



# CHAMBER FLASH

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## SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES DURING COVID-19

### 1 SHOP LOCAL FIRST

Local businesses often do not have the same resources that larger chains do when it comes to financial assistance and recovering from uncertain times like these. When shopping for goods and services, look to our local businesses first.



### 2 SHOP LOCAL, ONLINE

Many retailers have websites where you can buy online. If your favorite local retailers don't have an online store, many may be willing to take an order over the phone and have it delivered - it never hurts to ask!



### 3 ORDER TO GO

Our local restaurants offer takeout and delivery options. Services like DoorDash also offer delivery services from a wide variety of local restaurants.



### 4 STAY SUBSCRIBED

If you have an ongoing subscription or membership with a local business (like a gym), consider keeping it active even if you are not able to go to the facility right now.



### 5 B2B COLLABORATION

If you are a local business owner, take this opportunity to collaborate with your business community to see how you can help one another overcome challenges (Hint: Utilize the Chamber's private Facebook Group!) Collaborating and understanding the unique challenges of different businesses will lead to solutions that benefit everyone.



### 6 TIP A LITTLE EXTRA

If you are financially able to do so, tip a little extra to the services industries you encounter. These workers may not have the privilege of income security, and a little extra can go a long way.



### 7 BUY A GIFT CARD

Unable to shop or dine in right now? Buy a gift card from a local business to give to someone as a "thank you" or use at a later time. For those not wanting to visit in person, many businesses will offer to mail or email you your gift card upon request.



### 8 GET SOCIAL, ONLINE

Social media can play a huge role in supporting the local community. Lead by example in encouraging your online following to support local businesses.



### 9 DONATE

The COVID-19 outbreak will undoubtedly present new community challenges for our local non-profits to address. Now is a great time to donate to the causes and organizations you care for most.



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Johnson County Emergency Management:

### JOCOMO Emergency Operations

This page will serve as an OFFICIAL platform for the Johnson County COVID-19 Task Force and member agencies to share information with the public!

<https://www.facebook.com/jocomoemergencyoperations/>



## CHAMBER MEMBERS: JOIN THE WARRENSBURG CHAMBER MEMBERS CLOSED GROUP!

THIS IS A CLOSED GROUP TO BE USED FOR MEMBER TO MEMBER DISCUSSIONS AS WELL AS MEMBER-SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

REQUEST TO JOIN!  
<https://www.facebook.com/>

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Find the FLASH publication online at [www.warrensburg.org/FLASH](http://www.warrensburg.org/FLASH)



There are many questions that you may have as to how to deal with COVID-19 safety measures and how it impacts your specific business now or in the future. To help you answer these questions, a COVID-19 Business Safety Education task force has been formed to assist you in matters pertaining to safety in your business. The education team is comprised of members from the healthcare industry and those that are involved with the economic development and well-being of our communities. In order for the team to provide information specific to the businesses of Johnson County, we are asking for feedback to this survey. Please take a few moments to respond and share what your BUSINESS SAFETY EDUCATION needs are or questions that you may have in dealing with COVID-19 safety from an employer's perspective.

Please submit your responses by Wednesday, April 22nd.

<https://forms.gle/PbFPFr1chG8sdFej6>

# Upcoming Chamber Virtual Events



## State of The City, WMMC, R6 School District & UCM

**Virtual Conference**  
**Wednesday, April 22nd**  
**9:00 - 10:30 AM**

### Speakers:

City of Warrensburg City Manager Harold Stewart  
University of Central Missouri Provost Dr. Phil Bridgmon  
Warrensburg R6 School District Superintendent Dr. Scott Patrick  
Western Missouri Medical Center CEO Darinda Dick

*Registration Link sent to our members' emails*



Webinar Presented by:



## COVID-19 What Employers Need to Know

**Wednesday, April 29th**  
**12:00 - 1:30 PM Central**

Fisher Phillips attorney Lauren Sobaski will provide attendees an update on key issues facing employers during the global COVID-19 pandemic. Lauren will discuss the Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), the CARES Act, the nuances of individual paid sick leave, and employer tax credits to offset these new costs. We will allow for FAQs from the audience, and will address other unique issues related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

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## COVID-19 UPDATES

Webinars & information for our members and the public

[www.warrensburg.org/covid-updates/](http://www.warrensburg.org/covid-updates/)

We are all experiencing a range of challenges associated with the COVID-19 outbreak. The Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce continues to offer support and provide information to assist our members, business owners and the community at large.

