



Buckeye retail center continues to add more shops

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It didn't take long for Buckeye's first commercial center to become a spot bustling with shoppers and diners.

Parking lots are packed since the town's first PetSmart, Wal-Mart Supercenter and Lowe's Home Improvement opened this summer at Sundance Towne Center. Recently, the town's first Chipotle Mexican Grill and Wendy's also opened at Sundance.

But that's not it for the Vestar Development Co. project.

More businesses are coming to the 75-acre center, off Interstate 10 on Watson Road. The list includes a mix of restaurants and more big-box retail.

"If you think about how many restaurants are in Buckeye right now, we are probably matching or exceeding this today with just this product," said David Malin, project manager for Vestar, referring to Sundance. "There is a selection of choices at this center. The town of Buckeye deserves this type of quality project."

Cracker Barrel Restaurant and Old Country Store is expected to open this month, along with Payless Shoe Source and Juice It Up, which will carry fruit smoothies, juices and organic coffee.

Other businesses under construction include Hula Hawaiian BBQ, M&I Bank, KFC, Pacific Dental, Sleep America and State Farm Insurance.

Many other businesses scheduled for the center are in the review stage, including Linens N' Things, El Pollo Loco, Nationwide Vision and Taco Bell.

"That is exactly why you see it called Sundance Towne Center," Malin said. "We pride ourselves on creating a true town center where the entire community can come to the project. They don't just go into one store and go home, but have an experience. This is destination."

Buckeye's retail projects

In addition to the major power centers planned for the town, other retail projects are under way:

- Festival Marketplace, a 17-acre shopping center on the north end of Sun Valley Parkway. Construction plans are under review for WOW! Convenience Store, a 4,400-square-foot project. It will serve residents in Sun City Festival, who are about 10 miles from existing services.

- Sundance Crossings, a 5-acre project on Yuma and Dean roads. It will include a variety of shops stretching over 213,785 square feet. Destiny Nails and Spa and Pizza Factory's are planned for the center.
- Village on Broadway recently opened a Checker Auto Parts and announced plans for a Filibertos restaurant. That project is located on nearly 5 acres on the northwest corner of Miller and Broadway roads. It will total 18,060 square feet at completion.