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On the University of Central Missouri campus, a bee circles an allium globe-master, also called allium giganteum. The plant produces tight, 4-inch-wide spherical heads of tiny lilac blooms on what can become 5- to 6-foot tall stems.

# THE GUIDE...

THIS GUIDE, produced by The Daily Star-Journal, is designed to provide readers with single-source access to information about the community. The content includes information about Warrensburg and Johnson County; descriptions of local government; how to contact utility and service companies; and various other items of interest, including schools, the arts, health, churches, organizations and business groups. FOR EVERYONE who wants to know Warrensburg, Welcome to Warrensburg is "your guide to awesome."



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On South Maguire Street, across the street from Woods Supermarket, Warrensburg, this golden tree soaks up the autumn sunlight.

# Kentuckian starts business; new city of Warrensburg

A Kentuckian traveling across the Missouri prairie stopped on a hill in 1835 and there set up a blacksmith shop.

**Martin D. Warren's** decision laid the foundation for what would become the city of Warrensburg.

Warrensburg incorporated in 1855 and developed as a railroad town. The location along the tracks resulted in the community becoming a nationally significant jumping off point for the transportation of mules for use by the military in World War I. The team name for the University of Central Missouri, which calls Warrensburg home, is the Mules.

The community also became known for mineral water, with a resort built by **J. H. Christopher** at Pertle Springs at the far south end of Holden Street. Thousands visited the resort at the height of the mineral water craze – including about 20,000 Dunkards, a religious denomination, in 1890 – and they found not only mineral water, but an auditorium that could hold 3,000 people, cabins, a three-story hotel and a dummy rail line that stretched from the railroad tracks to the

facilities. The city has been the home to famed individuals, including **John “Blind” Boone**, a black concert pianist and composer, who is considered a pioneer of modern music and won an international reputation for his prowess on the keyboards; **Sidney Toler**, a Hollywood actor who played in several movies, including “Three Godfathers” and had the lead role in the Charlie Chan film series; **Dale Carnegie**, author of “How to Win Friends and Influence People,” who studied communication at Missouri State Teachers College, now the University of Central Missouri; **Grant Curtis**, producer of three Spider-Man movies and “Oz, The Great and Powerful”; and **Shawn Pelton**, drummer for “Saturday Night Live.”

But the best-known “person” associated with Warrensburg has four rather than two legs. Going by the name of Drum, the dog shot down by a farmer resulted in a legal furor, with neighbor opposing neighbor in court. A former Confederate officer-turned-lawyer, **George Graham Vest**, argued for damages against the man who shot

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# Historical highlights shine for city of Warrensburg

the dog. Vest's "Eulogy of the Dog," which some say brought tears to the jurors' eyes, resulted in victory for his client and supported the saying, "A man's best friend is his dog."

Warrensburg today is the largest community in Johnson County, with an estimated 19,963 residents; home to the University of Central Missouri, with enrollment of about 14,000 students; and a neighbor to Whiteman Air Force Base, where more than 3,000 live and thousands more work.

Warrensburg offers a variety of amenities to residents, including nine parks, with a park inside Cave Hollow Park designated specifically for dogs; plans for a second pocket park at Cave Hollow to provide playground equipment designed for the handicapped; a community center with indoor and outdoor pools and state-of-the-art exercise equipment; public schools "accredited with distinction" by the state; more than 50 local and franchise restaurants featuring a variety of cuisines to



At his mother's farm-raised beef booth at the Farmers Market, Waylen Morgan, 2, sniffs decorative sunflowers. "We grow all of our own beef and pork, we raise all the crops we feed our beef and our pigs," his mother, Sarah Morgan, says.

fit various price ranges, from burgers wrapped in paper to fine entrees spread across tablecloths; walking trails; Amtrak service between Kansas City, St. Louis and points

between and points beyond; quick access to the Max B. Swisher Skyhaven Regional Airport; entertainment, including a 10-screen, state-of-the-art cinema, communi-

ty theater, and student and professional performances provided by the University of Central Missouri; and numerous festivals that include the two-day Burg Fest.

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# City manager leads Warrensburg

Warrensburg city government is led by a city manager, Harold Stewart II, who answers to an elected, five-member City Council.

The city manager's job is to oversee the city's daily operations. City department heads – including the police and fire chiefs, public works and human relations – answer to the city manager, who in turn answers to the City Council.

Council elections are held annually, on a rotating basis, and members serve three-year terms.

A council member may serve two terms, a total of six years, and then is term-limited off the council. However, after sitting out for a term, a council member may run again, which has happened several times in Warrensburg.

In April, Bryan Jacobs became the city's mayor. He is assisted by Mayor Pro-Tem Danielle Johnston, Councilwoman Robin Allen, Councilman Bob Watts and Councilman Casey Lund.

The position of mayor is not one the public elects directly, as occurs in many other communities. Instead, whoever sits in the mayor's seat is elected by the members of the council, which is

how Jacobs received the seat.

Under the city manager form of government, as practiced in Warrensburg, council members receive reports from the city manager, department heads and occasionally from service providers. A service provider might give a report to the city, for example, when an independent auditor completes the annual city audit, or a contractor is asked to do a specific job, such as erecting the city gateway sign that welcomes visitors to the community.

Reports provided to the council come at public meetings. Community members are welcome to attend all public meetings to hear such reports.

The public also is invited to call City Hall to have their names placed on the council's meeting agenda. By doing so, the public can bring issues or noteworthy information that requires action to the council's attention.



**City Manager Harold Stewart II**



**Mayor Bryan Jacobs**



cil's attention.

The City Council meets in regular public sessions at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Meetings take place at Warrensburg Municipal Center, 102 S. Holden St., across from City Hall.

For more information

Warrensburg City Hall is within a municipal complex that includes police, fire and court buildings.

about Warrensburg City Council meetings, or for general information about city operations, call (660) 747-9131.



# Johnson County officials serve residents



**Bill Gabel**  
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**Charles Kavanaugh**  
COMMISSIONER



**John Marr**  
COMMISSIONER

Johnson County government consists of 15 elected officials who run on party tickets, with August party primary winners facing off in the November general election.

The county building, 300 N. Holden St., is the hub of most governmental activity. The county's web site is [www.jococourthouse.com](http://www.jococourthouse.com).

**County Commission:** The three-member commission comprise the county's administrative arm, making decisions that include developing, adopting and enforcing the county budget; developing ordinances for the public health, safety and welfare; supervising the building and maintaining of roads and bridges. Commissioners generally meet in the commission chambers at the courthouse Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is (660) 747-2112.

The county clerk keeps commission records and serves as the county's election authority. The office also issues county liquor and merchants licenses and handles sales tax and fictitious name applications. Phone: (660) 747-6161.

The collector mails personal property and real estate tax bills; handles tax collection and distribution for the county and the other taxing jurisdictions; issues merchant licenses; and conducts annual tax sales. Phone: (660) 747-5531.

