

With the Fed embarking on a new course of monetary tightening amid continued fighting in Ukraine, stocks staged a powerful, broad-based rally last week.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped 5.49%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 gained 6.16%. The Nasdaq Composite index soared 8.18% for the week. The MSCI EAFE index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, advanced 5.17%.^{1,2,3}



Stocks Roar

After surrendering gains on Monday, stocks surged higher for four consecutive days. The rally was propelled by strong economic data, the outcome of last week's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, and reports that Russia made interest payments on its sovereign debt, avoiding technical default.

The uptrend began with a drop in oil prices and a lighter-than-expected wholesale inflation report. Stock prices initially buckled following Wednesday's hawkish FOMC announcement, but turned higher as investors interpreted the Fed's news as a welcome plan to combat inflation. Stocks extended their gains into the final two trading sessions, cementing their best weekly performance since November 2020.⁴

The Fed's Plan

For the first time since 2018, the Federal Reserve hiked the federal funds rate, increasing it by 0.25% and signaling that it expected to raise rates at a faster pace than originally outlined in December. Based on its projections of future fed fund rates, the Fed may implement seven quarter-point rate hikes this year and another three to four next year.⁵

In a statement following the FOMC meeting, Fed officials expressed rising concerns over inflationary pressures made more acute by the war in Ukraine. Members also indicated that they would soon announce a plan to reduce the Fed's \$9 trillion balance sheet.⁶

This Week: Key Economic Data

Wednesday: New Home Sales.

Thursday: Jobless Claims. Durable Goods Orders. Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) Composite Flash.

Friday: Consumer Sentiment.

Source: Econoday, March 18, 2022

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This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

Monday: Nike, Inc. (NKE).

Tuesday: Adobe, Inc. (ADBE).

Wednesday: General Mills, Inc. (GIS).

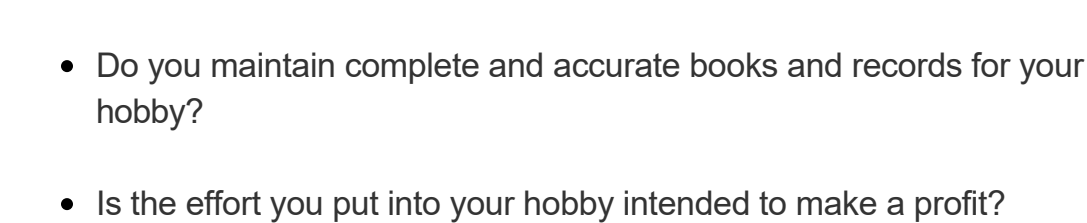
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"Everything must be taken into account. If the fact will not fit the theory — let the theory go."

— Agatha Christie



Do You Have to Pay Taxes on Your Hobby?

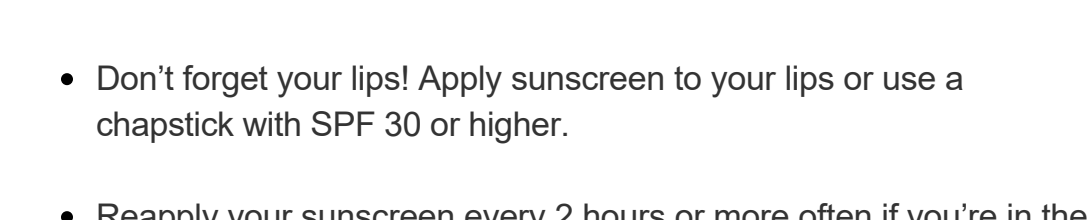
Whether you picked up embroidering, dog grooming, or making your jewelry, a side hobby may or may not require paying taxes. Here are some things to consider when determining whether your activity is a hobby or business:

- Is your hobby carried out in a businesslike manner?
- Do you maintain complete and accurate books and records for your hobby?
- Is the effort you put into your hobby intended to make a profit?
- Do you depend on the income from your hobby for your livelihood?
- Do you have the knowledge needed to carry out your hobby as a successful business?
- Have you made a profit from your hobby?

