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BUSINESS NEWS FROM AROUND THE VALLEY

Toys 'R' Us store in Salem marks its 20th anniversary

The Toys "R" Us store at 1200 Lancaster Drive NE will celebrate its 20-year anniversary this weekend.

The store opened in November 1985. Store Director Stephanie Arriola and Store Manager Sue Pearson have worked there all 20 years.

A celebration event is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday

Refreshments will be served, Geoffrey the Giraffe will make an appearance, and a 20 percent discount will be taken off green tag merchandise, which already is 50 percent off its original retail price.

— Toby Manthey



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A new Starbucks has opened near Salem Parkway between Liberty and Commercial streets NE. The Starbucks has a drive-through window.

Starbucks is first to open in new strip mall

A drive-through Starbucks Coffee is the first store to open at a new shopping center on the 2500 block of Liberty St. NE.

The \$2 million strip mall features about 8,500 square feet of retail space, said Bo Rushing-Barnes of Rushing Commercial Real Estate.

Other stores likely will open this month. They include a Geno's Pizza, an Orbit Drop Off (an eBay drop-off store) and a Siam

Thai Cuisine restaurant, Rushing-Barnes said. A yet-to-be named deli that will feature opportunities to play the lottery also will be a tenant.

The Starbucks opened in early October, Rushing-Barnes said. The shopping center is owned and was leased, developed and constructed by the Rushing Group's partnership of companies.

—Toby Manthey

Local SCORE chapter announces its new officers

SCORE chapter 460 announced new officers at their annual lunch on Oct. 17. SCORE's purpose is to give free quality technical and managerial counseling to prospective and existing small-business owners. The officers are: Ron Larson, district director; Stan Raskauskas, chapter chairman; Bob Bernhard, vice chairman; Walt Tomschin, treasurer; and Gil Beck, secretary.

—Luanne Boice

Kaiser Permanente to begin construction on clinic in West Salem

Kaiser Permanente plans to open a 15,000-square-foot clinic in West Salem, to the north of Roth's. Construction on the clinic is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks, said Bo Rushing-Barnes of Rushing Commercial Real Estate.

The clinic is scheduled to open sometime near summer 2006, said Rushing-Barnes, the development coordinator on the project.

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