The assessor determines values of all personal property and real estate in Johnson County; transfers ownership of real estate on tax records; and completes and updates county maps as property changes. Phone: (660) 747-9822.



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**Heather Reynolds**  
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**Ruthane Small**  
COLLECTOR



**Nancy Jennings**  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR



**Jan Jones**  
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The auditor maintains the general ledgers for the county; handles accounts payable; countersigns all licenses, tax statements and checks issued for the county; and audits monthly reports from the offices. Phone: (660) 747-2633.

The recorder maintains real estate and other documents, including warranty

deeds, deeds of trust, subdivision plats, surveys, tax liens, releases and assignments. The office also issues marriage licenses, stores plats and surveys, and files military discharges and miscellaneous documents. Phone: (660) 747-6811.

The treasurer disburses and invests county funds; balances the books and ensures money is accounted for in separate funds; maintains records for grants and reimbursements held by Johnson County; and ensures the correct deposit to more than 87 funds. Phone: (660) 747-7411.

The public administrator provides guardianship and/or conservatorship duties and reports to the court annually about the care and administration of each estate. Phone: (660) 747-5327.

The prosecutor prosecutes criminal cases involving state offenses. The prosecutor also advises the county officials on civil matters relating to county government. Phone: (660) 422-7400.

The circuit clerk maintains records for the circuit, associate and probate courts, maintains court dockets, handles filings for civil and criminal cases, and is responsible for juror notices and procedures. Phone: (660) 422-7413.

The sheriff is responsible for the operations of the Sheriff's Office and the Johnson County Jail.

The surveyor surveys county projects, such as road openings, for the county and "remonuments" corners at the county's request. His office is at 425 N. Holden St. Phone: (660) 747-9512.

The coroner does autopsies and inquests in cases of suspicious deaths; pronounces victims dead at the scene of accidents and other violent or suspicious deaths; issues rulings on cause of death; and signs death certificates; and performs the duties of sheriff when the office is vacant. His office is at 617 N. Maguire Street. Phone: (660) 747-9114.



# CITY PARKS



After the annual Nassif Park Aquatic Center Doggy Dive, a dog shakes and a boy reacts.



A youngster crosses the bars at Grover Park.

## Residents can play at several parks

No community in Johnson County offers more or better parks and related activities than those found in Warrensburg.

The community is home to nine main parks, a couple of pocket parks, and another major park is planned. Each park offers distinct attributes.

**BLIND BOONE:** This park is the most artistic in the community, offering two sculptures – one of world-renowned pianist **Blind Boone** and the other of a wind harp. There are also murals on park buildings. In addition to art, the park offers a gazebo

with electric hook-ups available, restroom, barbecue grills, a quarter-mile walking trail and a nature area.

**CAVE HOLLOW:** This large park on the west side of the community has a picnic shelter with electricity available, restrooms, concessions, barbecue grills, a half-mile walking trail, a playground, a nature area, and two baseball/softball fields. Within Cave Hollow Park, are two pocket parks – the Old Drum Dog Park for large and small dogs, provides a play area for dogs and their owners; and the coming inclusive park designed with equipment and access to

serve all community members, including those with physical issues.

**GROVER PARK:** Located next to the Warrensburg Community Center, containing a large indoor pool at 441 E. Gay St., is Grover Park, which offers Nassif Aquatic Center, an outdoor pool.

In addition to the Nassif Aquatic Center, Grover Park offers the public eight tennis courts, a baseball/softball field and the Warrensburg Skate Park, making Grover Park the key component of a complex that brings together key elements of the leisure time experience.





Kylei Wilson starts her first egg hunt at Warrensburg Parks and Recreation's Eggstravaganza at Grover Park Baptist Church.

Under old shade trees that make the Grover Park comfortable even in summer, guests find the park offers them three picnic shelters, with electricity available for one, a large gazebo, restrooms, barbecue grills and a spacious playground with an assortment of equipment on which children may play.

Warrensburg Community Center, at the corner of East Gay and Mitchell Streets, provides the community state-of-the-art exercise equipment and classes; indoor youth and adult pools; a gymnasium for basketball, games, large events and sometimes theatrical performances; a cafeteria used for functions, including daily senior lunches; community meeting rooms where the Lions Club and other groups meet; and planned activities, with many events for children and families, such as the annual Santa Breakfast. Park activities are listed at [www.warrensburg-mo.com/departments/parks-recreation/](http://www.warrensburg-mo.com/departments/parks-recreation/).

The eight tennis courts are described as being in excellent shape. They are used by Warrensburg School District





At the first Battle of Bull Run in 1861, a crowd of civilians formed, coming to see what some must have thought would be an entertaining afternoon, like rooting for teams playing a game. Instead, the civilians witnessed the carnage

and the pandemonium of explosions and men falling. At the reenactment at the Missouri Veterans Home-Warrensburg, supported by Parks and Recreation, the crowd gets a sense of what battle means.

students in their frequent bids to capture district and state tennis crowns. The public also enjoys frequent and regular access to the courts.

Warrensburg Skate Park is a quality facility for skateboard users. The park offers challenging, concrete hills upon which skateboard enthusiasts roll. There also are steel side-bars, a broad and flat space for gaining momentum or slowing, and steep drops upon which skateboarders at all levels hone their skills.

Nassif Aquatic Center includes youth play areas and an adult pool, a “lazy river” course upon which guests may float, a large slide, an ample number of deck chairs on which to sit in sun or shade, restrooms, showers and a concession stand.

**HAWTHORNE:** This park provides a picnic shelter, barbecue grills, a quarter-mile walking trail and a playground with equipment over a spongy surface.



In the inside, adult pool, Kloeey Walters-Lackey bursts up from under the water.

