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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/](https://www.facebook.com/jocomoemergencyoperations/)



COVID-19 UPDATES

Webinars & information for our
members and the public

www.warrensburg.org/covid-updates/

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April 3, 2020

Dear Chamber members,

On behalf of the Chamber Board of Directors I would like to invite our small business owners to a Virtual COVID-19 Informational Meeting. There will be representatives from multiple city/county agencies giving updates on the current situation and to help answer questions that you may have concerning your business. Also, please watch for the daily email updates from the Chamber with the most current info available and links to valuable resources to include the links below.

Please stay safe and as best you can continue to support our local businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Hall".

Greg Hall
Chair, Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce

[U.S. Chamber of Commerce Coronavirus Emergency Loans Small Business Guide and Checklist](#)

[U.S. Chamber of Commerce Guide to the Employee Retention Tax Credit for COVID-19 Impacted Employers](#)

[U.S. Chamber of Commerce Guide to SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans](#)

[Small Business Paycheck Protection Program](#)

[National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation
Restaurant Employee Relief Fund—Apply For Aid](#)



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JOHNSON COUNTY
COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

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Stay-at-Home Public Health Emergency Order for Johnson County, Missouri

JOHNSON COUNTY, MO (March 31, 2020) In an effort to slow the spread and better protect our community from COVID-19, Johnson County Community Health Services (JCCHS) has issued a stay-at-home order beginning 12:01 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2020. The deadline could be rescinded or extended dependent upon the continued spread of the coronavirus. This includes all municipalities within Johnson County.

The JCCHS Board of Trustees in a collaborative effort with the Johnson County Commissioners approved the order during a special board meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. The decision was unanimous.

“As this continues to spread not only across our region, but also our nation, this is another step Johnson County Community Health Services is taking to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. We are urging everyone to do their part and stay home, practice social distancing and create a safe environment for our families, friends and our communities,” said Mary Thaut, JCCHS administrator.

The order requires all residents in Johnson County to remain at home except for activities essential to the health and safety of themselves, family or friends. Essential activities include:

- Working in an essential business
- Obtaining supplies or necessary services (including but not limited to food, medicine, cleaning supplies, and pet food).
- Caring for a family member or loved one
- Seeking medical care
- Exercising and maintaining personal health.

Individuals are strongly encouraged to practice social distancing and to stay home if not engaging in these activities. All non-essential businesses or non-essential operations must cease in-person operations. Operations may continue if business activities can be performed remotely.

Essential businesses are those that provide critical services or support for daily living, personal health, or safety. A complete list can be found on the order and on the FAQ page of the Johnson County Community Health Services website. Vulnerable populations including the elderly and those with underlying health conditions must stay-at-home. For those who are younger and in good health, please reach out to those in this group and pick up needed items for those who cannot get items themselves. Remember to drop off items at the door and to not make personal contact. We are continuously monitoring the evolving situation and working to ensure our community is prepared.

We ask the public to please continue practicing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while under this Order.

If you suspect that you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, call your healthcare provider to let them know before seeking care. It is critical that your provider is aware you may have COVID-19 prior to your arrival at a healthcare facility, and that you follow all instructions for arriving at a healthcare facility.

For more information please visit our website at www.Johnsoncountyhealth.org or call the State of Missouri Hotline at 1-877-435-8411. Effective Businesses Guidelines can be found here: <http://johnsoncountyhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Stay-at-Home-Order-Signed-Effective-04.01.2020.pdf>



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Save the Date

April 7th at 2 PM
Virtual Chamber of Commerce
COVID-19 Meeting
Invite will be emailed soon

See the following Facebook Pages for business updates:

Restaurants: [Visit Warrensburg](#)

Downtown Businesses: [Warrensburg Main Street](#)

Chamber Businesses: [Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce](#)

Public Health Emergency

Find the Public Health Emergency Order from Johnson County Community Health Services [HERE](#).

If you are unsure whether or not your business falls under "essential", contact Johnson County Community Health Services: [\(660\) 747-6121](tel:6607476121)

View the Facebook LIVE video from JCCHS Administrator Mary Thaut [HERE](#).

