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Elizabeth M. Payne stands Friday at the future site of her new gift shop, Calla Lillies, at 205 W. Main St., Sackets Harbor. The store, to open in the

spring, is in the new building across the street from George & Ida Mae, a gift shop Miss Payne operated with her parents, Cheryl and Don Payne.

New building in Sackets to have gift shop, apartments

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SACKETS HARBOR — A new building with an old look will bring another gift shop and new apartments downtown.

The two-story building at 205 W. Main St. will be ready by spring, William J. Elliott said Thursday. Mr. Elliott, owner of Elliott Realty, Henderson Harbor, and his wife, Debra J. Elliott, have owned the approximately 3,000-square-foot property for four years.

The top floor will have two one-bedroom apartments, approximately 900 square feet each, Mr. Elliott said. He said the rent on each apartment will be about \$900 per month.

Cheryl M. Payne and Mr. Elliott are negotiating a lease of the retail space on the bottom floor. Elizabeth M. Payne, Mrs. Payne's daughter, said she and her mother will run a gift shop there.

Miss Payne plans to run the new store within a week after she graduates from Brockport

State University College in May.

Mrs. Payne owns the George & Ida Mae gift shop across the street at 208 W. Main St.

Calla Lillies will be the name of the new store, Mrs. Payne said. It will carry clothing, fresh flowers and locally made furniture, among other things.

Mrs. Payne managed two gift shops for more than a year across from each other on West Main Street, George's Emporium and Ida Mae. Miss Payne helped her mother run Ida Mae.

"It was a great experience for her to see if she wants to run retail, and she does," Mrs. Payne said.

Last spring, the two stores merged into George & Ida Mae, and Sackets Harbor Wine Merchants moved to the former Ida Mae site.

Aubertine & Currier Architects, Watertown, designed the building, which is in a historic district. Widrick Construction, Adams Center, began construction in early January.

The construction has moved faster than expected because of the unseasonably mild Janu-

ary weather.

"From the time they dug for the foundation to the time they got to the roof, it took 10 days," said Jerry L. Peck, an estimator at Widrick. "This work usually takes two to three weeks."

He and Mr. Elliott said the building will be ready by May.

The facade of the building will be brick, in keeping with zoning requirements in the historic district.

"It looks like it's been there for a while," Mr. Peck said.

Workers are working on the interior of the building and haven't started on the facade yet.

Mr. Elliott originally planned to build only retail space on the lot. The rise in housing demand and the village's popularity spurred him to add another floor for residential apartments, he said.

"I just see that market over there will continue to prosper," Mr. Elliott said of the housing market in Sackets Harbor.