



## BUILDING ON THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE

Iconic restaurant chain, Bandidos, entrusts the experts at Shawnee Construction to take its business to the next level.

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“In today’s business climate, you have to change with the times; you can’t sit on your hands,” says John A. Schenkel Jr., vice president of Shawnee Construction & Engineering.

Schenkel and his brother, Matt Schenkel, president of Shawnee Construction, are proud of a recent business venture in which their company was chosen to take popular, Fort Wayne-based restaurant chain Bandidos to new heights with the opening of a unique and high-service restaurant called Taqueria B.

“We like to think that we’re able to help Fort Wayne icons like Bandidos maintain what they have, as well as start up a new icon like Taqueria B and help them transition or add to their existing business,” says Matt.

Taqueria B opened last November in the Glenbrook Commons shopping center. Jimmie Schindler II, owner of Bandidos and Taqueria B, describes it as a restaurant serving Mexican food with an emphasis on fresh fare and an open and airy atmosphere in which

patrons can watch all of the meals being prepared. Tortillas are made from scratch and there are no cans, no microwaves and no freezers. Taqueria B features margaritas made from fresh-squeezed limes and 20 draft beers.



“Having Shawnee Construction remodel the space for Taqueria B was a no-brainer,” says Schindler. “Shawnee has done a number of maintenance jobs at our restaurants over the years and we’ve always been happy with the quality of their work.”

Schindler points out that another appealing aspect to working with Shawnee is the fact that like Schindler’s business, Shawnee is family-owned and always has been.

“Family-owned businesses are kind of a rare entity anymore,” Schindler says. “Working with Shawnee was a good fit for us culturally and mindset wise. We’re proud to say we have a relationship with such a respectable company.”

“Our dad, John A. Schenkel, founded Shawnee Construction on the philosophy that nothing mattered more than customer service,” says Matt. “We’re proud to say we honor that philosophy on every project we have.”

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All clients are iconic. They have a vision...and expectations.

Shawnee works closely with our clients, bringing their iconic vision to life, exceeding expectations in the process.

*“Shawnee Construction truly cares about their customer’s needs. They will bend over backwards to work with you and make you happy. Bandidos and Taqueria B would definitely work with Shawnee again!” - Jimmie Schindler*

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Fort Wayne Icon Bandido’s newest restaurant, Taqueria B

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