## JACK & MARY'S 610 LYONS AVE. SCHULENBURG, TX



The multi-lease space was available in November 2019. And Then began their operation out of the back-lease space in November. Jack & Mary's General Store, opened in the front lease space in February 2020 offering general goods from local businesses and farmers, makers, and artisans. Having one convenient location to purchase these goods is the definition of a one stop shop to supporting local. Rise & Stein opened as well in February 2020 offering coffee, lattes, beer, and wine.

What is "And Then"? The mission of this entity is to provide meaningful work, social and life opportunities for young adults on the autism spectrum or that have learning challenges. And Then provides parent support, social connection, and to help show others that anyone can reach their full potential when we see the value in their abilities. We have provided four part time and 2 full time employees in addition to allowing five young adults with learning challenges opportunities to learn work skills while assisting with upkeep both inside and outside of Jack & Mary's. In addition to being the home for And Then a New Day, Jack & Mary's has provided part-time employment for ten people and has allowed twenty-two local vendors (makers, farmers, artisans) to sell their goods on consignment inside the General Store allowing them a chance to support their small business on a scale in which they can currently afford.

A monthly Farmers Market which supports twenty plus vendors, Cars & Coffee Show, and live music bring in locals and people from surrounding towns to visit the shop. It is also available for a rental space for special events.

Our newest addition to Jack & Mary's is From Scratch Foods which will be leasing space to offer charcuterie, meal prep and family meal options. When an initial deal fell through in Weimar, From Scratch Foods began her search for another viable option. With the flexibility, affordability, and potential for expansion with our space, the decision was made to choose Schulenburg for its new home.

Erin & Ryan have since purchased 2 additional buildings next to Jack & Mary's where they will continue to build their "YOUniversity" Campus for the And Then A New Day young adults. Expanding their gardening and recycling program and future plans for adding a Career Technology & Education Center as well as additional office space for rent are in the works.

## EDC LOAN

Jack & Mary's received a \$75,000 loan from the EDC in August of 2019. It enabled Erin and Ryan Wotipka to complete the construction of a Multi-Faceted Facility. Jack & Mary's is a communal space that offers meaningful social and work opportunities for the young adults enrolled in "And Then A New Day". "The Yard" area opened in October 2019 and began leasing space for local people looking to start a small food business out of food trucks/trailers. Southern Charm Coffee Trailer opened in November and additional food trucks/trailers such as The Happy Camper, Tacos Alejandro, and Faith's Barbeque have since joined The Yard allowing them to take a shot at their new food business on an incremental scale.





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## LOCAL BUISNESS GRANT

Jack &Mary's has received a \$2,000.00 grant to be used for a large mural representing Schulenburg on the side of the building. The mural was completed in March 2020 and has since been a frequent spot for both locals and visitors for a quick photo opportunity.



