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Crowder College receiving \$1.4M trust gift

Crowder College is receiving a \$1.4 million gift that, among many things, will fund the school's first endowed faculty position. A check presentation was held in the Arnold Farber building lobby, in Neosho, on Thursday, July 6, 2:30pm.

Dr. Katricia Pierson, college president, said the estate gift from Gretta "Mitsie" Renick is among the largest individual gifts in the college's 60-year history.

"Mitsie's gift will allow Crowder to endow a new faculty position in engineering technology, further leadership development of our students and help in several other areas," Dr. Pierson said. She recalled meeting Mrs. Renick last fall.

"She was a vibrant woman, and was intent on keeping abreast of what not only was happening at the college, but on the national scene," Dr. Pierson added.

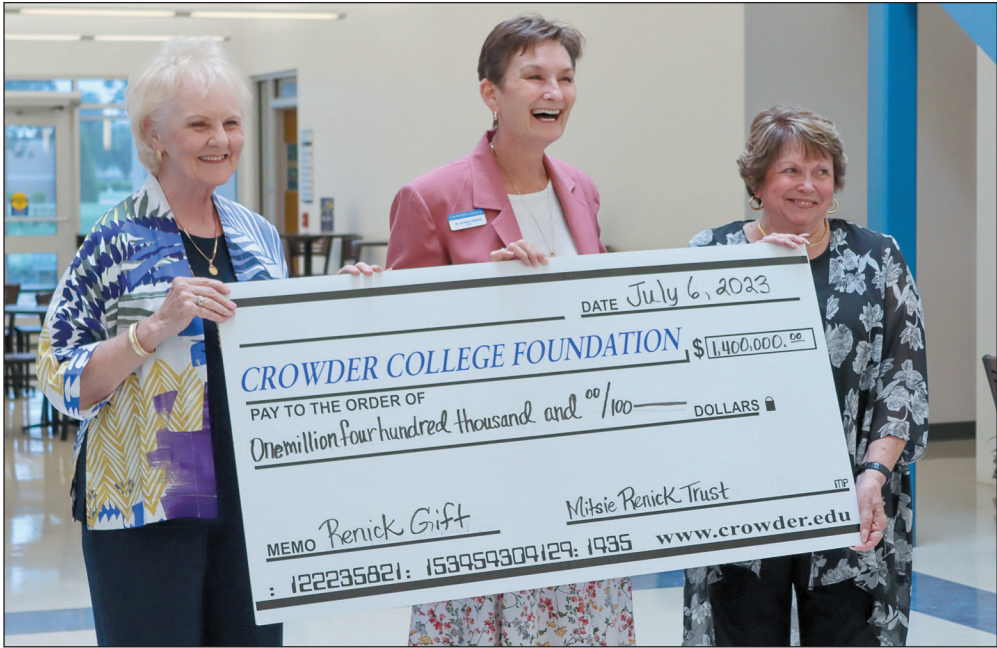
Mrs. Renick, who died in March at age 94, was a retired General Dynamics employee who had a special place in her heart for students and those interested in engineering. She created the trust after the 2009 death of her husband. They were married 46 years.

With the gift not being designated it provided the college the opportunity to be creative to meet educational needs. Dr. Pierson said the college wants to expand

the available engineering technology training to meet community needs, and naming the lead faculty person the Renick Endowed Faculty in Engineering Technology made sense. The position will be funded by part of the earnings.

Earnings from the fund also will support the Richard & Mitsie Renick President's Leadership Academy, a special learning opportunity for up to 20 Crowder students each year. Participants interact with many influential and creative community leaders during the two-year program. They will participate in extracurricular activities that

See Crowder 3A



Shown above, left to right, are Jane Lant, Crowder Foundation president; Dr. Katricia Pierson, Crowder College president; and Jean Kelly, representative of Mitsie Renick Trust.

Friday's thunderstorms did not put a damper on Saturday's Purdy events



The St. Lawrence Church Dance Group performed at the Purdy Festival last Saturday. Shown above are students Victoria Jose-Estrada, Samuel Jose-Estrada, Fernando Salas, Maria Navarro Paz, Perla Navarro Paz, Ana Navarro Paz, and Clarissa Garcia Garcia. The dance group is taught by Lupita De Leon with the assistance of Yeni Salas.

Adriana Keeton

The Purdy Festival was held last Saturday in conjunction with the Purdy FFA Livestock Show and the Thunder in the Park Car, Truck, and Bike Show despite the severe thunderstorms and straight-line winds that

moved through Southwest Missouri, disrupting electric services and downing trees and limbs throughout Barry County Friday night. Luckily, the electricity was back in service for the festival Saturday.

This is the second year

I have attended the Purdy Festival, and it does not disappoint. There's something for everyone. This year included carnival games, carnival rides, food trucks, several bounce houses, a performance by the St. Lawrence Church Dance Group,

a showroom for local 4-H Member project awards, and my personal favorite, the baby farm animal petting area, and that is just some of the Purdy Festival. It also included several vendors set up

See Purdy 8A

Springfield Cardinals to host Cassville Community Night

The Springfield Cardinals will hold a Cassville Community Night on Friday, August 25, beginning at 7:05 p.m. at Hammons Field against the Corpus Christi Hooks. Gates will open at 6:05 p.m.

Cassville Community discount ticket prices begin at \$9 for a field box ticket to the game. There will also be a Great Southern Bank \$9,000 Giveaway that evening, and you can receive a free Springfield Cardinals Cap when you sign up for the Cardinals Text Club at the game. Fireworks will begin after the game.

Hammons Field is located at 955 E. Trafficway St., in Springfield. Hammons Field follows a clear bag-only policy and is also a cashless venue. For more know-before-you-go information, visit www.springfieldcardinals.com.

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From the Roots Up

Susan Lane

Teaching the younger one skills is so important, but sometimes it may seem like it "falls on deaf ears." In a child's early years, they are so inquisitive with the continually asking why and as they grow into elementary school age, they want to help with everything. But then they turn teens, and something happens, we've all been there. We wonder who in the world this person is; they have changed so much and are now in the "I know it all" stage and the eye-rolling stage.

But then something happens when they "cross over," as I call it, and they begin to amaze you with how much of you they have become. All those things we tried to teach them are now showing up in their lives, and we realize we did teach them. They were watching. When I first experienced this with my first child, I was so thankful when I saw it happen. I had spent quite a few years not knowing who this person who raided my fridge and slept in my house was. They were nothing like me and dad imagined they would be. Many, many times, I was told she was never going to be like me.

Well, time moves forward

Crowder from front

focus on leadership knowledge and skills.

"This is another way Mitsie is providing for students, not only today, but in the future as they grow to be leaders of our communities and our state," Dr. Pierson added.

Additional parts of the gift will go toward construction of the Renick Press Box and other enhancements at the Roughrider Softball Field and to support the Crowder College Foundation efforts to encourage more philanthropic giving to benefit the college.

quickly, 20 years later. She lives out of state now. I visited her while I was on vacation, and as I was helping to put away dishes in the kitchen, there it was...a pint jar filled with honey and garlic.

I looked again, and it couldn't be. My teenage granddaughter Abbey was in the kitchen with me, and I asked her what it was. She commented that her mom was crazy. She makes this fermented honey and gives it to them in the winter so they won't get sick. My comment was, "Oh really?" . "Hmmm-mm," I said. Yep, my daughter keeps a fermented garlic and honey jar just like I do. She's just like her momma... in so many ways.