SHOW SOME LOVE

Many local shops & restaurants are **OPEN** and offering to-go options.

Call ahead, check websites or visit their social media pages to confirm.

SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS

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Shop local. We're in this together.

Local businesses need your support now more than ever.



Get it to go. Order from your local restaurants and bars via delivery service, to-go, or curbside pickup.



Shop small online. Websites haven't closed and it's important to leave positive reviews for local vendors and businesses.



Buy in advance. Purchase gift cards or book services from local businesses to use at a future date.



Stay looped in. Keep up with your memberships, and with services that are still offered online.



Follow along. Your favorite local businesses are online and sharing specific ways you can support them.



Say thank you. Many business owners and workers are risking their health to provide critical products and services. Be thankful.



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City of Warrensburg

Helpful Info & Resources

Prepared by the U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY LOANS Small Business Guide and Checklist

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocated \$350 billion to help small businesses keep workers employed amid the pandemic and economic downturn. Known as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the initiative provides 100% federally guaranteed loans to small businesses. Importantly, these loans may be forgiven if borrowers maintain their payrolls during the crisis or restore their payrolls afterward.

https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/023595_comm_corona_virus_smallbiz_loan_final_revised.pdf

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BUSINESS & COMMUNITY RESOURCE LIST
FROM: JOHNSON COUNTY (MO) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Businesses and communities are in uncharted territory with the disruptions due to coronavirus (COVID-19). We know it isn't easy to be a small business owner, entrepreneur, or community leader through all of this. This page will provide guidance and resources to Johnson County, Missouri businesses and communities.

Additional information and resources will be updated as we learn them. Please check back often.

<https://www.growjocomo.com/covid19/>

Prevent Getting Sick From Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

HR SIMPLE NEWS FLASH: COVID-19 Posting Requirements – Effective Right NOW!

We know you love a good posting requirement, so listen up: the DOL just issued the Families First Coronavirus Act poster. Covered employers must post this notice immediately in a conspicuous place with your other employment law posters. But that's not all folks, you must also notify remote workers either by snail mail, email or posting on an employee information website. The DOL issued guidance stating that the leave requirements are effective April 1, 2020.

To download a free poster, [click here](#).

Assistance for Small Businesses:

The Paycheck Protection Program prioritizes millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to \$349 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses. Small businesses and eligible nonprofit organizations, Veterans organizations, and Tribal businesses described in the Small Business Act, as well as individuals who are self-employed or are independent contractors, are eligible if they also meet program size standards.



<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/top-priorities/cares-act/assistance-for-small-businesses>

Dept. of Labor - Workplace Safety during COVID-19

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has resources to help employers and workers prepare for and respond to coronavirus in the workplace.

[OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#) – Developed in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to help employers respond in the event of coronavirus in the workplace.

[Temporary OSHA Guidance on Respiratory Protection Standard](#) – This guidance provides suggestions and options to help increase the availability of N95 filtering facepiece respirators for healthcare providers.

[COVID-19 Webpage](#) – Provides infection prevention information specifically for employers and workers.

Read the full article [HERE](#).



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Workforce Rally MU Extension Webinar Series - Zoom Sessions

The MU Extension Employment, Labor, and Workforce webinar series deliver up to date information to support businesses with the information you need now. Industry experts discuss new strategies for economic development, labor and workforce and how to address challenges in rural communities.

Updates and changes to FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act), SBA (Small Business Assistance), EDA (Economic Development Administration) and Disaster Recovery, USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Rural Business Development Grants, COVID-19 loans and local initiatives.

Register online and you will receive a Zoom link to access webinars. Continuing Learning Education Units are available at \$30 per workshop.

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Rob Harrington, Economic Development Director, City of Houston

Rob O'Brian, President of O'Brian & Associates, LLC.

Webinar Information and Details

<https://extension2.missouri.edu/events/workforce-rally-mu-extension-webinar-series-zoom-session>

March 17, 2020

KIX 105.7: AN OPEN LETTER TO YOU, OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS

Good Morning! While uncertainty and change seem to be part of our daily lives for the foreseeable future, I'd like to reassure each of you of one certainty: We are all in this together!

