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Restaurant to reopen as Harvey's

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The closed South Town Food & Spirits restaurant in downtown Kalamazoo was expected to reopen today as Harvey's on The Mall.

Harvey's was the name the 416 S. Burdick St. business used for many years before becoming South Town Food & Spirits. As Harvey's, the business closed Dec. 9, 2001.

General manager Matthew Whitlock said Wednesday that temporary signs will be erected to reflect the name change until permanent signs are ready.

In June 2002, the property's owner, the Kalamazoo-based Hinman Co., renovated the facility and reopened it as South Town Food & Spirits. The Hinman Co. closed South Town on Jan. 30, 2004, and the two-story, 5,000-square-foot woodframe structure has been vacant since then.

Steve and Marie Blinn, owners of Olde Peninsula Brewpub at 200 E. Michigan Ave., now oversee the management of Harvey's. Whitlock said the business will have about 25 full- and part-time employees.

The Hinman Co. is a commercial- and residential-development company that owns several downtown properties, including the State Theatre at 406 S. Burdick St., which is attached to Harvey's.

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