

MONDAY NEWSLETTER

A weekly update from your local business community

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Chamber Office Update

Dear Chamber Members,

These are uncharted and scary times for sure and I know many of you are taking a hit due to the stay-at-home order issued by Governor J.B. Pritzker. For what its worth, know that we will do what we can to help you during this time. We have created a webpage with up-to-date Coronavirus related information at

www.macombareachamber.com/coronavirus.

If you have any changes to your business operations or hours (ie: you are now offering delivery, curbside pickup, online shopping, etc.) please let us know asap so we can keep our business listings page as current as possible. We update information as we

see it online, but do not have enough hours in the day to constantly check all your Facebook pages and websites. It'd be easier to email them to lauren@macombareachamber.com.

Finally, the Chamber is not much different than many of your businesses. Due to a large decrease in income and the uncertainty that lies ahead of us, both Shay and I are working at decreased hours until at least April 7. I ask that for the time being you only email Shay if it is email blast, newsletter, or social media related. All other businesses should be e-mailed to me. Our office is closed and we are both working remotely from home.

Thinking of you all, but from afar. Stay safe, everyone!

**WE ARE
HERE
FOR YOU**

Thank you,

Lauren
Executive Director
Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce

Weekly Newsletter

Hello,

We know that many of you are feeling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, both personally and professionally. While we do not yet know how this fully this will affect our community, we at the

Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce are committed to being a source of information for you as it develops.



To help keep our members and local businesses informed, we will now send a weekly newsletter each Monday with all the latest news that you need to share to as many people as possible. We invite you to submit your updates, flyers, resources, and more FREE of charge so that we can help you reach and stay connected to your local business community.

Please send all content to shay@macombareachamber.com.

We welcome you to email with any questions, concerns, or suggestions and we will try to help you get the resources you need as soon as we can.

Thank you and be well.

Shay Holland
Marketing Director
Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce

Local Business Updates



The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce is currently compiling a list of our local business and the impact that this health pandemic has on their hours of operation/policies/etc. We will update this list as new information is available. Our staff is working as hard as possible with the resources we have, so if you do not see a business listed, please feel free to contact our office with any information you are able to provide and we would be happy to get them added. Please click on the gray button below for more information.

COVID - 19

City of Macomb

COVID-19 PUBLIC UPDATE 3-19-2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE
Contact: Michael Inman
Mayor

Macomb, Illinois March 19 - During these unprecedented, difficult times, we are doing everything we can to protect our citizens and continue City operations. We would ask all citizens to stay home, practice Social Distancing, reduce unnecessary travel, and follow the guidelines below. We will be providing updates on a regular basis.

Informational websites:

CDC guidelines for travel, social distancing, and protecting yourself: www.CDC.gov

