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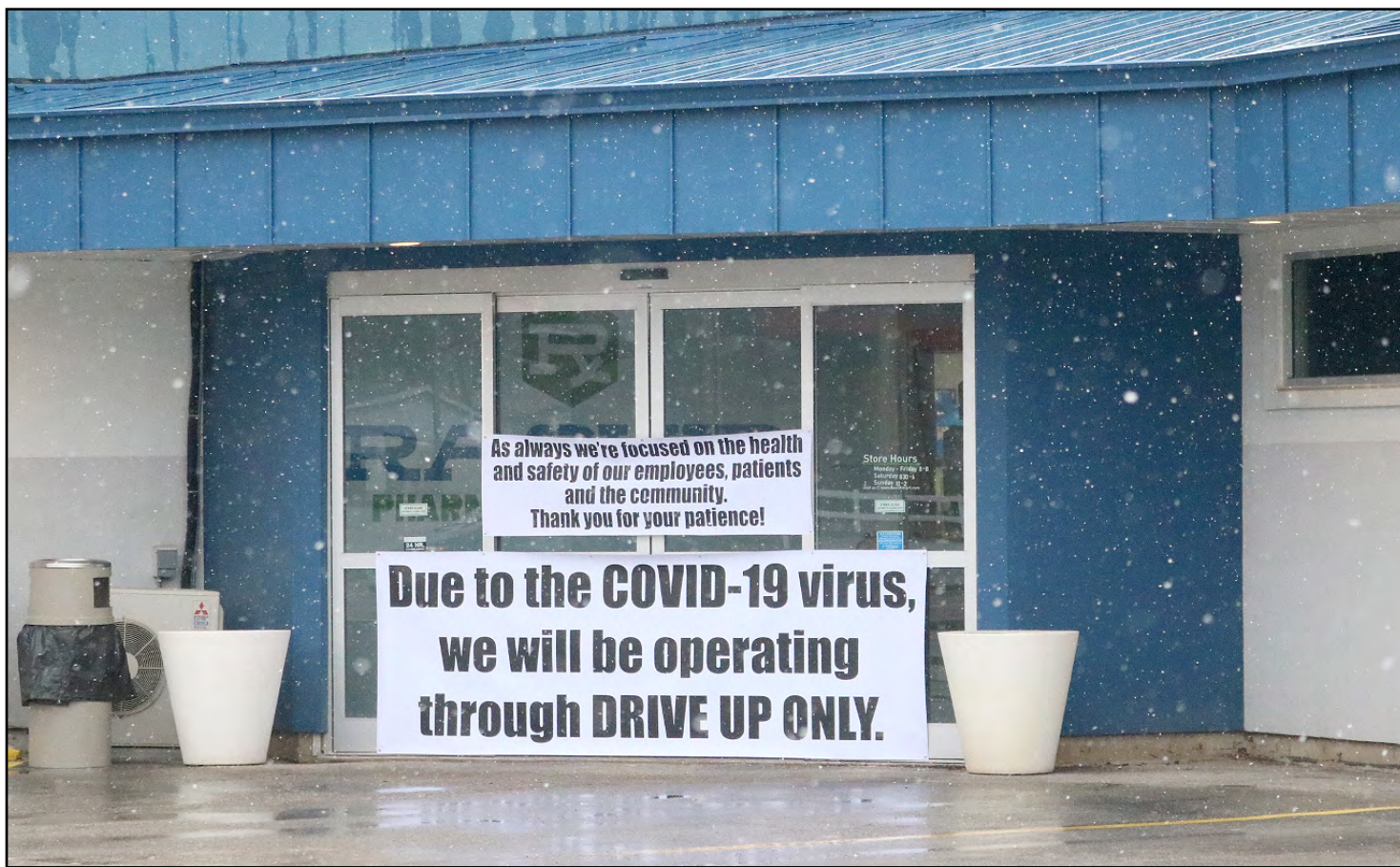


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Rashid Drug in Fort Madison has moved all services to Drive Thru during the coronavirus outbreak.

STATE LAB: Hygienic lab confirms 90 positive tests in the state through Sunday

DES MOINES – Sunday, Gov. Reynolds signed a new proclamation continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration. The proclamation includes additional mandatory closures, relaxes certain restrictions to promote additional social distancing and provides regulatory relief to Iowa health care industries, among other actions outlined in the proclamation below.

The proclamation closes the following from Sunday, March 22nd, 2020 at 10:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March, 31st, 2020: Salons, medical spas, barbershops, tattoo establishments, tanning facilities, massage therapy establishments, and swimming pools.

