

Fun 'n' games in Flora

By Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

There's a new game in town. Rack 'N' Roll has opened in downtown Flora, offering pool and arcade games, along with jukebox music and inexpensive snacks and soft drinks. Owners are Dave Hall of Delphi and Joe Sandifur of Rossville. Hall's wife, Rebecca, and Sandifur will operate the business.

It is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday, 4 to 10 p.m.; and Saturday, 2 to 10. Hall said some adjustments may be made to the Friday and Saturday hours. The establishment is closed on Tuesdays and Sundays, but the owners say it can be rented out on those days for private parties or pool tournaments. Under new ownership, the building has been remodeled

and new lighting added. Hall said pinball machines and more games and snack selections will be arriving soon. "It's still a work in progress," he said. The game room is for all



Hall



Sandifur

ages, but the Halls said they had youth in mind when they opened the business. No smoking or alcohol is allowed. "Hopefully it will give kids something to do and keep them off the streets," Rebecca Hall said.

The owners say they are keeping the prices low - 25 cents a game for pool and 25 cents for most of the arcades - so it will be affordable for young people. The family also will operate two other businesses in the back of the building. Hall said one is a small graphics business called Ho-Made Graphics, and the other is Rack 'N' Roll Auctions. He said the drop off auction service sells items on eBay for other people. He expects both of these businesses to get rolling in February. The new Flora enterprises are a sideline for Hall, who is

also a working electrician. His wife also works in the cafeteria at Delphi Community Middle School. The grand opening for Rack 'N' Roll will be Jan. 17.



Ready to roll
Rack 'N' Roll has opened on Center Street in Flora. The owners say the main attraction so far has been the arcade game, Cruisin' the World (pictured right), along with the ever-popular pool tables. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

Steering Committee works on county zoning ordinances

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As the New Year settles in the Carroll County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Steering Committee will settle into writing new zoning ordinances for Carroll County. The county's old zoning laws were written in 1971, and according to area plan commission member, Pete Wagoner, are out of date in many areas. "Current zoning does not reflect modern needs, and should have been re-written before now. A part of the new ordinance should be to check up on them every four years," Wagoner said. According to Ground Rules consultant, Debra Luzier, who assisted the county in writing the land use plan, the usual process for writing zoning ordinances is for an APC to appoint a steering committee. This committee would be made up of public citizens, especially those who would need to use the laws the most such as emergency personnel. The APC has appointed the

comprehensive land use plan (CLUP) steering committee to write the new rules. This committee would then, Luzier said, work with a consulting firm such as Ground Rules that knows state statutes. However, steering committee member Miriam Robeson said that Ground Rules will not be involved in writing the new zoning. Wagoner said the steering committee has become very well versed and is using zoning models from other communities. "I have confidence in the group that has been working on it," Wagoner said. "The group is made up of people with various backgrounds - farmers, small business people and two attorneys." Wagoner also said that using the steering committee would save the county dollars. "It's pretty common to keep those involved who are interested," Luzier said of the choice. Wagoner said that the new laws will probably not

change much. Any existing construction will not be required to change, said Robeson. Any current structure that is not in compliance with the new ordinances will be considered legal but non-conforming. However, she said, any new construction or additions to old structures will be required to comply with new zoning standards. This, she said, is the current policy as well. There will be much detailed language in the new laws, Robeson said. There needs to be consideration given to both new technologies such as flushless toilets, and old traditions such as the use of outdoor "privies." The final muster that all must pass is that they meet health and safety codes. Robeson encourages the county to keep an eye on the comprehensive land use plan website for updates and to offer input. "We are going to be very deliberate about keeping things posted on the website," Robeson said, "and people can comment."

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A resident of Kokomo, he earned his bachelor's degree in finance at Ball State University. He has been involved with the American Red Cross, United Way, Mental Health Association, Howard County Homebuilders Association, and the Realtors Association of Central Indiana.

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