Illinois Department of Public Health: www.dph.illinois.gov

City of Macomb: www.cityofmacomb.com

Macomb Area Chamber www.macombareachamber.com/coronavirus



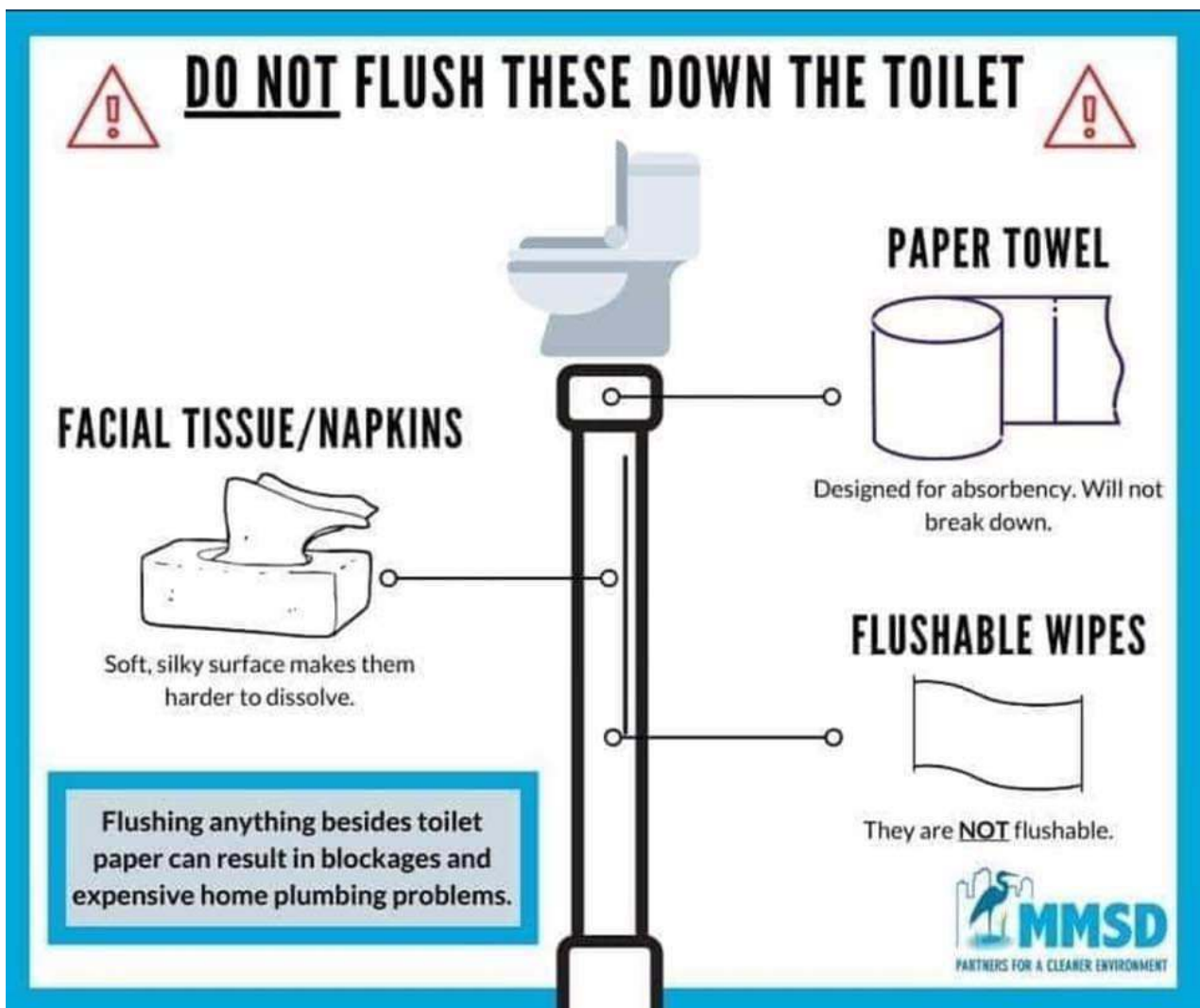
New Items 3/19/2020

- * City Council meetings are canceled until April 6th.
- * Waste Management has postponed the Spring City-Wide Clean-up originally scheduled for May 11-18. At this time, regular garbage pick-up and no-sticker yard waste pick-up is scheduled to continue.
- * Waste Management has suspended handling of incoming residential calls at the landfill and bulky item collection, either scheduled or extra call.

3/18/2020

- * City Hall is open with restricted access. We ask community members to communicate first via electronic means before meeting in person.
- * The Community room in City Hall is closed until April 6th.
- * City payments are accepted via mail, online at City website, and drop box in City Hall parking lot.
- * There is increased disinfection being done at City buildings and the train depot.
- * There is a moratorium on utility shutoffs for all utility companies. Water disconnections and late fees have been suspended until May 1 or the crisis has passed.
- * The City has identified essential operations and essential personnel.
- * The City water service department is restricting visits into customer properties except for emergencies.
- * Go-West is continuing public transportation operations to provide services to citizens that do not have other means of transportation.
- * Per Governor Pritzker's executive order 2020-08 onsite consumption of food is halted. Customers may enter the premises for carry-out or may use curbside pick up or delivery. Also, gatherings of 50 people or more are prohibited.
- * The CDC has recommended avoiding groups larger than 10.
- * With the restaurant's on-premises service closed, the City has placed parking spots for carry-out and curbside pick-up at the Downtown restaurants.
- * Action on administrative hearings for vehicle impoundments has been delayed 30 days.

The City of Macomb Waste Water Manager wants to remind our citizens of City of Macomb to be aware that only toilet paper is to be flushed down toilets. Flushing any other paper products can result in expensive home plumbing issues and costly city maintenance. Thank you.



City of Macomb

McDonough County Health Department

The McDonough County Health Department (MCHD), along with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), are closely monitoring information on COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019). MCHD continues to coordinate with local, regional, and state partners. Guidance documents and information updates will be shared on their COVID-19 webpage by clicking below, as well as their social media pages.

STOP

IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO BE TESTED
FOR COVID-19,
MCHD & SCHD DO NOT HAVE TEST KITS.