According to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), 22 additional positive cases of Iowans with COVID-19 have been found for a total of 90 positives in the state. There have been 1,215 negative tests conducted at the State Hygienic Lab to date.

The locations and age ranges of the 22 newly diagnosed individuals include:

- Cerro Gordo County, 2 adults (18-40 years)
- Dallas County, 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Dubuque County, 2 middle-aged adults (41-60 years)
- Harrison County, 2 older adults (61-80 years)

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IMPACTS

SBA offering low interest disaster loans to small businesses

DES MOINES – Governor Reynolds today announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued a disaster declaration for the state of Iowa as of January 31, 2020 and continuing. The declaration allows pandemic-impacted small businesses to apply for low-interest support loans. The declaration comes after Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds submitted a



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federal funding request via the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.

"This SBA Disaster Loan program is vital in assisting our small businesses that have been so heavily impacted by these unprecedented times," said Gov. Reynolds. "I will

continue to work with President Trump and his administration to provide relief to Iowa small businesses as we combat the spread of COVID-19 in Iowa."

The SBA is now making loans available statewide to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations to help

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OPINION

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Salem pastor got start at an early age

Diego knew he was on the right path, that God had spoken to him. Coming from Bolivia, speaking no English, and working on his ministry certification in the United States, he struggled desperately. He spoke Aymaran, a native language of the Andes, and had learned Spanish. He sat in the dining hall, people talking to him, but he couldn't understand a word they said. He prayed, "God you brought me here, help me learn the language."

He was mopping the floor and someone started talking to him in English. Diego understood what the person was saying and was able to respond in English. The man said, "Diego, you know English!" That was confirmation for Diego Chuyma (pronounced "chewy-ma") that he was on the right path.

His early childhood and teen years in Bolivia are filled with incredible stories of being asked to pastor churches when he had no training and very little education, but was filled by the love of Jesus Christ.

He went to the United States to study ministry. With no money, his education was funded by scholarships, work-study programs, and anonymous donations coming through at the last minute. God was directing him.

After receiving his Master in Divinity and Doctor of Ministry, Diego returned to Bolivia to start a church. One of the messages he preached to the people was, "God heals."

A visitor to the church was limping badly. He came up to Diego after the service and said, "I have been to so many doctors and taken so many medicines. Pray for me and I believe God will heal me." Diego placed his hands on the man

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WEATHER

MON 23 Mar.....Overcast, 43.0° F/ 41.3° F
 TUE 24 Mar.....Heavy Intensity Rain, 43.5° F/ 42.0° F
 WED 25 Mar.....Scattered Clouds, 55.5° F/ 52.1° F

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Obituaries/For the Record

Governor asks Iowans who've traveled to self-isolate for 14 days

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Johnson County, 2 adults (18-40 years), 1 middle-aged (41-60 years), 2 older (61-80 years)

Kossuth County, 1 adult (18-40 years)

Linn County, 1 middle age adult (41-60 years)

Poweshiek County, 1 elderly adult (81 years or older)

Scott County, 1 middle-aged adult (41-60 years)

Sioux County, 1 older adult (61-80 years)

Tama County, 2 adults (18-40 years), 1 middle-aged adult (41-60 years)

Washington County, 1 middle-aged adult (41-60 years)

Woodbury County, 1 middle-aged adult (41-60 years)

A status report of monitoring and testing of COVID-19 in Iowa is provided by IDPH and can be found here. In addition, a public hotline has been established for Iowans with questions about COVID-19. The line is available 24/7 by calling 2-1-1 or 1-800-244-7431.

The state of Iowa will soon begin sharing the number of negative tests conducted at outside labs.

Iowans who have traveled recently for business or spring break vacations, whether internationally or domestically outside of Iowa, should strongly consider self-isolating for 14 days. This will support Iowa's ongoing efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and limit the introduction of the virus from other points of travel.

Iowa has implemented many provisions to emphasize social distancing, and self-isolation after travel is another measure we can take to slow the spread of the virus and

avoid quickly overburdening our healthcare system.

To assist Iowans further, it suspends all foreclosures on residential, commercial, and agricultural real property.

The proclamation also provides professional licensing relief to remove barriers who want to step up and serve in medical professions and to prevent the expiration of professional licenses during the disaster.

To promote further social distancing, the declaration suspends in-person requirements for various activities.

Loan package part of \$2M SBA disaster program

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alleviate economic injury caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to \$2 million in assistance and can provide vital economic support

to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.

These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and

other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%. SBA offers loans with long-term

repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

03/18/20 - 12:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft reported at the police station.

03/18/20 - 3:51 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3200 block of Avenue I.

