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Spring construction slated for new Hoopeston McDonald's

Whether you're a fan of the Big Mac or Happy Meal, your food will soon be served from a new restaurant.

McDonald's franchise owners Don and Deanna Witzel, announced Friday that the restaurant will relocate to a new location on Route 1 between CVS and Crown Ford, with construction beginning in the spring.

The design will be what McDonald's Corporation calls "Street Retail," Mrs. Witzel said. Using McDonald's as the anchor, other businesses will be part of the complex. Typically, businesses such as banks and cell phone stores are included in the grouping.

Hoopeston's McDonald's will be the first of its kind in

Illinois and one of fewer than 20 in the United States using the Street Retail design, which is for smaller communities that traditionally have not been growing, Mrs. Witzel said.

Typically, McDonald's Corporation owns the property and building, but in this case, developer Tom Lowe will retain ownership and will market the concept to other businesses. And while the Witzels will not own the property, "it's still very costly to us," Mrs. Witzel said, declining to divulge the project cost.

Along with a new building, the McDonald's will have
See McDONALD'S on other side

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Artist's rendering of the planned new McDonald's in Hoopeston

McDonald's continued from other side

all new kitchen, offering more efficiency, and a new dining area. The drive-through will have two lanes for ordering that merge into one lane with a window for payment and a second for order pickups.

More employees are also expected to be hired at the new restaurant. Currently, 55-60 people work at McDonald's. That number is estimated to grow by about five employees, she said.

A new restaurant is something the Witzels have wanted since they bought the Hoopeston McDonald's in July 1999. "We've been working on it pretty much since we purchased the restaurant," Mrs. Witzel said, adding the existing McDonald's opened November 13, 1976. The current economy makes the plan "a little bit scary, but we have faith. Our customers deserve a brand new McDonald's."

Relocating from the corner of Routes 1 and 9 is not expected to be an issue for the new McDonald's. "Our preference is always to be on the corner, but compared to where we are now, it's a step up," she said, adding visibility is better on Route 1 than on Route 9.

The existing McDonald's will remain open until the new one is built. McDonald's Corporation, which owns the building, will then try to sell it. "Depending on what the buyer does with it, it will be torn down or remodeled," Mrs. Witzel said.

Almost everything about the new McDonald's is ready to go except one important item: its theme.

The Witzels, who own five McDonald's in Vermilion County, have a theme for each store. The North Vermilion location is dedicated to classic rock and roll, while their Oakwood location is decorated in Oakwood High School colors and features tributes to native son Darrin Fletcher.

The couple is looking for ideas of "something that's relevant to the community," Mrs. Witzel said.

Ideas may be submitted via email, which may be reached at the www.mcillinois.com, by phone to the Witzels' office, (217) 446-5456, or mail to P.O. Box 2507, Danville IL 61834.

Police News

A 35-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Saturday that someone took an ATM card from her vehicle and withdrew \$1,500 from her account without her permission. The incident was turned over to investigators.

Obituaries

BUTTERWORTH - Helen Butterworth, 84, of Hoopeston, died at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

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