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FOOD A

Only Burger to have storefront

Only Burger gets a storefront: Hope Valley Square is enlivening the South Square area's eating and dining options.

The shopping center at Old Chapel Hill Road and Shannon Road, which has been busy this week with folks rushing to the post office to mail holiday cards and presents, has added three more popular tenants.

Only Burger, the popular burger truck around town, will be opening its first location there in the spring.

Pop's will be opening Pop's Backdoor South Pizzeria in the spring as well, in the former space of Heavenly Ham's.

Meanwhile, Durham Catering Company, which operates Only Burger, will relocate from Hillsborough Road and open adjacent to Only Burger on the far left (south end) of the center.

THE BUZZ

The center had received a facelift from new owner Hawthorne Retail Partners in 2008, which repaved the parking lot and added a new façade.

Earlier this month, Hawthorne also announced that Rick's Diner & Catering is moving to the center this summer. The eatery, which is currently at 4015 University Drive, has been open since 1998.



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farmers market.

For information, call 919-956-5200. A website is also under construction at www.pie-fantasy.com.



Food trucks ho: Get ready for a food wagon bonanza at the Sam's Quik Shop parking lot this weekend.

Led by Only Burger, the popular burger mobile, the "Bull City Street Vendor Rodeo" will draw some unique offerings to the food mart at 1605 Erwin Rd. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

On the rodeo bill: Only Burger; Bulkogi, a Korean taco truck that's been parking at the Wachovia lot on Ninth Street; Indian Food on Wheels, the big red school bus that's Indian food by day, Mexican fare by night; Daisy Cakes, a vintage Airstream trailer offering cupcakes; Parlez-Vous Crêpe, the Carrboro mobile known for its chocolate crêpes; and Mom's Delicious Dishes, a new food truck in Raleigh that serves comfort food using organic and local ingredients.

Brian Bottger, co-owner of Only Burger, said he got the idea from the popular permanent food truck parking lots in Portland. Sam's Quik Shop, which already hosts the burger truck and the Indian food bus daily, was a natural site for the Durham event.

"It's just kind of like a food court!" Bottger said. "I'm hoping to build enough buzz to do it on a regular basis."

Bottger said additional food trucks might sign on to the event by the weekend. To get updates, go to www.onlyburger.com or call 919-724-1622.



Doughnuts: Pastries, food trucks. There are a lot of options on the menu for this weekend, but try and save some sweet teeth for Friday.

Dunkin' Donuts is giving customers a free doughnut of their choice with the purchase of any beverage on Friday, National Donut Day. The doughnut franchise will also announce the winner of its second annual "Create Dunkin's Next Donut" contest that day.

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