

## Toast plans April debut at Kudzu site

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Toast Café, which has attracted a following with its casual breakfast, lunch and dinner fare in Huntersville since 2005, will open a second location in the former Kudzu restaurant site in downtown Davidson in early April, owner Brian Burchill said Thursday.

Mr. Burchill, who was at the restaurant at 101 N. Main St. Thursday afternoon, said he has closed on a deal to take over the site, which is owned by the Knox family. He plans to spend this month doing minor renovations, to give the restaurant a "cottage feel" much like his Huntersville location.

Toast moves into the space formerly occupied by Kudzu on the Green. Kudzu owner Chip Potts closed the restaurant last month after three years, saying he wanted to spend more time with his family.

Mr. Burchill actually has had his eye on the space since three years ago, when the former O'Donnell's Deli went out of business. But at that time, he wasn't able to work out a deal with the former owners.

### THREE MEALS A DAY

Toast will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner, with brunches on Saturday and Sunday, Mr. Burchill said. The menu will be



similar to what Toast serves in Huntersville, though Mr. Burchill plans to alter the dinner menu slightly. Entrees will be \$10 to \$18.

Toast offers eggs, omelets, French toast, flap-jacks and its own fresh-baked breads and pastries. For lunch, it serves salads, sandwiches, burgers and wraps. Dinner currently includes soups, salads, crab cakes and other appetizers, pasta, seafood, chicken dishes, steaks, shepherd's pie, and burgers.

Mr. Burchill said local diners should "be ready for the freshest food you'll probably ever have, and an incredible atmosphere. It will be a very casual atmosphere so we'll hopefully be feeding people three times a day."

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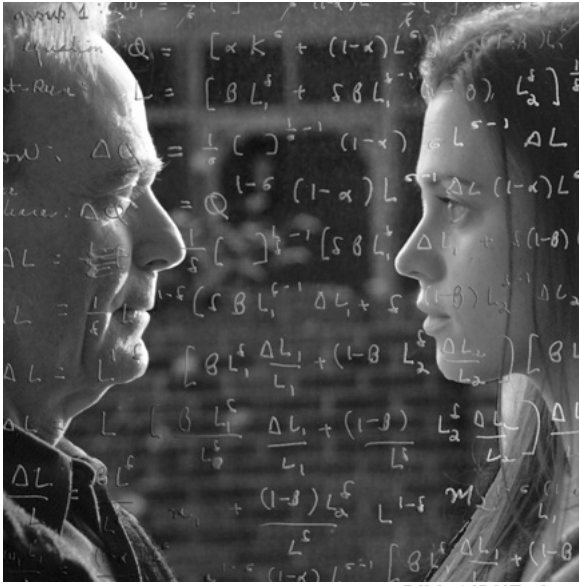
Toast in Davidson is looking for wait staff and other help. For more information about the restaurant, visit the Toast website, <http://www.toastcafeonline.com/>.

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Joe Gardner and daughter Beth have the lead roles in the March production of 'Proof.'

## *2 Gardners get leads in Davidson Community Players' show 'Proof'*

Joe Gardner and daughter Beth Gardner Helfrich have been cast as leads in Davidson Community Players' March production of David Auburn's "Proof." Tickets are now on sale for the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning play about a young woman dealing with emotions, romance and mathematics after the death of her famous mathematician father.

Mr. Gardner, in his first onstage role in 20 years, will play the role of Robert, the brilliant but unstable mathematician. Mr. Gardner has been a Davidson College theater professor for 33 years. He's also a respected stage designer who has worked with many area companies.

Ms. Helfrich, who grew up in Davidson and graduated with a theater degree from the college, is cast in the role of Catherine, Robert's daughter and primary caregiver. She teaches middle school humanities at Woodlawn School.

The play, directed by Martin Thompson, runs March 6-9 at Davidson College's Alvarez College Union 900 Room. Shows are March 6, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. and matinees March 8-9 at 2 p.m. Reservations 704-892-7918 or [www.carolinatix.org](http://www.carolinatix.org).



