



Eat. Drink. Be Irish.

By BRENNA GRITEMAN LIFE EDITOR

Green beer? Check.

Kegs and eggs? Check

Claims of Irish heritage just to earn a kiss? You bet!

St. Patrick's Day marks the 5th-century death of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland, and is sometimes called the Feast of Saint Patrick. Over the past dozen or so centuries, the holiday has become synonymous with parades, special foods, music, dancing, drinking and the wearing of the green.

Even with the 17th of March falling

on a Sunday this year, Findlay's establishments are expecting large crowds of green-clad revelers.

The Dark Horse Restaurant will kickstart the festivities with "St. Practice Day" on Saturday.

Owner Neeli Oler says the restaurant will offer breakfast specials including green eggs and ham, Irish scrambler, Scotch eggs, Irish toast and St. Patty Cakes — essentially "anything I can turn green and people will eat" — starting at 7 a.m. For lunch and dinner, The Dark Horse will be serving a Jiggs dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potato and carrots.

Green beer will be flowing, as will green margaritas, Irish coffee, Irish breakfast

shots and shots of Jameson. Irish music will help set the merry mood.

"This is one of my favorite holidays and I love to get the customers involved and have some fun celebrating the day," Oler says, noting the same offerings will be available Sunday — minus the liquor.

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Celebrate St. Practice Day on Saturday 3/16 & again on St. Patrick's Day 3/17 at the Dark Horse! Open at 7 A.M. Breakfast: Drinks: (No Liquer on Sunday)



Breakfast:
Green eggs & ham
Irish scrambler
Scotch eggs
Irish toast
St. Patty Cakes

Drinks: (No Liquor on Sunday)
Jameson shots
Irish coffee
Green beer domestics 2.00
Green margaritas 3.50
Irish breakfast shots 5.00

Lunch and dinner we will be serving Jiggs Dinner: Corned beef, cabbage, potato & carrots

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Clayton Acheson, general manager of Logan's Irish Pub, is also planning a weekend-long party.

The downtown Findlay pub will host live bands all day Saturday, along with giveaways of green T-shirts, beads, sunglasses and more.

"We're going to pretend the 16th is St. Patrick's Day. And you know, at midnight, it is," Acheson says.

The party continues Sunday for the most devoted merrymakers — Monday morning be damned! — with doors opening at 9 or 10 a.m. Beers and breakfast will be served until the main event: At 11 o'clock sharp — precisely the time Sunday liquor sales are legally permitted — they'll strike up the band and lead a legendary toast.

"I'm going to have the largest Irish whiskey toast in the history of Findlay, Ohio," Acheson says. "I'm guessing by that time we'll be packed."

General manager Frank Polutnik says Frickers' St. Patrick's Day party — and its early-bird kegs and eggs offering — is legendary among Findlay revelers.

"This is probably our busiest day of the year. We'll have people actually standing outside waiting for us to open at 6," Polutnik says. (Note: That's 6 a.m.)

The celebration runs from 6-10 on the morning of St. Patrick's Day, with green beer flowing steadily.

Polutnik explains every person who buys a beverage during this four-hour window — including soda for all those early-morning designated drivers — earns access to the free breakfast buffet. On the menu are eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes, French toast sticks and much more.

"Obviously, if you give them a big enough breakfast they won't get drunk quite so fast," he reasons.

Still, Polutnik says the restaurant does occasionally have to step in when St. Patrick's Day revelers get a little overzealous: "I've cut somebody off at 6:15."

Fricker's offers kegs and eggs only one other time a year: the day of the OSU versus Michigan game, but the beer remains its natural amber tone.













Humans of Findlay is a documentary project based on the blog "Humans of New York." The project was created to introduce many of the unique people of Findlay, Ohio. The man behind the lens and the project is Dave Morrow. Morrow has interviewed over 700 people of Findlay, ranging from age 5 to 102 years old, with a wide range of diversity and backgrounds.

On April 4, 2018, a proclamation was signed by Mayor Lydia Mihalik designating the day as "Humans of Findlay Day." Each of the stories have been read up to 30,000 times, and can be located on humansoffindlay.com, Humans of Findlay Facebook page, as well as in this monthly magazine. Know someone that you feel should be featured? Send a nomination on the Facebook page.

TIM AND EVAN JACKSON

Since 1878 a member of the Jackson family has been farming their land. They are in their 5th generation and going strong. We met Tim and Evan, father and son, as they were working their breeding cattle. They farm several large parcels of land growing corn, soybeans, winter wheat, some hay

and other cover crops. They also have 150 honeybee hives so they utilize every aspect of their land to it's fullest potential. They even graze cattle on freshly harvested corn fields. Their honey is sold in several local stores and on site at the farm. Their patriarch Keith Jackson was not onsite this morning but even at 90 he still helps with all the tasks of farm-



ing and inspires the younger generations to keep on striving. Keith was recently inducted into the Hancock County Ag Hall of Fame. The Jacksons also credit Dwight Wilson, the local bee guru, for their success in raising honeybees and making honey. Behind successful men are the wives who support these men in every way possible. Tim and Joyce have been married 35

years and have 2 children and 6 grandchildren. Evan is married to Kari and they have two daughters. And the matriarch and patriarch Mary Jane and Keith oversee their progeny. The Jacksons also give credit to local businesses for supporting them and allowing them to be productive and successful in a business that is very fickle and time critical.



