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The Lebanon Daily Record and Lebanon Publishing Company office will be closed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today as the staff enjoys its annual Christmas lunch.

Also, there will be no newspaper on Monday, the day after Christmas, but the newspaper office will be open that day.

Normal publication will resume with the Tuesday morning edition.

For the New Year holiday, there will be no change to the normal schedule. There will be a newspaper on Jan. 2.

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DTE REBRANDED

New owner brings new emphasis on engineering

Under new leadership, Detroit Tool and Engineering is looking back on its 80-year legacy while preparing for the next 80 years.

New owner Jim Sheldon, who purchased the company in September, is bringing a longtime economic pillar of the Lebanon community into the future in a rebranding campaign that puts and emphasis on what DTE does best: engineering. The company is abandoning the old name DTE for DT Engineering.

"When we say Detroit Tool and Engineering, it's somewhat of an afterthought. We wanted to blend that in. In today's technological world, it's not all about tooling now, it's about the engineering piece of the business...so we want to emphasize engineering," Sheldon said.

Mike Kleeman, a controls engineer at DT and Engineering, explained that while the term "tooling" is still viable, it's outdated when explaining just what exactly the company does.

"It's a term that lends more toward a blacksmith shop than machines. It doesn't really catch the automation and stuff we're known for," Kleeman said.

Emeritus Vice President Bill Brandt explained that DT and Engineering is a company that brings "con-