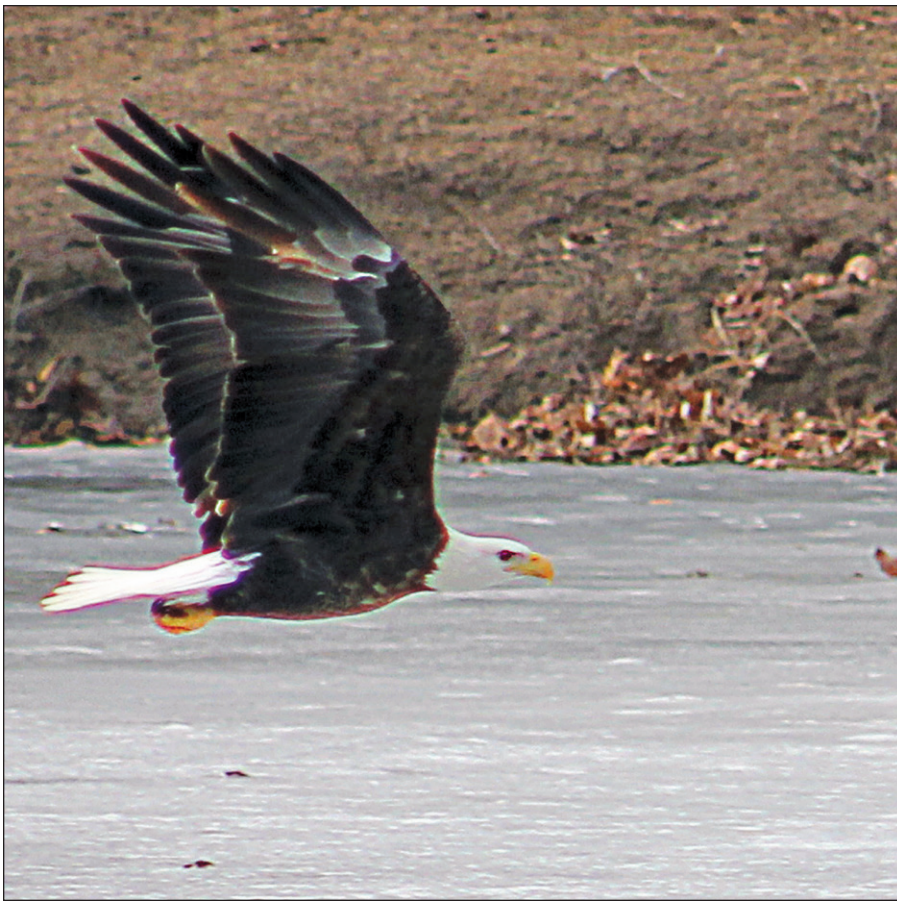
**LIONS LAKE:** The park offers two lakeside shelters, restrooms, barbecue grills, a two-mile walking trail, a

baseball-softball field, a dock from which people fish, and a nature area.

Various species can be

seen from time to time at the park, including eagles and great blue heron, in addition to these regular park guests





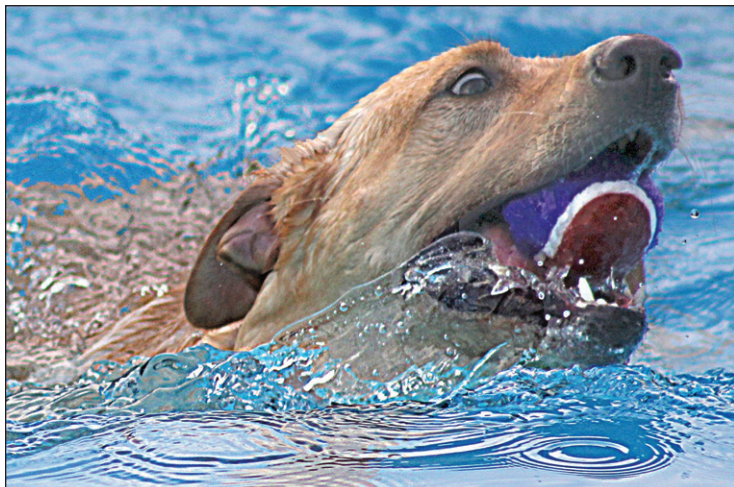
On occasion, eagles visit Lions Lake in hunt for food, including geese that gather there.



The glare of rockets is visible during the Fourth of July celebration held jointly by Warrensburg Parks and Recreation and Grover Park Baptist Church.



A group of Warrensburg students bring poles to test their skills at casting and fishing during a school outing to Lions Lake.



Daisy fetches the ball during the Annual Doggy Dive at Nassif Aquatic Center.

– geese, ducks, otter and deer. Found within Lions Lake Park, Culp Park is a nature park with an overview of Lions Lake.

**MARR PARK:** A picnic shelter, restrooms, barbecue grills and a walking bridge over a creek are among features at Marr Park, which is supported by a community service group, the Warrensburg Optimist Club, which hosts an annual Easter egg hunt. The park includes a playground, half-mile walking trail, nature area, basketball court and a nine-hole disc golf course embraced by enthusiasts of the game.

**SHEPARD PARK:** Surrounded by gentle slopes and dotted by old trees, Shepard Park provides a picnic shelter, restrooms, barbecue grills and a playground.

**WEST PARK:** Three baseball/softball fields, four soccer fields, a mile-long walking trail and a nature area are part of a sports complex that includes restrooms, concession stands and barbecue grills.

**COMING?** Parks leaders are considering where to locate another major park. At this point, possible locations remain speculative.





With arms stretched in a Hawaiian greeting, model Avery Morgan shows off "Postcards from Hawaii," made from a discarded shower curtain, during the University of Central Missouri fashion show that uses recycled materials.

## Schools long part of city's heritage

Warrensburg public schools, celebrating their 150th year of service, with Head Start and the University of Central Missouri, provide a pre-kindergarten-through-graduate school education to Warrensburg residents and others who come to the community to learn.

Warrensburg public schools date to the 1800s, the days of "McGuffey Readers," wood stoves, outhouses and, as the old song goes, "Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic





On a scaffold, Warrensburg High School Students Dillon Young and Dustin Vanmeter work to cover the Johnson County Fairgrounds Youth Center wall



Johnson County Christian Academy student Maya Ouellette, 9, takes aim at the target during competition. The academy offers students the option to receive a Christian-based education.



Chloe Pense, 2, plays with a stuffed Pokemon ball atop a Jackson Pollock-style backdrop at the Ridge View Elementary School Carnival. Scores of children, parents and school

taught to the tune of a hick'ry stick."

Fortunately for children, teaching methods have changed with the times in Warrensburg. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has repeatedly recognized the district with "accreditation with distinction" awards, computer-aided instruction is a fundamental part of the curriculum and the district places emphasis on the individual

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Sterling Elementary School student Tamia Sanders, 8, holds flowers she plans to give firefighters in thanks for their service.

During the Warrensburg High School presentation of "Over the River and Through the Woods," Delaney Sauer plays the seemingly ditzzy but wise Aida Gianelli, who knows what matters - family.

needs of students, including those with learning difficulties or "gifted" attributes.

The district is well-supported by the community, which in April 2015 passed a \$12.5 million improvement package to upgrade and maintain schools.

In addition to a focus on academic excellence, the district excels in extracurricular endeavors that have resulted in the Tigers winning numerous state, district and conference championships.

Warrensburg School District  
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is comprised of four elementary schools for grades pre-school



through fifth grade. Maple Grove and Ridge View Elementary schools are for grades preschool through second grade, and Martin Warren and Sterling elementary schools house students in



With a hostage taken in the Warrensburg High School production of "Curtains," performers Mercedes Tallant and Emily Perkins hug in shared terror of a merciless killer.



At the University of Central Missouri, graduates jump for joy with their mother, who has paid the bills leading to graduation. From left are Kelsey Bockman, 20, a speech pathology graduate; Cara Hooper; and Kaitlin Bockman, 22, an agri-business graduate.



Anthony Mwangi, 3, laughs while playing with other Head Start children next to the helicopter at the armory.

grades three through five.

Warrensburg Middle School serves students in grades six through eight, uniting students at that age level during the maturation process.