Our local financial institutions and Small Business & Development Centers are here to help you during this time, and they are receiving guidance from their regulators on steps to take to assist. Please reach to them out so everyone can work together to get through these uncharted waters.

Below are links to business resources related to COVID-19. The Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce is working to update this page as more assistance becomes available. To help our members we have collected a selection of links to resource and our economic partners. Find the below information [HERE](#) on our website.

- Useful Links
- Press Releases
- SBA Disaster Loan Assistance
- Business Loan Info
- Federal Cares Economic Relief Plan
- Department of Labor
- Paycheck Protection Plan
- Families First Coronavirus Response Act
- Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- U.S. Chamber Resources
- Legal Information & Resources
- Helpful Videos & Webinars
- Public Assistance Grants
- Virtual Meeting Links

See the following Facebook Pages for business updates:

Restaurants:

[Visit Warrensburg](#)

Downtown Businesses:

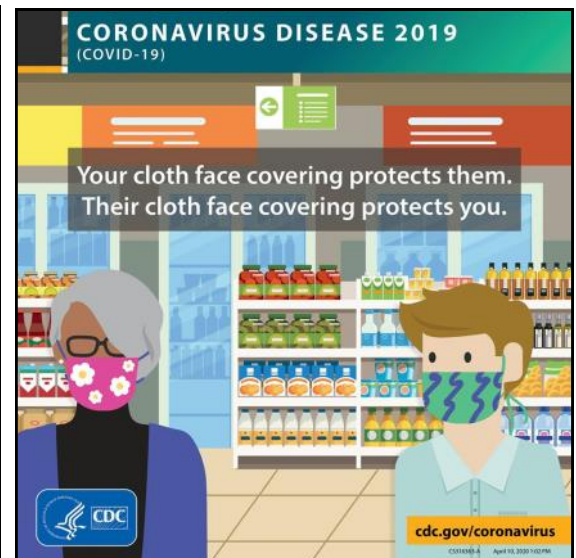
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Chamber Businesses:

[Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce](#)



The daily update is now being provided via the following link. The ARCGIS site is updated daily by JOCOMO Emergency Operations and provides additional details. For up-to-date numbers regarding COVID-19 in Johnson County, MO [CLICK HERE](#)



# Shout Out



Quarry City received some awards from Homes For Heroes for 2019! They were #2 in the Nation for Mortgage Specialist and they also received the Circle of Giving Diamond Award for serving 118 local Heroes in 2019. Congrats, Quarry City Savings and Loan!



"Thank you so much to Pizza Hut for delivering 32 pizzas to our hospital staff today! Rumor has it there was a line out the door with hungry employees waiting in line!"  
- Western Missouri Medical Center



"Additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the way of face shields have been donated by Nick Anderson, John Wisocky, and the Stealth Panther Robotic Team to the Johnson County COVID-19 Task Force!" - Johnson County EMA

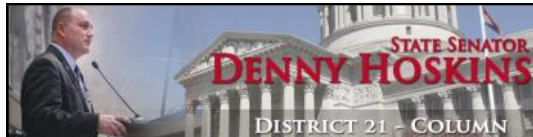
## Most Recent Reports



To view Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler's Congressional report, click [HERE](#).

Latest Press Releases:  
[CLICK HERE](#)

More information from Vicky Hartzler:  
[CLICK HERE](#)



To view State Senator Denny Hoskins's current capitol report, click [HERE](#).

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[CLICK HERE](#)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**DAN HOUX**  
54<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT



To view State Representative Dan Houx's current capitol report, click [HERE](#).



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**DEAN DOHRMAN**  
51<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT

To view State Representative Dean Dohrman's current capitol report, click [HERE](#).



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# The 2020 Census at a Glance

*Counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place.*

The U.S. Census Bureau is the federal government's largest statistical agency. We are dedicated to providing current facts and figures about America's people, places, and economy. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all individual responses the Census Bureau collects.

The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade we take a count—or a census—of America's population.



The census provides vital information for you and your community.

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries. Redistricting counts are sent to the states by March 31, 2021.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services.
- Businesses use census data to determine where to open places to shop.

Each year, the federal government distributes more than \$675 billion to states and communities based on Census Bureau data.

In 2020, we will implement new technology to make it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, you will be able to respond online, by phone, as well as by mail. We will use data that the public has already provided to reduce followup visits. And, we are building an accurate address list and automating our field operations—all while keeping your information confidential and safe.

