

Beef O'Brady's to open

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Final touches are being put on the Bainbridge Beef O'Brady's, preparatory to an anticipated Jan. 6th opening.

Located in the Inland Port Center, the new Bainbridge sports pub and restaurant lives up to the corporate focus on the family, its owners said.

The Bainbridge site is owned by Ron and Yvonne Wood; Ron's brother, Craig Wood; his father, Richard Wood, and Yvonne's father, James Clements. The family also owns the Thomasville Beef O'Brady's, and the Wood's children, Danielle, Kaleigh and Brett, all work there.

The Bainbridge site will be managed by Chuck Reeves, long-time family friend who has nearly 15 years of food service experience, and is almost like family, according to Yvonne Wood.

A unique feature of the Bainbridge restaurant is that in addition to strategically placed big screen TVs, there are 15-inch TV screens on the walls of each booth. There are also TV screens in the restrooms, so no one has to miss the big play of the game.

The menu is casual dining, serving the restaurant's signature chicken wings and the Waterson sandwich. They also offer hamburgers, salads and soups, as well as appetizers. Beer, wine and soft drinks are available and there is a game room available to entertain the children.

The Beef O'Brady business concept is they want to be everybody's "third place." As explained by Reeves, everyone has two main places where they spend the most time – at work and at home. Then there is the third place where people like to go to relax and socialize.

The company prides itself on community involvement, especially with school organizations and the YMCA. They have a sponsored school organization "spirit night," and offer merit rewards for academic and athletic performance.

"We plan to become an integral part of the Bainbridge community," Yvonne Wood said. "Already we have created ties through sponsorship of local sporting organizations and we are eager to expand our involvement. Every Beef's tells a story about their community, and we are no different."