Warrensburg High School serves students in grades nine





With enthusiasm, UCM Aviation Executive Director Tony Monetti celebrates the arrival of a 737 jet engine donated by Southwest Airlines, with the effort overseen by Steve Quick.



University of Central Missouri THRIVE graduate, Dillon Doctor, walks down the aisle after receiving his diploma during graduation May 6.

through 12.

The district also operates the Reese Education Center, which houses the Gateway Alternative School and the school district's special needs and gifted education programs.

The Warrensburg Area Career Center specializes in vocational education for high school-level students in Warrensburg and from other schools in Johnson County.

Warrensburg also is home to the University of Central Missouri. Founded in 1871 with only a few dozen students, UCM today offers programs in 150 areas of study and regularly welcome more than 13,000 students to the campus.

Adding to nationally recognized academic programs, UCM has brought home recent national championships: basketball in 2014, and in 2015 the indoor track and field team captured the crown at the same time **Frank Cagnina** won his second NCAA-II national wrestling championship in the 149-pound weight class.

The state has shown confidence in the university, having invested more than \$164 million on school improvements in the past five years, with another \$12.2 million this year used to upgrade the W.C. Morris Science Building.



Being far from her home in India, Poonam Gohil, 26, said she is thankful to have Americans who act like a family for her while she attends the University of Central Missouri. Here, she stops at the Ward Edward Building, where flags of the world hang.



Benjamin Cederstrom and Cael Kenney return the dolly to Maple Grove Elementary School to get more boxes of food to donate to the Food Center. Their work is part of a schoolwide effort to help assure that the community's less fortunate residents receive assistance, not just at Christmas, but throughout the year.





The B-2 stealth bomber, a respected weapons platform capable of releasing nuclear and precision bombs, is expected to serve the nation for years to come.

# Military important part of community

All of the great aspects of military life are represented in Warrensburg, from education, through military service and into retirement.

The University of Central Missouri offers a star-studded Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, counting four generals among graduates: Maj. Gen. **Richard P. Mustion**, Brig. Gen. **Arnold N. Gordon-Bray**, Brig. Gen. **Troy D. Kok** and Brig. Gen. **C. David Turner**.

In addition to the ROTC, UCM's reputation as a school that serves active and retired military members is growing with the Office of Military and Veterans Services. The office offers a safe, secure and supportive environment in which to transition to college life in ways that include connections with fellow military and veteran students. Learn more



about office services at [ucmo.edu/vets/](http://ucmo.edu/vets/).

For those in the National Guard, the National Guard Armory, 343 E. Gay St., provides a training center to keep citizen soldiers ready to serve their country.

Whiteman Air Force Base, home of the B-2 stealth bomber, is 15 miles east of Warrensburg, is a world-class location for active duty and reserve personnel in the Air Force and Army.

Team Whiteman provides strategic deterrence, global power and support to combat and joint force commanders anytime, anywhere. The B-2 stealth bomber is able to leave Whiteman and fly nonstop to deliver ordinance anywhere on the planet, something demonstrated when necessary.

When troops are on the ground, the A-10 Thunderbolt II can fly low, with pilots able



Four A-10s fly in unison during Wings Over Whiteman. About two dozen Warthogs are based at Whiteman. The air show returns Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11.



to distinguish who is who to take out enemy combatants.

The base, with Air Force and Army personnel, has other significant missions that individually and combined make Whiteman a gem in the national defense crown. Military and civilian employment at the base totals 7,593, with a payroll of \$322.7 million annually, and an estimated regional economic impact of \$690 million, based on 2014 numbers.

Whiteman also is a source for fun. Thousands will converge on the base in 2017 for the air show Wings Over Whiteman.

Base members live and participate in Warrensburg's civic life. They join community groups and churches, and are critical to the success of many activities, from beautifying Childrens Memorial Gardens to planting flags on every veteran's grave on Memorial Day.

Warrensburg is home to American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations. These groups offer like-minded men and women places where they can share interests, and the groups provide civic services, such as

supporting youth baseball and event facilities.

Warrensburg also is home to a Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic at 702 E. Young St. The 10,000 square-foot, \$2 million clinic includes an optometrist and audiologist to serve eligible veterans. For details, call (816) 861-4700, ext. 54281.

Older veterans can find an expert and caring environment at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg, which is recognized nationally. Learn more at [mvc.dps.mo.gov/homes/warrensburg.php](http://mvc.dps.mo.gov/homes/warrensburg.php).

The genuine appreciation shown for military service and the amenities offered demonstrate Warrensburg is a military-friendly community not just in words, but through action and available services.

A ground crew member leaps to keep the colors off the ground as Army Staff Sgt. John Clevenger lands to open the Wings Over Whiteman air show. The Knights are expected to return for this year's event, which will be held at the base Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11.



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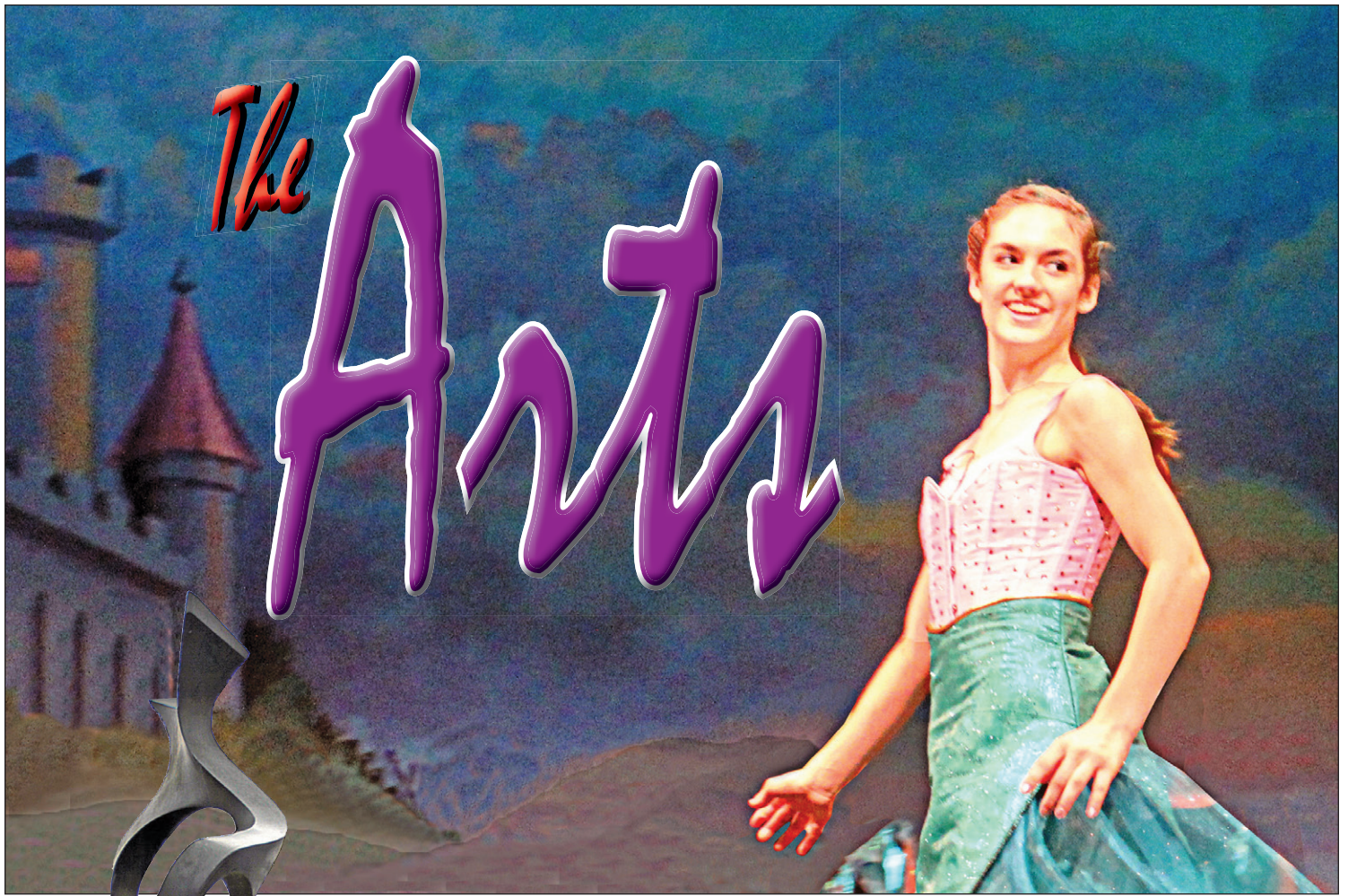
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With the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg High School and Center Stage Academy, theater is among the arts represented well in the community.