PLEASE CALL YOUR DOCTOR TO DISCUSS
YOUR SYMPTOMS AND TO BE EVALUATED
FOR POSSIBLE TESTING AT AN
APPROVED LOCATION IF CURRENT
TESTING CRITERIA ARE MET.
THANK YOU



Health Dept.

McDonough County Hospital

McDonough District Hospital is working with the McDonough County Health Department and McDonough County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency during the COVID-19 crisis.

If a patient displays symptoms of COVID-19 a test may be performed if they meet testing criteria. If a person is experiencing symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath they should call their primary care provider. If they do not have a primary care provider, call the MDH Family Clinic or MDH Convenience Clinic at (309) 837-6937.



For the latest updates, please view the MDH website below.

Small Business Assistance

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Illinois small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced today. SBA acted under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, to declare a disaster following a request received from Gov. JB Pritzker on March 17, 2020.



U.S. Small Business
Administration

The application and additional resources can be found by clicking the gray button.

Business Assistance

Western Illinois University

Western Illinois University is continuing to closely monitor the Coronavirus. This is an evolving situation, and updates are available from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including updated Travel Notices for countries with community transmission. The University's Pandemic Preparedness and Response Committee is following guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and national, regional, and local medical providers.



Western Illinois
University

They have set up their own webpage, which is intended to provide information about COVID-19 and the University's response and actions, precautions that are being taken and prevention measures you can take, as well as information on the effects of measures various governments are taking to mitigate the outbreak. Individuals with questions can email covid-19@wiu.edu.

The Western Illinois University GIS Center, in cooperation with the Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Geographic Information Sciences (EAGIS), have assembled a statewide web map to monitor the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in Illinois. Visit wiu.edu for more information.

WIU

Spoon River College

A Message from President Curt Oldfield

As we continue to deal with the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19), I want to remind everyone that the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and guests remains our primary concern.

This is an unprecedented situation for the country, state, communities, and our college.

- Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, Spoon River College will offer alternative instruction for the rest of the spring semester. Faculty will contact students about individual course instructional plans to complete the spring semester.
- Only essential staff, identified by administration, will work on campus. Essential staff will be notified by the President. Some employees will report to campus on an as needed basis that will be determined by their supervisor, in groups of 10 or fewer, and observing the 6 foot distancing rule. All other staff will work from home. All employees will be paid for their regularly scheduled hours.
- The College will remain operational but closed to the public from March 23, 2020 to April 12, 2020.

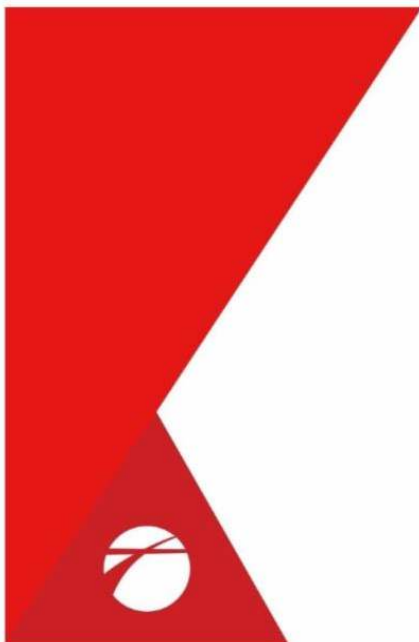


Please review our [FAQs section](#) for the latest updates. This FAQs section will be time and date stamped, so check back often.

Spoon River

The Crossing - Macomb

The Crossing Macomb (1600 W. Jackson Street) is currently planning to hold a drive up food pantry pick up this Thursday at 5:30 pm. There is no proof of need required. The church is accepting all donations of non-expired food and supplies at this time. Please contact the church for more information.



THE CROSSING - MACOMB

FOOD PANTRY PICK UP

ALREADY ASSEMBLED BAGS OF FOOD WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ON
THURSDAY 5:30-6:30 PM.
(DIAPERS & WIPES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)
WE ARE ASKING GUESTS TO REMAIN IN THEIR
VEHICLES IN A SINGLE FILE LINE IN FRONT OF THE
CHURCH. STAFF & VOLUNTEERS WILL BRING FOOD
TO YOUR VEHICLE.

THE CROSSING
M A C O M B

Our Food Pantry Needs You!!!