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Census**  
Bureau

## KEY MILESTONES

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|-------------|---|
| <b>2018</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2018 End-to-End Census Test</li> <li>2020 Census questions sent to Congress by March 31, 2018</li> <li>Six regional 2020 Census offices and 40 area census offices open</li> </ul>   |
| <b>2019</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnership activities launch</li> <li>Complete Count Committees establish</li> <li>Census takers update address list in person</li> <li>Remaining 248 area census offices open</li> </ul>   |
| <b>2020</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advertising begins in January 2020</li> <li>Public response (online, phone, or mail) begins</li> <li><b>Census Day—</b> April 1, 2020</li> <li>Census takers visit households that haven't responded</li> <li>Apportionment counts sent to the President by December 31, 2020</li> </ul> |
| <b>2021</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redistricting counts sent to the states by March 31, 2021</li> </ul>   |

Connect with us  
[@uscensusbureau](https://twitter.com/uscensusbureau)

# Virtual Events & Reschedules

As many events have been either canceled or postponed, we are sharing virtual and further-in-the-future events. **If you are unsure if an upcoming event has been canceled, please visit the business' Facebook Page or website.**

## University of Central Missouri Graduation—August 1st, 2020

The University of Central Missouri is rescheduling commencement for Aug. 1, 2020. Individuals who cannot participate on Aug. 1 can participate in the December 2020 commencement ceremony.



Commencement is an exciting time to honor the achievements of UCM graduates, as well as their families and friends who have supported them during their time at UCM. While we traditionally celebrate our spring and summer graduates in ceremonies that take place in May, the impact of COVID-19 necessitated the postponement of this event to protect the safety and health of our graduating students and everyone involved in commencement exercises.

The UCM Commencement Committee is currently working on additional details, including a number of ceremonies and start times for each. We will provide these details in the near future. Additional information, when available, will be posted at [ucmo.edu/commencement](http://ucmo.edu/commencement).




Text "WCOC" to 797979 to receive  
Text Reminders for Warrensburg Chamber  
of Commerce Events.

**FITNESS FOR EVERYONE**

## JOIN US ONLINE



- 1** Download the SugarWod app on your phone. 
- 2** Log In & Make RedHorse Fitness your primary gym. 
- 3** Choose Workout Of The Day & Follow us on Facebook for accountability! 



**STARTING TOMORROW:**

## HOME WORKOUTS POSTED DAILY FOR MEMBERS & CLIENTS.

PT CLIENTS/ MEMBERS/ CLASS PASS:  
SEARCH: FOR OUR FB PRIVATE GROUP FOR ACCESS:  
BOSS BODY FITNESS

### Chamber Members:

As you are rescheduling events, please notify us to add them to our Community Calendar. This calendar is useful because it's purpose is to prevent many large events being planned at the same time and to show the public the wide variety of events our community offers.

See the Calendar Here:

<https://www.warrensburg.org/calendar/>



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# Press Releases & Other Info



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## MU Extension Offers Grand-Parenting and Kinship Care Class!

Harrisonville, Mo. – The University of Missouri Extension in Cass County is offering an 8 session “Parenting the Second Time Around (PASTA)” webinar series beginning April 20, 2020 online via zoom.

Raising your grandchildren or children other than your own? This class is for you. PASTA is a parenting program designed for relative caregivers who are not the biological parents of the children in their care. PASTA provides grandparents and other kinship caregivers with information, skills, and resources designed to enhance their ability to provide effective care for the young relatives they are parenting. PASTA includes topics such as child development, discipline and guidance, caring for oneself as a caregiver, rebuilding a family, living with teens, legal issues, and advocacy. Continuing education hours available for foster families.

Participants will register and pay the \$40.00 fee for the class in return they will be emailed a password protected link and handouts every Monday from April 20, 2020 through June 8, 2020 of a pre-recorded session of the workshop from the instructor. Participants can watch the link at any time that is convenient to them within a two week time frame, then the link will expire. These links can be viewed on any computer or smartphone with internet access. Participants can register by phone with the Cass County Office at 816-380-8460 or online at <https://extension2.missouri.edu/events/parenting-a-second-time-around-webinars>. Please direct any questions to facilitator Kyleigh Sullivan at 660-619-1355.

And find *MU Extension Kyleigh HDFS Specialist* on Facebook for updates!

