

come in and get milk and eggs," he added.

Referring to a condominium community under construction adjacent to Aspinwell, he said he hoped the market would become "a place where people can live, work and play and not go out with a car."

To process the steady flow of applications for space, Case has organized a "jury" of merchandise experts to screen vendors to maintain high quality.

"It's not going to be a tag sale," he declared. "There will not be any junk. And we are not going to have too much duplication. It's going to be a place for the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker."

Present plans call for the market to be open for business every Saturday in August, from noon to 6 p.m. Case hopes the hours can be extended soon to Saturdays and Sundays, and later to Fridays and Mondays, with four or five days of business each week by next summer.

Noting that it took only three weeks to develop plans for the market, Case said that "we moved fast because we had been waiting for a good idea like this for a long time. In my career I have known when something is right in my guts. This is one of those phenomenon that happens once in a while."

For further information, call David Case at (520) 907-7704



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Cadence Innovative Designs of Manchester, N.H., will offer decoupage bracelets like these above at the new covered market.

If you go ...

What: Opening of Berkshire Open Market, a covered market of small stalls.

Where: Aspinwell on Routes 7 & 20 in Lenox.

When: Saturday at noon

Who: 50 or more artists, crafters and vendors ...

From Pittsfield: Bella Bags hand-made handbags.

www.yelp.com/biz/bella-bags-by-marcia-pittsfield.

Berkshire Hillis Art, painting and sculpture.

www.berkshirehillisart.com

ALJ Designs jewelry

From Troy, N.Y.:

KatieGail Photography.

www.katiegail.com.

From Lenox:

Bedard Photography.

www.bedardphoto.com.

From Williamstown:

Peace by Piece Creations clothing and home decoration.

www.peacebypiececreations.com.

... and others from Dalton, Great Barrington, Albany, N.Y., and locations across Massachusetts, into New York, and as far away as Barrington, New Hampshire.

Art and crafts will include:

- Fused glass, beads and copper jewelry.
- Hand-dyed silk and velvet scarves.

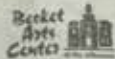


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David Case stands by the former Wellness building, above, which he is turning into a covered market, below, where arts, crafts and local food vendors can rent stalls.



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