And with that thought in mind, effective today, we will be publishing blogs on all of our station websites listing any businesses with changes due to the current health crisis. Are you a restaurant moving to delivery/carry out only? Are you any business taking extra steps to protect your staff and customers? **Let me know and we will promote your business for free via our blogs.** More than 128,000 people in West Central Missouri visit our websites for KIX 105.7, Awesome 92.3 and KSIS each month and we expect that number to grow exponentially. We will promote your business for free until our daily lives return to normal.

Not a current advertiser? Doesn't matter! If you are a business in Sedalia, Warrensburg, Marshall and all other area communities, we will keep our audience informed of how they can support you during this time.

Please call me at 660-826-1050 during business hours, 678-428-3665 any time of the day or email me @ craig.hahn@townsquaremedia.com with the changes for your business we need to promote.

Thank you for your support...we're here to support you. Working together, I am confident that we can all succeed!

Craig Hahn
Market President
Townsquare Media Sedalia/Warrensburg

SBA ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS

Webinars

Has your small business
been impacted by COVID-19?

- Webinar only (register for one only)
- Learn more about the U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan program
- Hear from experts from U.S. Small Business Administration and the Missouri Small Business Development Center
- Get your questions answered
- Registration required

APRIL 2
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Register:
<https://bit.ly/SBAwebinar1>

APRIL 9
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Register:
<https://bit.ly/SBAwebinar2>

APRIL 16
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Register:
<https://bit.ly/SBAwebinar3>



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From Swisher's:

"Here is one thing we are doing to stay safe. If any other essential business wants to do the same, these badges cost roughly \$1.50 each. They could be done a little cheaper but delivery time would be a week to 10 days. I can get supplies at this price from Office Depot next day. I would be happy to send the print file, or even make some for others who want them. I could even customize the badge if needed or wanted."

Contact Rick: rick@shopswishers.com



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U.S. Chamber of Commerce

The links below - new and updated resources that the U.S. Chamber has developed to assist businesses access resources created under the CARES Act (Phase III bill). This includes an update to the guide we released several days ago on the Paycheck Protection Program.

[NEW - Guide to SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans \(EIDL\)](#)

[NEW - Guide to the Employee Retention Tax Credit](#)

[UPDATED – Coronavirus Emergency Loans Small Business Guide and Checklist \(Paycheck Protection Program\)](#)

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Treasury issued additional guidance regarding the Paycheck Protection Program. Links to the resources provided by Treasury can be found, or on their [webpage](#).

A top-line overview of the program can be found [here](#). If you're a lender, more information can be found [here](#). If you're a borrower, more information can be found [here](#). The application for borrowers can be found [here](#).

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT DRIVE

With COVID-19 cases climbing, doctors and healthcare workers across the world are facing a dire shortage of masks, surgical gowns and eye gear to protect them from the virus.

HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS NEEDED:

- SHOE COVERS
- N95 MASKS
- IMPERVIOUS GOWNS



IMPERVIOUS GOWNS ARE NON-STERILE GOWNS THAT FEATURE AN IMPERVIOUS PLASTIC FILM OR FILM LAMINATE, POLY-COATED SPUNBOND, OR 3-LAYER SMS FABRIC WITH POLYETHYLENE COATING

OTHER ITEMS NEEDED:

- EYE PROTECTION AND GOGGLES
- FACE SHIELDS
- SURGICAL MASKS
- STERILE AND NON-STERILE GLOVES
- BIOHAZARD BAGS

Please bring items to the Outpatient Entrance
Monday - Friday, 5:30 am - 5:30 pm

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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COVID-19: PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS



Do not use parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms.



Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.



Share the trail and warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass.

Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks or trails.

Observe CDC's minimum recommended physical distancing of 6' from other persons at all times.



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Respond to the 2020 Census today!

