

Pixie & Bill's owners plan new restaurant

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SENECA — Nick, George, Zach and Ted Corontzes, owners of Pixie & Bill's restaurant and Calhoun Corners in Clemson, have decided to fill a void on Ram Cat Alley.

The Corontzes brothers will open up their own restaurant at the former Chophouse 113 site on Ram Cat Alley, Nick Corontzes confirmed Tuesday. They are leasing the building owner Jack Chadwick.

Chophouse 113, the popular upscale dining establishment downtown, closed its doors in March.

"That's correct," Nick said. "We're going to give it a whirl over there, and hopefully it'll work out."

No exact date has been set for reopening the store.

Seneca Mayor Dan Alexander said the businessmen had long expressed interest in doing business in Seneca.

"They have been interested in coming to Seneca for many years, actually," Alexander said.

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"They've always had an interest in coming here. The opportunity is here for them now, and they are moving to the old Chophouse 113. It's really exciting."

The Corontzes family has not yet decided on a name or a specific style of cuisine for the restaurant, but Nick said the general idea will be to develop a unique

style for the downtown dining destination.

"We don't know a name for it yet," he said. "We're trying to think of that right now. We'd like to do something where it will be a little different than the two we have right now, so you can go to any of the three and feel like you're getting a different experi-

ence. Now, there are some things that will be the same. A filet is a filet wherever you go, but here we might provide some more tapas dining with more appetizers. Something like that."

He made it a point, however, to say the restaurant's true identity and style could not yet be definitively stated, as the process

is still ongoing.

"Of course, I don't want anyone to hold us to that just yet," Nick said. "We want to see what everyone over there wants, too. That's important, to know what people in the area want."

The brothers want to move along as quickly as they can in developing the project, and right

now their first obstacle is the six-to-eight week waiting period for beer, liquor and wine licenses.

"It's a great thing for Seneca to have new restaurants opening up downtown," Alexander said. "The Corontzes brothers will be bringing fine dining here, and downtown restaurants are a great draw for any downtown area,

and it helps downtown business. We're excited to have them here."

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