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Bargains Only store coming to Champaign

Part of the old K's Merchandise building at 1311 N. Mattis Ave., C. will soon house a new retail store.

Bargains Only, a Decatur-based company, plans to occupy 10,000 square feet of the building and will be selling department store-style merchandise — housewares and clothing for men, women and children — at discount prices.



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K's Merchandise who is heading up the Bargains Only operation as a contract basis.

Kiviat said Bargains Only and K's Merchandise are separate corpora-

tions and have separate ownership. K's is owned by Ray and Kay Eldridge, and Bargains Only is owned by the Eldridge grandchildren, he said.

The owners are also opening a Bargains Only store this month in Mount Zion, Kiviat said.

The Champaign store is set to open around the middle of this month. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Bait shop opening

Joe Eichmann of Champaign plans to open a new live bait shop called **Lazy Ike Bait & Tackle** in Urbana on Friday or Saturday.

The shop will be at Washington Square, 1403 E. Washington St., and the hours will be set by customer demand. Initially, the shop will probably open every day starting at 6 a.m., Eichmann said.

He plans to sell live bait and some tackle items.

Eichmann is retired from Kraft

Foods and the U.S. Navy. He said he's wanted to open his own bait shop for a long time.

Now offering deck care

Two University of Illinois juniors, Charles Otto and Jared Melnyk, have started a deck cleaning business called **Cupperson Deck Care**, and are now available for hire.

They will power-wash, preserve, stain and seal decks. For information, call them at 365-0003, or direct e-mail to cupperson@usa.com.

Store moves

The **Briar Patch**, a store that was in downtown Arthur for 11 years, has relocated to the Amishland red barn building off Interstate 57 in Tuscola.

Owner Marcia Cornwell said her new store is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week and carries items from more than 30 craftspeople on a consignment basis.

Among the merchandise are porcelain dolls, primitives, floral arrangements, benches, holiday items, soy

candles, willow furniture, copper lights, chain-saw carvings, taxidermy, fudge and other candies, and collectibles.

Cornwell, of Arthur, said she plans to open a second store in Tuscola in the same building. It will open in May and carry Christmas decorations.

Funeral home changes

A new funeral home, **Hambrick & Walker Memorial Home**, is now operating in the former building of Twin City Memorial Chapel at 1263 N. Market St., C.

The owners are Robert Hambrick, a former partner in Twin City, and Deric Walker, a funeral director with Walker Funeral Service and Chapel in Decatur, Walker said.

Walker said he has been in the funeral business for 18 years. The new Champaign funeral home is offering traditional and nontraditional funeral services, free planning and prearrangement services, cremation, caskets, caskets, urns and

headstones.

For information, call 353-6611.

The Rev. Robert Perry Jr. and his family, who operated **Ferry's Twin City Memorial Chapel** at the North Market Street building, are offering funeral services from a temporary location and will be reopening in a permanent funeral home of their own, Perry said.

Towing business started

Kyle Hubbell has started **Hubbell Towing & Recovery** at 401 E. Mercury Drive, C.

He offers towing and roadside service.

Hubbell formerly worked for Tatman's Towing.

For information, call 358-1615.

Are you opening a new business or changing something at your existing business? Debra Pressley can be reached by phone at 351-5225, or 800-252-3346; by e-mail at dpressley@news-gazette.com, or regular mail at The News-Gazette, c/o It's Your Business Column, P.O. Box 577, Champaign, IL 61824-0577.