The 2020 Census has started, and it's your chance to shape the future for yourself, your family, and your community. Information collected in the census informs how billions of dollars in federal funding are distributed to states and communities each year.

You can respond online, by phone, or by mail. Regardless of how you choose to respond, your information will be kept confidential.

Visit 2020CENSUS.GOV to respond to the census today.

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Shape
your future
START HERE >

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Census
2020

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Census Data impacts funding for things like:

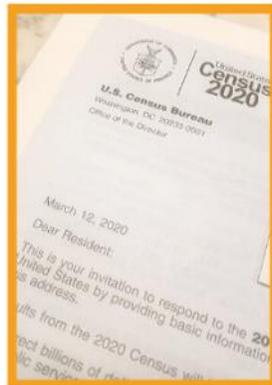
- Education programs and grants
- Public transportation
- Medicare and Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Libraries
- Community centers
- School meal programs
- Parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities

For more information, visit:
2020CENSUS.GOV

How to Support Love What's Local This Week...

Fill out your 2020 Census!

Facebook Message Love What's Local a photo of your letter or a screenshot of your confirmation screen (with any private information marked out or hidden) and you will be entered to win a local gift card!



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Shout Out

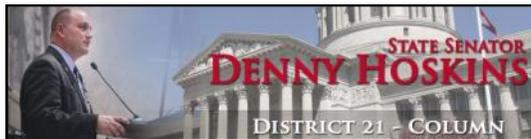


"Thank you to EnerSys of Warrensburg for their generous donation of almost 500 N95 masks! We are so grateful for the continued support of local businesses and organizations that are helping us during this time!" - Western Missouri Medical Center

"Thank you to these lovely ladies from U.S. Bank for bringing us some power rings this morning...we greatly appreciate you thinking of us! "
- Warrensburg Police Department

"Thank you to Swisher Brand Products (Swisher Acquisition Inc.) for their generous donation of 2,000 goggles to Johnson County Emergency Management Agency and Swisher's for their donation of 2,000 gloves to Western Missouri Medical Center! We are extremely thankful for the support of our community members and businesses during this time. The outpouring of support and generosity during this time does not go unnoticed. We are in this together."
- Western Missouri Medical Center

Most Recent Reports



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DAN HOUX
54TH DISTRICT



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

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

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

Latest Press Releases:
[CLICK HERE](#)

More information from Denny Hoskins:
[CLICK HERE](#)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DEAN DOHRMAN
51ST DISTRICT



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

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



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.**

TWISTERS
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APRIL 11, 10-11 AM

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FITNESS FOR EVERYONE

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

STARTING TOMORROW:

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PT CLIENTS/ MEMBERS/ CLASS PASS:
 SEARCH: FOR OUR FB PRIVATE GROUP FOR ACCESS:
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CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER COMMITTED TO SERVING CHILDREN IMPACTED BY TRAUMA

EGG-TRAVENZA
COTTONTAILS

June 13th
 Missouri State Fairgrounds
 Get your tickets now!

Eventbrite

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/>

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

Press Releases & Other Info



NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jeff Imboden, B&I Specialist
Warrensburg Parks & Recreation (WPR)
445 E. Gay Street
(660) 747-7178

Latest Update Concerning COVID-19 and WPR

WARRENSBURG, MO (April 1, 2020) – In accordance with the Johnson County Community Health Services (JCCHS) Public Health Emergency Stay-At-Home Order, and the City of Warrensburg’s Emergency Declaration to help reduce the risk and prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Warrensburg Community Center, which includes the Indoor Aquatic Center, gymnasium, walking track and Fitness Center, as well as all parks facilities, which include playgrounds, shelters, benches/tables, ball fields, tennis courts and the ABC Building, will be closed through April 30, 2020, and all recreational programming, leagues, sports, activities, classes and events will be postponed or canceled.

In accordance with the JCCHS support for the public to safely engage in certain outdoor activities, which may include walking, hiking, running, biking and fishing, the Warrensburg Parks & Recreation (WPR) will keep all trails and grounds open and accessible to the public, to the extent reasonably consistent with Social Distancing Requirements.

