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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Missouri General Assembly is now in full swing. Committees have begun holding hearings for proposed legislation. The House General Laws Committee held a very long, contentious hearing Tuesday. The room was packed for bills related to student participation in sports organized by sex and gender transition procedures.

### Entertainment Industry Legislation

Several bills have been filed in both the House and Senate related to the entertainment industry. Each of our local legislators have filed bills to help attract motion media projects, live entertainment tours and associated rehearsals, as well as other forms of media production to the state.

Senator Eslinger – SB 52, Show MO Act

Representative Seitz – HB 169, MO Entertainment Industry Investment Act and MO Entertainment Industry Postproduction Investment Act.

Representative Smith – HB 239, Show MO Film and Digital Media Act

Representative Hudson – HB 133, Entertainment Job Industry Act

Multiple legislators have filed bills on this topic. Others likely to see traction include:

Senator Hoskins (Dist. 21, Warrensburg) – SB 170, Entertainment Industry Jobs Act

Senator Bond (District 21, Warrensburg) – SB 57, Entertainment Industry Investment Act and SB 52, Show MO Act



## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS RESCHEDULED FOR NEXT THURSDAY

Due to inclement weather, Business After Hours will be rescheduled to February 2, 4-6pm at Ozark Hills Winery. This event is sponsored by Lifetime Destinations and Branson's Nantucket. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new members and volunteers that made the 2022 Membership Drive a success. The event is currently sold out, but may reopen due to cancellations. More information to come.

**Thursday, February 2 | 4-6 PM**

Ozark Hills Winery  
601 Historic Hwy 165  
Branson, MO 65616





## LINK ACADEMY TOURNAMENT: WAYS TO WATCH

The Link Academy Basketball team will be traveling to Phoenix, Arizona to play in the Duel in the Desert tournament. Friday's game is the first link below and is free. Saturday's game is the second link. A single game subscription can be purchased to view. Please note that Arizona is in the Mountain Standard Time zone.

**Friday, January 27 | 7 PM (MST)**

**Link Academy vs Dream City Christian**

**FRIDAY'S GAME -  
FREE**

**Saturday, January 28 | 6:45 PM (MST)**

**Link Academy vs Bella Vista**

**SATURDAY'S GAME - SINGLE GAME  
SUBSCRIPTION**





## TANEY COUNTY CAREER DAYS EMPLOYER SIGN UP

The 2023 Taney County Career Days is to be held at Forsyth, Hollister, and Branson High Schools March 7, 8, and 9. We are asking employers to sign up to represent one of the industry sectors for all three days. The industry sectors are listed below. To sign up, click the link below and enter the business information in the Google Sheets below. The last day for employers to sign up for Taney County Career Days is March 2.

### Industry Sectors:

Architecture, Construction & Trades

Finance & General Business

Government & Public Administration

Health & Sciences

Hospitality, Tourism & Entertainment

Information Technology

Marketing & Communications

**March 7 | Hollister High School**

**March 8 | Branson High School**

**March 9 | Forsyth High School**

**SIGN UP HERE**



**White River Valley**

# WHITE RIVER VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AWARDED ARPA GRANT

The Department of Economic Development (DED) announced that it has awarded a total of \$261 million through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program to 60 recipients for projects that will expand and improve internet access statewide. Projects receiving funds are expected to create more than 55,000 connections in locations that previously lacked adequate internet access.

“We’re proud to announce the recipients of the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program, which represents a major step forward in strengthening Missouri’s internet connectivity,” said Governor Mike Parson. “Our goal with American Rescue Plan Act funds is to make investments that have a lasting, positive impact for Missourians statewide. Today, we have accomplished that for broadband expansion, which is vital to supporting education, health care, business, and agriculture in today’s economy.” Congratulations to White River Valley Electric Cooperative for receiving one of the grants!

[LEARN MORE](#)





## VOLUNTEER/VENDOR SIGN UP FOR MONASP STATE ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

The Missouri National Archery in the Schools (MoNASP) State Archery Tournament, hosted by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation, is the state's archery championship. Students from all across the state in grades 4-12 attend qualifying tournaments three months before the state tournament to get the best score they can in order to qualify to go to state.

The MoNASP State Tournament is in need of volunteers and vendors for this event. Volunteers will welcome competitors and help with kids' activities. All volunteers will receive a 2023 MoNASP T-shirt and lunch before or after their shift. Click the Volunteer Sign Up link below to learn more. The MoNASP State Tournament is also looking for vendors. This event is a great opportunity to promote products and services to a wide range of people including families and youth enthusiastic about archery and the outdoors. Vendors can hand out coupons or promotional fliers at the event. Click the link below to contact Shawn Robertson and become a vendor.

**March 15-18, 2023**

Branson Convention Center

200 S Sycamore Street

Branson, MO 65616

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP**

**BECOME A VENDOR**

## NEW MEMBERS

**Arnold Meyer Commercial Real Estate**

8777 Purdue Rd Suite 107

Lebanon, Missouri 64501

Indianapolis, IN 46268  
(317) 413-6333

## RENEWED MEMBERS

Advertising Plus, Inc.  
American Quilters Society (AQS Quilt Week)  
Branson Screen Printing  
Camelot Communications, Ltd.  
Connecting Point Ministry  
G&A Partners  
Kansas Crossing Casino  
Options Pregnancy Clinic  
Rio Contracting LLC  
Ward Law Firm

## RIBBON CUTTINGS

**Thursday, February 2 | 11:30 AM**

Total Point Urgent Care  
590 Birch Road, Suite 1C  
Hollister, MO 65672



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