

Espanola Mall enjoying facelift

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New stores set to open early August

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By adding a new face to the Espanola Mall, its owners, the Winchester Financial Group, are hoping to build the mall into a destination place.

James Gray, speaking on behalf of Winchester, said the side of the building where the new Hart Store is going in has a new face. In addition to the Hart Store, which will be holding its grand opening on Aug. 3, there are several other "buildings" moving to the Mall.

Gray said the Movie Gallery will be opening up a new location in Espanola at the Mall. "We have the (Radbury and District Health Unit), and we also have Curves going in," he said. "Shant's has moved in."

"There are still some vacancies," he said, "but they're filling up fast." Since purchasing the Mall in October of 2004, Gray said stores such as Panache Fitness and Gilt, Bayshore Medical, and Radio Shack have moved to the Mall. As well, that Department Stores signed a lease for part of the old Sava Store and the Movie Gallery will be moving to its former location of the building.

"When asked about the restaurant location, he said, "We have a couple of ideas. There was talk of a food court but I don't know if that's going to happen right now. I've got other things in the works for that area."

"People have been anxious and they want to come in and find out what's happening," he said, adding that there was little action by the previous Mall owners. "They weren't as progressive but we're hoping to turn things around."

With the relocation of downtown businesses, "we want to make it one story shopping under one roof...that's the goal."

"Most people, especially in the winter, want to go to one location and don't want to hit 4 or 5 locations and deal with parking. It's all under one roof."

"People enjoy climate control as well," Gray said in the winter, "it's nice to go to one location and get your groceries, and other needs, covered under one roof."



Photo by Sam Johnson

Keeping cool is what it's all about for these boys of summer at the Clear Lake Beach, Seafarers (L-Gailan MacDonnell, Chris MacCauley and Kyle Boyce).



This side of the Espanola Mall is getting a new face.
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