# Arts community thrives in Warrensburg



"Introspection," by Larry Young, stands on the west side of the University of Central Missouri campus, between the University Union and Vernon Kennedy Field. The Warrensburg Arts Commission, in cooperation with Parks and Recreation, plans to add sculptures on a temporary basis at other locations around the community.

With horns and wings, Amanda Drake, Sedalia, is magnificent as Malificent at the Comic Con-style event, Stealth Con, which Whiteman Air Force Base hosts at the University of Central Missouri.

Warrensburg – The visual and performing arts are well represented in Warrensburg through the mutual interest of town-and-gown leaders from the city and the campus.

"The city's arts scene has coalesced based on city and University of Central Missouri leadership.

The city and university provide a calendar of events and museum displays that change regularly.

One reason for the diversity is the Warrensburg Arts Commission, led by Jeff Imboden, a musician who also directs UCM's Performing Arts Series.

Commissioners bring public awareness of, accessibility to, participation in and support for arts and cultural activities in Warrensburg. The group meets at 7 p.m. every third



Monday at City Hall.

• One art center is the UCM Gallery of Art & Design, directed by **Christian Cutler**. The gallery presents a variety of artwork – recent works having included blown glass, textile art and ceramics – to advance an appreciation for visual art.

Gallery events, some geared to children and some including receptions and lectures with master artists, are listed at <http://www.ucmo.edu/gallery/>.

• Warrensburg Main Street, a business group that promotes downtown, bolsters the performing arts with the free Sounds of Summer Concert series.

• Art exists in parks, downtown and on the UCM campus: a sculpture of Old Drum on the county lawn at North Holden and East Market streets; an outstanding sculpture of Ragtime-era musician Blind Boone, along with a wind harp, at Blind Boone Park; on West Pine Street, etched into concrete, is “Downtown Vibrations”; at Lions Lake, from spring to fall, find “Bobbers,” a heroic-size, whimsical sculp-



University of Central Missouri Department of Theatre and Dance performs “Seasons,” an original production. From left are Alley Petty, 20, Kansas City-North; Isamo Manuel, 20, Neosho, Missouri; Christina Foster, 19, Smithville; Alyssa Jenkins, 21, Liberty; Sydnee Kimmel, 21, North Kansas City; Brianna Schweitzer, 21, Liberty; and Grant Leshner, 20, Louisburg, Kansas.

ture of fishing bobbers; at City Hall, an 8-foot tall, 24-foot wide photo mural by **Janet Bon-sall**, “The Four Pillars,” por-

trays the community’s vital institutions – Whiteman Air Force Base, Union Pacific Railroad, UCM – and everyday peo-

ple; and the variety of work on campus includes “The Five Wise & Five Foolish Virgins,” a stained-glass window by

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University of Central Missouri students entertain children at Grover Park.

Gabriella Polony-Mountain on the second floor of the James C. Kirkpatrick Library, and 13 sculptures in wood, metal and stone, created by artists including **Dennis Sohocki, Kathleen Caricof, Larry Young, Elizabeth Ritter and Rita Blitt.**

• Live theater is abundant on the UCM campus, with a busy production calendar offering full-scale performances, from musicals to dramas, provided by the accredited Department of Theatre and Dance at the Highlander Theater. A few of this year's shows: "Caesar X," "9 Circles," and "The Toxic Avenger." Aspiring thespians perform original shows at the Black Box Theatre within Nickerson Hall. Find Highlander and Black Box news at <https://www.ucmo.edu/theatre/calendar/>.

• UCM's Performing Arts Series entertains adults with discerning ears for classical music, and children eager for engaged learning. Recent performers have included the Maniacal 4 and Zane Forshee. What comes next is available at <http://www.ucmo.edu/pas/>.

The presentation is a small part of the arts scene. The

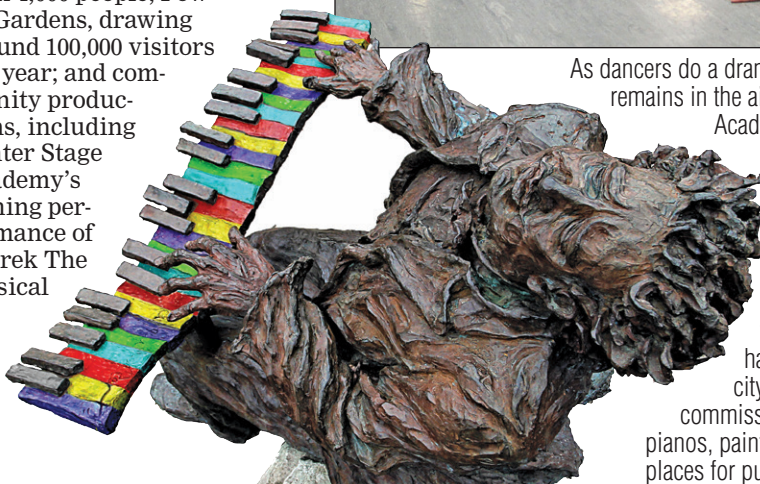


Former Warrensburg Mayor Baird Brock looks over entries at the annual Mid-Missouri Artists' art show at the ABC Building.

"much more" part includes the Annual Childrens Literature festival drawing more than 4,000 people; Powell Gardens, drawing around 100,000 visitors per year; and community productions, including Center Stage Academy's coming performance of "Shrek The Musical Jr."