All Community Center All-Access Pass Memberships, as well as any related charges, have been paused and credit for lost time will be applied to all memberships. Staff will be in contact with those affected by postponements and/or cancellations of sports, events, activities and rentals, and more information will be released as soon as possible.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we go through this ever-changing process. It is important to realize that this is not only for the health and well-being of our patrons, but also the protection of the most vulnerable of our neighbors and community members.

Up-To-Date information about COVID-19 can be found online at www.warrensburg-mo.com and at www.johnsoncountyhealth.org/news/covid-19-information



Press Release

JOHNSON COUNTY CROP TO HOST ANNUAL HUNGER WALK

Warrensburg, Mo, March 25, 2020 - As we strive with our neighbors to stay healthy, Johnson County CROP will be approaching the Annual CROP Walk in a different matter this year—and in celebration of its 51st year.

We are encouraging all of our family and friends to walk with us VIRTUALLY. So we are urging all our churches and other organizations to still form teams. But we invite everyone to participate in some way in order to bring awareness to the issue of food insecurity and to raise funds to help people around the world with sustainable agriculture.

During 2019, 13,555 grocery carts were filled at the Food Center. In addition, 72 homeless individuals received meals. With so many of our neighbors struggling, you probably know someone personally who will go without at least one meal this week. But of course, they don't talk about it. And it may surprise you who is hungry.

So the link below can be used to submit your donation online. On April 25, we ask that you walk with us from wherever you are: your backyard, on your personal treadmill, on your block, up and down the stairwell in your house, etc. and post a photo on Instagram.

That way we can stay safe and still work together to care for others. We'll keep you posted and will share tidbits in the days leading up to April 25. See you on social media soon! www.crophungerwalk.org/warrensburgmo/

For information on **how to form a team and how to get your team's donations to us, as well as how to order tee-shirts**, contact Erica Jones-Collins at (660) 223-3260 or Johnsoncountycropwalk@hotmail.com. Let's work together to end hunger – one step at a time!



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 23, 2020

Old Drum & Friends Animal Shelter Closed to Public

(Warrensburg, MO) – Effective immediately, Old Drum & Friends Animal Shelter is closed to the public until further notice. The animals currently sitting in the shelter will continue to be fed and cared for by staff. However, the public will not be allowed to visit the shelter, volunteer, adopt a dog or cat, or surrender pets during this time.

Anyone who believes the shelter has their animal can contact staff directly to set up a time to pick them up. This will be on a strict appointment basis only.

“Please know that closing the shelter was a difficult decision, but is necessary to ensure the health and safety of staff. Keep in mind, all animals will continue to be well cared for. As much as the shelter would like to see these animals go to their forever home quickly, we need to ensure the safety of everyone by closing to the public,” said Kerri Lewis, shelter manager.

This closure will limit the amount of interaction between staff and the public. The public is encouraged to stay in their homes when possible. Information regarding the Coronavirus and up-to-date information from the City is available at <https://www.warrensburg-mo.com/777/COVID-19-Information-Page>.

The Old Drum & Friends Animal Shelter will resume normal business hours once the emergency declaration has been lifted.

safe and healthy environment amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

Beth Rutt, director of student activities, said the Campus Cupboard plans to be open 3-5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursdays throughout the rest of the school year to help individuals and families meet their food needs. It kicked off its new schedule March 25, and within the first 90 minutes it had served 92 students, enough to deplete the whole supply of pre-packaged food items for that day.

The Campus Cupboard opened its doors in October 2013. Through the generosity of private individuals, Harvesters food network, and local contributors, Walmart and ALDI grocery store, the campus distribution center serve about 500 individuals per month.

Rutt said individuals who arrived on Wednesday had access to pre-packaged bags of items that included soup and canned vegetables; chips, protein items such as plant-based burgers and chicken nuggets; bags of salad; hot dogs and buns; cookies and cupcakes. Drinks also were available. Some items, however, are getting harder to obtain due to the current high demand. Pickup is on the east side of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center

“Tuesday is usually our bread day. We didn’t get anything,” Rutt said.

