

## F.Z. Webb & Sons sells to Walgreens

The local pharmacy landscape got one pharmacy smaller on Monday when F.Z. Webb & Sons Pharmacy closed its doors inside Foodland Plus.

F.Z. Webb was bought out by Walgreens in a move that impacts only the McMinnville location. F.Z. Webb has been in business for 137 years in DeKalb County and is keeping its two locations there in Smithville and Alexandria. "We've never closed a business but we couldn't do it any longer," said F.Z. Webb co-owner Lora Webb. "The way our reimbursement fees have been getting cut, and they were cut again in January, there was no way we could keep it open."

Lora explained that it's especially tough for independent pharmacies because insurance companies often dictate what pharmacies pay for drugs and the price those drugs can be resold for. "They tell us how much we're going to make," said Lora.

In selling to Walgreens, Lora said all F.Z. Webb customers in McMinnville will have their prescriptions and records transferred automatically. She said Walgreens is not taking over the branch inside Foodland Plus, which is empty for now.

"We feel like Walgreens will take good care of our patients," said Lora. "We hope no one is upset with us because this is some-



thing we couldn't advertise ahead of time."

Lora said if customers aren't happy about going to Walgreens it's very simple to transfer prescriptions so they can choose another pharmacy in town if they prefer.

The way things seem to be going, you better get used to being a Walgreens customer because it looks like it's going to happen one way or another. Walgreens bought Rite Aid, which bought Stewart Pharmacy. More and more, it appears there's no room for the little guy in the healthcare world.

Lora and her husband Alan still have a major presence in McMinnville with The Webb Home assisted living center near WCHS. That facility, which opened in 2013, has 46 rooms and is more than a \$5 million investment.

### GET READY FOR SUMMER WITH WAX

Unless you're Cookie Monster or Grover, it's no fun being hairy. A new business has opened in McMinnville just in time for summer.



**F.Z. Webb & Sons Pharmacy, once located inside Foodland Plus, has said goodbye to McMinnville after nine years. Pictured, from left, in this file photo are Paula Roller, Alan Webb, Celia Womack and Linda Brady. F.Z. Webb sold its McMinnville location to Walgreens and closed Monday.**

Shayla Hankins has opened a body waxing service called Shine Bright Wax Studio. It's located at 101A Mullican Street, offering waxing services for all your swimsuit needs.

Hankins studied at Georgia Career Institute where she mastered the fine art of waxing to become a certified cosmetologist. She has eight years of experience in full body waxing. She started at The Wax Strip, then went to the European Wax

Center where she learned the ways of hard and soft wax.

She'd been thinking of opening her own business for as long as she's been working and finally made the leap. She got into waxing from a lady who requested she do her hair. Shayla had never met this lady and little did she know the lady owned a full-body waxing salon in Murfreesboro. This became Shayla's job right after school. She took her state boards on a Friday and started working there the following Monday.

Shayla says her process for any type of waxing begins with preparing the skin for a safe removal. She starts with cleansing the skin to put a coat between the skin and the wax for protection from burns or tearing of the skin. After waxing, she will replenish the removed area to make the pores healthy and to prevent rashes or ingrown hair.

She would like everyone who comes in to be prepared for taking proper care of their skin after waxing. She says anyone who waxes needs to make sure to exfoliate daily. She offers many different types of products to help her cus-



**First it was Rite Aid. Now it's F.Z. Webb & Sons Pharmacy. Walgreens has determined the best strategy is to buy out your competition.**

tomers for every wax.

Shine Bright Wax Studio is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. She will come in on Sundays by appointment. She prefers an appointment for any waxing service and can be reached at (931) 450-0127.

### SHOPPING CENTER DRAWS INTEREST

McMinnville's newest shopping center is generating some interest. The four-bay retail center is located behind McDonald's and is clearly visible from the drive-thru lane, which

is one of the busiest roads in town because McDonald's is always rocking.

Since the center is not finished out, tenants can take one spot or the entire center. Developer and co-owner Bobby Kirby says one potential tenant who has expressed extreme interest would like to take half of the shopping center. Bobby says a deal could be reached as soon as this week.

New retail space is always exciting and I'm anxious to see what lands there.

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**Premier Amour Boutique has opened at Plaza Shopping Center a few doors down from Fiesta Ranchero. Pictured, from left, are Jodie Davis, store owner Evelyn Cintron, and Karina Soto.**

## Is GAP insurance a waste of money?

DEAR BRUCE: Is it smart to have GAP insurance on my new vehicle, or do you think it's a waste of money? Also, if I am in an accident, does the credit union pay the whole balance of my loan or a certain portion? I heard they only pay up to \$20,000.

— John

DEAR JOHN: Whether you should have GAP depends upon other things. For example: How much exposure are you giving to this situation? In other words, if you're only driving 6,000 to 7,000 miles a year, that's an expensive cost per mile of exposure.

On the other hand, if you drive a great deal, then it would be worth it.

As to whether your credit union will pay only a



certain portion if the car is in an accident, the answer is for you to review your policy. Some policies will pay 100 percent, and others will pay a portion. You're going to have to ask this important question before you consider the GAP, too.

DEAR BRUCE: I would like to leave all my money to animals. I am trying to find a charity or fund that helps all animals, wild and domestic, and habitats. Can

you advise where I might find such a charity/fund? — J.K.

DEAR J.K.: What a nice thought. I also contribute money to animal organizations. Though I am concerned more with domestic animals.

There should be no problem researching this on the internet. You should be able to find many organizations that care for the welfare of animals. You can narrow it down by

specific species, etc., and when you find two or three that you find intriguing, do some research into how much money actually goes to the animals and what the organization's expenses are.

You might be surprised or disappointed to find that some have extremely large expenses. You want most of your donation to go to the animals, and the organization should be able to demonstrate that's the case.

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