



Crowder College Foundation presents ***Crowder Jazz Orchestra in Carthage.***

Carthage, MO — Crowder College Foundation kicks off the Carthage Maple Leaf Festival, October 11th, at the Carthage Memorial Hall, with a live jazz performance by the *Crowder Jazz Orchestra*. This second annual event begins with a pre-event mixer at 6:00 pm and a live jazz performance at 7:00 pm.

"We are excited that the Carthage community has joined with us again this year to host the Crowder Jazz Orchestra. Last year it was a major success and now that people have seen the quality of the performances, we expect this year's event to be even larger. We want our partnership with the Carthage schools and the growth we are seeing at our Jasper County center in Webb City to be only a part of the College's involvement in the area, and see the Crowder Jazz Orchestra performance as an important annual event," stated Dr. Kent Farnsworth, Interim President, Crowder College.

Table seating for the 6:00 pm pre-event mixer complete with wine, hors d'oeuvres and floor seating during the concert is available for \$10 (per person). Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Crowder College – Webb City Bookstore or Arvest Bank in Carthage. General admission balcony seating available free of charge. Seating in balcony is limited.

The Crowder Jazz Orchestra highlights the night, featuring an 18-piece band comprised of community and professional musicians that collectively have played with musical greats including Doc Severinsen, Joe Williams, Henry Mancini, Wayne Newton, Bob Mintzer and the Woody Herman Orchestra.

Sponsors for the event include: Arvest Bank—Carthage, Carthage Water & Electric, H.E. Williams, Maca-doodles, TC's Liquor Locker, B & C Catering, Schreiber Foods, The Whitlock Company, Schmidt Associates, P.C., D & D Trucking, Jerry Poston-State Farm, and Inter City Florist & Gifts.

Crowder College has partnered with the Carthage School District to provide opportunities for area high school and college students. Classes are offered at both Carthage Tech Centers for Crowder students to attend. High school students are able to pursue and graduate with an Associate of Art degree when they graduate high school. This program is available for juniors and seniors in the Carthage School District.

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