In an effort to keep you informed and as MU strives to keep public health top of mind, University of Missouri Extension is offering “Town Hall” meetings for producers in the areas of:

Field Crops: Wednesdays 2:30pm-3:30pm  
Livestock/Forage: Wednesdays 1:30pm-2:30pm  
Commercial Horticulture: Wednesdays 12pm-1pm  
Home Horticulture: Wednesdays 11am-12pm

Choose your interest area and submit your information, you'll

be sent an email with call-in information and a link if you wish to join online: <https://ipm.missouri.edu/townHalls/>

Regional and state ag specialists will answer producer questions and provide a statewide update on growing conditions.

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## MU Extension Offers New Educational Program! Boost Your Brain & Memory: Brain Fitness Class Online

Harrisonville, Mo. – The University of Missouri Extension is offering an 8 session “Boost Your Brain & Memory: Brain Fitness Class” beginning April 13<sup>th</sup> online via an application called zoom.

Just as you can control and improve your general physical health with good habits so, too, can you improve the health of your brain—boosting your memory and mental agility, as well as reducing your risk of developing Alzheimer's disease or other causes of dementia.

According to *Impact of the Education Boost Your Brain and Memory Program Among Senior Living Residents (The International Journal of Aging and Human Development, 2017)* “Older adult participants completed measures of brain health knowledge, use of memory techniques, physical and intellectual activity and mindfulness at baseline and after the intervention group's completion of the course.” This class uses a whole-person approach that helps participants form new habits to live a healthier lifestyle, remember things better, be more organized, pay closer attention and regulate their emotions. Each participant will receive a workbook including memory exercises, tips on nutrition and exercise, and summaries of evidence-based research on brain health.

Classes will be held live on Mondays and Fridays from 6:00-7:00 pm. There is a \$40 per person cost associated with the program. There is no additional fee to use zoom you just need a computer or smart phone with internet or data. Participants will be emailed a workbook and the link to participate each week from the MU Extension Office.

Register online at <https://extension2.missouri.edu/events/boost-your-brain-and-memory-zoom-session> or by calling the Cass County University of Missouri Extension Office at 816-380-8460 by April 10. A minimum of five must enroll in order to have the class.

If you have any questions please call the facilitator Kyleigh Sullivan at 660-619-1355.



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## WMMC Announces Strategy & Development Executive



Warrensburg, MO (April 13, 2020)—Tara Carlyle, MBA, was appointed to the newly created position of Strategy & Development Executive on Friday, April 10.

Tara will be responsible for guiding the development of the hospital's strategic priorities and for driving the delivery of those priorities across the organization. She will serve on the executive team and will lead the hospital's business strategy, physician relations, philanthropy, and market development.

"At Western Missouri Medical Center, we are committed to taking innovative actions to ensure a strong health system, and I'm excited to welcome Tara into this role to continue driving this momentum forward," said Darinda J. Dick, President/CEO. "Tara has a proven track record of identifying sustainable growth strategies. Her understanding of our medical center and knowledge of today's industry, as well as her proven leadership and ability to transform strategies into meaningful results, provides an ideal foundation to evolve our strategic approach."

She received her Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in marketing, which is backed by a Bachelor of Science in public relations and a minor in marketing. She has served WMMC for 14 years and has over 10 years of marketing/public relations experience, over six years of healthcare leadership experience and four years of philanthropy experience.

In her previous leadership roles at WMMC, Tara helped develop and launch the WMMC Foundation, which includes a Board of Directors and six committees with 70+ ambassadors. During her tenure, the Foundation increased employee giving by 47%, resulting in 96% employee participation. She also led all fundraising initiatives, which resulted in \$235k being raised in the first year of fundraising for the Foundation and over \$700k since 2016. Additional highlights from her career include leading multiple branding campaigns, launching a digital reputation management and patient ambassador program and launching several service lines, including Building

Blocks Pediatrics and the Cancer Center.

She is actively involved in Johnson County with participation in various civic and service organizations, including serving on the Johnson County Economic Development Corporation Board, the Warrensburg School Foundation and as a past Chair for the Johnson County Heart Walk, which raised nearly \$50,000.

To learn more about WMMC, visit [WMMC.com](http://WMMC.com).

