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Extreme Pita owner Darrell Hall (left) supervises employee Jo-Ellen MacGlashan create a chicken souvlaki pita at the new Orland Park location Wednesday, Aug. 18.

Extreme Pita opens first Illinois location

■ New Orland Park restaurant offers variety of pitas, smoothies

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Discovering a taste for pitas, Darrell Hall of Matteson decided to bring that taste to Orland Park through Extreme Pita.

"There was nothing like that in the area," he said.

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"I wanted to open my own business and bring something unique to the area. It was the best fit for people of Orland Park."

The Orland Park location opened Monday, Aug. 16, at 14658 S. LaGrange Road next to Noodles & Company and HoneyBaked Ham. It is the first Illinois restaurant for the Extreme Brandz franchise. The Canadian-based chain began in 1997 and currently operates more than 275 locations in Canada and the U.S. under the names of Extreme Pita, Mucho Burrito and Pureblendz.

The menu offers a variety of pita sandwiches, including the top-selling grilled chicken as well as falafel and Philly cheese steak. Flat baked pitas, salads, soups and appetizers are also available.

"Extreme Pita just shows

a shift in the appetite of people as far as changing eating habits," he said. "It also shows a good mix of healthy and tasting great."

Hall recommends first-time visitors try the Greek-inspired chicken souvlaki, but said his favorite is the chicken Caesar pita.

"The taste is tremendous, and it's like a chicken Caesar salad you can eat on the go," he said.

Customers can also cool off with PurBlendz pure fruit smoothies.

A grand opening celebration is planned for Friday, Sept. 17, and Saturday, Sept. 18. The first 25 customers on Sept. 17 will receive free pitas for a year.

"I anticipate people to camp out," Hall said. "It's going to be a big event for us."

On both Sept. 17 and 18, customers can take advantage of half-price pitas.

For more information, call (708) 403-8338 or visit www.extremepita.com.