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Jenni Snyder, owner of Jenni's Desserts, holds a spicy breakfast quiche at her bakery in Stow. MIKE CARDEW/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

The Atley

Jess Joseph-Reid and Scott Reid opened The Atley Nov. 22 in the space that previously held Taco Tuesdays. So far, the business' smash burger, wings, bologna sandwich and fried chicken sandwich are the most popular with customers on the small but evolving menu.

9149 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, noon to 1:30 a.m., noon to 8 p.m. Sunday; 330-998-6151; https://www.facebook.com/profile

— Tawney Beans

Whitfield's Creole and Soul Food

Falling in love with the Creole culture of New Orleans led Tyler and Fatiah Whitfield to focus on Creole and soul food, most recently with their new Whitfield's Creole and Soul Food that opened for carryout Nov. 24.

911 E. Market St, Akron; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, brunch10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, dinner 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday; 234-231-1362; whitfieldscreoleand-soulfood.com

- Kerry Clawson



A lamb and beef gyro at East Avenue Gyros on May 29 in Tallmadge. PHIL MASTURZO/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL



Co-owner Jesus Reyes shows off an Off the Law Philly at The Hungry Fork in Akron. KERRY CLAWSON/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

Summit County restaurant openings in 2025

Year ushers in over 60 new options

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So many new restaurants this year in the Greater Akron area. More than 60, in fact. • Local restaurateurs were busy opening Creole, bar food, Italian, soul food, pizza, vegan, Mexican, seafood, Mediterranean, Asian and so many more styles of eateries. The Akron region also gained a couple new fine dining spots. • Read on to learn all about these new eateries, and enjoy exploring them now and in the New Year!

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Key Lime Cupcakes at Sunshine Cupcakes Etc in Cuyahoga Falls.

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Eggs Benedict at Isaly's Cafe & Catering in Stow.
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Zap Zap Sushi co-owner Tin Win finishes assembling a poke salad at the Akron restaurant.

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The Hungry Fork

The Reyes family, led by cook Jesus, co-owns the new restaurant The Hungry Fork with Jose Martinez, focusing on American bar food with some Italian offerings. The eatery opened Nov. 18, offering burgers, flatbreads, pastas, wings, a variety of Philly sandwiches and more.

257 E Cuyahoga Falls Ave, Akron; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday; 234-678-0123; the-hungry-fork.square.site

— Kerry Clawson

Harvest Moon Cafe

Richfield's Harvest Moon Cafe began serving coffee, dirty sodas, tea, bagels, muffins tops and doughnuts Nov. 14. Coowners Krista Gorzelanczyk and Allyson Gaydemski merged their existing businesses — Gaydemski's Ohio Grazing Co. and Gorzelanczyk's Stone + Sage crystal shop — to create the new eatery.

4183 W. Streetsboro Road, Suite 101, Richfield; 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday; 440-429-7785; harvestmooncafe.com

— Tawney Beans



The California burrito at The Golden Burrito in Akron.

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