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Empty grounds

Walworth County Fair, Ribfest canceled

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ELKHORN

The Walworth County Agricultural Society Board decided Thursday to cancel the county fair and Ribfest, the two largest events at the fairgrounds in Elkhorn.

"The board was concerned these events could pose a risk to Walworth County residents by attracting visitors from areas with much higher COVID-19 infection rates," Larry Gaffey, Walworth County Fairgrounds general manager, said in a news release.

"Ribfest and the fair are the largest events we hold at the fairgrounds, attracting people from as far away as Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and other counties in Wisconsin," Gaffey continued. "The board feared the influx of visitors could strain the county's public health system."

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ECHO executive stepping down after 25 years

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Karen Lisser went undercover as a homeless woman in Janesville for three days and two nights in the late 1990s.



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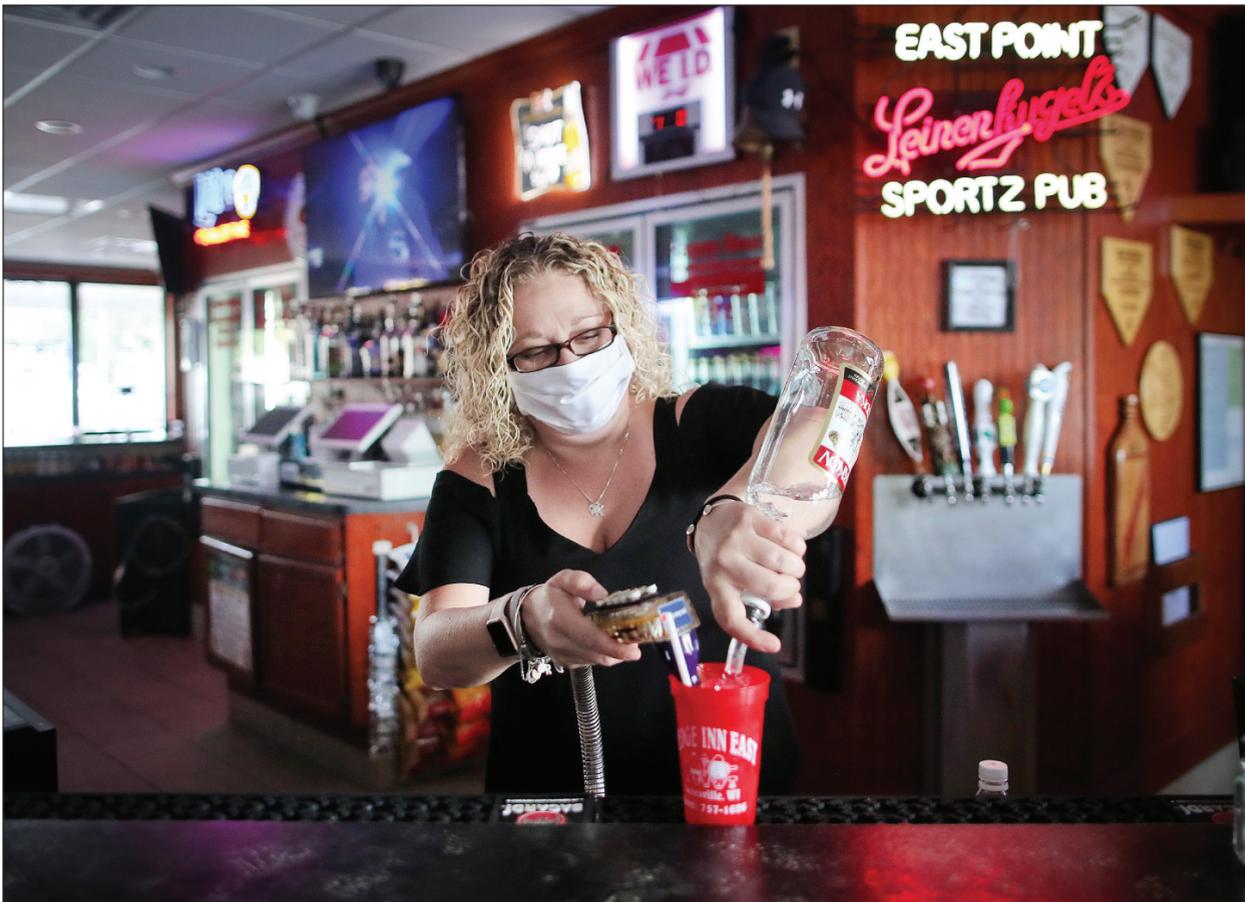
The executive director of ECHO colored her hair, wore no makeup and dressed in donated clothing to better understand what homeless people experience.

When Lisser went to ECHO to apply for food, the receptionist, who did not recognize her, told her she had to wait because people were ahead of her.

Later, Lisser walked to the

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TWO WEEKS OF WAITING



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Kendra Hoskins pours a drink for a customer while bartending at East Point Sportz Pub in Janesville on Thursday. Hoskins recently self-quarantined at home for two weeks while waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test taken at a CVS Pharmacy in Beloit.

Bartender mired in 14 days of uncertainty after drive-thru coronavirus test

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JANESVILLE

In the drive-thru at CVS Pharmacy in Beloit, Janesville bartender Kendra Hoskins took a COVID-19 nasal swab test.

When she finished, she sealed the swab in a test tube and opened a storage box in the drive-thru that collects COVID-19 test samples before they're shipped to a laboratory.

Hoskins said the drop box was so clogged with other people's test samples that she had to cram in her test kit to make it fit. That was on July 8.

Hoskins said she waited and waited for test results that she initially thought she would get in three days. A week passed, then 10 days. Still no word.

While she waited, Hoskins opted to self-isolate and stay home from her job managing

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—Kendra Hoskins

the bar at the East Point Sportz Pub—a move that scuttled her paycheck and left the bars scrambling to cover her daytime shift.

On Wednesday—14 days after she'd gotten tested at CVS—Hoskins' results finally showed up through an app the pharmacy instructed her to set up on her phone. She had tested negative.

Hoskins' experience comes as local and state health officials are acknowledging that COVID-19 testing has become bogged down at some laboratories, mostly because of a nationwide spike in novel coronavirus

cases and an increase in testing. "It's good to know, finally," Hoskins said. "But it was a stressful time. I knew I'd have to wait for test results. But two weeks?"

In an email to The Gazette this week, state Department of Health Services spokeswoman Elizabeth Goodsitt explained the logjam in testing:

"As the increased spread of illness happens across the country, we are seeing significantly slower turnaround times at the national reference laboratories, including those that pharmacies like CVS, Walgreens and

Walmart use, and that health care providers use to supplement their own testing capacity."

The bottleneck, health officials acknowledge, means some people—often those without access to a regular doctor or health care network—are waiting days, if not weeks, to get test results returned.

That has potentially negative ripple effects as public health officials work to track, quantify and respond to the ongoing rise in coronavirus cases.

Johns Hopkins University estimates the virus has infected 15 million people globally. In the U.S., more than 140,000 people have died from COVID-19 illnesses, according to a recent Associated Press report.

A Morgan Stanley biotechnology analyst estimated this

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