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Adeana, a 16-year cosmetologist, says she offers a wide range of services including coloring, waxing, and perms. She offers haircuts for men, women and children. The one common salon service she doesn't offer is she doesn't do nails.

"This has been a real convenience for the residents of Viola," said Adeana, who is getting full-time help from Emily Elrod, a cosmetologist from Altamont.

Adeana has a great building and she's ready to cut, perm and wax. She's open five days a week beginning at 8 a.m. each day. She's closed Wednesdays and Sundays. Floyd's can be reached at 635-7712.

SHOPPING CENTER AVAILABLE

I noticed renovation work taking place at 901 N. Chancery Street in the shopping center next to Walmart when I drove by on Friday. When there's renovation work, a new tenant is often on the way.

So I called shopping center owner Allen Hitchcock to ask if a new business is on the way. Allen told me he is renovating the 1,000-square-foot office in the middle for lease, but then added he'd listen to offers for the entire building.

"At my age, I really need to sell it," said Allen. "It's a high-traffic area and really a great location. The only drawback is there's not a lot of parking."

Allen said because of limited parking, the shopping center works best for appointment-type businesses. He said it's not ideal for retail that can get heavy foot traffic.

"I'm completely remodeling the middle spot and making it look nice," said Allen. "It should be done



Floyd's Hair Parlor has opened at 10401 Viola Road, just off Town Square in Viola. Business owner Adeana Myers, right, is joined by Emily Elrod in operating the small-town hair salon that cuts hair for men, women and children. The phone number is 635-7712.

in the next day or two."

Selling property on N. Chancery Street seems to be the current trend. As I was driving back to the office, I noticed six "For Sale" signs on property along that street, including both corner lots at the intersection with Northgate Drive. If you're interested in commercial property, I'd say N. Chancery would be a logical starting point.

TENNESSEANS EARNING MORE

If we're playing "Family Feud" and I were to ask 100 people, "What's one thing you'd like to see in your paycheck?" I'm confident the No. 1 answer would be "More Money!"

According to figures released Thursday by the state, Tennesseans are taking home a little more money in our paychecks

this year than the year before. Somehow, I think my paycheck may have been left out of this study.

The state says the median wage for all Tennessee occupations increased 3.16 percent from May 2016 to May 2017. The median wage is now \$33,870.

The latest statistics show the value of having a college degree. According to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the median wage for a person with a bachelor's degree is \$60,830. That's nearly twice the average salary of \$33,550 for a person with a high school diploma or equivalent.

The state says the difference in workers with some college, versus pay for workers with no college at all, is an average of \$11,000 a year.

"The state's economy is thriving and more money in a person's paycheck is going to help that continue," said Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Burns Phillips.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend and get ready for the upcoming thrills of the Warren County A&L Fair. Phone in your business tips at 473-2191.



Photo courtesy Louis DeLuca/ Dallas Morning News
Pictured is a breathalyzer that can test for drugs, including meth.

Professor, student work on meth breath detector

DENTON, TEXAS (AP)

— A University of North Texas professor and one of his graduate students have spent the last nine years making meth, fentanyl and PCP in a lab.

The Dallas Morning News reports it's all legal — the feds signed off on it — and they've used the drugs to test a new device they're developing: a breath analyzer that can identify marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine and other drugs in people's systems.

Guido Verbeck, a chemistry professor, created the device with the help of grad student Tom Kiselak.

The device isn't yet ready for the market. But Frisco-based InspectIR has been working with the researchers and sees law enforcement and medical uses for the device.

"The demand is going to be off the charts," said John Redmond, one of the founders of InspectIR.

The device they are working on is bulkier than a traditional alcohol breathalyzer. The size is because a mass spectrometer, a device that analyzes the chemicals, is contained within the device.

A mass spectrometer usually remains stationary and is about the size of two home printers stacked on top of each other. Verbeck has managed to make a smaller spectrometer that can fit into the palm of a person's hand.

The device is designed so that when a person breathes into it, a carbon mesh captures the organic chemistry, eliminates the air and water from the breath, and sends the rest to the mass spectrometer. Within 15 seconds, the screen lights up with the results.

Verbeck has tested the gadget with the drugs he's made and a machine that can imitate human breath.

Once they work out the kinks, the duo will need



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to win approvals and go through clinical trials with humans. Verbeck expects to be finished with the process by the end of the year.

If they're successful, InspectIR can take the gizmo to market. Verbeck estimates the commercial version of the device will cost between \$20,000 and \$40,000. Over time, he expects the price to fall to about \$10,000 as production becomes more efficient.

Verbeck said if someone on opioids or other drugs was unresponsive and needed medical treatment, they could breathe into the device so doctors could diagnose them quickly and give them appropriate treatment.

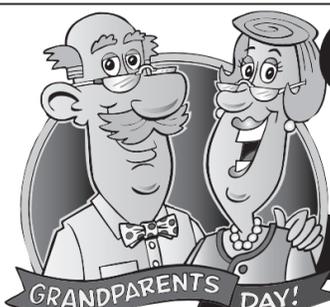
Public safety uses could be in the offing as well. In Texas, it's illegal to drive under the influence of drugs. While an officer can perform a field sobriety test, they have no means to confirm the person is impaired because of drugs other than alcohol. They would have to order a blood or urine sample to verify it.

And as more states legalize marijuana, a portable test can help officers identify when people are driving with more THC in their system than legal limits allow, Verbeck said.

Erwin Ballarta, executive director of the Texas Police Association, said Verbeck's device would be a useful tool for law enforcement since it's less invasive than a blood or urine test and can produce results in the field.



Allen Hitchcock is renovating the middle unit of this shopping center on N. Chancery Street near Walmart. You can lease that space or buy the entire shopping center. For more details, call 507-7065.



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