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## WMMC is Now Offering Virtual Visits for All Clinics

Warrensburg, MO (April 14, 2020) — Western Missouri Medical Center (WMMC) is excited to announce virtual visits are now being offered. Virtual visits are available for all WMMC's clinics and allow patients to be seen for their medical needs from the comfort of their own home. WMMC's virtual visits allow patients to be seen by providers for routine or non-emergent care that does not require a hands-on exam. These visits are perfect for patients with minor illnesses and injuries such as allergies, bladder infections, bronchitis, coughing, diarrhea, fever, headaches, pinkeye, rashes, sinus infections, stomach aches, and much more.

Virtual visits are also available for many of our specialty clinics, such as women's health, sports medicine, orthopedics, general surgery and many others.

If you are a patient that needs to be seen, contact the clinic of your choice and the provider will determine if you are eligible for a virtual appointment. Eligibility is determined by the need of a hands on exam. If you are eligible, the clinic will contact you on how to complete your visit virtually. Most appointments are eligible and covered by insurance, so check with your insurance provider if your medical need is eligible today.

"While COVID-19 has impacted our community greatly, patients still require care for other medical needs," says Darinda J. Dick, President/CEO. "It is our mission to be proactive and continue to provide care to patients. Virtual visits are one of many innovations that WMMC has implemented in order to achieve this mission."

To learn more about your options for virtual visits at [WMMC.com/Virtual](http://WMMC.com/Virtual).





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## MuleNation, UCM Community 'In This Together' to Aid Struggling Students

WARRENSBURG, MO (April 6, 2020) – While the current pandemic has created tremendous national health concerns, the financial impact on college and university students is heavy. Expressing a strong desire to help students through the challenges posed by this health crisis, the MuleNation network of engaged alumni and friends has reached out to the University of Central Missouri Alumni Foundation to partner in raising funds to provide much-needed assistance.

Meeting students' emerging needs is a top priority emphasized through the newly established In This Together: Student Hardship Fund. The fund provides valuable support to aid students facing job loss, food insecurity and a variety of other challenges due to COVID-19-related circumstances.

"The In This Together: Student Hardship Fund was created to help address some of the financial loss UCM students have incurred as a result of the pandemic. In just a few days, many in the UCM community have stepped up and generously donated to the fund," said Courtney Goddard, vice president for university advancement and executive director of the UCM Alumni Foundation. "As always, we are grateful that MuleNation is made up of individuals who rise to meet challenges with commitment, compassion and care."

The UCM Alumni Foundation is pleased to announce that a number of generous alumni have offered to match up to \$16,000 in gifts to launch the In This Together: Student Hardship Fund. Among these donors are Mike '72 and Patti '72 Davidson, Frank '73 and Tamara Deel, Diane '81 and Chuck '80 Dudley, Rand '85 and Kelly '86 Harbert, Shirley '67 and Steve Kleppe, Leslie '77/'78 and Robert Krasner, and Scott '89 and Christine Taylor. Anyone who is able is asked to please consider a donation to this emergency fund to help students and ensure they can continue to pursue their academic dreams.

"In moments such as these, it is common for each of us to pause to consider the impact on those around us," said UCM President Roger Best. "Our students, the majority of whom work to help pay for their education, have seen dramatic interruptions in their ability to make ends meet. We are grateful for alumni and friends who are willing to step forward to assist students hit hardest by the economic reality of the COVID-19 pandemic and thereby keep alive their dreams to complete their degrees."

To learn more about this fundraising opportunity and how to contribute, visit [ucmfoundation.org/give](http://ucmfoundation.org/give).

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## UCM Students Producing Ear Guards to Bring Comfort to Healthcare Professionals, Others Who Wear Protective Gear

WARRENSBURG, MO (April 7, 2020) – Inspired by action taken by a Canadian youth, two University of Central Missouri students have found an innovative way to provide relief for individuals who experience discomfort from extended use of protective masks. The masks are worn by healthcare professionals on the frontlines of the nation's battle with COVID-19 and are essential for their protection, but the design of these protective items creates a problem that is recently getting a lot of attention. Many individuals who wear this protective gear for long periods of time experience pain caused by rubber straps that dig into the skin behind their ears.

On Monday, April 6, Matthew Argotsinger, Peculiar, Missouri, and Cameron Rogers, Camdenton, Missouri, began production of a new ear guard they plan to contribute initially to Western Missouri Medical Center. Through their volunteer efforts, they hope to serve nearly 600 employees with their new device, 400 of whom are on the frontline serving patients.