Another example, my grandkids are becoming adults, my beautiful 19-year-old Ashley has graduated from high school. She has become a beautiful young woman. She used to enjoy the garden with me when she was younger, but then one year, she just didn't join me. Any attempt to get her to come to see what was growing was met with "It's too hot" or "I'm too busy." She asked me if I could help her start some seeds this year. We did sunflowers together. She transplanted them into her garden space and has meticulously cared for those sunflowers, along with corn, potatoes, peas, beans, and cucumbers. I see her outside in the evenings caring for her garden, asking me questions, asking to use my tools, and showing off her fresh veggies to me. I am so proud of her! Ashley loves her garden, just like her grandma loves her garden. May she find many hours of contentment and peace in her garden, and may you as well. Enjoy your garden this week!

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MO Dept of Revenue releases enhanced MO Sales and Use Tax Lookup

The Missouri Department of Revenue has released a newly enhanced version of sales and use tax rate lookup map. The Missouri Sales and Use Tax Lookup is a Google based map that provides some features that the prior map displayed but offers new features as well. It is intended to provide customers with up to date tax rates and boundaries for addresses throughout the state of Missouri. Features include:

- Tax rates for January 1, 2023, through current. This also allows the ability for the customer to research a prior tax rate imposed back to January 2023.
- Boundaries for cities, counties, districts and annexations throughout Missouri. After entering an address, click on the empty box next to the interested jurisdiction.
- The jurisdiction code for

the address you are searching in the lookup tool. Jurisdiction codes are used by businesses when filing a sales or use tax return with the department.

- Multiple tax types and special item taxes displayed. The prior map displayed the sales and use tax rates. Now you can see the tax rates that apply to special item taxes.
- Ability to export the tax rate printout for the searched address.
- Links to the Taxability Matrices that outlines the taxability of products and services based on Missouri law is available in the Overview section.
- Allows customers to send questions to the Department via email.

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Notice:

Victory Baptist Church is offering a college scholarship for the 2023/24 school year. Please call (417) 342-6711 with questions.

Exeter R-6 School District’s summer screening for Pre K and Kindergarten will be on July 27, 2023, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Please call the school to schedule at (417) 835-2922, ext. 5. Please note that summer hours are in effect so if you do not reach someone, please try again. Pre K students should be four years old before August 1, 2023. Kindergarten students should be five years old before August 1, 2023. The following items will be needed to complete enrollment: proof of residency in the district, birth certificate and immunization record.

Farm Road 1000 will be closed beginning Wednesday, July 5, until Monday, August 28, 2023, for culvert replacement.

Patriots of SW MO have meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 1 to 3 P.M. at the VFW in Shell Knob (on Hwy. 39). Everyone is welcome. To learn more and find out who this month’s exciting speakers are, contact Jean Dodge at dodge-gean13@gmail.com, or Diane Painter (417) 858-2108 (please no texts).

The Purdy Community Recycling Center is now open on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. It is located next to the main baseball field at Purdy School. The center is open to all, and is currently accepting #1 and #2 plastic, cardboard, aluminum cans, steel cans, used motor oil and filters, any paper product that does not have food residue on it. The center is also looking for volunteers on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M.

Barry County Farm Road 1255 over Sweetwater Creek will be closed until further notice.

The Old Church Gallery Farmers’ Market, Farm Road 1240, Shell Knob, is open every Thursday from 8 to 11 A.M. For more information, call (417) 858-2510.

S.A.S.S. Farmers Market of Cassville will set up every Saturday from 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. on the Cassville Square, and Tuesday from 4 to 7 P.M. across from Security Bank.

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Bluegrass Music at Roaring River is a free family friendly summer season event held every Friday evening at the Roaring River Shelter 7 to 9 P.M. Shows featuring talented bluegrass musicians from all over the area will be every Friday through September 30. In case of bad weather, the show will move to The Emory Melton Inn. There will be shows both Friday and Saturday nights on the Labor Day holiday weekend. There will be no show on Kids’ Free Fishing Day.

Seligman Chamber Event Center is having a country dance with live bands every Saturday night from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. No alcohol allowed. Admission is \$10 per person. Ages 18 and under are free. There is pot luck, 50/50 and door prizes. For more information, call (479) 903-3640.

God’s Closet in Eagle Rock is now open every Tuesday 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. They have lots of free clothing for those in need. Located on Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock just past Mitchell Plaza and across from the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

The Wheaton Depot Museum in Wheaton will be open Sundays from 1 to 5 P.M. Visitors are encouraged to check out the history of Wheaton and the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad (M&NA). Phone numbers are posted in the window of the museum.

The Helping Hands Food Pantry services the citizens of Eagle Rock, Golden and Mano and is open from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. every Saturday and Tuesday, and also 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. Questions for the pantry can be answered by calling (417) 271-1301 or visiting at 32685 State Hwy. 86 in Eagle Rock. (Just 1/4 mile east of the Hwy. P intersection). The pantry is supported by area churches, business associations and private donations. *Significant support received through affiliation and purchasing power of Ozark Food Harvest, Springfield.*

Southwest Missouri Coalition of Charities provides a network where non profits can belong, share knowledge and support one another. The organization hosts meetings via Zoom. More information can be found on their Facebook page.

Donations of new and gently used clothing are being collected by the Wheaton Church of Christ. They are looking for all types of clothing for all ages. Please call (417) 652-3873 to set up an appointment to drop off donations.

Wheaton Church of Christ will have clothing available the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. For more information, call (417) 652-3873 or (417) 669-6935.

Household Items Pantry will be open every 4th Wednesday from 5 to 6 P.M. at Community Faith Chapel, Hwy. 248 and 13th Street, Cassville. More information about the pantry can be found on Face Book.

Soil samples need to be received at the MU B.C. Extension office by 12 P.M. on Thursday. Shipments go out once a week on Friday. The fee for the soil sample test is \$20 by cash or personal check. No credit or debit cards accepted. Contact the Extension Office at (417) 847-3161 with any questions.

Discovery Quilters meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30 A.M. at the Shell Knob Central Community United Methodist Church. New members are welcome.

Ozark Country Quilters meets at Show Me Plaza, Hwy. 248, Cassville, every 3rd Monday for Open Sew; every 3rd Thursday for ‘Work Shop’; and every 1st Tuesday for their business meeting. For more information, call (417) 342-1372.

Thursday July 20

Music, Music, Music! Children’s Program will be hosted by the Monett Branch Library, 2200 Park Street, Monett, from 4 to 6 P.M. This program will explore music, musical ensembles, musical instruments, and more. Call the Monett Library at (417) 235-7350 for more information.

Friday July 21

Annual Stones Prairie Picnic will be held at at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Stones Prairie Parish, of rural Purdy, beginning at 6 P.M. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held on Saturday, July 22, at 6 P.M. Traditional menu consists of hamburgers, chips, hot dogs, bratwurst sandwiches, ice cream and an abundance of homemade desserts. There will be games, baked goods, a country store, many handcrafted items and Bingo. A handcrafted quilt will be awarded to the holder of the winning ticket. Tickets for the drawing will be available at the picnic. For questions, call the Church Office on Wednesdays at (417) 442-3836.