Kleeman

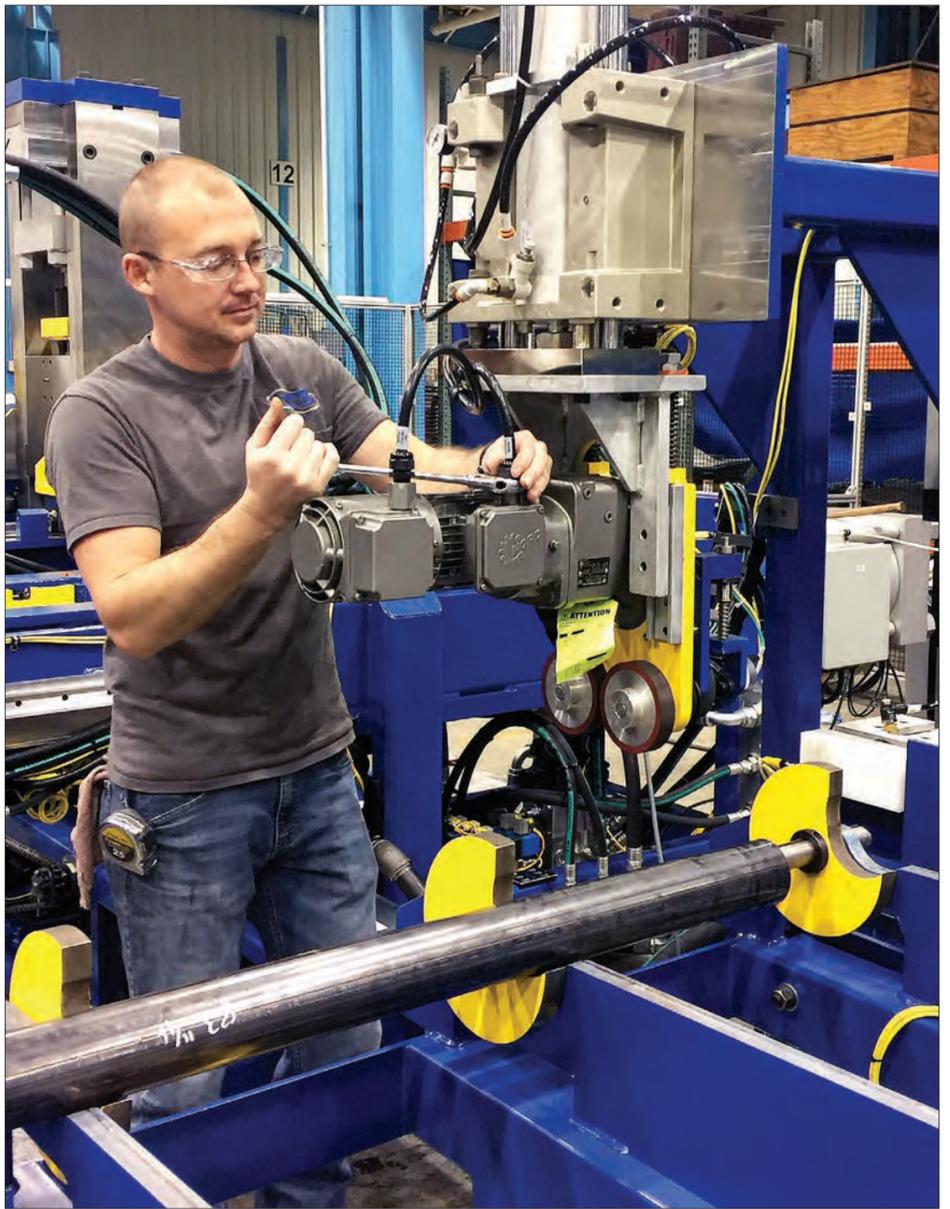


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DT Engineering employee Kris Hopkins puts the finishing touches on a machine.

cepts to life."
"A customer has a project, whether it be a dye tooling or automation, and they've got an idea of what they're wanting to do or a product they're wanting to make. ...We take



Brandt

that concept and create what it takes to build the pieces to make it," Brandt said.

DT and Engineering has built machines to manufacture complete products or pieces to products in every industry from agricultural machines to medical equipment.

"What you see in here today, six months down the road that will be out of here, and we'll be working on different stuff. It's very

dynamic," Brandt said.

Along with the new name, the local plant is unveiling a new logo. Behind the name is a large circle with different lines of motion inside it. The logo is meant to simulate a perpetual motion machine designed by Leonardo da Vinci. A perpetual motion machine is one that in theory would once activated run forever.

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Have your cake ... and eat it too

AMY BARTELS
MU EXTENSION

Holiday baking is a favorite tradition for many people this time of year. But those extra goodies can add up to a whole lot of unwanted and unneeded calories. Here are a few basic ingredient substitutions to make your holidays a bit healthier this season. Now you can have your cake...and eat it too!

Egg whites for whole eggs:

This isn't a tip to always follow, as whole eggs are a great source of healthy fats and contain many important vitamins, although sometimes, it pays off to make the swap for just egg whites. If you're baking, for example, using whites instead of whole eggs reduces fat content in your final dessert. Egg yolks are also high in cholesterol, so for some people, whites are always a healthier alternative. Using a combination of whole eggs and egg whites in your recipe will ensure you get the health benefits of the yolk



without overdoing it.

Cottage cheese for cream cheese:

These two ingredients are actually similar already, but cottage cheese is full of protein while cream cheese is higher in fat. If you're a fan of the creamy cheese texture, puree your cottage cheese, then stick it on your bagel or sub it into

your recipe and you won't notice the difference.

Applesauce for oil, sugar or butter:

Applesauce has many uses in addition to being a great snack. Even unsweetened applesauce, the healthiest version, adds sweetness to recipes and its texture makes it a good butter substitute. Applesauce

can be substituted in a 1:1 ratio but be sure to reduce other liquids to compensate for applesauce's thin consistency.

Stevia for sugar:

A natural sweetener, stevia is lower in calories and 300 times sweeter than sugar. While stevia's price can get pretty steep, it's definitely worth it for baking purposes. One cup of sugar is approximately equal to 1 teaspoon of liquid stevia or 2 tablespoons of powder.

Almond flour for white flour:

As you might have guessed, because of the health benefits of almonds, almond flour is much healthier than its white alternative. Though it can be higher in calories, it contains all-important nutrients. Almond flour is high in healthy mono-saturated fats and is also cholesterol-free and contains several vitamins, as opposed to white flour, which is primarily a simple carbohydrate.

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"The jobs are perpetually moving through the shop. In six months, we'll have something new to build, and a year from now, it will be something completely different. We don't just get to build a batch of widgets, we get to build all the machines to make those different widgets," Brandt said. "To me, that's what is exciting about the job. Every day is a new day."

Because of the nature of the job, it can be a continual learning process. Recently, the company got a contract to build a machine that would make a nozzle for a spray can. Mechanical engineer Damir Kolasinac said figuring out how to build the machine,



Kolasinac

which was unlike any other the company had done, was a "crash course."

"For automation, everything has to be repeatable, so you're relying on all components to work together perfectly. Consistency is the name of the game, and it can be so difficult to obtain that. That's why you need specialists like us to obtain that," Kolasinac said.

