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Capitola Mall

Grand opening for Capitola Mall shops

It's being called "The Best of Everything Place" for Santa Cruz County.

It is one of the largest private construction projects ever undertaken in the county.

It's been a year in the construction stage, a decade in the planning process.

It is still the subject of a court fight between the cities of Capitola and Santa Cruz and the county board of supervisors.

But next Thursday, 30 stores will be opening their doors for the first time in the 300,000-square-foot Capitola Mall.

Grand opening ceremonies are now scheduled for 10 a.m., Thursday, April 21, at the mall entrance on 41st Avenue.

An antique car parade will deliver dignitaries to the mall entrance for the opening.

The car will remain on exhibit in the mall through Sunday, April 24.

Now scheduled to open next week are:

Anita Shops, Inc.; B. Dalton Booksellers; Body and Sole; Carl's Jr. restaurants; Carousel Snack Bar; Earrings Plus; Foxmoor Casuals; Gergen's Hallmark; Granny's Real Ice Cream Bars; Hartfields; Hickory Farms of Ohio; House of Fabrics; Howard's Shoes for Children; Just Because; Karl's Shoes; Keepsake Diamond Center; Kinney Shoes; Northern California Savings and Loan Assn.; Pet Emporium; Peter's Formal Wear; Radio Shack; The Flair; The Men's Room; Thom McAn; Thomas Shoes; Time Zone; Topps and Trowsers; Toy World; Up-trends; and Zales Jewelry.

The Popcorn Theater Marionettes will be performing three times a day, Thursday through Sunday. Show times Thursday and Friday are 2:30, 4 and 7 p.m. Performances Saturday are 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. On Sunday, shows are planned for 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The Helmsman Yacht Center moves a boating exhibit into the Mall on Monday, April 25. It will continue through Sunday, May 1.

And on Wednesday, May 4, the First Annual Capitola Mall Art Festival will begin. It will run through Sunday, May 8.