The Stella Senior Center will have a Dinner and Dance. The doors will be open at 5:30 P.M., with a buffet style meal at 6 P.M. The Dance will start at 7 P.M., with The Red Dirt Duo Band playing. Cover charge is \$5. Refreshments are always available. Please call (417) 455-0764 or (417) 489-3661 for more information.

Saturday July 22

Firehouse Fundraiser Breakfast will be served from 7 A.M. to 10 A.M. at the Eagle Rock, Golden, Mano Station, 30625 Hwy. 86. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 under 10. All proceeds benefit the station and the efforts of our volunteer fire-fighters. This event can be enjoyed the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month.

Wednesday July 26

Wheaton High School Class of ‘73 family, friends, former classmates, and neighbors are all invited to stop in the shade by RR Depot Museum, 311 Main Street, from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M., during the 65th annual Wheaton BBQ. Contact Ron for more information at (608) 242-7321.

Tuesday Aug 8

Cassville Cruise Meeting will be at the Show Me Plaza, Hwy. 248, Cassville, at 7 P.M.

Saturday Aug 12

Cassville Cruisers Cruise In will be held at the Barry County Museum, Cassville, from 4 P.M. until dusk.

Cassville Branch Library Activities

Thurs., July 20

• 6pm: Toastmasters (adults)

Thurs., July 27

• 7pm: Summer Reading Pool Party (all ages) stop by the library to pick up and admission ticket

Fri., July 28

• 5:30-8:30pm: Video Games/Laser Tag (ages 12-18) sign up required

For more information about services offered by our Cassville Library, call the Cassville Branch Library at 417-847-2121 or visit at 301 W. 17th St., Cassville. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:30pm; new Saturday hours are 9am to 1pm; and closed on Sunday.

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The MEEA (Missouri Environmental Education Association), a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to helping educators with program and lesson ideas that not only connect students with their environment, but also help them understand and become active in their communities, will be at Roaring River State Park on Tuesday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. where they will hold a professional development workshop for formal and nonformal educators, titled Invasive Species: on Trial! The park naturalists will be participating as well.

Cost for the workshop is \$20 or Pay-What-You-Can and will focus on grades 6-8, but grade level scaffolding will be discussed. Attendees are asked to dress for indoor and outdoor activities as you will experience creative techniques for presenting hands-on activities aligned to MO Learning Standards using a "mock trial" approach.

For more information on the workshop or MEEA, contact Jamin Bray, Assistant Director of MEEA at bray@meea.org. To register for the workshop, visit https://secure.lelforms.com/form_engine/s/qmuLdiBaePlw87Wzlf1iuO.

Back-to-school shoppers can save more this year during Missouri’s annual sales tax holiday



Missouri’s annual back-to-school sales tax holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 4, and runs through midnight on Sunday, Aug. 6. During this time, certain back-to-school purchases such as school supplies, computers, clothing and other qualifying items as defined by statute are exempt from all state and local sales tax.

During the sales tax holiday, state and local sales tax will not be charged on the following items:

- Clothing that does not have a taxable value of more than \$100. Eligible clothing items include any article of apparel intended to be worn on or about the body, including footwear and disposable diapers for infants or adults. Cloth and other material used to make school uniforms or other school clothing are also included. Not included are watches, watchbands, jewelry, handbags, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, scarves, ties, headbands, or belt buckles;

- School supplies, not exceeding \$50 per purchase, that are used in a standard classroom for educational purposes. School supplies include, but are not limited to, textbooks, notebooks, paper, writing instruments, crayons, art supplies, rulers, book bags, backpacks, chalk, maps, globes, handheld calculators, graphing calculators that do not have a taxable value of more than \$150, and com-

puter software that does not have a taxable value of more than \$350. Not included are watches, radios, CD players, headphones, sporting equipment, portable or desktop telephones, copiers or other office equipment, furniture, or fixtures; and

- Personal computers that do not cost more than \$1,500 and computer peripheral devices that do not cost more than \$1,500. A personal computer can be a laptop, desktop, or tower computer system which consists of a central processing unit, random access memory, a storage drive, a display monitor, and a keyboard. Peripheral devices include items such as a disk drive, memory module, compact disk drive, daughterboard, digitizer, microphone, modem, motherboard, mouse, multimedia speaker, printer, scanner, single-user hardware, sin-

gle-user operating system, soundcard, or video card.

Anyone who makes a qualified purchase may participate in the holiday. You do not have to be a Missouri resident or student to participate and save.

New this year, in addition to the state sales tax, local sales tax will also be waived in all cities, counties and special tax districts.

Therefore, businesses with qualifying retail sales for the Back to School sales tax holiday may use the normal filing method for their August 2023 return. Enter total gross receipts for all sales made, indicating holiday sales as a negative adjustment on the return. You will no longer need to file these sales using a separate item code. For more information visit <https://dor.mo.gov/taxation/business/tax-types/sales-use/holidays/back-to-school/>.



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Fishing has been good all week, and we got some needed rain. The river came up a bit. It is now 28 CFS, but it is still low. It got a bit dirty, but it is clearing nicely.

Fly fishing is still very good. Lots of good dry fly fishing now, beetles, ants, hoppers, crackle-backs, small gray and cream midges early in the morning. Caddis, blue wing olive, and Adams flies are still working very well. Black, olive, brown, and white wooly buggers have been very effective all week.

Black, olive, brown, and red zebra midges were pretty good all last week. Pheasant tails and sow bugs were also good all last week, still catching them on scuds, burlaps, and gold-ribbed hares' ears.

I am still recommending 6X or 7X leaders, 9' or longer, with our current clear water.

A 2lb line is still best for your spinning equipment.

Marabou jigs have been working great. Black/yellow, olive, white, and tan have been good colors. The little Ozark and micro jigs are very good right now. Same colors.

Plastic eggs are still working very well. White, orange, yellow, and fish oil work best. Pink has been pretty good when the water is dingy.

Plastic worms are also great right now. Pink, yellow, white, and orange were good last week.

Spinners are still good. Black, pink, yellow, and brown are all good colors early in the morning.

A few people still report good catches on small spoons and crankbaits.

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We sat on the patio, soaking up the sights and sounds of a summer evening. Thunder announced an approaching storm; lightning glimmered in the distance. Nature was putting on a spectacular show. Then I saw it! A tiny flash of light against the backdrop of darkness. A lightning bug. Firefly. Glowworm. Lightning-in-a-cap-sule. A miniature display of fireworks.

My naturalist friend identified them as beetles belonging to the Lamphridae and Phengodidae families. The female of the species is smaller and soft-bodied, dull in color, and gives off a warm, steady glow = Glowworm. By contrast, the male of the species is larger and more active, a fast-flying light-flashing wonder = Firefly.

We live our lives against the backdrop of storm clouds. The thunder of war and strife, terrorism, senseless shootings, hatred, and pent-up anger rumble world-

wide. Lightning flashes of illness, suffering, pain, destruction, and death strike our personal worlds. Too often, our focus is on the storm that threatens us. We lose sight of the fireflies and glowworms in our own backyard. We miss the signs of inspiration and hope that God sends us daily. In this world of thunder and lightning, thank God for firefly people and glowworm personalities.