She encourages individuals who are interested in helping others to contribute to the Campus Cupboard, either through food donations or monetary contributions that will go to help purchase items for those in need. The center also has a current need for plastic bags it can use in pre-packaging.

Individuals who have questions or want to assist should call Rutt at 660-909-1870.



Ben Ong, left, a senior dietetics major from Malaysia, and Kevin Sneed, assistant director for intramural and club sports at the University of Central Missouri, helped collect pre-packaged bags of food that were made available by UCM’s Campus Cupboard March 25 to university students and employees in need.



Dani Wilcockson, a graduate assistant from Troy, Missouri who is majoring in kinesiology, gathers food items to be packaged and distributed by the Campus Cupboard, which is located in the University of Central Missouri Student Recreation and Wellness Center on March 25.

**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**



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Campus Cupboard Sets New Hours to Help Individuals in Need

WARRENSBURG, MO (March 27, 2020) – Dozens of white plastic bags filled with food items and a table with drinks waited employees and students of the University of Central Missouri who visited the Campus Cupboard this week under recently announced new hours. The change in schedule is taking place to help ensure a vital need is met while also following procedures that will contribute to a



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Quimby Honors Music Professor Through Pipe Organ Restoration Project

WARRENSBURG, MO (March 27, 2020) – Showing his appreciation for a former music teacher whose positive impact was never forgotten, Warrensburg resident Michael Quimby is honoring the memory of Professor Eleanor Shockey by restoring the pipe organ she once played at the University of Central Missouri. The owner of Quimby Pipe Organ Inc. is beginning the three-year project to breathe new life and enhance the Hendricks Hall pipe organ the same year he celebrates a company milestone.

Quimby founded his firm in 1970 while attending what was then known as Central Missouri State University. He studied vocal music under Shockey while earning his bachelor's degree in 1973 and his master's in 1975, both in music.

"I had many teachers, but as far as a teacher who prepared me for what the real world was like after graduation, she provided the most insight," Quimby said. "She was a very multifaceted musician. She was a singer and a pianist who could sight-read anything. She was an organist, and a great lady."

Restoration of the organ allows Quimby to show his gratitude for a great teacher and mentor, and it is also an opportunity to preserve an important piece of university history. The bulky instrument, designed with the pipes intentionally hidden from public view, was built by the Austin Organ Company in Texas, and was purchased by private gifts at a cost of \$11,000. It was presented as a memorial to soldiers who died in World War I, and was officially dedicated in a ceremony that took place Jan. 19, 1924.

Quimby said his goal is to "refurbish the organ, enlarging and changing its character so that it will be an instrument capable of doing great organ and orchestral works." He added that his plan for restoration will actually make the organ better than it was brand new. When finished it will be an instrument with the style and signature sound that distinguishes Quimby pipe organs from those built by other companies.

Michael Sawyer, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, expressed his thanks for Quimby's gift, noting that the pipe organ restoration project complements other efforts to improve Hendricks Hall as a venue for campus music and theater events.

"Michael Quimby's generous gift marks an important landmark in the Hendricks Hall restoration and will be an integral component of the larger project," Sawyer said. "We will hold celebratory events when the organ restoration is finalized. We have already laid new carpet and plan to undertake the next phase of the project -- restoring the ornate ceiling and improving acoustics -- once our current multi-year donor pledges mature and we attract the remaining

needed private and grant dollars to complete this first major step. The community has been very supportive and generous, and we are honored to have the opportunity to return this historic venue to its former splendor."

Quimby and his restoration team brings plenty of experience to the UCM project. From humble beginnings as a small tuning and maintenance firm, Quimby Pipe Organ Inc. has blossomed into a nationally known company. It employs approximately 10 individuals, including craftsmen working in areas such as woodshop, console design, voicing, pipe making, and general production. With the exception of solid state components such as keyboards, these employees make most of the organ parts by hand at the Warrensburg shop.

"We call this place a little family," Quimby said about the collaborative environment at his business. "They work like a family together, and we take care of them."

