

Howdy Sisters and Brothers,

I hope you have had a good week. I had intended to get my message out early in the day, but this week and today especially became as involved as any day I have had. This week I have been working very hard to form a task force for economic recovery and next steps for our county, working with our leaders and identified key businesses. As chairman of the chamber and with all my work in broadcast with hundreds of small businesses, working toward solutions and helping business, while also coordinating efforts for safety and well-being, has certainly been a tight focus for five weeks now.

There are so many important things that we each do to help our communities, each in our own way. I applaud everyone for doing your part. I say thank you to our health care providers, to those who work at the stores each day, such as my son who works at WalMart, to all the essential workers, to those who stay at home, to those who wear their face masks and gloves when they go out to help protect us all...So many thank yous are needed. ...And I know how discouraging it can be to now have the "Stay-at-home" orders extended to the 15th. We can do this as we are OES Strong!



I wanted to share something funny. In observing people shopping the few times I have been to the store in the past month, I have seen the strangest shopping basket contents. Two young men, in their twenties, stepped into line behind me at the WalMart checkout, seemingly very proud of their shopping experience. Where everyone around me had essentials—FOOD, TP, any cleaner they could find, etc., these two young men were so happy with their selected items. The bottom of their basket had as many Dr. Pepper 12-packs they could fit on the bottom rack. In the basket they had several cases of beer and on top of all the beer, there were 20 or more t.v. diners. They were set and proud of it!

I would love to hear some funny stories of things you have seen in your COVID-19 shopping experiences.

Keep the humor and know this too will pass!

Star Love,

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