Firefly people are great. They express an intense interest in life and care deeply for others. We find them flitting here and there:

- Championing good causes.
- Chairing committees.
- Serving on Community Organizations and Church Boards.
- Offering their leadership to get good things done.

In the face of tough times, firefly people continue to stand for what is right and good and light up the dark corners of life with their end-

less energy. Firefly people inspire us!

Glowworm persons tend to be less noticeable. Not too flashy. They seem to lead dull, colorless lives. Yet, their lives glow with love and concern for all the things and people God has created. Glowworm persons also serve on committees, support great causes, fix meals and wait on tables, take minutes of meetings, and work in the background to ensure everything goes well. Glowworm personalities keep us steady in our faith and offer us hope for better days in uncertain times. Glowworm people also add beauty to a rather drab existence.

God created all things for good, including thunder and lightning. We are the ones who have created threats to what God intended for good. We are the cause of much of this world's destruction, pain, and suffering. Lest we forget --- God can turn thunderous threats into opportunities for good. God can still transform destructiveness and death into possibilities for a new and much better life. Amid stormy, uncertain times, God gives us firefly people and glowworm personalities to inspire us, provide us with hope, and light up our lives dark corners.

Lord God, make us into Firefly People and give us Glowworm personalities! Let it be so!

Stock Market Insights

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Nice Half
"We can still eat the good half." When I was a boy, I didn't love peeling potatoes. One time, I showed my Poppy the bad spots on the potato I was peeling, hoping I could toss it. But he said to cut off the bad because we can still eat the good half. He appreciated a good half. Thinking about the markets so far this year makes me appreciate the good half too.

As I chart a course for the accounts I manage for the rest of the year, I find it helpful to review the first six months of 2023. It's probably fair to say the outcome has been a bit better-than-expected for both stock and bond markets, especially compared to 2022's volatility.

Here are the major points we learned through the year's first half.

1. Inflation doesn't just go up. The return to normal supply/demand and business expenses easing a little are both helping push the inflation rate down—which has helped both stock and bond markets bounce back.
2. Consumer spending continues to be strong and continued low unemployment has helped the US avoid a recession...so far. The Federal Reserve continued to raise interest rates during the first half and will probably do so again but may begin lowering them as early as the end



of 2023.

3. Bonds look like bonds again. After a weak 2022, bonds are back and should be considered an important part of a balanced portfolio.

The rest of the year looks like a mixed bag. We've seen improvement in the bond market, and I believe there are still plenty of opportunities for growth and income—assuming both inflation and interest rates continue to move lower, as expected. The bond market could offer opportunities for the first time in over 15 years.

Stocks have already had some nice gains for the year. With a mild recession still a potential, I plan to be less aggressive in the second half of this year than I was in the first half. This doesn't mean stocks cannot go up from here, but I see the risk/reward in stocks and bonds to be evenly balanced.

Overall, the opportunities

in the year's second half may not be as strong as in the first half, but I still believe there are investment opportunities to be had. The American economy is resilient.

I didn't mind peeling potatoes once I convinced myself it was just like whittling. Some of the best potatoes I've ever eaten were peeled with my Poppy on the river bank and then fried with fresh fish. I don't know if it was the cast iron skillet, the grease, or the ambiance of the gravel bar, but he was right. The good half really was that good.

Have a blessed week!
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Dear Savvy Senior,
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Worried Wife
 Dear Worried,
 I'm very sorry to hear about your husband's eye condition. Unfortunately, there are about 20 million Americans living with macular degeneration today. Over time, this progressive disease can rob people of their central vision, making everyday tasks like driving a car, reading a magazine or watching television extremely challenging. Here are some tips and resources that can help.

Low Vision Help
 If your husband hasn't already done so, he needs to see a low-vision specialist for a comprehensive examination. Low-vision specialists are ophthalmologist or optometrist with additional credentials or specialization in low vision testing, diagnosis, and treatment.

A low vision exam, which is much different from a typical eye exam, will explore how your husband's eye condition is affecting his day-to-day life, how he's adapting emotionally and prescribe solutions to help him regain as much day-to-day functioning as possible.
 Your next step is to get your husband to a nearby vision rehabilitation service. These services, which are run

by state or nonprofit organizations, or private eye care clinics, help people with all types of uncorrectable vision impairments. Most state and nonprofit services are free or low-cost, while private clinics typically charge a fee or may accept Medicare.

While vision rehabilitation does not restore lost sight, it does help people maximize their existing sight, or, if they have no vision, it can equip them with techniques and tools to help them maintain an independent lifestyle.

Services include counseling, along with training on how to perform daily living tasks with low vision, and how to use visual and adaptive devices and assistive technologies that can help improve quality of life.

They also offer guidance for adapting your home that will make it safer and easier for your husband to maneuver and can help him locate low-vision support groups. Some agencies will even send their specialist out to work with him in the comfort of your own home.

To find a vision rehabilitation service near you ask your husband's eye doctor for a referral, or you can locate services yourself by calling the American Printing House (APH) Connect Center at 800-232-5463.

Online Tools
 Another convenient place to get help for your husband is online at VisionAware (VisionAware.org). This free website that's part of the APH Connect Center is specifically designed for older adults

new to vision loss.
 It provides information on eye diseases and disorders, along with dozens of practical tips, information and instructional videos on living with vision loss. These include concepts for adapting your home to make it easier to navigate, techniques for traveling safely outside the home, and various tips on how to manage things like finances, medications, and other tasks such as cooking, cleaning, grooming, reading, writing, doing hobbies and more.

VisionAware also provides a comprehensive list of more than 2,000 low vision agencies and organizations across the country that's searchable by state or category.

Another terrific low vision resource that's available to your husband is Hadley (Hadley.edu), which is a nonprofit organization and partner of the National Eye Institute and the National Eye Health Education Program.

Hadley offers online discussion groups, audio podcasts and dozens of free online workshop videos to help empower the blind and visually impaired. With Hadley, your husband will learn new ways to do things that have become more difficult due to his vision loss and connect him with a network of peers who understand what he's going through.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



I grew up in east Texas and lived with my grandparents for several years. They had no air-conditioning, and it got hot. I can remember my grandmother used to say that she would rather be cold than hot because there are just so many clothes that you can take off. No argument, Granny, it is hot!

Hints for coping with heat:

Cover windows that get afternoon sun. Avoid using your stove or oven if possible.
 If there is no AC, open windows at night and run fans to circulate the air. Then close windows and shade as the day starts heating up to keep some of the cool air inside. If the house starts getting hot, open windows except for those with direct sunlight.

Avoid strenuous exercise outdoors if possible. If you must work outside, drink a slushy beforehand and douse your head in cold water. Cold showers can help you cool down—cool cloth to the face, especially the forehead. Spritz your skin with a mist of cool water. Freeze ice bottles or put ice in them, especially when outdoors.

Signs of heat exhaustion:
 Heavy sweating; cold, pale, and clammy skin; a fast, weak pulse; nausea or vomiting; muscle cramps; fatigue; dizziness; headaches and fainting.

If you experience these symptoms, sip water, move to a cooler place, loosen

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your clothes, place cool, wet clothes on your body, or take a cool bath or shower. If you vomit or your symptoms worsen or last longer than one hour, seek medical attention.

