



Tiffin Pedal Company Rolls into Grand Opening

By Tristen Spahr

Seeking a new form of entertainment in the 419? Look no further than Tiffin Pedal Company, a mobile entertainment service featuring a partially motorized, 14 seat party bike that patrons can pedal to a variety of exciting destinations.

"I saw that a guy was doing it in Sandusky, and I just thought to myself 'man, that would really work in Tiffin," says founder Dan Perry.

Perry, a local barber and newcomer to the party bike scene, is confident that he can make this up and coming industry a success in his hometown.

"The first time I was ever on a party bike was my own," says Perry, "which is kind of crazy."

The Tiffin Pedal Company party bike is available Continued on pg. 3



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Dan and Katie Perry with their children.









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to book for a private party or single seats can be reserved during mixer tours. All standard tours last two hours, however, the last tour of the day can be extended to three hours. For a bar crawl tour, patrons can BYOB up to 36 ounces of beer or 18 ounces of wine per person to drink while they pedal to their choice of the company's local bar sponsors.

In the future, Perry hopes to organize specialty tours such as 90s theme night, town history tours and even ice cream and park crawls for families. He is also looking forward to planning Thursday night tasting tours, including wine, bourbon and beer from local breweries.

The company's official kickoff party will be held Sunday, May 5th, in downtown Tiffin, featuring food, live music, a charity raffle and a ribbon-cutting ceremony in conjunction with The Chandelier, a local community event space that opened its doors this spring. The event is free and open to the public and the block party will stretch from the alley at Madison Street Tavern to Washington Street.

"It's really cool to see the response that we've gotten from the community," says Perry. "The mayor and general public have been super supportive. Overall, it's been great." Patrons and fans can even purchase Tiffin Pedal Co. apparel.

Perry explains that he is excited for his company to hit the ground running and would be open to adding more bikes and expanding the business to nearby cities in the future.

"It's definitely something I'm not opposed to," Perry explains, but I want to take it one step at a time and get this right first."

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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.

HIRO KAWAMURA

From the time he was a college student in Japan, Hiro Kawamura has been interested in American culture and its diversity. After receiving a degree in English in Honshu he taught English to Japanese students for three years. In 1991 he came to the United States and landed in Idaho where he wanted to study Native American culture. He was hired to teach Japanese at Lewis and Clark State College while he was earning his Master's degree at the University of Idaho. He was intrigued by the Nez Perce Indian tribe and studied their language for four years.

He again migrated, this time to THE Ohio State University where he received his Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology. When he graduated, he was contacted about an opening teaching Japanese at the University of Findlay and moved here in 1998. In 2004 he took over as Chair of the Department of Language and Culture. Hiro has been instrumental in building

programs that bring diverse groups together to build unity in the community. These have included bringing International students to work with K-12 students in the school system, the Interservice Cultural program which paired international students with high school students to learn, share and take back to the community what they had learned.

He is continuing to break down barriers and build bridges among all the diverse groups in our city.

Hiro, 54, has been married to Sachiko, whom he met in Japan in college, for 26 years and they have two daughters.



Their girls keep them busy with ballet and piano practices and performances. Hiro left his passion for mountain climbing in Japan because there are no mountains in Ohio. Every summer he returns with his family to Japan to reconnect and visit with grandparents.













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displays, and demonstrations. Then, savor the cuisine offered at area restaurants. Free to the public.

5PM-9PM



MAY 4 - FINDLAY BLANCHARD VALLEY CENTER GARAGE SALE

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May 4 10AM-5PM

May 5 11AM-5PM

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MAY 11- BLUFFTON

BLUFFTON ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

MAIN STREET - between Elm and Franklin

A street festival in charming Bluffton - just 2 minutes from I-75. One of the longest-standing arts & crafts shows in Ohio includes 60 art and craft vendors, free family entertainment including free pony rides and mini golf, book sale, live music, Bluffton Farmers Market and dining and shopping in downtown.

9 AM – 3 PM



MAY 17- 19 - FINDLAY ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION HANCOCK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

One of the largest MV shows in the U.S. There will be so much to see and do – plus it is a kid friendly event! Come see history. 369 Huey, re-enactors, vehicles, static displays, and military articles for sale.

May 17/18 7AM-9PM May 19 7AM-12PM

MAY 18 - TOLEDO DART FROG DASH 5K/WALK TOLEDO ZOO – Main Plaza

Participate in the Dart Frog Dash at the Toledo Zoo and support conservation! The Dart Frog Dash is for the whole family! It offers a competitive USTAF (USA track and field) certified 5k race with prizes, a non-competitive 5k walk and a Kids' Fun Run. The 5k course takes participants through the neighborhood to the west of the zoo, through the Zoo's Tembo Trail and ends in Main Plaza. The Kids' Fun Run is within the safety of Zoo grounds.



All Dart Frog Dash registrants and their spectators who arrive by 10 a.m. are welcome to stay at the Toledo Zoo for the day free of charge with parking included on race day. Participants must enter through Anthony Wayne Trail entrance.

8:30AM 5K RACE BEGINS



MAY 28 - FINDLAY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE DOWNTOWN FINDLAY

Don't miss the annual Memorial Day Parade! At 9AM there is a memorial Bridge Ceremony on the Main Street Bridge to honor our soldiers. The Parade starts promptly at 10AM in front of the American Legion on West Front Street, turns south onto Main Street and then turns west onto West Main Cross before turning into Maple Grove Cemetery. The parade ends at the Maple Grove Cemetery with a short ceremony at the War Memorial inside the cemetery.

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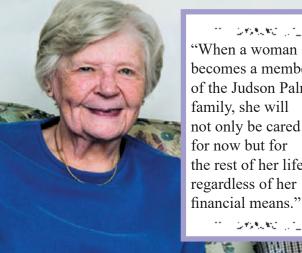
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MONIKA ZIMMERMAN

Monika Zimmerman was born in Germany and raised just outside of Nuremburg. She lived on a cul-desac where a small Army post was built. All the army personnel had to pass through her neighborhood to get to town. She became acquainted with and eventually married Robert Zimmerman, an army man stationed at the post. She laughs in telling "all the young ladies on that street ended up here in the US."

Robert was from the city of Kenton, Ohio, and he brought her

back to the United States in 1969. It was a very hard adjustment for her coming from a big city environment to small town USA. It was helped by the fact she spoke fluent English, having studied it since she was in the fifth grade in Germany. She had small children and knew no one, so she spent her time at the library reading. She volunteered to participate in the PTA at the local school and was elected as vice president. Little did she know that during the summer the president had moved and she

became president. It was fun but a very eye-opening experience for her.

After 6 years Robert's insurance business moved him to Findlay and she started over. It was much more metropolitan than Kenton. She liked Findlay because there were many more people who were from different parts of the world, other pioneer immigrants such as herself. She jumped into society by volunteering at Lincoln Elementary and the local historical museum. She has been a member for many years and past president of the International Women's group here in Findlay. They have members from all over the world come together to strengthen each other, share stories and learn about how to serve their new community.

Monika has two children, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She is never bored as she does clothing alterations in her home and works at least 40 hours a week sewing for others. She learned this skill as a young girl at

the knee of her mother. When not working she finds time to read, clean her house, and spend time with family. They used to travel but since they both work and her parents in Germany are deceased, they will only take a long weekend from time to time.

Her advice to young people, especially young women from other countries, is that "it will be lonely at first. Look for groups to meet people. Volunteer somewhere. Don't stay in your home isolated, get out and get to know your community."

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