Quimby Pipe Organ Inc. engages in projects worldwide involving organs of various vintages, some dating back to the 1920s and even 1800s. From the firm's first organ build, Opus 1, an instrument created for the First Christian Church in Warrensburg in 1973, they most recently finished building their 76th instrument, a pipe organ that was installed at the Dunwoody United Methodist Church in Dunwoody, Georgia. Among a growing list of projects are newly built organs at the Cathedral at St. Paul in Minnesota, St. Paul's Cathedral in San Diego, Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, and the First United Methodist Church, Athens, Georgia. This is in addition to a vast number of pipe organ refurbish and rebuild projects, including the organ at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City and the Cathedral at St. John the Divine in New York City, which has a pipe case that is five stories tall.

Quimby said his appreciation for pipe organs dates back to his childhood. He remembers "pestering" his

Father, securing books from the library at Oklahoma State University on the subject, after getting his first look inside one of the large instruments. "Magic" is how he described the experience -- a feeling that sticks with him 50 years after launching his pipe organ business.

Individuals who would like to know more about the organ project or how they can support the Hendricks Hall restoration may contact Michael Sawyer at 660-543-4750 or msawyer@ucmo.edu.

April 1, 2020

For Immediate Release

Note: This news release extends our closure to the public.

Contact: Kaye Fair, Public Information Officer, 1-800-748-7826

Care Connection senior centers will remain closed to public under federal guidelines; meals, other services continue

Care Connection for Aging Services' senior centers and central office remain closed to the public as they continue to provide home-delivered meals, pick-up meal service and telephone reassurance to homebound older adults.

These closures will remain in effect indefinitely in accordance



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with the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America. Federal authorities on Tuesday issued a new advisory asking people to stay home unless they must go out for essential business; to practice social distancing; and to not congregate in groups of 10 or more until at least April 30. Several of Care Connection's 13 counties are under stay-at-home orders from their local governments.

"Each center will follow the federal guidelines. In case the state, county, or city government imposes more strict guidelines that last longer than the federal recommendations, centers will follow the directions of the local authorities," said Care Connection Executive Director Diana Hoemann. "We will reopen as soon as we get notification that it's safe to do so. All centers are adjusting their meal delivery routes to decrease direct contact with clients. Most Care Managers are working remotely and using the telephone to stay in contact with clients. Our health and wellness support staff members are looking for ways to give information to older adults – either via Facebook or www.goaging.org or by sending it to be hand delivered with meals."

The agency has reduced its central office staff to three but still is fielding phone calls and getting messages to remote staff as soon as possible. The central office number is 1-800-748-7826.

Because only employees and delivery volunteers are allowed in centers, older adults must call ahead to pick up meals. The service is available to people 60 and older. Center staff will work on a case-by-case basis to meet the needs of clients.

The agency has canceled or suspended exercise classes, services such as tax preparation and in-person care management, in-person educational programs, in-center volunteer activities, and fundraisers.

To arrange a meal pickup or delivery, or to arrange telephone reassurance for you or a loved one, call your local senior center during regular hours or the central office 1-800-748-7826. The agency also is making regular updates on its website, goaging.org, the Care Connection for Aging Services Facebook Page, and its emailed newsletter. To subscribe to the newsletter, email kfair@goaging.org.

"Our priority continues to be the safety of our staff, volunteers, and clients as we provide services to the most vulnerable older adults," Hoemann said.

Care Connection continues to share information from trusted partners such as the Missouri SMP, the state Department of Health and Senior Services, and the federal Centers for Disease Control. The Facebook page and goaging.org also will contain links to Internet sites that might provide entertainment, education and socialization online.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has set up a hotline (877-435-8411) for possible Coronavirus reporting.

Care Connection for Aging Services is a non-profit area agency on aging that serves people 60 and older in 13 West Central Missouri counties, including Bates, Benton, Carroll, Cedar, Chariton, Henry, Hickory, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Saline, St. Clair and Vernon.

