School District of Washington

The tax rate for the school district's general fund, what it calls "incidental" funds — is the same as last year, and so is the tax rate that goes toward the district's debt payments. The tax rate for capital projects went up by about 1 cent per $100 valuation.

- Incidental — $3.5863
- Capital projects — $0.1279
- Debt service — $0.4700
- 2018 total — $4.1842
- Change from last year — Increase of $0.0083 per $100 valuation.

Warren County Ambulance District

Unchanged from 2017.

General fund — $0.4097
Marthasville Community Ambulance District

Marthasville-area voters earlier this year approved a property tax increase for the ambulance district.

- General fund — $0.4097
- Change from last year — Increase of $0.1167 per $100 valuation.

Warrenton Fire Protection District

Unchanged from 2017.

General fund — $0.4497

Wright City Fire Protection District

Wright City Fire's property tax rate has decreased very slightly.

- General fund — $0.4266
- Change from last year — Decrease of $0.0001 per $100 valuation.

Marthasville Volunteer Fire Department

Slight increase compared to 2017.

- General fund — $0.3965
- Change from last year — Increase of $0.0032 per $100 valuation.

Scenic Regional Library District

Unchanged from 2017.

Operating fund — $0.2038
East Central College

Unchanged from last year.

Operating fund — $0.3700
Debt service — $0.0841
2018 total — $0.4541

ON THE LOOKOUT

Tim Hellebusch, left, with the Missouri Department of Transportation, and the Highway 47 bridge overlook, over the Missouri River. Crews with Franklin concrete for barrier curbs. The $63 million bridge is scheduled to open in December. View is to the south.

Kate Miller

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In honor of the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein," the Scenic Regional Library in Warrenton is hosting two Frankenstein-themed evenings Oct. 25-26.

The first evening, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, is a discussion about the book and its long, strong hold on society.

"I thought this would be an interesting topic to bring to the library. It fits in with October, covers the scary factor, and it's been 200 years since it was written — and people still talk about it today," said Kerry Christian, adult programmer at the library.

The book still inspires countless variations of the man-makes-a-monster story through writings and films.

Professor and Chair of English at Webster University, Sheila Hwang, Ph.D., will lead the discussion. Hwang will talk about the deeper concepts of the story that have weathered two centuries.

The second evening, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, features a showing of "Mary Shelley," a film about the author's life and inspirations starring Elle Fanning. Snacks and punch with a scary theme will be available.

The author was in her late teens when she wrote the book.

"Mary Shelley's life is fascinating, and makes for a great topic of discussion," said Christian.

Both events will be held at the Warrenton branch, 912 S. State Highway 47, Warrenton. Register for either event or both events by stopping by the branch, visiting scenircional.com or calling 636-456-3321.

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Ryan Kloetzel sits while Marthasville during Fire Department fun.

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