Signs of heat stroke:
 A high body temperature (103 F or higher); hot, red, dry, or damp skin; a fast and strong pulse; a headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion and passing out. Call 911 immediately if someone is experiencing these symptoms. Try to move the person into a shade or cooler area, and place cool cloths or a cool bath to lower their body temperature. Do not give them anything to drink.

Denial can be a symptom of heat stroke. They may start stumbling or appear less coordinated than usual. Talk to them about various topics to see if they exhibit symptoms of confusion.

Always err on the side of caution and insist they get into the shade or somewhere cool. Try cooling their body with cold water compresses or rubbing them down with ice or a cold cloth. If they

don't cool down quickly, seek medical advice.

Kids should be instructed to report to any adult if their friends start acting funny, confused, or mumbling.

Stay hydrated: Everyone needs to drink more than usual; constant water access is key. Drink even when you are not thirsty. Electrolyte imbalance is also an issue, so drinking Gatorade or other sports drinks will help. Carbonated beverages and alcohol are dehydrating, avoid them.

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/index.html>.

Judith Lewallen is a retired Family Nurse Practitioner with over 40 years of experience in healthcare. She currently resides with her husband in Eagle Rock. Information contained in this column is for information purposes only. It is not intended to substitute professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Submit questions or topics for discussion to AnAppleaday68@gmail.com.

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outside the school and inside the gymnasium. You could purchase anything from 3D-created characters and laser-scribed wood art from Hector Amaya with Kollecta Creations to have permanent jewelry services placed by Linked By Rylee in the air-conditioned gymnasium.

The Purdy Chapter FFA Livestock Show pushed through despite losing their tent to the Friday night storms. According to the Purdy FFA Facebook page, Purdy Chapter member Brooklyn Bunch was Grand Champion for her Katahdin Ewe, and chapter member Zoey Webb was reserve champion for her Katahdin Ewe.

If you like music and muscle cars, the Thunder in the Park Car, Truck, and Bike Show was the place to be. The Eddie Valen Band again provided this year's entertainment with Brian Lee Dunning. Mike Cook from Monster Garage and Motor-trends Ride of Your Life With Courtney Hansen did take the stage and perform a song with the band.

Actor Butch Patrick, who played Eddie Munster in the The Munsters television series, was available to speak with fans, sign autographs, and take photographs alongside the Dragula Car.

The Purdy Fire Department closed off the highway just after 2 p.m. to prepare for the bathtub races, which began at 2:30 p.m. They also set up "firetruck showers" that provided a much-needed reprieve from the heat, which was enjoyed by adults and children alike. If you have never seen the bathtub races, it is a team of three, one driving the filled bathtub and two manual pushers. Two teams race the approximately 100-yard stretch of the highway. Winners were awarded \$5 each. If you are interested in attending the annual festival in 2024, it is held on the third Saturday of July annually.

For more information on the Purdy Festival, visit their Facebook page: Purdy Festival.

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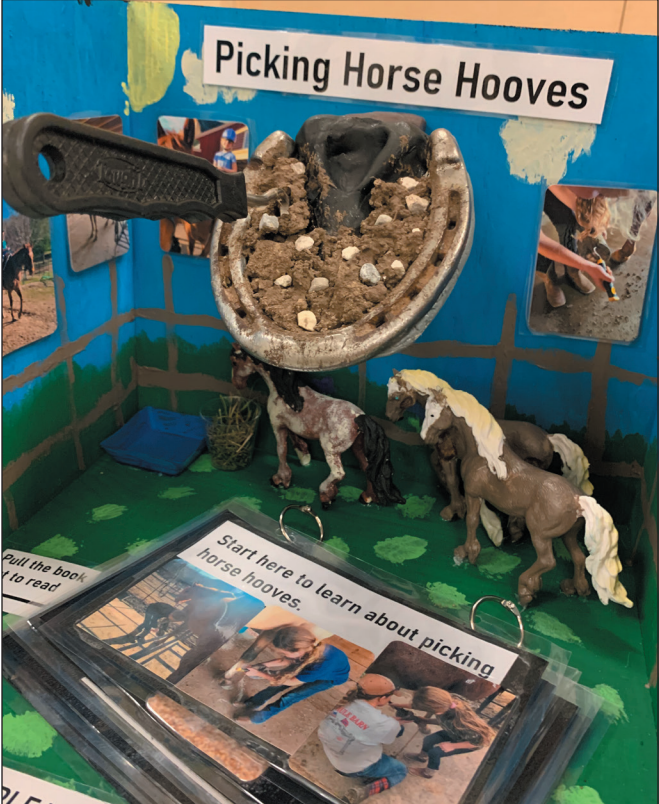


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Several dozen vendor booths participated in this year's Purdy Festival. Above left, are 3-D Characters created by Hector Amaya with Kollecta Creations. Linked By Rylee, above right, provided permanent jewelry services for patrons in the gymnasium throughout the day.



Preslee Henderson, 3, of Crane, spent some time pampering and playing with baby farm animals at the festival. Preslee is the daughter of Tate and Anastasia Henderson.



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The Eddie Valen Band with Brian Lee Dunning filled the air with classic hits at the show. Shown above in front is the Dragula Car from the hit television series The Munsters.



Shown above, Jocylene Midkiff, of Battlefield, took photos and enjoyed talking to Pop Icon Butch Patrick, who played Eddie Munster in The Munster television series at Saturday's show.



This 1950 Chevy Coupe, owned by Barb Wittenborn, of Mari-onville, was the sleekest car in the contest in my opinion.



Entry number 31, in the contest, owned by Jeff Putnam, of Nixa, was a bright red Chevy C-10 Stepside.

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Arvest Announces First ATM with Live Teller in Barry County

Arvest is pleased to announce the recent opening of the bank's first ATM with Live Teller in Barry County located at the Cassville branch.

Located inside the lobby at 503 Main Street in Cassville, the new ATM with Live Teller functions as a normal ATM but allows customers to have face-to-face communication and conduct transactions with Arvest tellers via a video screen. Accessible during normal lobby hours, the new feature adds another level of convenience for customers conducting business inside the branch, as they will be able to receive similar personalized service with an Arvest teller through video.

"We're excited to introduce the ATM with Live Teller to our Cassville customers," said Sarah Dalton, Arvest Community Bank President in Cassville. "This technology has been well-received by Arvest customers across our footprint, as it offers a more convenient way

to bank with us while still maintaining exceptional personal service they've come to expect from our in-person tellers."

The Cassville branch plans to replace current drive-thru ATMs with the new ATM with Live Teller machines, which will extend banking hours outside of the normal lobby hours. Drive-thru ATM with Live Tellers operate Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Regular ATM services will still be available 24/7.

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ADELLA JANE HORNER

Adella Jane Horner, age 90, of Cassville, passed away on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville, Arkansas. Adella, daughter of Willie and Mabel (Webb) Gowen, was born on July 17, 1933, in Seligman. When she was born, the doctor proclaimed she was the prettiest baby he had ever seen. She was a lifetime resident of Barry County, and attended school in Washburn where she was the Salutatorian of the 1951 graduating class. Following graduation, Adella went to work in Cassville for Royle Ellis as a legal secretary.