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University of Central Missouri Offering Free Online Creativity and Innovation Courses

By Janice Phelan, March 30, 2020



The University of Central Missouri-Lee's Summit is joining forces with MindEdge to offer three free online courses focusing on creativity and innovation. The free classes are provided to help individuals during this time of global pandemic and social distancing. They are open to current UCM students as well as other adult learners interested in enrolling in the free courses. MindEdge, a national company specializing in higher education and professional development content, has partnered with UCM for several years to offer quality online courses.

All offerings are short-term continuing education courses that can be completed online. The courses range from three to seven contact hours. The free courses are open enrollment and self-paced.

[Creativity in Teams and Organizations \(online\)](#), five contact hours
[Introduction to Critical Thinking \(online\)](#), seven contact hours

[Personal Creativity \(online\)](#), three contact hours.

The Missouri Innovation Campus is a unique Lee's Summit facility resulting from a progressive partnership between the University of Central Missouri and the Lee's Summit R-7 School District. It houses the school district's [Summit Technology Academy](#), a nationally recognized, career-focused high school program for juniors and seniors, as well as University of Central Missouri's degree and workforce development certificate programs.

UCM Workforce and Professional Education is recognized for its variety of face-to-face, online and hybrid courses designed to help adults launch a new career, expand existing skills and explore fields. Learn more about the university's professional education courses and in-demand career certificate programs [on our website](#). Online courses are in areas such as healthcare, information technology, business and manufacturing.

UCM paused classes through March 30 due to the pandemic with all courses going online on this date. Summer session courses will also be offered online with summer enrollment now open.

UCM continues to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation and its impact on our students and university community. Please visit the ucmo.edu/coronavirus for the latest information.



Business Articles



TIP: Do you know your communication frequency... and does it matter?

Vy Luu in [How to Improve Communication Frequency With Your Remote Team](#) says there is **one metric to improve the morale** of distributed teams and it's this:

"A high number of quality messages transacted within a team can be a reliable indicator of an excellent virtual leader. A study analyzed the communication frequency between managers and teams in different locations."

From [the study](#) Luu gives an example of one manager who stood out.

"The team he managed was noted for their 'excellent' morale. The difference between him and other managers was the high quality of interactions he had with his team. Quality, in this case, translated to 32 contacts per week with his employees. An achievement that outshone the others."

Using the leadership principles of Focus, Purpose, Guide, Change, Growth and Relationships Luu shares some **very practical** tips on communication, whether your relationships are face-to-face or with a remote team. It's a nine-minute read but we highly recommend it if you lead a team or will in the future.

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TIP: "Alright, Mr. DeMille, I'm ready for my close-up."

This famous movie line by aging actress Norma Desmond (Gloria Swanson) from the movie Sunset Boulevard is something we can all relate to these days. We need to be ready for our close-up!

Brian X. Chen in ["The Dos and Don'ts of Online Video Meetings"](#) (New York Times) says "our homes and workplaces are merging into one". Even well known news personalities are broadcasting from their residences, doing their own makeup and using a virtual background or tasteful shot of a room in their home. ,

The rest of us are doing the same as we turn on our cameras and let others see inside our personal lives. Dressing down, having your pets participate, or joining a Zoom meeting without any "ready for your close up" preparations may be OK in the very short term. Remote work is not going away so we believe that raising the bar on how you present yourself on camera is a good thing to do.

There is a tsunami of useful tips on best practices. Check out [Brian Chen's article](#) and this link from our March 18th Shepa Learning tip where Highfive, in a blog post, [How to use lighting like a pro for your video calls](#) offers some good tips on lighting for at-home video conferencing.

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Love What's Local is a collaborative campaign between Warrensburg Main Street, Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce and the City of Warrensburg to educate and encourage Warrensburg residents to purchase local goods and use local services. Loving What's Local helps create and maintain local jobs, support locally owned businesses and community nonprofits, encourage unique businesses that add community character, reduce environmental impact of out-shopping, and provide sales tax dollars to be spent locally. Love What's Local organizes annual events (listed below) to promote its mission.

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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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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 to find these resources!



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The Greater Warrensburg Area Chamber of Commerce is a community that supports business, values education and empowers leaders.

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