

Bethany's Table owners take second restaurant to Timberland **Town Center**



Bethany's Table describes itself as a casual European-style bistro. It is run by a husband-wife team of Janet O"Connor and David Bowles. In the middle table are Rebecca Buchanan, left, Marilyn Joyce, and Gregg Buchanan. (Benjamin Brink/Beaverton Leader)

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Now that the "pain" of opening up a restaurant north of U.S. 26 has died down, David Bowles, co-owner of Bethany's Table, and head chef Janet O'Connor are ready to open a second location.

"We thought we needed a big, strong dose of additional pain," Bowles said.

The couple has signed a lease for a 3,600-square-foot space at the Timberland Town Center, a Gramor Development project that is expected to open in January 2015.

"Bethany's Table will remain our neighborhood bistro," Bowles said, adding that many of his customers are regulars.

The new location at Timberland Town Center, Bowles said, was an opportunity they couldn't pass up.

"The immediate neighborhood is much more dense, and the access to that center from other areas is much easier for people to conceive," Bowles said, referring to the proximity of U.S. 26 and big corporations like Nike, Columbia and Providence Hospital.

"It's just an ideal location for us to put in a larger restaurant. The main opportunity that we're focusing on in that larger restaurant is having the facility to entertain large groups for special events and corporate dining," Bowles said.

Bethany's Table seats about 50 people in its 1,800-square-foot location off 15325 N.W. Central Drive.

The Table at Timberland Town Center, on the other hand, will have 120 seats of indoor dining, additional outdoor seating where there's room for people to sit in front of a fire pit.

<u>Bethany's Table offers European-style bistro</u> dishes like cioppino, risotto, paella and other traditional foods using mostly local ingredients.

"The [Table's] menu will be derived from the same philosophy [as Bethany's Table]," Bowles said. "The fixed menu will still change monthly, a little bit, and with the seasons, substantially. But, it will be a little larger menu with a few more offerings of steak and seafood."

O'Connor will be head chef at both locations, but Bowles said the two are looking to hire another chef for The Table, which is expected to open early May 2015.