

Foley's to open Oct. 1

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Construction on Foley's in Post Oak Mall began about six months ago, but Foley's fans will have to wait another seven months before the store opens.

The 105,000 square foot store is scheduled to open Oct. 1, just in time to catch the Christmas rush, Steven Henderson, the construction manager, says.

Foley's employees have been studying this area for at least five years, and have been wanting to put a store here for a long time, Linda Shamblum, Foley's public relations director, says.

It's time, she says. Foley's is

now responding to the community's needs.

Foley's plans to do a lot of business with Texas A&M students, she says.

"We're also counting on the 60-mile trade area of Brazos Valley," Shamblum says.

The store in Post Oak will be the 15th Foley's in the United States, and the first Foley's in the Bryan-College Station area.

"Each of our stores has something unique," Henderson says.

The Foley's here will have a two-story rectangular open patio in the center of the store, with an escalator and a skylight at the top, he says.

"This store has a fairly intricate design," he says.

As each store is built, the design procedures change and grow, Henderson says. Foley's sees what works with one store and then incorporates those features into other stores.

The Foley's in Post Oak will be comparatively small because it won't have a furniture department, Henderson says.

However, departments it will have include: home fashion, mens', womens', junior and childrens' apparel, accessories, cosmetics, decorative home, bath, linen and houseware.

Foley's will be the only two-level store in the mall.

Henderson says the store will employ about 60 people.

Hiring will begin in August or September, Shamblum says.



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Foley's is planning to open just in time to catch the Christmas rush — Oct. 1. One of the attractions will be that it is the only two-tiered store in the mall.

Health fair set for March 30-31

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Post Oak Mall provides more for shoppers than stores and food. The mall frequently houses special programs and events which make shopping enjoyable, while educating the public at the same time.

For example, last year the mall sponsored a gelatin jump to raise money for leukemia, and a cow-milking contest to benefit Crime-Stoppers.

One upcoming event scheduled to be held at Post Oak is the Community Health Fair, sponsored by Red Cross. At the fair, which will be held March 30 and 31, the latest technology in all areas of health will be exhibited.

"We put this on so everyone will know what kind of health care is available in the community," says Naomi Giroux, coordinator of the fair.

Giroux says new and differ-

ent types of screening will be on display. Screening is the test, or series of tests, which determine whether or not a person's health is within normal limits.

"For example, taking a person's blood pressure is a type of screening," Giroux says.

Shoppers, or anybody interested, will be able to have their blood pressure and heart rate checked.

Over 50 agencies will be represented at the fair. The Cancer Society, Lung Association, Diabetic Association, Heart Association, Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center and the Rape Crisis Center are a few of the agencies that will attend.

"The Bryan Fire Department will bring an ambulance, and Life-Flight will be there Friday," Giroux says.

The fair is held the last weekend in March because traditionally March is considered Red Cross Month. This is the third year the fair has been held.

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