As dancers do a dramatic drop down, their hair remains in the air in warm ups for Center Stage Academy auditions for "Shrek." Maggie Likcani is in the forefront of the dancers.



For the Warrensburg Arts Commission's program to accept sculptures on loan for a year can bring up to half a dozen sculptures to the city annually. In addition, the commission plans to bring display pianos, painted colorfully, in public places for public use.



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**Water:** Missouri American Water Co., 1705 Montserrat Park Road. Phone: (866) 430-0820.

**Sewer:** Warrensburg City Hall, 102 S. Holden St., provides sewer service for community members. Telephone: (660) 747-9131.

**Gas Service:** Missouri Gas Energy. Phone: (800) 582-1234.

**Telephone, Internet, TV:** Charter Communications provides cable TV, phone and Internet. Phone: (888) 619-5114.

CenturyLink, 210 E. Market St., Warrensburg, offers phone, Internet and satellite television service. Phone: (660) 429-6808.

**Trash Pickup:** Heartland Waste, 12 N.E. Highway V. Phone: (660) 429-1040 or (888) 561-5225; WCA, Sedalia. Phone: (888) 394-8722; and Vic's Disposal: 500 S.E. 400 Road. Phone: (660) 747-2088.

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# Business Friendly

## Warrensburg supports business community

Warrensburg Main Street, Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce and the Johnson County Economic Development Corp. cooperate to attract and retain businesses.

### Johnson County EDC

The EDC, working in cooperation with Warrensburg and state officials, accomplished a major economic coup in May.

Through the use of incentives, the EDC played a key role in attracting the \$110,110,000, 1.1 million-square-foot Dollar Tree distribution center to Warrensburg. Expected to open by spring 2018, the facility will employ 375 people full time when operating fully.

The EDC provides a variety of business services across the county.

The EDC strives to generate new wealth and the retention, expansion and attraction of high-value, high-growth business investment opportunities that will create quality employment opportunities and complement and add value to existing businesses and the overall economic well-being of the county.

EDC directors consist of representatives from the various sectors of the economy, including Warrensburg, smaller cities, Johnson County, chambers of commerce, school districts, University of Central Missouri, local industry and retail businesses.

The agency has two “customers”: existing and potential businesses and government agencies consisting of cities in the county, as well as Johnson County.

To help businesses and public agencies plan for the future or determine the need or demand for specific products and services, EDC collects, analyzes and compiles demographic data. The major focus of the agency in 2015-16 is implementation of the corridor study on the Johnson County Innovation District. The



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Dollar Tree officials and community leaders listen as City Manager Harold Stewart II acknowledges that many individuals and organizations helped to bring the 1.1 million-square-foot distribution center to the city. Dollar Tree plans to break ground this year and open by June 2018.



Work continues on the four-story Fairfield Inn, the cornerstone of the Keystone development at U.S. 50 and North Maguire, Warrensburg. Unlike the Hawthorne Plaza development, taxpayers are not on the hook financially for the project.

study, by Olsson Associates, identifies opportunities for economic development along the Highway 50 corridor from Highway 58 to the East Loop and Highway 58 to Centerview.

The EDC's regional partners include the Central Missouri Economic Development Alliance, a five-county cooperative marketing organization, and

the Whiteman Area Leadership Council.

The EDC provides financing information to clients, ranging from individuals to major employers, including pros and cons of each option and contacts with each agency or bank.

The agency's micro-loan program provides up to \$10,000

per project at low interest rates to qualifying local businesses. The loans can be used for operating expenses, inventory, supplies, equipment or real estate.

Learn more at <http://www.growjocomo.com>.

### MAIN STREET

Warrensburg Main Street is recognized nationally for community-based business efforts; is accredited by the national and Missouri Main Street programs; is one of six state-accredited Main Street programs in Missouri; developed the Warrensburg Business Incubator Program; to date has worked to have \$2.4 million reinvested in the downtown through efforts that included obtaining grants, government appropriations and downtown business owner fund matching; and hosts events throughout the year that attract visitors downtown, including the weekly Farmers Market during the growing season, the two-day Burg Fest, the Summer Concert Series and the Dickens Christmas Living Windows program.





Warrensburg Main Street hosts activities to draw people downtown, including the Dickens Living Christmas Windows on the first Saturday in December.

Learn more at [warrensburg-mainstreet.squarespace.com/](http://warrensburg-mainstreet.squarespace.com/).

### CHAMBER

The Chamber of Commerce provides member services: Networking – luncheons, coffees, business after hours, ribbon cuttings and the Chamber Leads Exchange Group; Marketing – businesses use the chamber as a source of traditional and social media to market community businesses, with options including the Friday Chamber Flash that keeps members updated on chamber events while allowing businesses a way to let other business people know what they are doing; Referrals – chamber staff provides referrals for members, and

all members are listed in an easy-to-use online directory; Advocacy – the chamber is a unified voice to represent business at local, state and national levels of government, including by going in person to Jefferson City; and Professional growth – members are invited to Chamber University presentations and the Chamber Leads Exchange Group, and to participate in groups including Women In Networking and other committees.

The group spearheads the Love What's Local campaign to encourage people to shop locally to support Warrensburg's people, economy, social and community services.

Learn more at [warrensburg.org/index.asp](http://warrensburg.org/index.asp).



Becky Silvers shouts with joy upon winning diamond earrings at Warrensburg Main Street's annual Piccadilly fundraiser.



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Numerous runs for various causes in Warrensburg offer one of the ways residents remain healthy.

# Health care well-represented in community

Health care needs in the Johnson County community are served by several public agencies as well as private health care, dental and eye care providers.

## Hospital Services

Among the public agencies serving the county is the Western Missouri Medical Center, an acute care facility, 403 Burkard Road, Warrensburg. The nonprofit hospital provides emergency care, inpatient and outpatient, and rehabilitation services.

An elected board of five members, who serve five-year terms, determines policy and directs administrative staff in carrying out the policies. The board consists of Chairwoman Rita White, Vice Chairman Liz Fatka, Secretary Larry Purcell, Treasurer Dr. Patty Denney and the immediate past president is Greg Hassler.

Darinda Reberry is the chief executive officer. The board meets on the last Friday of each month at the hospital.

Inpatient services include an obstetrics department, medical and surgical nursing units, intensive care unit, telemetry unit and respiratory therapy.

Inpatient care is provided by a team of hospitalists, internal medical specialists who cover for local physicians on a daily basis.

Outpatient services include cardiac rehabilitation, cardiology, diabetes

treatment and management, diagnostic imaging, oncology, laboratory services, neurology, pain center, physical and occupational therapy, pulmonary rehabilitation, rheumatology, sleep laboratory, outpatient surgery, urology, pediatric, nephrology and wound care.

The hospital has specialists in general, bariatric and orthopedic surgery; cardiology; emergency medicine; oncology; internal medicine; neurology; obstetrics and gynecology; pain management; pathology; pulmonology; pediatrics; rheumatology; sleep medicine; sports medicine; urology and wound care.

