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## Local bakery's video goes viral



Aspen and her husband Marshall. COURTESY

**BY LINDSEY RENUARD**  
News Editor

If you have been on the Internet lately, you may have seen a video of pimple cupcakes. The video that shows a cupcake that you can “pop” went viral with over 42 million views. And that cupcake was made right here in Skiatook.

Aspen Jackson started baking seven years ago when she was pregnant with her youngest son. She wanted to make her own cakes for her children's birthday parties, but had no idea where to start. Her sister-in-law taught her some basics and Jackson kept learning. “I got hooked and I have been baking ever since,” she said.

She now has her own in-home bakery, Gracie Pearl Confections. She bakes and decorates cakes, cupcakes, cookies, cake balls and cake pops. “I'm always looking for fun new baking project to try. I love the challenge and I love the feeling I get when I nail a new recipe or decorating technique,” Jackson said.

The video of her cupcakes going viral was a huge surprise. She posted the video to the Gracie Pearl Confections Facebook page and shared the video on her personal page. A friend asked if he could share the video with friends and it just took off from there. The video has 42.4 million views and 21.9k shares. Jackson was also contacted by several large Facebook pages to feature her video on those pages.

“The pimple cupcakes were a custom order from a local medical office,” Jackson said. “They wanted



Watch the video on our Facebook page SkiatookJournal. COURTESY

pimple cupcakes and they wanted them to be as gross as I could make them so I went for it! I had seen pimple cupcakes before, so I had an idea of what she wanted.”

Business has definitely picked up for the in-home bakery since the video went viral. Jackson took this past summer off from baking to spend time with her five kids and step-kids, but she's back in the kitchen and ready to provide the perfect desert for any occasion. “I love the look on a customer's face when they are happy with their order,” Jackson said. “I'm always a little nervous when I present a cake because I have put so much of myself into it and I always want to meet my customer's expectations.”

The toughest part of running your own bakery, according to Jackson, is the deadlines. “It's a balancing act. I want my deserts to be fresh

and delicious, but I also need to allow time for mistakes.”

Last year Jackson had just finished icing a cake, turned around cake in hand and ran straight into her five year old son. “I dropped the cake and it landed in pieces all over my kitchen floor! Luckily, the cake wasn't due until the next morning and I had time to remake it. I was up all night with it, but I got the cake delivered on time so everything worked out.”

Gracie Pearl Confections specializes in fondant work and decorated sugar cookies. You can contact Gracie Pearl Confections through their Facebook page or e-mail [aspennjackson@gmail.com](mailto:aspennjackson@gmail.com).

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Christopher Renuard's donation was received by Officer Tony Harper (left) and Officer Tracy Moore (right). LINDSEY RENUARD/Skiatook Journal

## 7th grader donates stuffed animals to SPD

**BY LINDSEY RENUARD**  
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Newman Middle School 7th grader Christopher Renuard donated a bag of stuffed animals to the Skiatook Police Department.

Officers give the stuffed animals to children they come across during the course of their duties and who need some comfort.

“I wanted these stuffed animals to be loved,” Renuard said. “I loved them and I wanted to make sure they served a good purpose in their next life.”

Officers Tony Harper and Tracy Moore received the donation and thanked Renuard for his donation and thinking of others.

## Real ID extension granted for OK

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety and Governor Mary Fallin have been notified that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has granted Oklahoma another REAL ID extension until October 10, 2018.

This means the federal government will continue to recognize Oklahoma driver's licenses and ID cards until that time.

“This is great news for Oklahomans, and means there will be no restrictions on individuals using Oklahoma licenses to fly or access federal buildings through October 10 of next year,” said Fallin. “I applaud our lawmakers for working in a constructive, bipartisan fashion in approving legislation earlier this year that made Oklahoma compliant with the REAL ID Act.”

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## Skiatook Library closing for renovations

**BY LINDSEY RENUARD**  
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The Skiatook Library will be closed from October 30 through November 15 for building renovations. They will reopen on Thursday, November 16.

While the library is closed materials on hold can be picked up at:

Judy Z. Kishner Library  
10150 N. Cincinnati Ave.

Sperry, 74073



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