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Ben Myer jumps right into Vagabond Sandwich, Bel Air's newest eatery



Ben Meyer, a restaurant industry veteran, knows the two rules for start-up success. First, open an eatery where there is constant foot and car traffic. Second, have lots of money for marketing. Life, however, doesn't always follow a script. His new business, Vagabond Sandwich Company, is located on a Bel Air side street. Also true: he had little to no advertising budget when he opened last August.

"So I know that I am breaking all the rules, but it was time," says Ben, a Bel Air High School graduate who moved away from town several times to follow a restaurant career. He always finds his way back to Harford County. His local résumé includes cooking at Scotto's and as the "first man in" to open the Italian Sensation locations in Fallston and Perry Hall.

Ben dreamed of a place where he could mix up familiar lunch and breakfast food with some specialties that are worth taking a few steps off the beaten downtown path. Currently on the menu, for example, are an array of crab-inspired dishes such as an egg sandwich with a crab cake and Old Bay® remoulade.

The location has been long known as a lunch spot for courthouse visitors and local office workers. Ben says he is "baby-stepping" his way to his vision of "a cool little Bel Air joint" with normal restaurant hours, quick service and a "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" vibe.