Oil Center going to retail

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The Oil Center, which is located in the heart of downtown Lafayette, is a popular destination for people looking for a variety of retail stores and restaurants. It is one of the largest shopping centers in the area and is home to several well-known brands.

In recent years, the Oil Center has undergone a transformation, with many new businesses moving in and some old ones closing. This has led to a change in the overall atmosphere of the center. 

One of the biggest changes to the Oil Center has been the addition of several new restaurants. These restaurants have helped to attract more people to the center, and they have also helped to boost the local economy.

The Oil Center is also home to a variety of retail stores, including clothing, accessories, and home goods. Many of these stores are popular with both locals and visitors to the area.

The Oil Center is a popular destination for both locals and tourists, and it is expected to continue to be a hub of activity for years to come. 

Herbert Heymann in front of the relocated Heymann Department Store, to open Wednesday in the Oil Center

The Oil Center began in the 1930s when four office buildings, one of which was Heymann Department Store, were built on a corner near the street corner. The buildings became the symbol of growth for the Oil Center.

In 1953, there were 11 tenants. By 1968, there were more than 100 and most of the tenants were small businesses. The center was expanded in 1969 and brought to its current size of 500,000 square feet.

The center was purchased by the Heymann family property from Eli Grondal. The property had been developed into a retail market, which Maurice Heymann continued to operate for a while. Other businesses are operated in addition to the center as a whole. The businesses are operated in addition to the center as a whole. The businesses are operated in addition to the center as a whole. The businesses are operated in addition to the center as a whole. The businesses are operated in addition to the center as a whole.
The Oil Center will be a different kind of concept," she said, declining to elaborate.

In addition to his own store’s move and the renovation of the nearby shopping center, Heymann said he is in the process of " refurbishing every building" in the Oil Center.

Since 1993, the Oil Center has seen a surge in business because it has drawn businesses outside the oil and gas industry. Located in the area have been businesses that have benefited from the number of people the Oil Center attracts.

"The traffic is great here," said Joe Alves with Legg Mason, referring to customers who come in off the street. "A lot of fellows will walk over after having breakfast at the Petroleum Club."

The brokerage firm is located in a newly-constructed building on the corner of St. Mary and Heymann boulevards. Alves’ husband worked in the building years ago when it was leased by Sinclair Oil Co., he said.

A number of eateries are located in the Oil Center, which serve the business crowd at midday.

"This is the place to be for lunch," said Michael Donnini, who along with Dick Terr, Cates and Butch, is a partner in a catering empresa at the corner of Travis Street and Heymann Boulevard, in 1993.

Donnini, former owner of Michael’s catering in downtown Lafayette, decided to open his new restaurant in the Oil Center because it’s "where the action is."

"I need day the centering businesses have doubled since coming to the Oil Center," Donnini said. "The Oil Center is the hub of the city."

The Oil Center also is close to two unique residential areas and is the place in Lafayette that is expected to develop.

"Business here has been exceptional," said Edward "But" Allin, petroleum engineer. "Eight years ago there was too much traffic that invariably 12 lunch a crush almost every Saturday morning to the rear of Heymann and Travis.

"These days, oh, no, not any more. Thank goodness. There was too much traffic on Heymann Boulevard."

Allin has been located in the Oil Center for 12 years and he doesn’t plan to move, he said.

"Today there are no more insurance agents and lawyers in the Oil Center than geologists," said Joe Elmore, an independent oil man, whose office has been located in the Oil Center for 14 years. "I think the Oil Center will see a steady decline of exploration companies. But we’ll stay here."

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