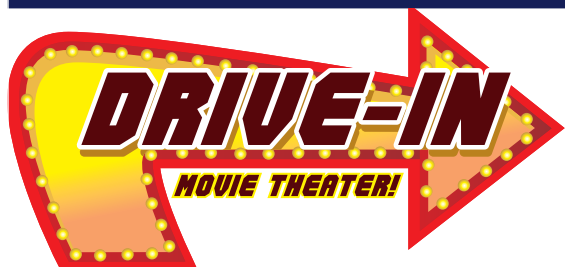


# DISCOVER 419

A feature publication of The Courier and Review Times



\*Photo courtesy of Tiffin Drive-In



## THEATRE THROW BACK

By **BRENNA GRITEMAN**  
LIFE EDITOR

At the latest count, there were only about 300 drive-in movie theaters left in America.

Fortunately for us, about 20 of those are in Ohio.

Area drive-in theater owners say families seeking a wholesome bit of nostalgia and entertainment still regularly pack into

their cars and line up to take in the latest blockbuster under the summer sky. From the comfort of their own vehicles, kids and pets are free to be as noisy as they please, and bathroom breaks and cellphone use won't ruin a fellow moviegoer's time.

Most popular are kids' and family movies and, on the other end of the spectrum, horror films. (Because who doesn't want to be scared to death in a pitch-dark, rural Ohio parking lot?)

For many customers, though, the actual films on the screen are a mere afterthought.

"I have regulars who, every Friday or Saturday, they're there," says Rodney Miller, 21-year owner of Kenton's Hi

Road Drive-In.

Miller is a member of the United Drive-In Theater Owners' Association (UDITOA) and says in their heyday, there were more drive-ins than indoor theaters. The Hi Road opened on Ohio 68 in the 1950s, and Miller has spent the past two decades meticulously renovating the property and converting the operation to all digital projectors. (There is only one drive-in in the country — Mahoning Drive-In Theater in Lehigh, Pennsylvania — that still uses 35 mm film reels.)

But despite his best efforts, there are some modern-day conveniences that simply are not compatible with the outdoor film experience. Chief among them: vehicles' automatic running lights, and LED interior and hatch lights that will not turn

**Continued on pg. 3**

## Flag City USA Shirts

Includes the names of many local, established businesses!



PRINT•SIGNS•APPAREL

# ONLY \$12<sup>00</sup>\*

Available Exclusively at Allegra!

\*S-XL All Plus Tax.  
2X \$14.00 | 3X \$16.00

T-shirts are unisex, heather navy.  
Limited quantity available in stock.

**Shop online at: [shop.thecourier.com](http://shop.thecourier.com)**

**Or stop in today at The Courier:**

**701 W. Sandusky St., Findlay • 419-422-5151**





Make Sure There's Plenty To Go Around

**14" 1 Item Pizza**  
and Large Order of  
Regular Breadsticks

**ONLY \$8.00**

*Must present coupon. Delivery or Carryout. Expires 8/30/19*

**WE ACCEPT COMPETITORS COUPONS**

**Padrone's PIZZA**

908 Tiffin Ave., Findlay  
**419-427-0320**  
FREE DELIVERY

**Text Findlay: to 48421 for GREAT DEALS**

Hours:  
Mon.-Thurs. 11am-10pm  
Fri. & Sat. 11am-11pm  
Sun. 1pm-10pm





# Rendoggie's

## Nail Trim and Bathing

**\$3.00 OFF NAIL TRIM**

**Plus FREE Nail Trim Card**

*Expires 9/1/19*  
One Per Customer. Cannot be combined with other offers.



**TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.**

Saturdays 8am-3pm  
Sundays 9am-3pm  
15212 US 224, Findlay



**Free**

**CANNOT BE DUPLICATED**

Limit 1 coupon per customer.  
Not valid with any other offers or discounts.  
Valid August 2nd-8th 2019 only. Discover 419

**Coupons**

**Free** redeemable  
with original  
version only.

Limit 1 coupon per customer.  
Not valid with any other offers or discounts.  
Offer valid August 9th-15th-2019 only. Discover 419



Store Hours  
Mon-Sat 9am-7pm  
SUN 11am-5pm

**Farm Fresh Produce**  
Always Fresh Deli!

At Brinkman's, you can have piece of mind, knowing we only sell quality produce that meet your high standards

1800 East Sandusky St. Findlay  
**www.brinkmansmarket.com**

(419) 422-3936







\*Photos courtesy of Tiffin Drive-In and Hi Road Drive-In

Continued from pg. 1

off. (Turning the vehicle off isn't an option either, as sound is accessed through the car's radio, rather than the speakers of yore.)

Miller says the problem is so universal among drive-in theaters that the UDITOA has written a letter to car manufacturers asking that this feature be altered. In the absence of a grant to this request, Hi Road's employees have come up with ways to help theatergoers "trick" their vehicles' lights into turning off. Some patrons have started bringing large swatches of cardboard or even blankets to cover stubborn headlights, and the theater provides black garbage bags and painters' tape to others seeking a way to drown out the light.

Another problem that plagues drive-in theater owners — especially this year — is rain, as both Miller and Rod and Donna Saunders can attest.

The Saunderses, who own the Tiffin Drive-In Theater and Field of Dreams Drive-In Theater in Liberty Center, say the wet weather got so bad this spring that they offered free admission to farmers, as they sympathized with their plight on a personal level. Rain compelled Miller, for the first time in his tenure as owner of Hi Road, to close the theater Mondays through Wednesdays.

The Saunderses opened Field of Dreams in their backyard in 2007. A few years later, they purchased the Tiffin drive-in, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this summer. They still have some of the theater's old signage and a collection of vintage film reels on display in the concessions area.

As the owners of an indoor theater in Bryan, the couple says operating a drive-in is significantly more challenging, as they are essentially hosting an "event" every night. Rather than the screenings being spread out throughout an entire business day, a drive-in showing brings a crush of customers all at once.

"For us, we have a party in our backyard three nights a week," Rod says of the Liberty Center location.

"Going to the drive-in is really a whole night of events," adds Donna. A family might come early and claim their space in the lot, then play a game of football before buying dinner from the concessions or having a cookout. The Tiffin Drive-In Theater offers cornhole and a nine-hole mini golf course, all

free, encouraging family togetherness without the use of tech gadgets.

Miller and his wife also once owned a string of indoor theaters, and still own and operate the Elder Theatre in Jackson Center. He, too, says a drive-in screening is a high-energy event, but that the payoff is in the wonder of a first-time visitor. Miller recalls one boy in particular who stopped him in the concessions area to announce, "This is the bestest day of my life."

Says Miller, "Those are the moments that make your whole day, you know?"

Each theater maintains a Facebook page detailing the week's double feature, individual and carload pricing, directions, hours and more.



*Findlay's Best Kept Secret!*

Did you know  
that you don't  
have to go far  
to get quality  
eyeglasses at a  
great price?



**Single Vision**  
frames  
& lenses **\$79<sup>99</sup>**

**Bifocals**  
Lined  
frames  
& lenses **\$139<sup>99</sup>**

**Progressive**  
No Line  
frames  
& lenses **\$179<sup>99</sup>**

**NO GIMMICKS, JUST LOW PRICES!**

*Findlay* **Discount** **419-619-3069**  
**Eyeglasses**  
2020 Tiffin Avenue #3 • Findlay  
note4fde@gmail.com

Mon, Tues, Thurs 10-6; Fri 10-4; most Wed & Sat 10-1

## Flea Market TIFFIN

**“The Largest Flea Market  
in Northwestern Ohio”**

**SENECA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
TIFFIN, OHIO**

Sponsor: Jr. Fair Foundation

**August 17-18  
September 14-15  
October 5-6**

**No Pets Allowed  
in the  
Show Area**

Flea Market Manager  
P.O. Box 297, Tiffin, OH 44883  
Phone (419) 447-9613 or 419-618-4979  
Email: [tiffinfleamarket@gmail.com](mailto:tiffinfleamarket@gmail.com)  
Website:  
[www.tiffinfleamarket.com](http://www.tiffinfleamarket.com)



