

Business Pulse

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And, as stated in previous columns, the departure will be especially tough for residents in Beersheba Towers and Spangler Towers who rely on that store to buy many necessities. Since many of those folks don't drive, the nearby Dollar General is extremely handy. I don't see any of them walking more than a mile down Beersheba Street to shop at the Mt. Leo location.

From a downtown perspective, it's another empty building - and a large one at that. When thinking about what might possibly move into that spot, I have no answers.

As for other departures, Randy England has decided to close his auction house on Main Street after a three-month trial. Randy told me Friday that business had tapered off a bit in the summer and he'll be looking for a new location in the fall.

"The business started very well and it's still doing good, but the crowds aren't what they used to be when it was cooler," said Randy. "Auctions aren't really a hot-weather thing. People are going to the lake, having cookouts and thinking about other things."

Randy said he will likely look for another building in the fall after the fair is over. He said that will give him a chance to have several auctions before the holidays.

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Christmas," said Randy. "I can get some things in here that are affordable for people to buy."

Randy had his last auction at the old Touch 'O Klas building last night. His lease expires at the end of this month.

Toss in the departure of Attitudes and Main Street is having a significant loss of merchants. Despite the best efforts

of city officials, and a \$5.2 million renovation, downtown has yet to recapture its glory of yesterday as a prime business location.

Dr. Susan Harlow moves her practice here

River Park Hospital has made a determined effort to improve the medical care provided in McMinnville and the addition of Dr. Susan Harlow to its staff is another example of that.

Dr. Harlow has moved her practice from Manchester to McMinnville and is now accepting new patients at her office located next to the hospital at 140 Vo. Tech Drive, suite 2. Her phone number is 474-4000.

"I specialize in internal medicine, which some people call primary care for adults," said Dr. Harlow. "It's a diagnostic specialty. People come in with problems and I find out what's wrong. It's the starting off point."

Dr. Harlow has relocated her family to McMinnville too and her 11-year-old daughter will be a student at WCMS this year.

Her husband is a retired girls basketball coach.

Dr. Harlow can treat a variety of challenging health problems including diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke, heart disease, osteoporosis, arthritis, hypertension and ulcers.

"I'm big on screening and prevention and taking care of things early before they become big problems," said Dr. Harlow. "Diabetes, for example, is much easier to treat early rather than late."

Her office is currently open Monday thru Friday, but Dr. Harlow says she plans to offer Saturday hours in the future so she can better serve working families. In addition to adults, she will see children as young as 13.

She said people should pay close attention to their health, especially those with a family history for a certain disease.

"If your family has a history of cholesterol problems, you should quit smoking, and watch your blood pressure and your weight before you have a heart attack," said Dr. Harlow. "You can die from your first heart attack and even if you don't die you can have significant damage."

Dr. Harlow earned her medical degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and she did her residency at Vanderbilt. If you're looking for a physician, it makes sense to give her a call.

Martin opens second medical uniform store

Marcus Martin is expanding his medical uniform empire with the opening of his second store called Native Tanning Salon and Medical Scrubs II. The new store is located in the three-store strip center by Wal-Mart on N. Chancery Street. His other store is located on Beersheba Street and it has the same name without the "II" at the end.

"Our prices are lower than anybody and I've priced all the other stores," said Marcus. "I think this store, because of its location by Wal-Mart, will sell three times what my other store does."

Marcus specializes in name brands such as Dickies and Landau. He says if everything goes well with this second store, his plans are to open a third store in Winchester.

"I work in home health so I deal with a lot of nurses," said Marcus. "That really helps me get the word out."

The business will also have a tanning bed. Three hundred minutes are available for \$25, which Marcus also says is a

great price. The business is scheduled to open later this week.

Regular hours will be Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 507-9701.

County unemployment holds fairly steady

After shooting up to over 15 percent, Warren County unemployment seems to have settled down around 13 percent, according to figures released Thursday by the state.

For the third straight month, local unemployment is in the 13 percent range, this time at 13.3 percent for May. That's higher than the statewide average of 10.7 percent. The national unemployment rate has climbed to 9.4 percent.

Last year at this time, Tennessee had 6.2 percent unemployment. The rate in Warren County was 7.2 percent.

That's all folks

With the Fourth of July arriving next weekend, who knows what the future holds for Business Pulse. I'll try to scrape together all the business news I can, but it's typically a time when a number of businesses close shop.

To report business news, give me a call at 473-2191.



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