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Rotary provides meals to TSA workers

South Tyler group lends hand to employees who are missing paychecks during shutdown

LEEZA MEYER

Federal employees lined up for free hot Tex-Mex meals Monday morning inside the terminal at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport as the federal government shutdown continues to leave many without pay.

The South Tyler Rotary Club

partnered with local restaurants and churches to provide daily meals to Federal Aviation Administration and Transportation Security Administration employees, who have been working without compensation since the shutdown began over a month ago.

“We’re trying to show that we

care and that we understand they’re out here working without a paycheck and they’ve got to eat,” said Tom DeWitt, a longtime South Tyler Rotary Club member and organizer. “How can we be anything other than supportive?”

The majority of federal employees are not reporting to work or receiving pay during the government shutdown. “Essential

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Javi’s donated fajitas to help the South Tyler Rotary Club feed federal employees at the Tyler Pounds Regional Airport amid the federal government shutdown. (Leeza Meyer/Tyler Morning Telegraph)

Blue alert still active

Authorities searching for suspect accused of shooting, injuring police officer, K-9

SANTANA WOOD

A manhunt in East Texas entered its third day Tuesday for a suspect accused of shooting and injuring a Jacksonville police officer Sunday evening.



Bobby Dennis

Bobby Michael Dennis, 64, is connected

to a Sunday evening shooting that left a Jacksonville police officer seriously injured and also wounded a K-9. A statewide Blue Alert was issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety for Dennis’ alleged involvement.

The officer was airlifted to a Tyler hospital and is in stable condition. He had surgery and is resting. The K-9 is being treated at a Tyler-area emergency vet, officials said.

Police issued warrants for aggravated assault against a public servant and interference with a police service animal.

Dennis fled on foot and is

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Attendees at the grand opening show off the range of products offered at Village Creamery in Tyler’s Bergfeld Center, including ice cream in a waffle cone, a cup of dessert, and a container of Madre’s Pimento Cheese. (Jennifer Scott/Tyler Morning Telegraph)

Sweet Addition

Village Creamery brings nostalgia, tasty treats to Bergfeld Center

JENNIFER SCOTT

The Bergfeld Shopping Center just got a little sweeter.

Village Creamery, the newest venture from the husband-and-wife team behind the beloved Village Bakery, recently celebrated its grand opening in Tyler, offering the community a menu of premium ice cream, sundaes, and classic hot dogs.

Located right next door to the decades-old Village Bakery, the idea for the Creamery was conceived by Rick and Denise Neal as a space to extend the bakery’s legacy of cherished memories.

“The bakery has so many memories,” Rick said. “We wanted to have a new place for people to come and create memo-



Rick Neal, co-owner of Village Creamery and Village Bakery, poses for a photo during the grand opening celebration of the Village Creamery in Tyler. (Jennifer Scott/Tyler Morning Telegraph)

ries, bring back some of the old ones — and what better way to do that than

through cake and ice cream?” The parlor continues the

Village tradition of quality by exclusively serving Henry’s Homemade Ice

Cream from Plano.

“Henry makes, probably, the best ice cream I’ve ever tried,” Rick said. “It was a no-brainer when we decided to do ice cream that we had to use Henry’s.”

The Creamery currently offers 12 flavors of high-butterfat ice cream, including staples like chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, mint chocolate chip, and non-dairy sorbet. They actively welcome customer suggestions for the rotating specialty flavors, emphasizing community involvement in the experience.

“I think input of what people want to see is important,” Rick said. “It’s not about me. I’m just creating memories here... giving people a platform to build, to bring back

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