Adella married Bill Horn-

er on May 16, 1953, at her parents' home in Washburn. They were married 64 years before Bill passed away on March 6, 2017. In addition to working for Mr. Ellis, Adella assisted Bill with running his business, Horner Oil. They operated their oil business until Bill's passing; Horner Oil was in business for over 70 years. In 1965, he and Adella purchased the Homelite Chainsaw business and operated it in conjunction with their oil business; they ceased the chainsaw business in 2000.

Family and friends were the other glue in Adella's life. She loved being with her family from the Gowen, Webb, and Horner wings of her life. In addition, her days were filled with calls and conversations with beloved friends, and she loved outings with her circle of friends and family. Adella was an incredible cook; her Lala chicken and chocolate sheet cake were legendary.

Because Adella and Bill were lifelong Barry County residents, they had the op-

portunity to share their life story in the summer of 2011 with the Barry County Museum; their story was published in Volume 19 of "Lifetimes of Memories, Voices of Barry County." Adella was a 70-year-member of the Cassville United Methodist Church. She sang in the choir for many decades, was a devout member of the Loyal Lydia's Circle, helped with church dinners and snacks for the Pathways Program, served on the Administrative Board, and helped coordinate funeral dinners. Simply put, Adella always loved the Cassville United Methodist Church, its pastors, and her church family. Adella was also a lifelong, proud Democrat.

Survivors include two sons, David Horner and his wife, Kim, and Jon Horner and his wife, Darla, all of Cassville; five grandchildren, Chase Horner, Madison Horner, Lance Horner, Payton Horner, and Megan Young and her fiancé, Robbie Ennes; one step-grandson, Shane Munday and his wife, Kim; three great-grandchildren, William Lane Horner, Loren Horner, and Willow Adell Young; two step-great-grandchildren, Graham Munday and Mason Munday; her nieces and nephews, Holly Bishop, Jane Ann Gowen, Kay Gowen, Janet Bates, Joe Horner, Burl Horner, Jill Strother, Scott Carney, and Craig Carney; and her sister-

in-law, Norma Jean Gowen. In addition to Bill and her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Billy Gowen, and Wayne Gowen and his wife, Fredaline, and her brother-in-law, Bob Horner and his wife, Irene. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cassville R-IV Bright Futures Program or the Circle of Life Hospice - Bentonville, Arkansas, and entrusted to the White Funeral Home and Crematory, P. O. Box 890, Cassville, MO 65625.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023, at the Cassville United Methodist Church with Pastor Jeff Fugitt officiating; burial to follow at the Horner Cemetery in Cassville. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville.

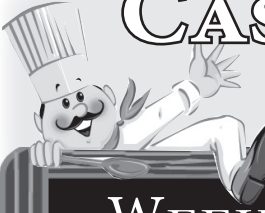
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TERESA "TERI" DIANNE BANDY

Teresa "Teri" Dianne Bandy, 71, of Monett, passed away Saturday, July 15, 2023. Memorial visitation will be held from 2-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



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Reverend Juan Angel Martinez, 74, of rural Mt. Vernon, passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2023. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at the Freedom Christian Fellowship Church in Sarcoxie. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.



JOHNNY LEE "JOHN" COLE

Johnny Lee "John" Cole, age 75, of Exeter, passed away Friday, July 14, 2023, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield surrounded by his family.

He was born June 26, 1948, in Cassville, the son of Garr and Blanche (Hullett) Cole. In 1968, in Purdy, he was united in marriage to Linda Hendrix, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Jason Cole and his wife, Tracie, of Exeter, and Mike Cole and his wife, Amy, of Exeter; one daughter-in-law, Jamie Cole, of Washburn; one sister-in-law, Esther Cole, of Cassville; five grandchildren, Madelyn, Kylee, Kaden, Riley and Layten; and several nieces and nephews he loved dearly.

Preceding him in death were his parents; an infant daughter, Meredith Cole; one son, Todd Cole; five brothers,

Garr Lloyd, Cal, Todd, Bill and Russell; and two sisters, Helen and Darlene.

John grew up and attended school in Exeter, graduating from Exeter High School in 1966. He owned and operated John Cole Farms and Ozark Drywall Supply and served on the Security Bank Board of Directors from 1988 until 2023. John enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Chiefs play ball. Some of his favorite pastimes were farming, deer hunting, riding the gator around the farm with his dogs, picking blackberries, brush hogging and mushroom hunting, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family and loved his grandchildren greatly. He was a member of Ridgley Baptist Church.

Services were held today, Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor James Weaver conducted the services. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in Exeter.

Contributions may be made to Maplewood Cemetery in memory of John.

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MATTHEW VINCENT AKIN

Matthew Vincent Akin, 65, of Verona, passed away Monday, July 10, 2023. Graveside services will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023, at Purdy Cemetery, Purdy. Arrangements are under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home, Monett.

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How Functional Fitness Can Help You Keep Up with the Grandkids



DARLENE DEE JARRATT

Darlene Dee Jarratt, of Shell Knob, was born in Martinez, California, to David and Shirley (Kraus) Jarratt on November 15, 1957. Darlene passed away July 7, 2023, in Shell Knob at the age of 65.

She volunteered at the VFW Shell Knob. Darlene loved to play spades and was

an excellent pool player.

Darlene is survived by her friends and caregiver, Leslie Brown and husband, Charles; her special little buddy, hotrod Wesley Brown; along with several nieces, nephews and friends.

She is preceded by parents, David and Shirley Jarratt, and brother, Douglas Jarratt.

No services are scheduled at this time. Memorial donations may be made to Shell Knob Baptist Church, 2589 State Hwy YY, Shell Knob, MO 65747. Arrangements are under the direction of Shell Knob Funeral Home in Shell Knob. Online condolences may be sent to the family at shellknobfuneralhome.com.

One of the greatest joys—but potentially biggest challenges—for many grandparents is time spent with the grandkids. Whether yours are toddlers or teens, keeping them entertained requires a level of fitness that might include everything from lifting a child to chasing them at the playground to competing in a round of golf. For grandparents seeking an enriching and active experience with their grandkids, it's important to engage in everyday fitness routines that can help:

- maintain muscle mass,
- preserve cardiovascular health,
- fortify flexibility, and
- bolster balance.

Functional fitness training can help with these goals. What is Functional Fitness?

"Functional fitness uses multiple muscle groups and movements to help train muscles, joints, limbs, and nerves to all work better together for everyday tasks, like lifting groceries from the car, or outmaneuvering the grandkids," says Jaynie Bjornaraa PhD, MPH, PT, who is vice president of rehabilitation services and fitness solutions at American Specialty Health Fitness.

Examples of functional fitness exercises include lunges, squats, and planks. "Lunges help improve balance and make the legs stronger," says Dr. Bjornaraa. "Squats help strengthen the muscles used

in sitting, standing, or lifting heavy objects safely. Core training, like planks, helps strengthen the lower back, hips, and abdominal muscles. A strong core provides a stable base when lifting, standing, or performing the chores of everyday life."

There are many ways to incorporate functional fitness into an everyday fitness routine. For example, online workout classes such as Pilates, yoga, or strength training can provide easy access to beginner, intermediate, or advanced exercise routines. Gyms offer in-person classes plus access to most any kind of fitness equipment you may need to practice functional fitness, from mats and free weights to fitness balls and exercise bands.