Along with the focus on rebranding, DT and



we bring concepts to life

Engineering is also centered on emphasizing the importance of employees. Upon purchasing the company, Sheldon, a former employee himself, gave all of the employees a raise and a bonus. He has said since the purchase was made that the employees of the company are one of its biggest assets, and he is trying to treat them that way.

"We all feel that (Sheldon) could have bought any company anywhere, but he came back here because of the people who work here, because of the talent. He respects that and that's the big thing that we have," said IT Manager Kelly Hicks.



Hicks

Since the change

over from former owner Thompson Street Capital Partners, a St. Louis-based private equity firm, Kolasinac said that he no longer feels like a number but a valued employee. With Sheldon, there is a personal touch that was not available through the previous corporate owners, he said.

"He wants us to take an interest in this place and see it survive, whereas before, there was no incentive for you to care," Kolasinac said.

Employees tend to stay at DT and Engineering for a long time. According to Hicks, the average tenure is 23 years. There are even employees that are approaching the 50 year mark.

Sheldon has already presented the company with a 5-year plan. Part of that plan includes expanding to more clients and obtaining

more jobs.

"We're good at what we do. Now, we've just got to go out and find the customers to recognize that," Kleeman said. "... He's pumped new life into this company."

To do the extra work, though, DT and Engineering is going to need more employees. The company has recently started ramping up its hiring.

In the past 14 weeks, the company has hired 16 people, and it's not done yet. During a speech to the Lebanon Rotary Club in November, Sheldon said he predicts the company will double in size by 2020. The company currently has 120 employees.

"Jim brings this enthusiasm and drive back to the company that hasn't been in place in awhile. It's really exciting," Brandt said.

According to Brandt, there are no facility expansions on the horizon. Due to some rearranging, the company should have plenty of room to expand its operations without expanding the existing building.

LOCAL

Sporting goods thief leaves pants at scene

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A sports equipment store burglar left behind a pair of pants after fleeing the scene.

Just before 4 a.m. Tuesday, Lebanon Police officers responded to Hibbett Sports, 168 Evergreen Parkway, to investigate a burglar alarm. When they arrived, the front door window had been busted out and a pair of pants was lying in front of the store, accord-

ing to an LPD incident report.

Officers went inside the store, but the burglars had already left. Police report that it appeared that what was stolen was taken from the front of the store. At the time of the report, a list of missing merchandise had not been made yet, the report says.

The investigation has been forwarded to the LPD's detectives for investigation.



Vandal damages BNSF door

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The vandal who damaged a BNSF Railroad warehouse door Tuesday is currently unknown.

At about 6:50 p.m. Tuesday a Lebanon Police Officer responded to the BNSF Maintenance Depot at 201 South Jackson in reference to a broken door.

According to an incident report from the LPD, the officer met with an employee that said he

went to work and found that the metal door glass had been broken out. There were glass shards across the office, but the officer didn't find a rock or anything inside the office that was used to break the window.

The employee told the officer that nothing appeared to be taken.



Cake

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Avocado for butter:

By subbing avocado for butter, you're maintaining the fat in your baking, but in a healthier form. Try pureeing the avocado to match the consistency of butter for baking purposes. Though the proportions can get a bit tricky, there are many recipes online that can help you out.

Bananas for ice cream:

While this might not sound like an equal switch, trust me, it's worth a try. Bananas are naturally high in sugar, with a thick consistency that, when blended with ice and milk, mocks the texture of ice cream. Not only is this creation all-natural, but it's also free of the added fats and sugars in typical ice cream. To

sweeten your treat even more, add cocoa powder or nut butter. Try this recipe for starters.

Spaghetti squash for pasta:

Spaghetti squash is a winter squash that, when cut in half and cooked, reveals a heap of pasta-like strands that can be added to any dish. Since it's a vegetable, it's much lower in calories and higher in vitamins than traditional pasta. Learn how to cook it here, and then try your hand at this cheesy broccoli spaghetti squash boat recipe.

Plain Greek yogurt for sour cream:

With half the fat and calories of typical sour cream, plain Greek yogurt is a great replacement since it has the same

creamy texture and a similar taste. Greek yogurt is also higher in protein than sour cream.

Pureed fruit for syrup:

Whether it's for pancakes, waffles or any breakfast treat, pureed fruit is a perfect replacement for sugary, artificial pancake syrup. It has far fewer calories and many more vitamins, and when sweetened with honey, tastes just as good.

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