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I'm pleased to report they have not been accurate. At least the people I've talked to at those businesses are adamant they are not closing.

I don't feel there is any need to list these businesses and to perpetuate these rumors. But I do think it's appropriate to acknowledge that I've heard the rumors and followed up on the tips.

In the unfortunate event one of these businesses does in fact close and send more people to the unemployment line, I will report it at that time. The editors of Business Pulse appreciate your support and understanding in this matter.

### Movie Gallery to leave Wal-Mart

Movie Gallery has packed up its movies and is in the process of leaving Wal-Mart. But Movie Gallery employees want me to stress the store is not closing. They

say it will stay in McMinnville and reopen as soon as a new location is found.

"Movie Gallery is not closing," said store manager Kathy Wohlgemuth. "Wal-Mart would not extend our lease so we're being forced to leave. It came at kind of short notice so we're not able to move to another store right now, but we're in the process of looking and we have a real good lead on a relocation site."

Wal-Mart confirms that it did not offer to renew the Movie Gallery lease. It will put a bank in its place.

As for Movie Gallery, Kathy says she's viewing this move as a positive (I see she's adopted my philosophy). She says Movie Gallery will be able to offer so much more merchandise at a new location.

"I'm looking forward to having a full-sized Movie Gallery," said Kathy, who reminds customers to hold onto their Movie Gallery cards. "We haven't been able to carry so many things at this store because it's been so small."

I asked Kathy about the old Blockbuster location and she said they have explored that option and the rent is way too high. That might explain why that space has been vacant for so long.

While Kathy wouldn't say, my prediction is that Movie Gallery will end up in Northgate Shopping Center. If I was a betting man, and occasionally I am, I would put my money on that spot.

### Billy's Restaurant is expanding

Here's some peachy news. Billy's Restaurant in Newtown, home of the Gator Burger, is in the process of a 1,200-square-foot expansion. According to restaurant owner Billy Foutch, the expansion will be complete as soon as possible.

"I'd say we'll be able to seat over 100 in there," said Billy. "It will be good for church groups or parties that want a private portion of the restaurant. And we need the extra seats on Friday nights and Sunday

mornings."

Billy did tell me a little story I find interesting. He said when he was in the process of building his new restaurant over two years ago, it took a little while to get contractors lined up. He said when he started to look for people to build his addition, they were practically jumping through the phone line to get the work.

I guess you could say the Gator Burger is recession proof. Billy and his wife, Marie, are pleased to report their business has been strong.

"We haven't been hurt yet," said Marie during a busy lunch rush Friday. "People have to eat. As long as you have good food, they'll come to you."

### Dr. Coleman joins River Park staff

I told you last week about an ear, nose and throat specialist joining the River Park Hospital staff. Since Dr. Jack Coleman is now in town and accepting new patients, I decided to rush right over and find out more information about the services he offers.

What I discovered is our hospital is darn lucky to have found a well-respected physician and surgeon. Dr. Coleman is considered a national authority in his field and travels around the country teaching seminars several times a year.

Dr. Coleman says he probably sees more patients for sinus and allergy troubles than anything else. He says he has a different approach to overcoming allergy problems than most ENTs. He says he really examines diet and foods that could be problematic.

"In most allergy testing what's overlooked is foods and what's being ingested," said Dr. Coleman. "Foods, with all the chemicals and dyes, play a significant role in peo-



**Ear, nose and throat specialist Dr. Jack Coleman has joined the staff at River Park Hospital and is now accepting new patients. He can be reached at 815-4ENT.**

ple's allergy problems when so often the idea is to concentrate on what's inhaled from the air."

Dr. Coleman said many people are accustomed to taking allergy shots but he favors drops under the tongue. He said, among other things, that makes it easier to adjust the dosage during heavy pollen periods, for example.

Dr. Coleman says he also takes a different approach to nose and sinus troubles. He says it's common practice if a sinus opening is blocked to go in and remove tissue. But he says this only creates more problems down the road because it destroys the normal anatomy. Instead, he favors using balloons as a way to better open the passage, along with implanting a drug-delivery device to reduce the obstruction.

If you are having problems with

sleep apnea or need to have your tonsils removed, Dr. Coleman can address both of those problems. He says his form of tonsil surgery is less invasive and can have you eating regular food in a day instead of a week.

Dr. Coleman also performs ear surgery. In short, he does just about anything associated with your ears, nose and throat as his specialty suggests.

I'd like to give Dr. Coleman a warm welcome to the community. He's a great addition to our medical community. Appointments can be made by calling 815-4ENT.

### That's all folks

Hug your wife and embrace your job. Barring any unforeseen Business Pulse layoffs, I'll be back next week.



**Work was being done Friday to pour the footer for the expansion of Billy's Restaurant in**

**Newtown. When complete, the addition will provide about 100 more much-needed seats.**