

FOR THOSE REQUIRING the skills test for a commercial driver license (CDL): special priority is being given to applicants who have already passed a portion of the CDL skills test. Priority is also given to applicants who had a CDL appointment scheduled prior to the suspension of testing last month, school bus operators over the age of 70 requiring annual testing, and applicants with other essential needs. When CDL applicants schedule an appointment, an examiner will review a COVID-19 acknowledgment form, and advise the applicant to wear a face covering during testing and arrive in a sanitized vehicle. Testing is at the Owensville VFW, 604 W. Jefferson from 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Closed 12 to 1 p.m. for lunch. The Patrol will restrict the number of applicants in each facility to ensure recommended social distancing measures are followed. All applicants should wear appropriate face coverings while at the facility.

REPLACEMENT OF the Route A bridge over Third Creek south of Bland is scheduled to begin the week of May 18, according to Cpl. Coby Holzschuh who shared content of a memo distributed to patrolmen in the area.

A MISSOURI DEPARTMENT of Transportation chip-and-seal project on Highway 19 between Drake and Hermann is scheduled to begin Monday, May 11, according to Jacob Keeney of the Drake shed. He said Blevins Contracting is scheduled to start next Monday weather permitting. Signs will notify motorists to expect delays through the work zones.

THREE RIVERS Electric Cooperative reported 14 power outages Monday affecting 1,101 members in the Bay, Drake, and Chamois areas from a line of storms. Outages averaged 184 minutes.

course (with modified operations) remain open," Lairmore noted in the release.

Owensville Golf Course will continue to operate under modified operations.

No more than one person may ride in a golf cart that is not residing in the same household. Walking is encouraged.

Flags and pins are not to be removed at any time during play. If ball hits the temporary foam in the cup, it will be considered in the hole.

Lairmore has scheduled a special meeting of the Owensville Parks Commission for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, in the City Hall board room.

The Parks Commission did not meet in April and will need to determine when the Winter Water Park will be opened. The facility was filled this past week and pumps were serviced. In-house training for lifeguards is currently being scheduled, Lairmore told aldermen in her report on Monday.

Library curb service begins May 18, system won't reopen until June 1

Scenic Regional Library will remain closed through the first phase of Gov. Mike Parson's recover plan announced this week but will offer curbside service at all branches beginning Monday, May 18.

Monday, June 1, is the target date for reopening at full service.

Curbside service hours are scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays, 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, 3 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through May 30.

All libraries will be closed May 25 for the Memorial Day holiday.

Patrons will be able to call their local branch and arrange to pick up holds or items they've selected. Additional details about curbside service are still being decided, according to library officials.

Additional information will be sent to patrons in an email blast and on social media prior to the launch date. Most library staff will report to work on May 16 — the day after Missouri's state of emergency ends — and begin to check-in and shelve thousands of items returned during the closure.

In the library system's monthly newsletter, the process was detailed:

Returned items have already been quarantined on tables in each branch's meeting room for several weeks. Staff will also need to check-in and process thousands of interlibrary loan items which have been stored by the statewide courier in a warehouse in St. Louis. Items will also need to be quarantined at the library for at least 72 hours before being handled by staff or

checked out to patrons.

The library decided not to reopen during phase one of the governor's plan for several reasons related to the coronavirus.

Unlike foods purchased in a store and consumed, a library item can be circulated to multiple people. Materials delivered from other facilities by courier, or returned items, are quarantined for 72 hours to eliminate the threat of a live virus remaining on an item.

Scientific studies have deemed libraries medium- to high-risk environments for the transmission of coronavirus. Also, social distancing guidelines will make it impossible to assist patrons on the public computers or, due to their proximity, for the library to even have every computer available for use.

Children's toys and games are expected to remain in storage due to difficulty in disinfecting them.

Staffing presents another issue for the library. Over one-quarter of the library's staff is either over the age of 60 or have health conditions which could make them vulnerable to complications from coronavirus. Scenic Regional is in the process of purchasing protective gear and equipment for staff.

- All checked out items will not be due until June 15.
- Library cards will not expire until July 31.
- All Library programs, meeting room use, and outreach events are canceled at least six weeks after the facilities open up again, possibly longer, or around July 15.
- Do not return items while the library is closed.



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