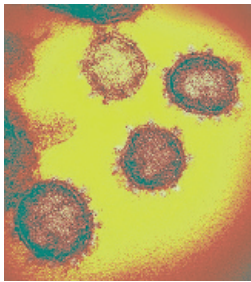


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A family dressed as characters from "The Wizard of Oz" walk down the sidewalk in downtown Fremont during a previous Halloween Hysteria.

County, Fremont have high response

Many area residents take part in 2020 census count

NOAH JOHNSON
Fremont Tribune

Both Dodge County and the city of Fremont had strong self-response rates throughout the 2020 Census count.

Dodge County finished 22nd in the state with a self-response rate of 70.1%, putting it in the top third of the state's 93 counties. Fremont finished with the 68th highest self-response rate in the state, with around 73% of residents self-responding for the 2020 Census.

A self-response can range from responding to the Census through the internet, over the phone or through an internet questionnaire.

Forty-six percent of Dodge County responded to the census through the internet. Across the state, 58% of respondents completed their census online.

Among its neighbors, Dodge County finished in the middle of the pack. Saunders County carried a 62% self-response

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'Trunk or Treat' event scheduled for Oct. 24

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Fremont Tribune

Downtown Fremont has found a new way to celebrate Halloween this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In lieu of the annual Halloween Hysteria event, which was canceled by MainStreet of Fremont due to concerns surrounding the pandemic and volume of guests that would attend the

event, the Fremont Downtown Development Group will have a "Trunk or Treat" from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 24 at Fifth Street and Park Avenue.

Councilmember Glen Ellis said the event came to fruition after a brainstorming session following the cancellation of Halloween Hysteria.

"I think we all came to the conclusion that we could do it

in a very safe manner," he said. "We came up with a solution that I think all of us felt very, very good about."

That solution focuses heavily on social distancing and limiting the number of attendees who move through the parking lot to collect candy from participants at a given time.

In addition to traditional COVID-19 precautions being

observed, Ellis said decals will be placed 6 feet apart for families to space themselves out and vehicles will be placed in every other parking space in the lot to encourage social distancing.

Additional volunteers will also monitor the line leading into the parking lot to ensure social distancing protocols are followed.

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Judge recognized for work

Dodge County District Court Judge Geoffrey Hall receives award

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Dodge County District Court Judge Geoffrey Hall received a 2020 Distinguished Judge award from the state last week for his work.

On Friday, Chief Justice Mike Heavican announced that Hall, presiding judge of the District Six Adult Drug Court, was the recipient of the Improvement of the Judicial System Award.

"Judge Hall obviously exemplifies what it means to be a judge

who has improved the judicial system through his many good works," Heavican said during his morning address.

Along with Hall's recognition, Judge Kale Burdick of O'Neill received the Improvement of Community Relations Award.

The Distinguished Judge awards were created in 1999 to recognize judges for their projects and accomplishment that enhance the vision of justice within the communities they serve.

Hall is the third judge to win the Improvement of the Judicial System Award from the Sixth Judicial District, which includes

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Fremont District Court Judge Geoffrey Hall (center) embraces Problem-Solving Court graduates during a graduation ceremony in 2019.

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Landlords will gain information at event

TAMMY REAL-MCKEIGHAN
News Editor

Landlords can learn more about the Federal Eviction Moratorium at a lunch and learn on Friday.

The Fremont Area COVID-19 Response Task Force is hosting the free event from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 23 at Christensen Field in Fremont. Masks are encouraged and social distancing protocols will be in place. The Fremont Area Community Foundation is providing the lunch.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 402-721-4252 or online at www.facfoundation.org/Landlord-Lunch&Learn.html.

On Sept. 4, the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an order halting residential evictions for nonpayment of rent if certain conditions are met.

The order is effective through Dec. 31, 2020.



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