## KEEP ACTIVE KEEP HEALTHY

**6:00-7:30 PM**



**LACROSSE**  
**8.15.19**  
EMORY ADAMS  
1827 S. BLANCHARD ST.



**OBSTACLE  
COURSE**  
**8.28.19**  
BERNARD PARK  
1105 BERNARD AVE.

- ✓ All activities are **FREE** & for all ages!
- ✓ Fun for the entire family!
- ✓ All equipment will be provided!

### NEED A RIDE?

Transportation is available.  
Contact 419-424-7176  
for pick-up locations & times.



**FINDLAY  
FAMILY  
YMCA**



For more information, contact 419-424-7176 or  
[www.findlayohio.com/government/city-departments/  
parks-and-recreation/programs-activities](http://www.findlayohio.com/government/city-departments/parks-and-recreation/programs-activities)



**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. Jenna Wilkins has joined Dave in continuing the Humans of Findlay project.**

**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](http://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.**

## MARTIE ANDREWS



Martie Andrews has been a special education teacher for 12 years at Findlay High School. She knew since she was in 5th grade that being a special education teacher was her calling. She was born and raised in Findlay and is married to Findlay Police Officer Brian Andrews. From 2008 through 2011, Martie had Tiffany Harrison as a student in her

class. After Tiffany moved through her class, Martie somewhat lost track of her until later seeing a news story on her. Tiffany was shown dressed up as a princess and Martie immediately felt a tug in her heart to do more for Tiffany. Martie, Brian, and their three children began the process of becoming Tiffany's legal guardians and in March of this year she officially became part of their family. Tiffany settled into her new home at Fox Run Manor, even though she initially did not want to move from the facility near Toledo. Once she moved, she said “I love you, love my room, love this place!” She was getting settled in nicely to her princess decorated room.

They provided care for the medical needs associated with her muscular dystrophy, her trach and feeding tube, while the Andrews family was able to visit, give her some new experiences and independence. Martie's family, including their 11 and 8 year old daughters, and 6 year old son, embraced Tiffany as their older sister. They took Tiffany out on many excursions, one Martie fondly remembers is going to the movies. They enjoyed popcorn and the show, until Tiffany alerted them that she was choking. A quick response by the FFD meant Tiffany was fine, but Martie recalls thinking “this isn't going to be as easy as I thought it would”. They continued to have her first ever shopping trip, visits to the children's museum, and several other fun outings. Tiffany's favorite things to watch on her own 22” TV screen that she raved about, were Aladdin and Blue's Clues. She loved listening to Michael Jackson, was always cracking a joke, and made a big impact on the whole Andrews family and those she knew. Sadly and unexpectedly, Tiffany passed away on May 22 at the age of 25. Undoubtedly, her memory will live on through those that knew and loved her.

Story by Jenna Wilkins

# 10-PIECE MEAL ALL DARK



**\$18.99**

Includes 10 pieces of dark meat chicken or breast strips, 2 large sides and 5 biscuits

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken

**MAKE YOUR NEXT PARTY A HIT!**

ORDER A LEE'S PARTY PLATTER TODAY. CALL FOR DETAILS.

**427 Tiffin Avenue, Findlay, OH**  
**419-422-3770**

## BBQ CHICKEN COMBO

**\$4.49**

Includes BBQ Chicken Sandwich,  
1 Individual Side, Biscuit, and Drink

## JUMBO BONELESS WINGS CUP-TO-GO

Includes all white meat Jumbo Boneless Wings and a dipping sauce

**\$3.89**

Valid only at participating Lee's. Buy up to 6 at this price with this coupon. not valid with any other promotional offer or coupon. Expires 8/31/19

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken

## LIVERS OR GIZZARDS MEAL

Includes livers or gizzards, coleslaw mashed potatoes & gravy and a biscuit

**\$4.99**

Valid only at participating Lee's. Buy up to 6 at this price with this coupon. not valid with any other promotional offer or coupon. Expires 8/31/19

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken

## 3-PIECE BREAST STRIP MEAL

Includes 3 breast strips, 2 individual sides and a biscuit.