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Friday, Mar. 8: 3-8PM Saturday, Mar. 9: 11A

Saturday, Mar. 9: 11AM-5PM Sunday, Mar. 10: 1-4PM



MARCH 9-10 – AMF SPORTSMAN LANES BOWLING FOR KIDS

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MARCH 14 - OLD MILL STREAM CENTRE

30th ANNUAL FARMER'S SHARE BREAKFAST

Enjoy breakfast and celebrate the agricultural heritage of Hancock County. Hancock County Agriculture Hall of Fame winners and their families will be recognized and the local FFA Public Speaking contest winner will speak. Tickets \$5.00 (required) available at The Hancock County Chamber office. Breakfast includes a full hot breakfast and juice or coffee. Held at the Old Mill Stream Centre at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. 7:30-9:00AM

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MARCH 15 - FINDLAY COUNTRY CLUB

FINDLAY TROJAN CLUB REVERSE RAFFLE

Annual event with a reverse raffle, horse races, live and silent auctions, delicious food and beverages and a chance to win \$10,000! All to support Findlay sports programs. Advance tickets required, visit www.findlaytrojanclub.com. Event doors open at 6PM.





MARCH 16 - TIFFIN ST. PADDY'S DAY 5K

The registration opens @ 8:30am at The Renaissance 129 S. Washington St. Race begins promptly at 10am. Proceeds benefit Downtown Revitalization in Tiffin. $$20^{00}$ pre-race, $$25^{00}$ day of race.



MARCH 17 - 419 & BEYOND ST. PATIRCK'S DAY

Everyone is a little Irish on Saint Patrick's Day! March 17th is celebrated not only in Ireland but throughout the world by Irish and non-Irish alike – so visit your favorite place for some Irish food, music, libations and celebrate in the 419!

MARCH 23 – FINDLAY HIGH SCHOOL KIWANIS PANCAKE DAY

Don't miss the tradition of the annual Kiwanis Pancake Day held at the Findlay High School cafeteria. Pre-sale tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Seniors (62 and older) and children (12 and under) - available from any Kiwanian and at Bindel's Appliances, AAA Findlay, and First Federal Bank on Patriot Drive, Findlay. At the door, prices increase \$1.00 each. Tickets grant entrance to the event along with all you can eat pancakes and sausage.

7AM – 1PM



MARCH 30 - FINDLAY COUNTRY CLUB

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

The fundraising event includes a sit down dinner along with professional actors that engage with the audience to help solve a murder that has taken place during the event. Table teams work together to solve the crime. During the evening a silent auction, raffles and live art demonstration by Awakening Minds Art local artists will take place. Ticket purchase required by March 15. 6-10PM

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STEVE OMAN

It is harvest time for the farmers again and if any of us complain about our work hours we need to spend a day with a farmer. We would be humbled. We met up with Steve Oman after spotting him posting pictures from his view in his John Deere Harvester as he worked in the fields anywhere from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. The hours Steve puts in are normal for farmers. They would be exhausting for most younger men, but Steve is an energizer bunny still going strong at 69 years young. They have finished bringing in the soybeans and were up late last night working the corn to beat the rain.

Steve's family first put down roots on a homestead farm in 1834, the site of Steve's current home. With farming in his DNA he set out on his own at the age of 21 buying his first acreage. He and his son Jason have increased the size of their land to 1700 acres they own and another 1000 acres they rent and farm. Things have changed drastically during his tenure farming. His first harvesting machine cut a 4-foot swath while the latest addition harvester can do a 45-foot cut in a single round. I was allowed in the cockpit to ride with Steve and it is so advanced technologically. Computer screens showing yields per pass, GPS controls and a joy stick to adjust the platform fill the cab. This is where Steve is in his domain.

I spoke a bit with Jason, his son and business partner. He earned a degree in Finance at the University of Findlay. He uses this knowledge and the education he has learned being a farmer's son to help his dad manage one of the most efficient farm systems in the area. Steve plans to keep farming as long as he is allowed. "I have spent my life doing what I love!" He shares his knowledge with others willingly and served two terms as a Hancock County Commissioner.

The glue that holds everything together is the love and support of his wife of 42 years, Wanda. He laughs because she was a city girl who married a farm boy but now has converted to a country girl.



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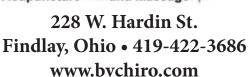


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