

Burger restaurant ventures into Bucks

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Bucks County will get its first taste of Alabama's Big Buford burger and southern-styled spicy fries this winter when the popular Checkers restaurant chain comes to Middletown.

The drive-thru-only restaurant flanked by two drive-thru lanes is planned at the CS Shopping Center at Woodbourne and Bristol Oxford Valley roads.

On Monday night, the Middletown supervisors unanimously approved construction of the restaurant, which will be built on land once occupied by the Italian Peoples Bakery.

Five weeks ago, the Italian Peoples Bakery moved to another location inside the CS Shopping Center. Checkers said it plans to open in Middletown in December.

Checkers, which got its start in Mobile, Ala., specializes in milkshakes, seasoned fries and spiced burgers such as the Firecracker Bacon, the salty Maple Bacon, Pepper Bacon and Baconzilla.

With more than 800 locations in the United States and Israel, customers drive away with "high performance human fuel" for the road.

Checkers has traditionally been more common in urban areas like Philadelphia, which has four of the restaurants. Recently, restaurants opened in Burlington Township and Willingboro.

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