If you receive income from your hobby with no intention of making a profit, you may have to report the income to the IRS.

* This information is not intended to be a substitute for specific, individualized tax advice. We suggest that you discuss your specific tax issues with a qualified tax professional.

Tip adapted from IRS.gov⁷



How Well Do You Know Your SPF?

We all know that protecting your skin from the sun is important, but did you know that not all sunscreens are made equal? Dermatologists have some specific recommendations when it comes to your SPF. Here are some tips:

- Choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen that protects you from both UVB and UVA rays.
- Always use at least SPF 30.
- Choose a water-resistant sunscreen.
- Don't forget your lips! Apply sunscreen to your lips or use a chapstick with SPF 30 or higher.
- Reapply your sunscreen every 2 hours or more often if you're in the water or sweating a lot.
- Apply enough sunscreen to cover all skin that clothing will not cover. Most adults need about 1 ounce — or enough to fill a shot glass — to fully cover their body.
- Apply your sunscreen 15 minutes before going outdoors.

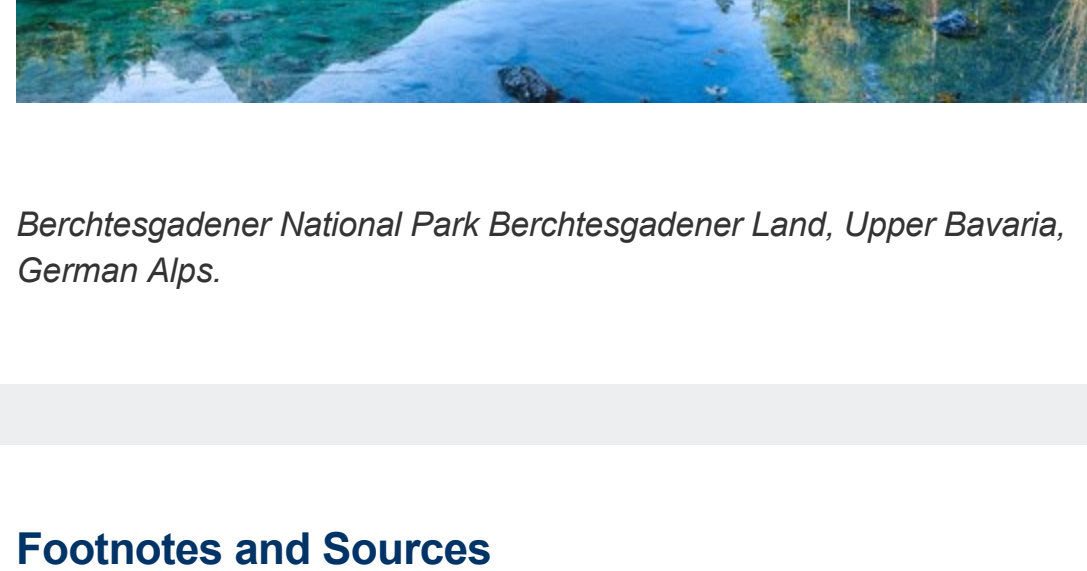
These tips will help you choose the best sunscreen to protect your skin for years to come.

Tip adapted from American Academy of Dermatology⁸



Two lawyers sit at opposite ends of a large conference table. Nothing is in between them but the table, yet they don't see each other. How is this possible?

Last week's riddle: You are at sea, it is mid-July, and your ship has reached a unique spot on earth. If you sail north, it will be summer; if you sail south, it will be winter. If you sail east, it will be Friday, but if you sail west, it will be Saturday. Precisely where in the world are you? (Hint: your ship is in the Pacific Ocean, near the island nation of Kiribati.) Answer: You are at the intersection of the International Date Line and the Equator.



Berchtesgadener National Park Berchtesgadener Land, Upper Bavaria, German Alps.

Footnotes and Sources

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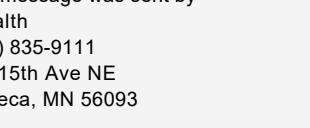
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