The facility provides off-site services through two family practice clinics, Western Missouri Family Healthcare in Holden and Knob Noster; an orthopedic practice, Western Missouri Bone & Joint; Building Blocks Pediatrics and an internal medicine and pulmonology clinic at Western Missouri Internal Medicine. Central Family Medicine will be the third family practice clinic joining the hospital this year. A second internal medicine practice expands services to patients. The Express Care clinic in the Innes I building on the hospital campus provides immediate care for patients with low-level ailments who are unable to get a doctor's appointment.

For details, call (660) 747-2500 or visit [www.wmmc.com](http://www.wmmc.com).

Public Health Johnson County Community Health Services, 723 PCA Road, established in 1975, is a county-owned, public health agency that provides home health, public health and hospice services to county residents.

The elected board consists of Chairman Alex Wales, Secretary Corky Burgin, Treasurer Kay Stauffer, members Gaynal Taylor and Rick Edwards. The board meets at 10 a.m. every fourth Thursday at the agency. The director is Anthony Arton.

The public health function focuses on preventing disease and injury by promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Services offered include immunizations; health screenings; testing for sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis; pregnancy tests; health education; CPR/AED and First Aid classes; child care provider support; car seat safety; lead testing; and animal bite case management.

The agency also serves as the local registrar for birth and death records and operates the Women, Infants and Children supplemental food program.

Environmental Public Health includes services and resources relating to san-



itation and safety inspections of food establishments, child care facilities and lodging establishments. The agency offers free food safety training classes for food handlers and managers. Training covers all aspects of safe food handling. The ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification Course and Examination, a nationally accredited course, is required by many restaurants for those in manager positions.

The agency administers regulations for the design, construction and major modification of all on-site wastewater treatment systems to protect and promote public health and to prevent the entrance and emergence of infectious, contagious, communicable or dangerous diseases, and offers technical assistance for all environmental public health concerns.

Home health care provides nursing assistance to home-bound people recovering from surgery or those who have conditions requiring regular medical care so they can remain at home. The agency has credentialed and trained teams of nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, certified nurse aides and a medical social worker who work with physicians to develop a personalized home health plan. Hospice care for terminally ill patients focuses on meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their families. A trained team of nurses, physi-

cians, medical director, nurse aides, social worker, chaplain and volunteers provide compassionate end-of-life care with a focus on managing pain and symptoms.

The agency collaborates with other agencies and groups to address health



Gavin Ellis, 7, shows off his new pal, Pepper, at a Western Missouri Medical Center Auxiliary build-an-animal event.

care needs in the community and improve the quality of life for area residents.

For more information, call (660) 747-6121 or visit [www.johnsoncountyhealth.org](http://www.johnsoncountyhealth.org).

#### Ambulance Service

The Johnson County Ambulance District is a tax-supported entity formed in 2002 to provide emergency medical services and ambulance transport in the county.

The district is governed by a board of

directors elected from six sub-districts in the county. Board members are Chairman Ray Patrick, Secretary Mary Kidd and Mike Wakeman, Violet Corbett, Alice Greife and Juanita Moore.

The board meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at district headquarters.

The district has grown to five ambulance houses located around the county to provide faster service to people experiencing medical emergencies.

Two ambulance houses are in Warrensburg, including the headquarters at 263 S.E. Business 13. Other houses are in Holden, Knob Noster and Pittsville in western Johnson County.

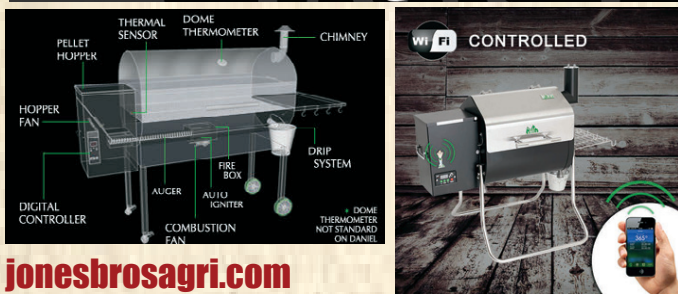
Ambulances are staffed by licensed emergency medical technicians and paramedics under the supervision of a medical director.

Chief Shane Lockard is in charge of the day-to-day district operations with the assistance of an operation and training division chief and battalion chiefs who supervise three shifts of ambulance personnel daily.

The agency also provides a variety of training courses for district staff and personnel from outside agencies. Courses include basic EMT training and refresher training, first aid, CPR, advanced cardiac life support and pediatric advanced life support.

To contact the agency, call (660) 747-5735 or visit [jcoamb.com](http://jcoamb.com).

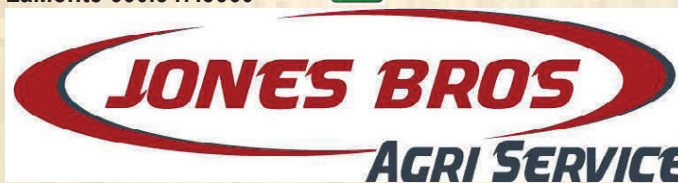
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Ava Kamau, 4, shows off the butterfly tattoo she receives free at the annual Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt held in conjunction with Grover Park Baptist Church. The event includes a puppet show that tells the story of Easter.

## Plenty of places to put faith into practice

Many places of worship call Warrensburg home.

As expected in the Bible belt, almost every place of worship is a church, and the community has a variety of Christian denominational and nondenominational churches.

With hundreds of students from foreign lands attending the University of Central Missouri, in addition to community residents with other beliefs, there is a Muslim Center at 137 E. Culton St., at the intersection with North College Avenue.

Warrensburg is home to these places of worship...

### **First Baptist Church**

Pastor: Brian Clausen  
1302 S. Maguire St.  
(660) 747-9186

### **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

Pastor: Joel Kurz  
607 N. Maguire St.  
(660) 747-6742

### **Jesus Saves Pentecostal**

400 W. Culton St.  
(660) 747-5369

### **Central Missouri Baptist**

105 S.E. 421st Road  
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### **Grover Park Baptist Church**

Pastor: Dr. Randall S. Neal  
409 N. Mitchell St.  
(660) 747-7196

### **Shiloh Missionary Baptist**

Pastor: Terrence Moody  
212 N. Main St.  
(660) 747-5685

### **First United Methodist**

Pastor: Louie Lowe  
141 E. Gay St.  
(660) 747-8158

### **Warrensburg First Presbyterian Church**

Pastor: Heather Jepsen  
206 N. College St.  
(660) 747-5731

### **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

Pastor: Joe Bathke  
300 S. Ridgeview Drive  
(660) 747-6154

### **First Christian Church**

Pastor: Jerry Basye  
101 E. Gay St.  
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### **Church of Jesus Christ**

