

GENERAL NEWS

Chevron makes quiet, big opening

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CARLISLE — The latest, and possibly most eagerly awaited new business to open this year, had its unofficial grand opening quietly. Just a small sign at the edge of the road saying "open."

If there is anything that defines the new Chevron Food Mart best is space. And lots of it.

Four pumping islands stand in the center of a parking lot that rivals most small grocery stores.

There has even been provisions made to accommodate large vehicles, we're talking trucks, at one end of the lot.

Perhaps the grocery store connection, however, is appropriate, considering the store itself is primarily in the hands of Bobby and Carolyn Crockett, owners of Shopwise,

formerly Foodtown, a grocery store in downtown Carlisle. But as much space as it has on the outside, a result of some informed planning, is what Chevron offers inside.

"It's main design inside is what the architects call a 'California' style set up with the cashier station in the middle of the store rather than at one end. I think it works better for the workers because they have everything right there with them," Bobby Crockett said.

Besides the compliment of quick food and products in the store aisles, Chevron also boasts a fresh milk deli section where people can purchase not only sandwiches but meat in bulk as well, Crockett said.

"Everything is made fresh everyday. Even the variety of

lunch salads we have prepared fresh," he said.

But innovations aside, this is the second 24 hour store to open in Carlisle in the past three years. Shell Food Mart was the first business in Carlisle created specifically to run round the clock.

Chevron has also changed the look of the area surrounding Carlisle. Though it will soon grow to become part of the landscape, something everyone will eventually get used to, the first impression one gets when they first roll over the hill on west Main Street is the bright Chevron sign across from Dairy Queen, with Shell visible down the road.

Like an off ramp from an interstate, it seems unusual to see these thriving businesses in a town supposedly off the beaten path.



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Carnico to reopen under new management

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CARLISLE — The restaurant and lounge, infamously in the past year, as the 19th Hole of Carnico, will begin re-opening on Friday night.

For those who are looking forward to a return of the restaurant, you'll have to wait until next Wednesday, Dec. 2, when the restaurant opens.

Bob Banta, owner and manager of Carnico Quick Stop and Lakeside Restaurant and Bar across US 68, and Tom Gerard, former chef for the 19th Hole, have waded through the mass of details on leasing arrangements with owner Carl Abel to run and manage the country club, re-opening to Banta.

"It taken awhile, but we've finally got the deed to open it," Banta said.

The property, however, is not being bought, Banta said. Abel will still have a controlling financial interest in the country club itself.

But even so, the property, which has been teetering dangerously close to ruin since the criminal fracas which occurred early in the year, still may be able to rise above the ashes of its abuse.

But it will no longer operate under the name 19th Hole, Banta said. That period of its life is dead, he said.

Under new management, its name shall now be Carnico Restaurant and Lounge.

"If this country club is ever going to be like it was, the first thing we have to do is get past the stigma people have about the place. The name '19th Hole' has left a bad taste on people. Personally, though, I never cared for the name," Banta said.

But can local people successfully live down the events of the recent past? Can the country club finally get back to its feet? And can both Gerard and Banta together return the country club to its former condition?

"What we want to do is bring the quiet, somewhat dignified atmosphere back to the place. When it was opened the second time, though the supposed owners were little more than criminals, there was, on the part of the local public, a very obvious excitement and desire for people to have this place back," Gerard commented in an earlier interview.

When the golf season comes after winter, they will also see to improving the grounds more.

"The golfers come down by plane sometimes and they

have complained about the condition of the course. We're going to see it improved and maintained at its original condition."

Which is their intention for the whole facility. Inside the Restaurant and Lounge, Banta said, there will be no jockeys, no rowdy atmosphere which very nearly destroyed the place before. And there will be a dress code, he said.

"I'm not saying you have to be in a suit and tie. We just want people to dress nicely, a shirt with a collar, a nice pair of jeans will be fine," Banta said.

"I'm looking for this place to appeal to families and to an older crowd of people who, frankly, have few choices on where they go on the weekend, unless they pay the gas money to head all the way into Lexington," he added.

Music will be provided by a variety of bands, but again, Banta stressed, is in looking for a quieter kind of entertainment.

"Yes, there will be some rock bands, but again nothing hard, loud, or rowdy. I've got Deady lined up for opening night. And I'd also have a band called the Classics to come in later. They specialize in late 60s to early 80s music. If people are looking for loud, there are plenty of other places to go," Banta said.

There will be a game room downstairs, Banta said, but there will be no alcohol served there, no bar or food menu. Just games if kids want something to do until dinner is served or while parents relax upstairs.

It hasn't been so long since Gerard worked the restaurant but people can expect the same type of food originally prepared.

On Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, the restaurant will be open for dinners. On Sundays, he added, a brunch will be open at 11 a.m. with a buffet to follow for the afternoon.

"Sunday is expect will have the biggest turnout as far as customers are concerned. They enjoyed the meals after church and I think it can be arranged to our financial advantage with a quality variety of offerings," Gerard said. In addition, there will also be a short order menu for children.

"A buffet can be a good deal for a family, but only if you get there money's worth from the line. Children, sometimes, have picky appetites and if they aren't satisfied with what the buffet offers,

there's the parents out the cost of a full meal. So I'll have things like hamburgers, fries, things kids will eat and no one leaves thinking they've thrown money away," Gerard said.

The arrangement with Abel at least keeps the building from becoming stagnant, Banta said. If it continues to remain empty and unused, it will fall into a slow decay, Banta said. Then it will be of no use to anyone.

There has been little grand hoopla over the opening of the Carnico Restaurant and Lounge. And its hours will be kept to Wednesdays and the weekend, Banta said.

"If the place can pick itself up, and Tom and I think it can, then maybe we can expand it. But right now, we're just going to cross our fingers that the past can die and a nice

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