WE GAVE AWAY EVERY ITEM OF FOOD
WE HAD IN 30 MINUTES LAST WEEK!!
BELOW ARE THE ITEMS WE NEED:

Spaghetti O's
Canned Veggies
Canned Fruit
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Beans
Applesauce
Canned Meat
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Ramen Noodles
Diapers Sz 3 & 5
Baby Wipes

Hamburger Helper
Soups
Cereal
Oatmeal
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Mac & Cheese
Macaroni
Spaghetti
Potatoes

*You can drop Items off
at the church 1-3 Sat & 12-1 Monday*

Thanks!!!

The Crossing

Maurices

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Store Closure Update from our CEO, George Goldfarb

Dear maurices community,

The health and well-being of our customers and associates is our highest priority. With that in mind, we have made the decision to temporarily close our stores across the U.S. and Canada effective end of day today for up to two weeks.

We are so proud of how our teams have worked together during this difficult time. All store associates will receive compensation for their scheduled hours during this two-week period.

Our home office and design office associates in

Minnesota and New York will also work from home during this time.

We remain open 24/7 at maurices.com and are offering free shipping. You can also connect with us on our social channels Facebook and Instagram. If you have any questions or thoughts you want to share, we'd love to hear from you. Community has always been core to who we are, and now, more than ever, we're grateful to be part of yours.

You mean the world to us, and we're all in this together. Be safe and know that we are always here for you.

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

President & CEO

Maurices

Woodrum Automotive, Inc.



WOODRUM AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

3100 E. JACKSON ST. - P.O. BOX 110 - MACOMB, ILLINOIS 61455 - (309) 837-2321



To our dear customers, we wanted to let you know we are open for business! Our staff is fully aware of the current situation and we are taking all precautions. We will remain open during our normal business hours, 8 a.m.– 7 p.m. Monday and Friday, 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday.

What we're doing:

- We are introducing additional cleaning procedures. We are disinfecting cars after anyone gets out and our offices after every appointment.
- We are increasing the disinfecting efforts of our showrooms, service and parts areas, and offices several times per day
- We are educating and encouraging our staff to engage in good hygiene by frequently washing their hands

What to do if you don't want to visit the dealership:

- You can reach the sales or service department via phone or email
 - Phone: 309.833.2111
 - Email: sales@woodrumauto.com
- Visit our website at woodrumauto.com to shop our inventory
- Fill out a credit application online, once approved we will take the car to you with the paperwork where you will be able to complete the buying process.
- If you need service work done to your car we will gladly pick up, perform the service and deliver it back to you.

If you need any service for your vehicle, or sales assistance on a vehicle, please call us at 309.833.2111.

We are here to help.

Woodrum Automotive

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YMCA

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THE BAD THE BEAUTIFUL

First, take a deep breath.

It was a pretty sad day at the YMCA on Tuesday morning. The realization that we had to close the doors to our members for their safety, our safety and the community's safety was a hard "pill to swallow". The implications of this were far reaching as so many of you are already aware. I'd like to thank you for your membership to the YMCA and for your support of our mission to ensure family wellness.



Your YMCA is open seven days a week and rarely closed throughout the year. What can I say about a bunch of diverse employees, members and volunteers? Well I can say that we are a family. As a member of the YMCA you are part of a great community that supports kids and families from young to old, from diverse backgrounds and socioeconomic levels.

The YMCA is a community partner by providing the following until further notice:

HOME DELIVERED MEALS AND drive thru service for scheduled meals as well as tax preparation and senior information appointments.

The YMCA DAY CARE CENTER will be in service for 1st responders as well as medical personnel and single parents who hold positions in the community that are not required to close.

OUR AREAS OF FOCUS:

For Youth Development

For Healthy Living

For Social Responsibility

To continue to offer the above services we ask you to consider the following as it comes to refunds:

WALL OF SUPPORT

PAID IN FULL or MONTHLY CHECKING WITHDRAWAL

Our members are the backbone of the Y and without you we would crumble.

Members that have paid in full for the year or doing a monthly checking account withdrawal would simply go ahead with it and consider their payment a donation to this cause. All members, considering this, will be welcomed back to the Y after these knowing their contribution helped reopen the doors. Your name would be recognized for your selfless contribution. If you would like to make this more formal you may email staff@macombymca.org

Or you may choose other options:

PAID IN FULL for the year

We will extend your membership for the weeks that we were closed.

MONTHLY WITHDRAWAL for the year

We understand that money might be tight in your household. Please contact staff@stmacombymca.org to stop your EFT payment and if you wish to rejoin the Y when we reopen the Joiner Fee will be waived for up to two months after we reopen. You are valuable to us; we want you back!