**\$5.49**

Valid only at participating Lee's. Buy up to 6 at this price with this coupon. not valid with any other promotional offer or coupon. Expires 8/31/19

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken

## 2-PIECE MEAL

Includes leg, thigh 2 individual sides and a biscuit

**\$4.99**

Valid only at participating Lee's. Buy up to 6 at this price with this coupon. not valid with any other promotional offer or coupon. Expires 8/31/19

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken

## LARGE SIDE

With purchase of any Family Box or Family Meal

**\$1.99**

Valid only at participating Lee's. Buy up to 6 at this price with this coupon. not valid with any other promotional offer or coupon. Expires 8/31/19

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken

## BREAST MEAL

Includes chicken breast, coleslaw, mashed potatoes & gravy and a biscuit

**\$4.49**

Valid only at participating Lee's. Buy up to 6 at this price with this coupon. not valid with any other promotional offer or coupon. Expires 8/31/19

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken

## 8-PIECE MEAL

Includes 8 pieces of mixed chicken, 2 large sides and 4 biscuits

**\$17.99**

Valid only at participating Lee's. Buy up to 6 at this price with this coupon. not valid with any other promotional offer or coupon. Expires 8/31/19

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken

## 2-PIECE SNACK

Includes 2 pieces of chicken and a biscuit.

**\$2.99**

Valid only at participating Lee's. Buy up to 6 at this price with this coupon. not valid with any other promotional offer or coupon. Expires 8/31/19

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken

## COUNTRY FRIED STEAK MEAL

Includes county fried steak, coleslaw, mashed potatoes, & gravy and a biscuit

**\$4.99**

Valid only at participating Lee's. Buy up to 6 at this price with this coupon. not valid with any other promotional offer or coupon. Expires 8/31/19

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken

## JUMBO BONELESS WINGS FAMILY MEAL

Includes 20, all white meat Jumbo Boneless Wings, 2 large sides and 4 biscuits

**\$17.99**

Valid only at participating Lee's. Buy up to 6 at this price with this coupon. not valid with any other promotional offer or coupon. Expires 8/31/19

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken

## 16-PIECE BOX

Includes 16 pieces of mixed chicken

**\$19.99**

Valid only at participating Lee's. Buy up to 6 at this price with this coupon. not valid with any other promotional offer or coupon. Expires 8/31/19

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken

## 10% OFF ANY PARTY PLATTER

50 pc or larger, must be ordered 24 hours in advance

Valid only at participating Lee's. Buy up to 6 at this price with this coupon. not valid with any other promotional offer or coupon. Expires 8/31/19

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken



# DISCOVER 419 EATS

## TACO MONDAY!!

**-\$1.29 Tacos All Day!-**



701 Lima Ave. - Findlay  
419-423-2846  
olersbarandgrill.com



RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

206 S. Broad St.

Kalida, OH

419.532.3029

**\$1.00 OFF DINNER**

(Tues.-Thurs. 4-8pm)

One coupon per check • Must present coupon

Expires 8/30/19



www.logansirishpubfindlay.com  
414 S. Main St. - 419-420-3602



Downtown Findlay | 419-424-5750



114 E. Sandusky St.  
Findlay  
567-525-4680

**\$1.00 OFF**  
ANY ICED COFFEE  
OR ICED LATTE

Espresso Bar • Hot & Cold Drinks  
Pastries • Soup & Salad  
Paninis & Wraps • Breakfast

Expires 9/30/19

Mon. 6:30a-9p; Tues.-Fri. 6:30a-3p; Sat. 8a-2p

**B.B.I.T.**



Check our lunch  
specials  
online!

