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New Findlay hotspot takes flight

FlightHouse serving craft beer, versatile social spaces
By: Elizabeth Clauss

When FlightHouse first opened its doors on April 3, 2024, the response from the Findlay community was overwhelming, manager Peyton Hoover said.

“The first day was way busier than I thought it would be,” said Hoover. “A lot of people from Findlay came out and it was really interesting to see how many people wanted to come and try it. It was crazy, but definitely a learning curve.”

FlightHouse occupies the space that used to be Feasel’s Garden Center, a former nursery and landscaping business with a small bar and restaur-

ant in the back. When the previous occupants decided to sell, the new owners decided to turn the space into something new. Minimal construction was needed for the transition.

“It was a lot of face work,” Hoover

said. “It was mostly adding things like countertops and with the bar, adding all the little coolers and equipment. Also some additional details like the stone wall, and the wooden shelves.”

Hoover said they hope Flight-



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A view from the outdoor patio at FlightHouse. Photo provided.

House becomes an epicenter for events and live music in the community. Hoover's favorite memory so far was the day the band Reckless Highway performed. The venue plans to host a variety of talent in the coming months.

Hoover said the staff and the regular customers have already created lasting memories for her.

"All the employees, they're so fun to work with," she said. "We also have a few regulars who come in. Getting to talk to them every time, they always have fun stories. There are a lot of good memories."

Hoover acknowledged that the journey has not been without its challenges. From bar operations to kitchen efficiency, the team is always looking

for ways to improve.

As FlightHouse enters its second year, they are brainstorming new events for guests to enjoy.

What they offer

At FlightHouse, patrons can expect either a relaxed bar atmosphere, live music, or to compete with friends in a variety of games, depending on the night and which room of the "house" they're in. With a cozy fireplace and back rooms adorned with couches, FlightHouse can set the scene for conversation and relaxation. Guests can also bring out their competitive side with arcade golf inside or pickleball courts, bocce ball and cornhole on the outside patio (once the weather warms up).

"I think the space and also the ver-

satility of what we have here sets us apart," said Hoover.

The beverage selection at FlightHouse is another point of emphasis for Hoover and her team.

"We have 24 (beers) on tap, and we rotate them as we move through the seasons," she said. Seasonal beers are a big selling point for customers. Moving through the last of their Christmas selection, Hoover said no seasonal flavor can out beat their (in) famous pumpkin spice options.

FlightHouse prefers to source its rotational beers through the same breweries, with many options in Ohio, like Findlay Brewing Company.

For cocktail lovers, FlightHouse's drink menu is also always evolving. With input from bartenders and staff, Hoover is always crafting new beverages.

"I take ideas from all the bartenders, shift leads, and other employees, then I just make 'em and test 'em," said Hoover. "I also look up stuff, whether it's from Columbus or California, to get inspiration from other places and bars."

The current lineup of specialty cocktails is inspired by Valentine's Day. Guests can feel the love with drinks such as Cupid's Love Potion or the Be Mine Basil Smash. For wine enthusiasts, the bar features a collection of different blends, including stock from local wineries.

The food compliments the bar's casual atmosphere, featuring sandwiches, shareables and flatbreads. All the meats are smoked in-house, Hoover said, including their brisket, chicken wings and pork.

Whether you enjoy a variety of adult beverages or are just looking for a fun night out with friends, FlightHouse has a little something for anyone visiting Findlay.

LOCAL EVENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

FEB 6

CUFFS & STUFF

Old Millstream Centre 1017 E Sandusky St, Findlay

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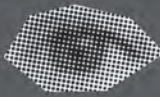


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Wine and dessert pairings

Love is in the air come February, when plenty of sweethearts enjoy romantic evenings together. When the Valentine's Day meal is through, it is prime time for something sweet. With a little knowledge of how to pair wine with dessert, Valentine's revelers can continue the celebration through this final course.

According to Wine Folly, when pairing wine with dessert or other foods, the secret is to think of wine as an ingredient that will add a new flavor profile. Generally speaking, when it comes to choosing the best wines for desserts, a sweet wine is preferable as the sweetness in the wine will match the sugar in the dessert, suggests the wine resource Vin Yang. Here are some additional pairing pointers.

- A darker dessert usually requires a darker wine, as the wine should have a similar intensity to the dessert.
- The wine should be sweeter than the food in most cases and should match the flavors in the food.
- Chocolate and caramel are best paired with a sweet or fruity red wine, as dry wines may taste too bitter against chocolate due to the tannins found in both the wine and chocolate. Port, Sherry, Marsala, and Zinfandel are good options.
- Mild, buttery or sweet vanilla desserts work best with white wines, including sparkling wines. Muscat, off-dry Rieslings, and Prosecco are some ideas.
- Keep in mind that very sweet desserts or those with fruits, like cobblers or shortcakes, may benefit from a burst of acidity. A drier Riesling may work or a Vouvray Brut.

Those who may be unsure of how to pair their desserts with wine can always speak with a local wine retailer or restaurant for suggestions on wines for an extra-special Valentine's Day.

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