Argotsinger and Rogers are both UCM juniors majoring in Design and Drafting Technology. They have leadership positions in the American Institute of Building Design (AIBD) and the Design and Drafting Technology Student Association (DDSA), with Argotsinger serving as president and Rogers, vice president. Both students have been working closely with their instructor, Paul Brown, who is currently teaching the Advanced Parametric Modeling course and 3D Printing.

Dr. Roya Azimzadeh, program coordinator for Design and Drafting Technology, said she was contacted by Argotsinger, who shared with CADD faculty members his thoughts about how the program could make a positive contribution to fighting the current pandemic situation.

"I immediately welcomed the idea and suggested getting started right away," Azimzadeh said. Students began working in the CADD Design and Drafting Technology area of the Grinstead Building, where they have access to three 3D printers which they used to create a prototype, and continued to produce the first batch of their new device.

Argotsinger said he got the idea after reading about a Canadian boy, Quinn Callander, who used a design he found on the internet to create an ear guard that rests on the back of the head of the individual wearing the mask, and allows the rubber straps to attach to it, rather than wrap around their ears. His story went viral after his mother shared it on social media.

"I saw it on Facebook," Argotsinger said. "He uploaded the design so that anyone could get access to it and continue on their own. I saw other types of designs, but when I saw this one, I knew this is something we can work with."

Argotsinger said one of the issues he and Rogers discovered while working with the 3D printers is that production is a slow process. The students hope to produce up to 60 ear



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guards a day to meet local needs as soon as possible. Currently, they are donating their time and the academic program is covering the cost of the production materials to make the ear guards possible. For students involved, however, there is much more in return for their efforts through lessons gained that don't always happen in a traditional classroom setting.

"Just reacting fast and appropriately to a situation and using what we have to help the cause" is a great learning experience, according to Rogers.

Argotsinger echoed that sentiment, adding that "Being able to adapt to a situation that keeps evolving and then also manipulating a certain design to make it work successfully, effectively and as efficiently as possible" will help make him better prepared for the professional world.

Brown agreed, noting, "This is a real-world experience for them using a customer that has a demand. They are trying to satisfy that demand through increasing production and productivity. It's a real good lesson in satisfying a customer."

While the educational benefits are valuable, all involved are pleased that they are making a contribution to help those who are on the front line in slowing the spread of COVID-19 and caring for those who are most affected.

University of Central Missouri students, Matthew Argotsinger, left, Peculiar, Missouri, and Cameron Rogers, Camdenton, Missouri, display ear guards that were made on a 3D printer and will help local healthcare workers to be more comfortable wearing protective gear for long hours.



April 16, 2020

Due to extended social distancing measures being practiced by our partners, local schools, and state agencies, Trails Regional Library will extend its physical location closure until further notice. All due dates and current holds will be extended continuously until our physical locations reopen. No fines will accrue during the closure. All book drops remain locked, so please keep your materials until the library re-opens.

Trails Regional Library administration continues to monitor the COVID-19 public health crisis closely and is prepared to take necessary action to mitigate risks for staff, patrons, and the community. Any changes to the current closure schedule will be shared on our website, social media, and through email to our cardholders. We appreciate the public support during this time and hope to continue providing remote, digital access to

our patrons until we can re-open our physical locations.

We continue to respond to emails through our website contact form and social media messages. Patrons with expired cards or fines will have access to our digital collections on OverDrive and Hoopla regardless of account blocks. We are also issuing **temporary digital access cards** during our closure for those without current library cards. Visit [trailslibrary.org](http://trailslibrary.org) to complete an application and a librarian will get in touch with you to set up your new account.

Please do not hesitate to contact us and library staff will respond promptly for help with resources.

Thank you for your continued patience. Stay safe, and if you can, stay home.



## Missouri Valley Community Action Agency Survey

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the CARES stimulus package, MVCAA will be receiving additional funding through our Community Services Block Grant. We need to know how this pandemic is affecting you and your community not only TODAY but how it may possibly affect your future as well. Your honest responses will help us decide how to best utilize the funds we receive not only for individuals but for the communities we serve. Thank you for your time.