104 N.W. 361st Road  
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### **Church of Jesus Christ**

143 E. Pine St.  
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### **Evangelical Free Church**

Pastor: Mel Johnson  
480 S.E. DD Highway  
(660) 429-3762

### **First Assembly of God**

Pastor: John Mark Allen  
88 S. Mitchell St.  
(660) 747-6762

### **Kingdom of God Christian Center**

Pastors: Chad & Ivery Jamerson  
123 E. Gay St.  
(660) 441-3620

### **Community of Christ Church**

Pastor: Jan Everhart  
700 S. Mitchell  
(660) 747-3835

### **Harvest Fellowship Church**

Pastor: Shawn Benson  
372 S.W. State Route 13  
(660) 747-8164

### **Cumberland Presbyterian**

Pastor: Raewon Kim  
201 Grover St.  
(660) 747-3021

### **Northside Christian Church**

Pastor: Sid Tiller  
500 N. Ridgeview Drive  
(660) 747-8632

### **Bethel Baptist Church**

Pastor: Richard Ricard  
416 N.W. State Route 13  
(660) 747-2173

### **Church of Christ**

Pastor: Jeff Kenee  
722 S. Maguire St.  
(660) 747-5519

### **Christ Episcopal Church**

Clergy: Ron Verhaeghe  
136 E. Gay St.  
(660) 429-1133

### **Warrensburg Church of the Brethren**

Pastoral Team

Contact: Jerry Crouse 802 Hale Lake Road  
(660) 238-7147

### **Central Missouri Mission Center**

106 N. College Ave. (660) 747-6193

### **Christian Student Fellowship**

211 S. Maguire St.

### **United Campus Ministry**

210 N. College Ave. (660) 747-6221

### **Liberty Baptist Church**

85 N.W. 795th Road (660) 747-6085

### **Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints**

1515 E. Hale Lake Road (660) 747-6500



# Organizations serve various ages, interests

- Warrensburg Kiwanis Club, 607 N. Ridgeview Drive, meets at 6 p.m. on first and third Tuesdays, (660) 747-7396

- National Federation of the Blind, Old Drum Chapter, meets at 5:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, WILS, 610 N. Ridgeview Drive. Contact (660) 441-1907

- Writers of Warrensburg, Trails Regional Library, 432 N. Holden St., 6 to 8 p.m., every first and third Tuesday, (660) 747-9177

- William A. Carleton V.F.W. Post 2513, 7 p.m., every first and third Wednesday, 618 Lakeview Drive, Commander Teresa Shane, (660) 422-1537

- Daughters of the American Revolution, Workshop Cafeteria, 607 N. Ridgeview Drive, noon every second Friday, Sue Boland, (660) 747-7464

- Warren Martin Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Workshop Cafeteria, 607 N. Ridgeview Drive, 12:30 p.m. every third Saturday, except February, July and August, Mike Powers, (660) 747-7532

- Mid-Missouri Artists, Community Center, arts and crafts room, 445 E. Gay St., 7 p.m. every last Thursday, Rebecca Limback, (660) 429-2446

- New Century Dulcimer Ensemble, practice at 4:30 p.m. every Thursday, Community of Christ Church, 700 S. Mitchell St., Rebecca Limback, (660) 429-2446

- Warrensburg Recorder Consort, practice from 7 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, for location call Patrick Larkin at (660) 909-1834

- American Association of Retired Persons, 6 p.m. every third Monday, 733 E. Young St.

- National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees, 733 E. Young St., noon every third Monday, (660) 429-1345

- Warrensburg Lions Club, noon on all but fifth Mondays, Community Center, 445 E. Gay St., (660) 747-3577

- WD-40 women's group, Senior Center, 445 E. Gay St., 9 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays, Joann Hanna, (660) 747-7562 or Pauline Hibdon, (660) 747-6208

- Bariatrics Support, 6 to 7 p.m. every third Tuesday, Room 1, Western Missouri Medical Center, 403 N. Burkard Road, (660) 747-5558

- Different Strokes, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. every second Tuesday, Room 1, Western Missouri Medical Center, 403 N. Burkard Road, (660) 262-7536

- Inspired Quilters Guild, 7 p.m. every second Monday, First Christian Church, 101 E. Gay St. (660) 429-5421

- Good Neighbors 4-H Club, 7 p.m. every fourth Monday, Northside Christian Church, Lesa Carroll, (660) 747-0089

- Rotary Club, noon every Tuesday, Traditions at Keth Memorial Golf Course, 5 Par Drive, www.wbgrotary.com

- Optimist Club, 607 N. Ridgeview Drive, 7 p.m. every first and third Thursday, Jan Schawo, (660) 747-2376

- Knights of Columbus, 300



Volunteer Kaylee Miller, 8, Chilhowee, works to help Johnson County Board of Services clients.

- S. Ridgeview Drive, Terry Berkland, grand knight: berkland@embarqmail.com

- West Central Missouri Genealogical Society and Library Inc. meets at 7 p.m. every fourth Monday, except in May and December, Culp Building, 302 N. Main St., (660) 747-5862

- Johnson County Retired Teachers and School Support Staff, 11:30 a.m. every first Tuesday, First Christian Church, 101 E. Gay St., (660) 441-5489

- Ways and Means Screening Committee, 733 E. Young St., meets at 6 p.m. every third Wednesday, (660) 747-5957

- American Legion Riders Chapter 131, 733 E. Young St., (660) 747-5957

- American Legion Post 131 Auxiliary, 733 E. Young St., meets at 6 p.m. on first Saturdays, (660) 747-5957

- Elks Lodge 673, 822 E. Young St., (660) 747-6435

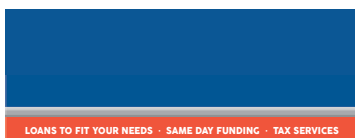
- Matthews-Crawford American Legion Post 131, 733 E. Young St., (660) 747-5957

- Do Good Yoga, 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Trails Regional Library, 432 N. Holden St., (660) 747-9177

- Early Bird Rotary, 733 E. Young St., 6:45 a.m. every Thursday, American Legion, 733 E. Young St.

- Toastmasters, Trails Regional Library, 432 N. Holden St., contact brian@yourheadway.com

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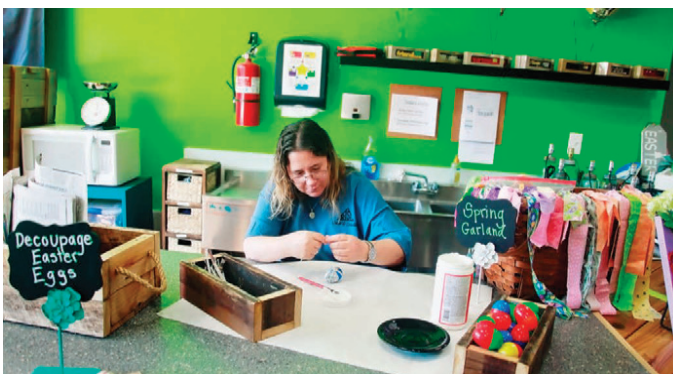
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