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Ind. 135 to have new restaurants

Barbecue, seafood eateries expected to open by January along busy highway.
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A menu of new restaurants popping up along Ind. 135 will give area residents more dining choices.

Two national chains and a local establishment will try to satisfy hungry bellies.

The first to open will be Smokey Joe's Barbecue, an upscale eatery planned for The Pointe strip center, just south of County Line Road.

Joseph Heidenreich, chef/owner of the Downtown Agio restaurant, will open Smokey Joe's before Thanksgiving, according to Mike Duke, developer of The Pointe.

Next in line is Bonefish Grill, a subsidiary of Outback Steakhouse based in St. Petersburg, Fla. Bonefish is expected to open in January in the Allyne Pointe shopping center, just south of The Pointe, according to Dawn Lyon, sales and leasing associate for the Allen Commercial Group.

The seafood eatery will open its first Indiana location Monday at 4501 E. 82nd St. on the Northeastside of Indianapolis.

Construction will begin this spring on O'Charley's in Riverwood Market Place, in front of the Home Depot and across from Target. The national chain will occupy one of the three outlots at Riverwood, Lyon said.

The proliferation of new restaurants corresponds with development along Ind. 135.

Allen Commercial Group has received letters of interest from 30 potential tenants for the 130,000-square-foot Riverwood, Lyon said. Old National Bank will occupy an outlot.

"I think you'll see more retail continuing from County Line Road all the way south to Stones Crossing," Lyon said. "Farther north, you will see redevelopment of older buildings. Farther south, there will definitely be new development."

The retail development is aligned with new rooftops springing up, according to Lyon. "Residential is continuing to grow farther south," she said. "Retail will follow that."

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