Est. 2006

**DARK HORSE**  
RESTAURANT

"Glad You Got To See Me!"

darkhorsefindlay.com • 4136 N. Main St. • 419-424-9201



**Home of the  
Titanburger!**

1702 E. Main Street in Ottawa - 419-523-5262

**FREE FRENCH FRIES!**

Receive One (1) FREE Regular Order of  
French Fries with any Sandwich Purchase

Must present coupon. Cannot be combined with any other discounts. Offer expires 8/31/2019



## FINDLAY HIGH SCHOOL

	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug.	15 at St. Mary's (scrimmage)	5:00 PM
	30 ANTHONY WAYNE (Senior Night)	7:00 PM
Sept.	6 at Perrysburg	7:00 PM
	13 MARYSVILLE	7:00 PM
	20 at Toledo Whitmer	7:00 PM
	27 FREMONT ROSS (Homecoming)	7:00 PM
Oct.	4 TOLEDO ST. FRANCIS	7:00 PM
	11 at Oregon Clay	7:00 PM
	18 at Toledo St. Johns	7:00 PM
	25 LIMA SENIOR	7:00 PM
Nov.	1 at Toledo Central Catholic	7:00 PM

## UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept.	5 at Ferris St.	7:30 PM
	14 NORTHWOOD	7:00 PM
	21 at Ohio Dominican	12:00 PM
	28 ALDERSON BROADDUS	3:00 PM
Oct.	5 KENTUCKY WESLEYAN	7:00 PM
	12 at Walsh	1:00 PM
	19 HILLSDALE	12:00 PM
	26 at Notre Dame (OH)	12:00 PM
Nov.	2 at Lake Erie	1:30 PM
	9 ASHLAND	12:00 PM
	16 TIFFIN	12:00 PM

# EXPL RING



## BLUFFTON

		OPPONENT	TIME
Sept.	7	at Wooster	1:00 PM
	14	TRINE	1:30 PM
	21	FRANKLIN	1:30 PM
	28	at Hanover	1:30 PM
Oct.	12	ROSE-HULMAN	1:30 PM
	19	at Mt. St. Joseph	1:30 PM
	26	ANDERSON Indiana	1:30 PM
Nov.	2	at Manchester	1:30 PM
	9	FRANKLIN	1:30 PM
	16	at Defiance	1:30 PM

## BGSU

		OPPONENT	TIME
Aug.	29	MORGAN STATE	7:00 PM
Sept.	7	at Kansas State	12:00 PM
	14	LOUISIANA TECH	5:00 PM
	21	at Kent State	3:30 PM
Oct.	5	at Notre Dame Indiana	3:30 PM
	12	TOLEDO	TBA
	19	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	TBA
	26	at Western Michigan	12:00 PM
Nov.	2	AKRON	TBA
	13	at Miami Ohio	8:00 PM
	19	OHIO UNIVERSITY	7:30 PM
	29	at Buffalo NY	TBA

## HEIDELBERG

		OPPONENT	TIME
Sept.	7	at Adrian	6:00 PM
	14	WILMINGTON Ohio	1:30 PM
	21	CAPITAL	7:00 PM
	28	at Baldwin Wallace	1:30 PM
Oct.	12	at Marietta	2:00 PM
	19	OTTERBEIN	7:00 PM
	26	MOUNT UNION	1:30 PM
Nov.	2	at Muskingum	1:30 PM
	9	JOHN CARROLL	1:30 PM
	16	at Ohio Northern	1:30 PM

## TIFFIN

		OPPONENT	TIME
Sept.	7	at Northwood	1:00 PM
	14	at Saginaw Valley	1:00 PM
	21	at Walsh	1:00 PM
	28	OHIO DOMINICAN	4:00 PM
Oct.	5	SAINT ANSELM	1:00 PM
	12	at Kentucky Wesleyan	2:00 PM
	19	ALDERSON BROADDUS	1:00 PM
	26	at Lake Erie	1:00 PM
Nov.	9	HILLSDALE	1:00 PM
	16	at Findlay	12:00 PM