CORPORATE MEMBERS

We will extend your membership for the weeks that we were closed. Please contact the HR representative at your business for additional information.

For information on cancelled classes:

We will make this right; we ask for your patience as this is dependent upon when we can resume classes. There will be a class credit, or we will be able to add the missed classes upon reopening.

We do have staff answering phones until the end of the week so call (309) 833-2129 8 am - 5 pm or email. During our closure, we will take full advantage of several things in our facilities such as deep cleaning, painting and repairs. The residents of McDonough County are strong and during this challenging time we would encourage you to continue supporting each other. Most of all, we are still here for you and your membership helps to ensure the YMCA will continue when we can reopen.

So, as we were wrapping up on Tuesday, getting ready to close the YMCA for an undetermined length of time, a long-time member said as she passed the Front Desk, with tears in her eyes "I'm going to miss this place, this is my family." Another man leaving at the same time said with emotion, "This is home for me." Both were understanding, they knew what had to be done for the good of the community and they both knew we would be back better than ever! We appreciate your kind thoughts and we absolutely feel like you are our family! We will miss you during this time. Looking forward to seeing you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

On behalf of The Staff and Board of Directors
YMCA of McDonough County

YMCA

Local Restaurant Guide

To ensure that the community has access to our local restaurants offering delivery, carry out, and curb side pick up during this time, The City of Macomb Downtown Development Office is currently listing restaurant menus within the entire Macomb area on their Facebook. We encourage you to eat local and #keepitinmacomb, while also practicing social distancing appropriately. Please consider continuing to support our local restaurants and all local businesses in whatever way you can in the coming weeks and months.



Menus

All Pets Vet Clinic and Macomb Dry Cleaners 2.0. is essential and open for business (normal hours and services) throughout this pandemic. We are here to serve all of our customers needs, now, just as we have in the past. Pick-up and delivery services are available to those in need. Please call for details. We look forward to assisting everyone.

Thank you
Eric + Karen Blakeley
All Pets Vet Clinic 309-833-2365
Macomb Dry Cleaners 2.0. 309-255-9928



Call please

Alternatives for the Older Adult

PRESS RELEASE
For Immediate Release

DATE March 19th, 2020
309-277-0167
www.alternativesforyou.org

Alternatives is available to assure health, safety and welfare of older adults in the community.

Of paramount concern to Alternatives (for the Older Adult) is the health, safety and welfare of older adults in our community. In light of the Coronavirus (also known as COVID-19) pandemic, we are taking extra measures to mitigate risk and to maintain necessary services and supports for individuals at highest risk.

Over the next thirty days, Alternatives' staff will be contacting individuals we currently serve to review their situation and safety. Per directives from the Administration for Community Living (federal), the Illinois Department on Aging, and the Quad Cities COVID coalition, we are discontinuing in-home visits, but continuing to provide coordination and support by phone.

We are taking every effort to assure services and supports continue without interruption, such as; meal delivery, in-home assistance and emergency home response. If you know of an older adult who is currently in need of resources and unable to access them at this time, please contact:

Alternatives at 1-800-798-0988 or alternatives@alternativesforyou.org.

Alternatives' mission is to promote the independence and quality of life for older adults, adults with disabilities and their families for sixteen counties in midwestern Illinois.

Alternatives

Office Specialists

Office Specialists to Continue Operations as Providers of "Essential Services"

Office Specialists will remain open during this unprecedented time. We are an "Essential Business" as we are key in logistics for public safety, municipalities, banks, food service and healthcare among others.



As we continue to do business, please consider the following:

- Items may be purchased from us easily by businesses and individuals working at home by calling 309-342-7711 to arrange for pick up at our curbside or for delivery. You may also email at angie@osi.biz, laurie@osi.biz or your Sales Consultant. For online orders, visit www.osi.biz, please register, if you are not currently set up.
- IT and copier services are also still available through Office Specialists at this time. We are able to provide network and IT services and remote troubleshooting. We will also continue to offer copier and printer service. Please contact 309-342-7719 for IT and 309-341-0300 for copier service. You may also email terry@osi.biz for IT and cathy@osi.biz for copiers or your Sales Consultant.

Keeping our staff and community safe during this time is a top priority for OS. Please be assured that we have implemented the following protocols:

- Our employees are exercising universal precautions as recommended by the CDC and local health department.
- We are continuing sanitization of frequently touched surfaces within our facility, warehouse and vehicles.

