



Stan Kolonko, an ice sculptor from Auburn, carves a speed boat out of a block of ice during a 2011 winter festival in Skaneateles. Kolonko's plan to open an ice museum at Destiny USA have been scrapped over unanticipated expenses. (Peter Chen / The Post-Standard)

Store Front: DeWitt, B'ville and Destiny USA updates

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"The nature of economic activity changes," Young said. "There are winners and losers. In this case, the neighborhood loses."

His own memories of the shop stray more toward the political.

Davis served as a polling place for decades, including years when Young helped his father work on campaigns for Adlai Stevenson and John F. Kennedy.

In the 1990s, voters used machines located behind 15-foot-tall ficus trees and bamboo palms in the Davis greenhouse.

"Like any landmark business in a neighborhood, they were a focal point," Young said.

MAKING IT IN SHOPPINGTOWN

The **We Are Made in CNY** gift store at ShoppingTown Mall keeps getting bigger.

Susan Panek opened the shop in a small space next to GNC in November. At the time, she was looking for a more permanent spot to sell her Pint Sized Pies for the holidays.

She previously sold the pies in a jar at the CNY Regional Market. When she locked up the space at ShoppingTown, she decided to invite some of her friends from the market along for the ride.

By December, the shop had grown to house 20 vendors. Panek said she wasn't originally planning to stay at the mall after the holidays, but people started asking.

She closed her original spot and reopened in February in a bigger space, across from Dougherty's Masquerade. It's the slot formerly occupied by Regis Salon.

The store now has 59 vendors selling everything from woodworking and jewelry to cookies and fudge. The new space has four separate rooms and the sellers all have their own areas, Panek said. One of the rooms is dedicated to local food products.

The store caters to shoppers looking for items that can't be found in a big-box retail store, Panek said. ShoppingTown does still attract foot traffic, she added.

"There are people who prefer to shop here," she said. "They live out here and this is a beautiful mall."

ShoppingTown has seen dozens of national tenants leave in recent years, including Body Shop, Burger King, Old Navy, Nine West, S&K Menswear, Foot Locker and Easy Spirit. Local shops like We Are Made in CNY now fill large stretches of space there.

B'VILLE SHOPS SHUT DOWN

Two shops in the village of Baldwinsville are shutting their doors this month.

Sissy's Boutique at 9 E. Genesee St. will close June 30. But it's not the end for the 3-year-old store, owner Stephanie Bovin said.

Bovin is taking a hiatus from the business to spend more time with her family, but wants to relaunch in a new, larger location next spring or summer. The shop has grown beyond her initial expecta-



Albert Davis and his wife, Lydia, stand in the greenhouse at Davis Florist in a photo from 1949. Davis started the business in 1903. (Photo provided by Rob Smith of Davis Florist)

tions. "It's kind of come into its own," she said. "It's a good problem to have."

She said she's been looking for bigger space for the past six months, but hasn't found anything yet. Bovin wants to reopen in Baldwinsville.

Sissy's carries home decor and furniture, gifts, jewelry and baby fashions.

Motley Jewels Gem and Gift Shop at 21 Water St. will also close in the next two weeks or so. The shop opened in September.

"The area is just not able to support it as well as we hoped," said Scott Ludwig, owner.

The business will continue selling online and at area shows and events, he said.

Motley's jewelry featured American gemstones like sapphires from Montana, fire opal from Nevada and sunstone from Oregon.

ICE MUSEUM IDEA MELTS

The idea seemed perfect: a city known for its winters would have been host to an attraction built around art made of ice.

But the Ice Museum, announced in October last year for the entertainment-focused third floor at Destiny USA, is off the table for now. It would have featured an array of ice sculptures, an ice bar and live demonstrations. Even the seats and glasses at the bar would have been made of ice.

Stan Kolonko, the local ice sculptor who planned to open the museum, said he has pulled out of his lease with the mall. Changes to his original plans pushed the cost of the project higher than he expected.

A number of factors combined to make the attraction too costly, Kolonko said. The museum would have needed a different freezer than originally planned and required additional, unexpected work

the mall's Canyon area. It was meant to add to Destiny's nightlife and was set to be open until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Aja planned to offer lunch and dinner during the day and VIP booths by its dance floor. The mall announced Aja as a tenant in October 2011.

No one from the club could be reached for comment.

MORE FROM DESTINY

OptiGolf is back in action as of Saturday. The attraction's simulators allow customers to play virtually on 96 golf courses from all over the world.

OptiGolf was closed temporarily as part of the project to add new IMAX and Regal Premium Experience screens to Destiny's Regal Cinemas. The new screens are now open.

Work continues on the **Texas de Brazil** restaurant in the Canyon section and on **Bowling**, a bowling and entertainment venue on the third floor. Both should be open by mid-August, Destiny General Manager Rob Schoeneck said.

Two of the first high-end retailers announced for Destiny could start working on their storefronts soon.

Salvatore Ferragamo and **Johnston & Murphy** have been on the mall's list of future tenants since 2011.

Schoeneck didn't have a firm start date for construction on either store yet, but they're on their way.

Ferragamo offers luxury handbags, shoes and leather goods for women and men. Johnston & Murphy is an upscale clothing and shoe store.

Things are moving a bit slower for two other tenants announced in 2011. Schoeneck said the mall hasn't yet seen store plans from luxury fashion brands **Max Mara** or **Hugo Boss**.

Both still have signed leases, but Schoeneck didn't have an estimate on when they'd start work on their locations.

The **Ontonagon Historical Association** opened a branch of its museum gift store at Destiny. The shop is on the second floor in the connector hall between the mall's expansion and legacy sections.

Products include jewelry crafted from pieces of Syracuse China and a selection of T-shirts featuring logos and slogans of the area's old brewing companies.

Revenue from the shop supports the historical association. "When people buy a product from our store, they're not funding some retail magnate's villa," said Gregg Tripoli, OHA executive director.

Buckley should be open by mid-July at the latest, Schoeneck said. The casual apparel, footwear and accessories retailer will be on the first floor of the mall's legacy section in the atrium area.

Destiny's **Doc Popcorn** is no more. Its kiosk in the expansion is closed.

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