

# Lexington Sampler

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Gerard Aiche, who helped bring world-class French cuisine to Lexington at **Le Deauville** on North Limestone, is embarking on his own venture. In early July, Mr. Aiche will unveil Le Toulouse at 431 Old Vine Street, in the building the formerly occupied by Phil Dunn's Cookshop and most recently 431. Before coming to Lexington, Mr. Aiche was chef at the renowned Felix in Manhattan. Le Toulouse is named after his hometown in France. Le Deauville will remain in operation.

**P.J's Grill** is now open at 319A South Limestone Street. P.J.'s features Mediterranean/Persian style food including steak, chicken and ground beef kabobs, falafel and a variety of salads.

Two Lexington coffee shops have opened new locations. **Mocha Monkey** now has a second store on 2644 Richmond Road on the site of the former Manhattan Bagel. In addition to deli sandwiches, wraps and salads, the jungle-themed café offers specialty espresso drinks such as the Vanilla Gorilla. Mocha Monkey is also open in the Beaumont Center on the corner of Man O'War and Harrodsburg Road.

**The Coffee Beanery**, a Fayette Mall fixture for 12 years, has opened a new café at the Shops at Lexington Center (Rupp Arena). The new location will serve breakfast as well as its traditional menu of soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts.

**Seasons Catering and Special Occasions** has consolidated its deli and catering business at the site of the latter on 333 North Ashland Avenue. Seasons Deli had been located down the street at 313 South Ashland. Belle's Bakery now operates out of that property.

**Equus Run Vineyard** in Midway is off and running for the summer. On June 12, it unveiled a new 14-acre concert area complete with amphitheatre and permanent restroom facilities. Equus Run has been hosting a popular weekly summer concert series for the past four years and normally draws nearly 1,000 people. The new facilities will enable the vineyard to accommodate a few hundred more patrons. The following week, Equus Run opened a new wine shop/tasting room and art gallery in Victorian Square in downtown Lexington. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

**Metropol**, an upscale bistro on 307 West Short Street is now offering lunch. Selections include pasta bella with artichoke and Portobello mushrooms with basil-walnut pesto. Metropol's lunch hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. -PREP

Bayou Grill



The Coffee Beanery



Mocha Monkey Coffee Shop



Equus Run