Thank you for your continued support of Office Specialists and we hope that you continue to support your local & regional businesses.

www.osi.biz

Birkey's Farm Store

As spring planting and construction season will likely begin within a few weeks, Birkey's is open and committed to providing you with the most seamless customer experience possible in these challenging times. We have stocked our parts departments and stand ready to support your equipment, parts, and service needs.

On Thursday, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued guidance on critical industries that should continue as the country addresses the current outbreak. Agriculture was included as an industry critical to the security of our nation. Friday afternoon, Gov. Pritzker of Illinois, issued a "shelter in place" order for the entire state of Illinois beginning Saturday.

Under the executive order, certain businesses are defined as "Essential Businesses and Operations," including those involved in the "manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries." Those industries are specifically excluded from the order because of their importance to our national security and infrastructure. He specifically names agriculture and construction in the list of manufacturing companies, distributors, and companies producing and supplying essential products and services.

Because we are an essential business, our locations will continue to operate under normal business hours from Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. To continue serving our customers



safely and effectively, we will be preventing public access to our showrooms, parts counters, and sales offices effective Monday, March 23rd. Although the front door to our stores will be locked, our parts, service, precision, and sales professionals will continue to meet customer needs.

Here are some ways we will continue to safely support you during this time:

* Store Locations - For details on any of our stores visit birkeys.com/locations.

* Parts - Our parts department will continue to meet your needs:

o Phone - Call our store to connect with our parts department who will assist you with your questions and orders.

o Online Ordering - Go to birkeys.com/parts and select your local store in the drop-down to order genuine Case IH or Case Construction parts for shipping or pick up at your local Birkey's.

o Parts Shuttles - will continue to move parts between our 17 locations.

* Parts Pickup

o Purchase parts online or over the phone and we'll place your order in a designated pickup area outside each store.

* Service - Our service department will operate normally and continue to get equipment ready for spring.

* Sales - Our sales team will be available by phone and email to meet your equipment needs.

o Online Inventory - Go to birkeys.com to browse our extensive pre-owned inventory. Easily request more information using the form and a member of our sales team will reach out to you.

* Trucking - Birkey's will continue to pick up and deliver equipment.

By using the telephone, email, online ordering, and no-/low-contact communications, we will dramatically reduce our chances of putting you and our employees in harm's way, while reducing the risk of closing our stores entirely due to infection.

We will continue to update our designated COVID-19 response webpage (<https://bit.ly/3a9TxeT>) and social media with any changes. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unusual time. We are prepared and focused on continuing to serve you!

Sincerely,

Mike Hedge

President and CEO

Birkey's Farm Store, Inc.

Birkey's

Free Range Yoga & Community Wellness Center

These are strange times and in such times we need yoga, breathing, strength, and centering even more. I have about 70 video clips on my Online Video Library for \$10 a month.

If you can't afford yoga - let me know! I am giving my Online Video Library FREE to anyone/anywhere who needs yoga - just ASK! I want you to stay sane and healthy during these stressful times too.

If you want to stream classes live/interactive I am currently offering:

Chair Yoga - Tuesday/Thursday 10am

Gentle Stretch - Tuesday/Thursday 4:15 pm

Yoga for All - Tuesday/Thursday 5:15 pm

Mighty Yoga - Wednesday/Friday 10 am

These are Central Standard Time zone. (Illinois).



I will also be offering one on ones for breathing, guided meditation, iRest, and Yoga Therapy. Contact me if interested at dawn@freerangeyoga.us I'm looking at offering some Saturday morning classes and a few other things, but I would like your feedback on what you want and at what time.

Please visit the link below for a full range of online classes or follow us on [Facebook](#) for the latest offerings.

XO! Remember CALM over CHAOS. We will get through this. We are resilient and we have each other.

Love, Dawn Piper

Free Range

Country Financial



You can help light up the ball fields

Just come to my office for an insurance quote, and for every quote I'll donate \$20 to the Macomb Park District's Push4Parks program to light the new youth ball fields. You must meet with me for the donation, and I'll donate up to \$1,000 maximum. Hurry, time is limited so contact me today!

Begins: February 14, 2020

Ends: May 31, 2020



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Let's help light the youth ball diamonds at Veterans Park. I'm temporarily waiving the part where you have to "meet with me" for me to donate the \$20 on your behalf for a quote. We can get information via phone (309) 836-2885 or email Abram.Olson@CountryFinancial.com if you'd like. Once we receive enough information for me to generate a quote, I will donate \$20 on your behalf to the Macomb Park District Push4Parks!

Thank you & have a great day!

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