<https://forms.gle/sYr7f4YLz62JP5UWA>

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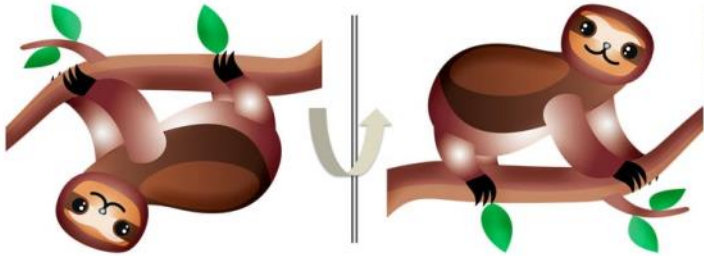


# Business Articles

Tip:  
Flip the message to the top.



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## TIP: Flip the message to the top.

Aaron Orendorff in "[Your Colleagues Don't Read Anything You Write. Here Are 8 Ways to Change That](#)" (*New York Times*) gives 8 ways that people will want to read your messages and here's one that's **very easy**.

People often bury **the most important information** at the bottom of the message (as the writer builds up steam, makes their argument, provides data). Instead, why not draft your email or message then look at the last sentence or paragraph and consider moving it to the top.

"Rather than building to the request — and risk muddling the meaning — this inversion forces us to lead with the need. After that, you'll often find much of the rest can be removed." - Aaron Orendorff

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### I'll be right back. How to protect your energy during Zoom Meetings

With incessant videoconferencing, the opportunity to recharge and rest your eyes between meetings is increasingly important

### 7 ways of doing business by Zoom that are here to stay

The coronavirus has caused a seismic shift in industries across the board—changes that may be here to stay.

## TIP: Where in the world is Carmen Sandiego?

Carmen Sandiego is an educational mystery game for kids and it gave us the idea for this *Positive Networking®* Tip. Where in the world are the people who you once knew, but have disappeared from your network?

If you go through your old or archived emails you may be surprised at the number of people you're no longer in touch with but would remember you. Search those names via LinkedIn and see what they are doing now. Or use other social networks or Google to find your dormant ties.

If you once had a bond, were part of the same business network, went to school together, worked together etc., why not reach out to them?

In your message let them know what you are doing—start the conversational ball rolling. If they respond, perhaps make the first reconnection via email but with some of these people suggest a telephone call (or Zoom, Skype) to really re-engage!

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## Restaurant Week

Restaurant Week is a promotion designed to encourage community members to Love What's Local by trying a new restaurant or menu item, or visiting an old favorite. Restaurant Week is not about getting a super deal on your meal, but provides a structured opportunity to let guests be more comfortable trying new things. A \$10 Lunch and \$25 Dinner is offered by participating restaurants.



## Community Sidewalk Sale

The Community Sidewalk Sale is a two day event held in August. Businesses may have merchandise outside their store, or offer a sale inside their store. Participating businesses will have a Love What's Local flag in front of their business and will also be listed on the Love What's Local Facebook page.

## Clean the Burg

This two day event is to encourage community volunteerism and to beautify our town. Residents, families, community groups, businesses, churches and teenagers who need to perform service hours can come up with a projects and implement them during the event. Those who participate are encouraged to share their photos on social media with the hashtag #CleanTheBurg.



## Holiday Open Houses

Holiday Open Houses is a two day event where businesses display their holiday merchandise and offer deals and/or treats to customers. Offerings are listed in a guide that is posted on the Warrensburg Chamber website, the Warrensburg Main Street website and on the Love What's Local Facebook Page.



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## Restaurant Guide



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The Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce's mission is to create opportunities that drive commerce and promote business. One way we help do that is to direct newcomers or visitors to Warrensburg to our local businesses! These publications are handed out at community events, given away in our Welcome Bags that go out to Whiteman Air Force Base and various other locations, housed in our office and posted on our website.

The **Restaurant Guide** contains a list of restaurants, coffee shops, wineries, etc. in Warrensburg, as well as our Chamber members in Knob Noster. Our Chamber members are listed in bold in this publication.

Our **Relocation Information** brochure lists essential businesses and organizations to contact upon arrival to Warrensburg. This brochure only contains our Chamber members' information.

If you know someone who has recently moved to the area, or if you know someone interested in moving to Warrensburg, please refer them to our website at [www.warrensburg.org](http://www.warrensburg.org) to find these resources!

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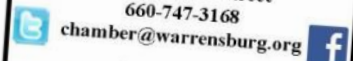
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## The Chamber Flash

is a twice-monthly email publication, out on the FIRST and THIRD Fridays of each month. It's a great way for Chamber members to share information about their businesses! It also keeps members up to date with member benefits, networking events and other activities.

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