/FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2020	\$17,405,391
RETAINED EARNINGS/FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2021	\$16,282,474

*Figure does not include \$1,403,391 in capital expenditures or \$600,000 for the principal portion of debt service.

Proprietary Fund debt principal balance \$8,165,000 on 6/30/21

I, Dana Balaski, Finance Officer of the City of Warrenton, do attest under oath that the attached reports are a true and accu- ate summary of all financial transactions of the City of Warrenton, Missouri, for the period from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Dana Balaski
Finance Officer

Subscribed and sworn before me this 29th day of July, 2021
(seal)

Madison Kinealy
State of Missouri
County of Montgomery
My commission expires April 21, 2025

Publication date: August 5, 2021

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Land Transfers

Gary E and Marilyn S Carter to Bennington Place Apartments LLC, Moser Subdivision, Lot 2E.

Jessica and Michael Leonard to Matthew J Douglas, Oak Akres, Lot 54, Plat 3.

Lavelle and Earl R Requat to Cynthia M and Edward C Schuessler, Section 10, Township 46, Range 1, Lot SW-SE.

Ralph V and Vikki J Glosemeyer to Ted J Hellebusch, Section 22, Township 45, Range 2, Lot NW.

Ralph V and Vikki J Glosemeyer to Joette M and Tim A Hellebusch, Section 22, Township 45, Range 2, Lot NW.

Emmaus Properties LLC to Ridge Investments LLC, Section 14 and 23, Township 45, Range 1, Lots SE, SW, NE and NW.

Emmaus Properties LLC to Never Lost LLC, Section 23, Township 45, Range 1, Lots NE and NW.

MKA Contracting LLC to Robert and Russell Michelson, Truesdale, Block 6.

Dolores, Kenneth E, William H Brown and John C and Melinda Renee Patrick to Thomas R Smoot, Title Partners Agency LLC.

Amanda S and Jesse W Flinn to Noah Custom Homes LLC, Incline Village, Lot 245, Plat 7.

Cherryl Howard to Greg L Seabaugh, Twiehaus Addition, Lots 53, 54, 52 and 53.

Joyce A Finneran to Brooke and Peter Schultz, Innsbrook Estates, Lot 2343, Plat 64.

Edward J and Jennifer Cain to Lisa and Michael S Zoellner, Incline Village, Lot 726, Plat 17.

Kathryn and Matthew Hashley to Brent and Tia Kluesner, Aspenhof, Lot 49, Plat 4.

LIM Properties LLC to Jeremy Boegemann, Forest Trails, Lot 15.

T S Banze Homes LLC to Jason and Melissa Wortz, Section 3, Township 46, Range 1, Lot NW-SW.

Lisa Y and Ronald Owenby, and Brenda L and Rock Roloff to Robert and Sarah Warren, Section 21, Township 46, Range 2, Lots NW-SW and NE-SE.

Bradford and Karen Roche to James H and Kim A Welch, Innsbrook Estates, Lot 471, Plat 20.

Kainen A Warren and Samantha N Whitten to Cynthia L and William J Sylvester, Falcons Crest, Lot 51, Plat 1.

T S Banze Holding Company LLC to Christina and Jack Gray, Upper Incline Estates, Lot 115.

Arthur and Carol Busier, Betty Crouch, and Donna and Thomas Lovett to B C D Holdings LLC, Section 2, Township 46, Range 1, Lots NW-SE and SW-SE.

BCD Holdings LLC to Daniel T and Leslie A Compton, Section 2, Township 46, Lots NW-SE and SW-SE.

Russell L and Stephanie L Mansfield to Russell L and Stephanie L Mansfield, Harvest Acres, Lot 13, Plat 3.

Randa A and Richard M Taylor to Brian Joel and Melissa Robertson, Lot 10.

Innsbrook Corporation to Erich C and Peggy Ann Pautz, Innsbrook Estates, Lot 2708, Plat 96.

Jamie and Phillip Day to Madison R Stevens, Trotters Creek, Lot 21.

Kim E and Michael P Renner to Caiden and Kara Thies, Churchill Downs Subdivision, Lot 15E.

Ivie League Homes & Properties LLC to Melissa and Ralph Clausner, Timber Trails, Lot 61.

Barbara L and Daniel P Baravik to David Hughes, Hawthorn Hills, Lot 23, Plat 2.

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52	300-400 lb.	\$168.00 - \$207.00		38	300-400 lb.	\$149.00 - \$176.00	
111	400-500 lb.	\$175.00 - \$199.00		111	400-500 lb.	\$157.00 - \$192.00	
252	500-600 lb.	\$172.00 - \$194.50		158	500-600 lb.	\$150.00 - \$166.00	
147	600-700 lb.	\$156.00 - \$175.00		58	600-700 lb.	\$136.00 - \$146.75	
202	700-800 lb.	\$152.00 - \$161.35		17	700-800 lb.	\$127.00 - \$134.75	
89	800-900 lb.	\$140.00 - \$149.50		11	800-900 lb.	\$119.00 - \$126.50	
71	900-1000 lb.	\$141.00 - \$145.25		—	900-1000 lb.	—	

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Warren County accepts applications on a regular basis. Applications are available at the Warren County Clerk's Office, 101 Mockingbird Ln., Ste. 302, Warrenton, MO 63383 and should be returned to the same address.

Applications will be accepted through Monday, August 27, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

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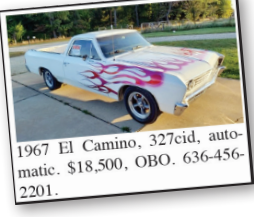
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