03/18/20 - 4:09 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

03/18/20 - 4:16 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue G.

03/18/20 - 7:36 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue P.

03/19/20 - 10:11 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1300 block of Avenue F.

03/19/20 - 5:17 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report

of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 03/19/20 - 5:17 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Kelly Francis Skelton, 54, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of 5th-degree theft. She was released after citation.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

03/18/20 - no news to report
03/19/20 - no news to report
Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

03/18/20 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls, one report of smoke, one burn complaint
03/19/20 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls, one false alarm and one lift assist.
03/20/20 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call.

OBITUARIES

CARMELLA L. BRUNNELSON

Carmella Lucy Brunnelson, 98 of Keokuk, IA died Friday, March 20, 2020 at UnityPoint Health in Keokuk.

She was born December 13, 1921 in Racine, WI the daughter of Natalie and Anna Samarco Minneti.



BRUNNELSON

On September 8, 1945, she was united in marriage to James W. Brunnelson in Racine, WI. He preceded her in death on June 1, 1995.

Carmella enjoyed bird watching, cooking shows on television and keeping her mind sharp by working crossword puzzles. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by one son, James B. Brunnelson of Hamilton, IL, three grandchildren, Sander Brunnelson of Wichita, KS, Nathan Brunnelson of Elmwood, IL and Susan Brunnelson of Keokuk, six great-grandchildren, Alex, Ryan, Maddie, Cailey, Lily and Alyssa, three sisters, Josephine Yunk, Francis Aiello and Anna Lawler and one brother, Dominic Minneti.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents and several brothers and sisters.

According to her wishes, there will be no services.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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Classifieds/Health News

GRMC adds additional visitor restrictions

WEST BURLINGTON – Great River Health will add greater visitor restrictions Monday, March 23, in an effort to prevent or contain COVID-19 (coronavirus) transmission in southeast Iowa.

Great River Medical Center and Fort Madison Community Hospital, which also is part of Great River Health, are announcing changes separately.

At Great River Medical Center, visiting is allowed only in designated areas. No visiting is allowed in these

areas:

- Intensive Care Unit
- Medical Care Unit
- Medical-Surgical Unit
- Progressive Cardiac Unit
- Rehabilitation Unit

In other areas, patients are limited to the same visitors for the entire time they are hospitalized. They must stay in the patient's room or designated visitor area. Visitors must be at least 18 years old (unless they are the parents of a pediatric patient). They must pass a screening before visiting these areas:

- Emergency Department

– One adult may be with the patient during treatment.

End of life when death is imminent – Patients may have two visitors.

Obstetrics Unit – Only the mother's designated support person may visit.

Nursery and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit – One birth parent plus one significant other may visit.

Pediatrics Unit /patients under 18 – One parent or guardian may visit.

Patients having surgery or procedures – One visitor on the day of surgery or the

procedure only

Clinic, laboratory or Diagnostic Imaging appointments

– One person may accompany the patient.

Families of the patients described below should work with the patient's health care team.

Patients with disruptive behavior whose family member is key to their care may have one visitor.

Patients who have altered mental status or developmental delays who require a caregiver to help provide safety may have one visitor.

Healing part of Salem pastor's life

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and prayed. Nothing happened. The man walked away still limping.

The next Sunday the man came back, and Diego prayed again. There was still no change.

The man came back a third time. Diego had to make a decision. Should he say, "Maybe it is not God's will to heal you" or "Maybe I don't have the gift of healing?" But the Bible says God heals. So Diego said, "I declare you healed in the name of Jesus Christ!" The man looked surprised and said, "Okay, Pastor. I am healed." He turned around and left, still limping.

At home the man had a supernatural experience. He dreamed that medical doctors entered his bedroom. He could smell the anesthesia they used. The doctors performed surgery on his leg. They left and the man woke up. He shouted to his wife, "I am healed!" He came back to the church, not limping, and gave testimony.

That was the start of Diego Chuyma's ministry.

A pastor from another denomination called and asked Diego to drive the demons out of his teenage daughter. Diego went to the pastor's house. The girl was writhing on the floor, possessed by several demons. Diego checked the Bible, prayed and cast the demons out. The pastor's wife asked, "Where can we learn these things?"

"Look in the Bible in the name of Jesus Christ," he told them. "You too can heal people and cast out demons."

Diego didn't learn these things in seminary. He learned them by reading the Bible and working with people.

Diego Chuyma has a wife, Rebecca, and three boys: John, David and Joshua. He is pastor of Salem Friends Church in Salem, Iowa. God directs his path, Diego follows.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com



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