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Site Work Ongoing

Site work is ongoing for the new Purcell Tire and Service Center. The company purchased property on Huxel Drive across Highway 100 from Modern Auto in 2018. The new space will be twice the size of the current building on Elm Street.

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CVS to Acquire, Rebrand Schnucks Pharmacies

CVS Pharmacy, Inc., a subsidiary of CVS Health Corporation, and Schnucks announced Tuesday they have entered into a definitive agreement for CVS Pharmacy to acquire Schnuck Markets Inc.'s retail and specialty pharmacy businesses.

Through this agreement, CVS Pharmacy and its subsidiaries will acquire and operate 99 of the grocer's pharmacies and will brand them as CVS Pharmacy.

Additionally, CVS Pharmacy and its subsidiaries will acquire the prescription files from 11 Schnucks pharmacies and transfer them to nearby CVS Pharmacy locations.

"We have great admiration for Schnucks and believe CVS Pharmacy can bring additional clinical services to its customers," said Jon Roberts, executive vice president and chief operating officer, CVS Health.

"One of CVS Health's strategic imperatives is to be local," Roberts said. "By opening CVS Pharmacy locations within Schnucks stores, we're increasing access to high-quality care and meeting customers where they are. Schnucks is a best-in-class grocer and we're honored to partner with them to bring our best-in-class pharmacy capabilities to their customers."

In 2014, CVS Pharmacy became the first and only major retail pharmacy to remove tobacco from its shelves. Schnucks stores became

tobacco free as of Jan. 1, 2020.

Schnucks' decision to exit tobacco further aligns the company with CVS Health.

"As Schnucks continues to expand our emphasis on health and wellness, this collaboration with CVS is an opportunity for us to align with a company that has a similar focus," said Todd Schnuck, chairman and chief executive officer of Schnucks.

"This partnership allows us to continue to provide quality pharmacy services to our customers in a manner they've come to expect, while supporting our mission to nourish people's lives," Schnuck said. "It also provides our pharmacy team-mates an opportunity to further their careers with a premier retail pharmacy chain."

To provide continuity for Schnucks pharmacy customers, CVS Pharmacy will post all pharmacist and pharmacy technician positions, and will interview all Schnucks employees who apply.

In-store changes will be rolled out over a period of several months after the completion of the transaction as CVS Pharmacy and Schnucks work to ensure the smoothest possible transition for all pharmacy patients.

Schnucks Specialty pharmacy patients will benefit from CVS Specialty's expertise in providing ongoing disease education, counseling and benefits verification,

as well as coordination of care with multiple health care providers, comprehensive patient education and adherence management.

Following completion of the transaction, all Schnucks pharmacy customers will have access to CVS Pharmacy's leading pharmacy care programs, features of which include:

Opportunities for patients to manage their health with more ease and efficiency and gain access to programs that help them start and stay on their prescriptions while reducing overall health care costs. With the CVS Pharmacy app, patients can be notified when prescriptions are ready for pickup and order refills digitally.

Simplification of medication management for patients with multiple prescriptions, through the utilization of the CVS Pharmacy ScriptPath Prescription Schedule, a tool that provides a complete picture of the patient's current CVS Pharmacy prescription information all in one place, including the name of each medication, when to take it, and how much medication to take in each dose.

The transaction is expected to be completed by end of the second quarter and is subject to customary closing conditions.

In 2015, CVS Health Corporation bought Target's 1,672 pharmacies and clinic businesses for about \$1.9 billion and operates them as a store-within-a-store format.

Prairie Dell Restaurant To Reopen

The Restaurant at Prairie Dell at East Central College will once again open its doors to the public this spring.

The ECC Culinary Department will prepare and serve gourmet food.

The limited-run restaurant will be open March 31 through May 7 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reservations are required.

The Restaurant at Prairie Dell is located at the ECC Training Center, 1964 Prairie Dell Road in Union.

Along with cash and check, patrons can pay using a credit card.

The dining room seats up to 32 and ranges from tables of two, to tables of eight. To ensure equity to clientele, only one reservation can be placed at a time.

Anyone who wants to dine at the restaurant more than once must wait until the week prior to the second lunch to try for another reservation.

To reserve a table, email restaurant@prairiedellreservations@east-central.edu. A name, date and time, and number of people in the party must be included in the email.

Reservations can only be made through email and they are not confirmed until guests receive an email stating so.

Unnerstall Is Retiring From Agency

After 27 Years

By Kristen Dragotto
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Joan Unnerstall will retire March 27 from State Farm in Washington, after 47 years of service.

Unnerstall has dedicated her professional career to helping others and ensuring they have the resources they need in a moment of crisis.

Unnerstall said she always wanted to be a secretary, so after graduating from St. Francis Borgia Regional High School in 1972, she attended East Central College for one year and received her secretarial certificate.

"After I got my certificate, the college had job placement. State Farm had an opening and it sounded interesting," she said. "Little did I know I would still be here 47 years later."

She started working for the company in May of 1973, when it was owned by Bob and Vern Tobben. During her first few years there, she attended night school and earned an associate degree from ECC and obtained an insurance license for home and auto.

When the Tobbens retired 23 years later she continued to work for State Farm under the new insurance agent, Matt Tobben. Unner-



Joan Unnerstall

stall worked for Tobben for 17 years until he moved into a management role in California. For the last seven years she has worked under Jim Feighery.

Career

Unnerstall said she focused her career on helping people with insurance, rather than just selling.

"What I have done has been very rewarding," she said. "Life and health insurance have been the biggest things I have sold, and to sell someone a life insurance policy and be able to tell their family they are taken care after their death is a good feeling."

Feighery said he's grateful to have been able to work with Unnerstall.

"For someone to do her job for so long is just a blessing," Feighery said. "This job is not for

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Parks Department Seeking Mowing Contract Proposals

By Kristen Dragotto
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The Washington Parks Department has issued a request for proposals (RFPs) for a mowing contract for 2020, according to Parks and Recreation Director Wayne Dunker.

"The contract we had last year reached its end," Dunker told the park board last Wednesday night. "This year we need to do something."

The department is seeking a one-year contract with two-year option.

"I don't expect the (parks) department needing to renew the contract," Dunker said. "The city really wants to bring mowing back to an inhouse position."

Dunker said a pre-bid meeting for the mowing contract is scheduled for Friday, March 6.

An update on the progression of the contract status and proposals

submissions will be discussed at a future meeting.



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