If cost is a factor in joining a gym or fitness classes, programs such as the Silver&Fit® Healthy Aging and Exercise Program, which is available through certain Medicare Advantage plans, offer no-cost or subsidized low-cost access to thousands of standard name-brand gyms and YMCAs, in addition to premium boutique studios around the country. These programs may also include online access to fitness video classes such as dance, cardio, tai chi, Pilates, strength training, yoga, and others that teach proper form and technique. Nearly five million participants use the



Fun with your grandkids is just one good reason to get physically fit.

Silver&Fit program to help them stay fit.

"Functional fitness offers terrific health benefits for everyone, no matter your age or fitness level," added Dr. Bjornaraa. "I encourage my friends, family, and clients to engage in some kind of functional fitness exercise every day to maximize the benefits."

If you're ready to try some functional fitness exercises but aren't sure where to begin, you may care to check out a functional fitness exercise video called "3 Functional Exercises Using Only Body Weight."

For information about the Silver&Fit program, visit www.silverandfit.com.

CoxHealth rural hospitals recognized

Two CoxHealth rural hospitals, Cox Barton County and Cox Monett, received recognition from Becker's Hospital Review, a national publication in the health care industry, for their excellence in nurse communication.

Using information from the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey conducted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Becker's created a list of the hospitals that received five stars for nurse communication.

"Cox Barton and Cox Monett are shining examples of five-star quality in a rural hospital setting," says William Mahoney, vice-president of CoxHealth's Community Hospital Group. "Effective nurse communication ensures that information is conveyed to help keep our patients safe and is essential in creating a positive patient experience."

CMS shares 10 HCAHPS star ratings based on pub-

licly reported Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and System (HCAHPS) measures. The nurse communication star rating combines data from three HCAHPS survey questions and summarizes how well patients feel that their nurses explained things clearly, listened carefully to the patient, and treated the patient with courtesy and respect.

The star rating is based on survey data collected from hospital patients from July 2021 through June 2022. The figures are from CMS' Provider Data Catalog and were released April 26.

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The Strange but True guidebook is available for purchase for \$8.95 from the MDC Nature Shop online at mdcnatureshop.com or at MDC nature centers around the state. Get information on MDC nature centers at mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/nature-centers.

MDC Naturalist Sarah Easton from the Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City will share more fun facts about Missouri wildlife using the MDC book, *Strange but True*. Adapted from the pages

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Tax Rate Hearing Notice

A hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., on August 17, 2023, in the Board of Education Room, 529 East Pineville Rd., Washburn, Missouri, at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Southwest R-V School District, a political subdivision.

The tax rates are set to produce the revenues which the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, 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 (AV) (by categories)	Estimated Current Tax Year 2023	Prior Tax Year 2022
<u>Real Estate</u>	\$36,068,088	\$33,801,648
<u>Personal Property</u>	\$14,496,139	\$13,481,203
<u>Combined Real Estate & Personal Property</u>	\$50,564,227	\$47,282,851
<u>New Construction & Improvements (Included in AV Total above)</u>	\$1,187,731	\$1,077,870

	Estimated Current Tax Year 2023		Prior Tax Year 2022	
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<u>Residential</u>	\$22,671,269	\$5,069,630	\$20,679,252	\$4,918,500
<u>Agriculture</u>	\$3,078,721	\$510,800	\$3,069,231	\$526,510
<u>Commercial</u>	\$4,195,961	\$503,300	\$4,083,028	\$486,720
<u>Locally Assessed Railroad /Util Real</u>	\$38,407	\$0	\$38,407	\$0
<u>Total Real Estate</u>	\$29,984,358	\$6,083,730	\$27,869,918	\$5,931,730
<u>Personal</u>	\$12,187,467	\$2,308,672	\$11,383,369	\$2,097,834
<u>Total Personal Property</u>	\$12,187,467	\$2,308,672	\$11,383,369	\$2,097,834
<u>Assessed Valuation Total</u>	\$42,171,825	\$8,392,402	\$39,253,287	\$8,029,564
<u>Total New Construction and Improvements:</u>	\$1,047,471	\$140,260	\$892,130	\$185,740

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Some surprising benefits of blueberries

Small, yet bursting with big flavor, blueberries are a favorite of so many people. While blueberries may be coveted for their appeal in recipes that run the gamut from breakfast foods to desserts, the nutrients within them provide many benefits as well. After all, blueberries are not called “superfoods” for nothing.
Here’s a deeper look at some of the health benefits of blueberries.
1. Blueberries are a low-calorie food. Healthline notes that blueberries contain only 84 calories per cup. Plus they are 85 percent water. Blueberries can be a filling snack that doesn’t compromise low-calorie diets.
2. Blueberries may improve exercise recovery rates. Research published in the Iranian Journal of Public Health in 2018 has shown that eating blueberries can increase muscle strength recovery. That means that blueberries may help thwart a condition called exercise-induced muscle damage, which results in soreness, reduced muscle strength and impaired athletic performance.
3. Blueberries help fight urinary tract infections. Cranberries are often touted as the go-to for treating and preventing UTIs. According to a 1998 study published in The New England Journal of Medicine, specific compounds found in blueberries known as proanthocyanidins can prevent bacteria from sticking to the walls of the urinary tract. Furthermore, the high amounts of vitamin C in blueberries also can inhibit the growth of bacteria that cause UTIs.
4. Blueberries may thwart cancer. Phytochemicals in blueberries decrease the risk of several cancers by protecting cells from chronic inflammation, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research. In addition, the fiber in blueberries helps protect the intestinal lining from colorectal cancer.
5. Blueberries help build stronger bones. Blueberries are rich in phosphorus, zinc, magnesium, calcium, iron, and vitamin K. These nutrients, together with strength-training exercise, can contribute to bone health.
6. Blueberries lower bad cholesterol. The fiber in blueberries may help dissolve LDL cholesterol, also known as “bad” cholesterol, in the bloodstream. A study in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics determined daily consumption of blueberries helped to improve blood pressure and arterial stiffness in postmenopausal women.

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3. Whisk the water and vodka together and add it to the flour/butter mixture a few tablespoons at a time. It will start to look shaggy, but not dry. It should hold together when you squeeze it in your hand.

4. Gently press the dough into a ball using a pastry scraper or your hands. Divide the dough into two pieces and create round disks. Wrap the dough in plastic and refrigerate for at least an hour, or overnight.

Filling

1. In a small bowl, combine 3/4 cup sugar, cornstarch, salt, and lemon zest. Massage the zest into the sugar.

2. In a large bowl, toss together the blueberries and lemon juice. Add the sugar/lemon zest mixture and gently stir to coat the blueberries.

3. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. On a floured surface, roll out the chilled pie dough into a 1/8-inch-thick-circle. Dust off any extra flour and lay crust onto the prepared pan.

4. Mound the blueberry filling in the middle of crust. Fold and crimp the dough up so that it covers at least 2 inches of the filling. Freeze the shaped galette for at least 15 minutes to chill the dough.

5. Preheat the oven to 425 F and set rack in middle of the oven.

6. Just before baking, beat the egg and water together and brush the edges with egg wash. Sprinkle crust with the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar.

7. Bake for 30 minutes, then turn the oven down to 350 F and bake for an additional 30 minutes.

This recipe yields two 12-inch galette crusts. Extra dough can be stored in an airtight container for up to one month.

