



Customers Stacey Bratsch, Sean Drahuschak and D.J. Long enjoy the sports-themed atmosphere at Sidelines.



Sidelines Sports Eatery and Pub is located at the corner of Holland Road and Dussel Drive in Maumee.

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Sidelines Restaurant Scores With Sports Fans And Families Alike

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If you or your family are coming off the playing field and looking for someplace new for your post-game, go to the corner of Holland Road and Dussel Drive to Sidelines, a sports-themed restaurant and bar that caters to sports fans as well as families.

Co-owners Eric Sitter, Jerry Edmondson and Chris Etts opened the original Sidelines in Lambertville, Mich., in 2000, and for the first couple of years enjoyed a fine local business.

In 2002, they entered the Northwest Ohio Rib Off and came away with first place, the Golden Rib award, and the following year received the Rib Off's People's Choice award.

According to Sitter, after that their business "boomed," attracting people from all over the area.

In November 2005, Sitter, Edmondson and Etts brought their award-winning ribs to Maumee and have been enjoying success in this area as well.

Sidelines has 23 televisions scattered all around the restaurant and bar area, including several flat screen TVs mounted along several of the booths, so there is virtually no chance of missing the game while enjoying your meal.

The restaurant features



The Sidelines staff includes (from left) back row, manager Ed Edgerton, Rob Presley, Mike Mockensturm, Tara Miko and co-owner Eric Sitter, and front row, Cori Branyan, Laine Schroeder and Jillian Scrowell.

different daily lunch specials Monday through Friday for \$4.95, varying from chicken Parmesan sandwiches to chili cheddar burgers. The eatery is attracting a decent lunch crowd from the businesses in Arrowhead Park and surrounding areas.

Sitter said the restaurant has a great patio area and is looking forward to offering live entertainment one or

two nights a week during the summer.

The restaurant also runs nightly specials: on Mondays, it offers 75-cent tacos and margaritas for a dollar; Tuesday is Rib Night; on Wednesday nights, kids eat free; Thursdays feature all-you-can-eat crab legs; and the Friday and Saturday night feature is half-pound beer battered shrimp.

During happy hour on

Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., domestic draft beers are \$1.00 and domestic bottles are \$1.75.

Besides being well known for its famous ribs, Sidelines' other top sellers include "fowl balls" (chunks of chicken coated in your choice of sauce), a pulled pork salad and Sitter's own unique creation, steak bites.

For under \$8.00, steak bites are 10 ounces of choice sirloin, cut kabob-style and smothered with mushrooms and gravy, cheese and jalapenos, or several other distinctive options.

The menu also offers a selection of soups, salads, pasta and sandwiches.

While Sidelines is noted for its sports theme, Sitter stresses that the restaurant

also caters to families, with a children's menu featuring nine different choices.

"The parents can really customize their kid's meal," Sitter said, with a choice of two sides that go beyond just fries.

The kids can also pick from side items such as salad, mashed potatoes and yogurt.

Sidelines is also looking forward to upcoming events at the Maumee location. On Saturday, February 4, Ohio State linebackers A.J. Hawk, Bobby Carpenter and Anthony Schlegel will appear to sign autographs.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are limited but still available, according to Sitter.

Each ticket is \$50.00 and includes one autograph from each of the players. Additional autographs can be purchased.

Sidelines is also taking reservations for its Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 5. Tickets are \$25.00 each and include a reserved seat for the entire game, an appetizer and entrée, and unlimited non-alcoholic beverages.

For those hosting their own Super Bowl parties, Sidelines also offers trays of its ribs and fowl balls.

Sidelines Sports Eatery and Pub is located at 1500 Holland Rd. and can be reached at (419) 897-5050.

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