

# SPLASHTACULAR

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world that includes the business' international jobs.

The walls of the conference room are decorated with photos of previous jobs, including a large mural of an indoor water park at the Hobbs Center of Recreational Excellence in Hobbs, N.M.

Weidman said the Hobbs job was particularly noteworthy because Splashtacular not only designed the waterslides, but also choreographed the entire experience, which includes lights and music.

Next to the mural are photos of other projects, including a creative water-spitting frog that is featured at the

Laughing Frog Lolly Shop and Water Park at the Australia Zoo, which was made famous by the late Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin.

Other recent projects include supplying waterslides and an aquatic play unit for Water World in Dothan, Ala., and new ramp slides and the stand-up slide for a new water park in Garden City.

Weidman said he has also been in discussion with Paola city officials regarding possible improvements to the Paola Family Pool.

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Alex Weidman of Splashtacular talks about a water-spitting frog his company designed for the Laughing Frog Lolly Shop and Water Park at the Australia Zoo, which was made famous by the late Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin.

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## Chamber shines spotlight on Wright Way Homes



OSAWATOMIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Kirk and Shelagh Wright of Wright Way Homes prepare to cut the ribbon in front of one of their new home builds Feb. 9 in Osawatomi during an Osawatomi Chamber of Commerce coffee. The Wrights, known for their quality home remodeling work, decided to try a new venture and invested in a large, empty piece of property on the east side of Osawatomi with the vision to split the lot and build two new houses from the ground up, according to the Chamber. Over 25 people showed up to honor Wright Way Homes as the Chamber's Innovative Business Spotlight business for February and to tour the two new homes. The Chamber event featured coffee from Chris' Café and muffins from McLeran's Sweet Treats. "I'm thankful to have so many people showing up to support locals with a pandemic, snow, and frigid temperatures that could all be keeping them away," said Chamber Executive Director Kari Bradley.

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Most of these poisonings occur in the home and half involve children under age 6. Chemicals, household cleaners and medications are all potential sources of accidental poisonings. Follow these tips to poison-proof your home and protect the little ones you love.

- Safely dispose of all unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs and supplements.
  - Keep the number for the poison control center in your cell phone and by your home phone: **1.800.222.1222**
- If you think a child has been poisoned and the child is awake and alert, call 1.800.222.1222. If a child has collapsed or is not breathing, dial 911 immediately.
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