7. Blueberries improve immune function. The blue in blueberries comes from anthocyanin, an antioxidant that increases immune function. The Mayo Clinic also says research indicates compounds in blueberries may delay the effects of vascular dementia or Alzheimer’s disease.

8. Blueberries may be an anti-aging treatment. Oxidative DNA damage occurs in every cell in the body each day, according to Healthline. DNA damage is one reason why people grow older. High antioxidants in blueberries can neutralize some free radicals that are implicated in DNA damage.

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Missouri State University awarded 2,953 degrees to students in spring 2023.

The commencement ceremonies occurred on May 19, 2023, at Great Southern Bank Arena. The following local students earned degrees:

Andrew Berndt of Cassville graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Conservation and Management.

Matthew Bonass of Shell Knob graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude.

Josilyne Creason of Cassville graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education.

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Hannah Kelley of Cassville graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Radiography, Honors College.

Garret Knight of Cassville graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Radiography, Magna Cum Laude.

Rachel Lacey of Exeter graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude.

Riley Lekarczyk of Jenkins graduated with a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Phoebe Luu of Cassville graduated with a Bachelor of Science, in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Melissa Martinez of Cassville graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work, Summa Cum Laude.

Mckenzie Moreland of Monett graduated with a Master of Science in Education, Educational Administration.

Marcia Morgan of Cassville graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education, Cum Laude.

Brianna Murphy of Monett graduated with a Bachelor of Science, in Management.

Lindsey Murphy of Verona graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education, Cum Laude.

Chandler Orwig of Monett graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice.

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Mason Schallert of Purdy graduated with a Bachelor of Science, in Agricultural Business.

Makenzie Stephens of Exeter graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education.

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Grace Wormington of Monett graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude.

Joel Barrientos of Monett graduated with a Master of Accountancy.

Ian Brown of Verona graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude, in the Honors College.

Mackinzie Funcannon of Aurora graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude.

Emma Gibfried of Monett graduated with a Master of Science, in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Garrett Gunter of Monett graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Electronic Arts, Magna Cum Laude in the Honors College.

Emily Moore of Aurora graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Physical Education, Magna Cum Laude.

Michael Myers of Monett graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Cum Laude.

Kailey Ryan of Aurora graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Art Education, Cum Laude.

Logan Umfleet of Monett graduated with a Master of Business Administration.

Mary Wren of Aurora graduated with a Master of Music.

Lindsey Rawlins of Fairview graduated with a Doctor of Nursing Practice.

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Continuing as an essential leader in domestic isotope production, the University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR) began production of iron-59 (Fe-59) and manganese-54 (Mn-54) radioisotopes in support of the Department of Energy's Isotope Program, meant to bolster under-produced or non-available isotopes for researchers in the United States.

As a university partner in the DOE IP University Isotope Network since 2017, MURR is providing quarterly availability of Fe-59, and Mn-54 available every 14 weeks. These two radioisotopes are primarily used in biomedical research including in vitro and in vivo analyses of cell and systemic metabolism.

"These new isotopes are

an example of MURR's importance in providing valuable resources to advance research across the country," said Mun Choi, president of the University of Missouri. "Our ability to produce radioisotopes in central Missouri is vital to our domestic supply chain."

Prior to production at MURR, the nation had to source Mn-54 radioisotopes from Russia.

"Our proven record of success and reliability is critical to ensuring the United States has the availability of radioisotopes for research and medical uses," said Matt

Sanford, executive director of MURR. "Together, with the Department of Energy Isotope Program, we are providing researchers with the materials they need to pursue scientific discoveries."

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Deadline is Aug. 7 for Arbor Award of Excellence nominations

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Missouri Community Forestry Council (MCFC) are accepting nominations for the 2023 Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence. The annual award recognizes communities, institutions, businesses, organizations, and individuals that make significant and long-lasting efforts to care for trees in their communities.

“Trees bring so much value to our communities, but their overall health depends on people practicing good tree stewardship on both public and private property,” said MDC Community Forestry Program Supervisor Russell Hinnah. “The more we work to take care of our trees, the more trees work for us by increasing property values, improving our air, saving energy, protecting our watersheds, and more.”

The Arbor Award of Excellence shines the spotlight on anyone who has improved trees in their community. Any significant program, project, or event that contributes to the care or maintenance of trees could qualify for an award.

“This award recognizes projects that demonstrate a sustained overall effort to care for trees,” said Hinnah.

“I encourage everyone to consider the wonderful tree work in their communities and to nominate those who made it possible.”

Winners receive a framed award, a full registration scholarship to the MCFC conference in September, an extra ticket to the award banquet during the conference, a community forestry reference book, and a \$50 gift card.

Nominations are due by Monday, Aug. 7. For more information and nomination forms, visit mdc.mo.gov/about-us/awards-honors/missouri-arbor-award-excellence.

Our Missouri Podcast Explores Gang-related Crime Wave in the Summer of 1933



Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow's path of terror through Missouri will be discussed in a four-part series on the Our Missouri Podcast.

Bonnie and Clyde, Pretty Boy Floyd, and the Barrow Gang spread terror across the country, including Missouri, during the Great Depression years. Mayhem from the outlaws gripped several large and small communities in the state during the summer of 1933 and is explored in the

podcast series Our Missouri, produced by the State Historical Society of Missouri.

The first episode in this new four-part series features the Barrow Gang and is available on the SHSMO.org website and other podcast streaming sites. Clyde Barrow and his companion, Bonnie Parker, became the most notorious crime couple in American history. Co-hosts and SHSMO historian Sean Rost and archivist Kathleen Seale, examine the couple's travels and their suspected criminal activity throughout the southwest region of the state.

The next episode, available this week, delves into a shoot-out at the intersection of Highway 40 and Highway 63 that left the Boone County sheriff dead and the state's law enforcement agencies scrambling to find the occu-

pants of a mysterious car. Episode three, available July 31, looks back at the Union Station Massacre that followed a mid-Missouri shootout and the path of Pretty Boy Floyd and Adam Richetti that took them from Polk County to Kansas City. The final episode concludes with the events at the Red Crown Tavern in Platte City and a hail of gunfire by one of the most wanted gangs in the United States and put the Barrow Gang on a path toward the end of their crime spree.

Our Missouri is a free podcast series with new episodes posted twice a month. The series features the people, places, culture and history of Missouri, and is produced by the State Historical Society of Missouri. For previous programs and topics featured in the series, visit shsmo.org.

Commission Approves FY 2024-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has approved the FY 2024-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which lists transportation projects planned by state and regional planning agencies July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2028.

The STIP makes available nearly \$14 billion of federal and state revenues for all modes of transportation over the next five years, making it the largest program ever. Of the \$14 billion, the draft STIP details \$10.4 billion in road and bridge construction contractor awards, averaging approximately \$2.1 billion per year.

The program details maintenance improvements to Missouri's nearly 34,000 miles of roads and 10,400 bridges.

The STIP includes detailed project information for non-highway modes of transportation and a section detailing planned operations and maintenance activities for the next three years. This additional information is provided to allow Missourians to more easily see how their transportation funding is invested. The Final STIP is available online at <https://www.modot.org/statewide-transportation-improvement-program-stip>.

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