## TOLEDO

		OPPONENT	TIME
Aug.	31	at Kentucky	12:00 PM
Sept.	14	MURRAY STATE	7:00 PM
	21	at Colorado State	TBA
	28	BYU	TBA
Oct.	5	WESTERN MICHIGAN	3:30 PM
	12	at Bowling Green	TBA
	19	at Ball State	2:00 PM
	26	EASTERN MICHIGAN	TBA
Nov.	5	KENT STATE	TBA
	13	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	8:00 PM
	20	at Buffalo NY	7:30 PM
	29	at Central Michigan	TBA

## OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

		OPPONENT	TIME
Aug.	31	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	12:00 PM
Sept.	7	CINCINNATI	12:00 PM
	14	at Indiana	12:00 PM
	21	MIAMI Ohio	TBA
	28	at Nebraska	TBA
Oct.	5	MICHIGAN STATE	7:30 PM
	18	at Northwestern	8:30 PM
	26	WISCONSIN	TBA
Nov.	9	MARYLAND	TBA
	16	at Rutgers	TBA
	23	PENN STATE	TBA
	30	at Michigan	12:00 PM

\*At press time, the information was pulled from community websites and was considered current.  
We apologize for any information that may have been changed/updated after the Discover 419 edition was printed.

# FINDLAY TROJAN CLUB



THE TEAM  
**BEHIND**  
THE TEAMS

(\$2500+)

## ROYAL TROJAN BOOSTER

- 2 Football season tickets & parking pass
- 2 Basketball season tickets & parking pass
- 2 FREE Concession Combos\*

(\$1000-2499)

## GOLDEN TROJAN BOOSTER

(Choose One)

- 2 Football Season Ticket & Parking Pass
- 2 Basketball Season Ticket Parking Pass
- (2) 10-punch sports passes
- 2 FREE Concession Combos\*

(\$500-999)

## BLUE & GOLD BOOSTER

(Choose One)

- 2 Basketball Season ticket & Parking Pass
- 1 10-punch sports passes
- 2 FREE Concession Combos\*

(\$250-499)

## SUPER TROJAN BOOSTER

- Basketball Parking passes
- 2 FREE Concession Combos\*

## JOIN THE FINDLAY TROJAN CLUB!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:

TROJAN CLUB P.O. BOX 1112 FINDLAY, OHIO 45839

- MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN ALL YEAR
- FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY MID AUGUST FOR INCLUSION IN THE FALL SPORTS PROGRAM.

### SUPER BOOSTER (\$100-249)

Program Recognition  
2 **FREE** Concession Combo\*

### TROJAN BOOSTER (\$50-99)

Program recognition  
2 **FREE** Concession Combo\*

### BOOSTER (\$25-49)

Program recognition  
2 **FREE** Concession Combo\*

\*Concession combos will be honored at game Concessions.

## TROJAN CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD MONTHLY

- **FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH**
- **7PM @ FHS**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**



P.O. BOX 1112  
FINDLAY, OHIO 45839



419.425.8216



EMAIL: TROJANS@FINDLAYTROJANCLUB.COM  
WWW.FINDLAYTROJANCLUB.COM



Stephanie Parsons is the “baby” of the Ken and Christine Renner family. She was preceded by older siblings Toby, Trent and Aimee. Raised in the countryside near Bluffton, the family was very close. Ken spent his working career at Ford, while Christine was a secretary at Bluffton hospital. Stephanie notes “We were not rich but we had so much fun as a family.” Stephanie excelled in sports at Columbus Grove High School where she would graduate in 1997. She played volleyball and was a point guard on her basketball team. Until very recently she held the record for the most 3-point baskets in a game. (7) She also kept in shape running in the 400- and 800-meter races on the school track team. Though she considered herself as only an “average” student she was the first in her family to attend and graduate with a four-year degree. She completed courses to earn an Exercise Physiology bachelor’s degree from Bowling Green State University in 2001. Stephanie took a position at NWO working as a physical therapy aide. She stayed there for five years and considered returning to college to get her physical therapy degree. The additional five years of college was not enticing to her. Stephanie left NWO and was accepted at the Findlay YMCA working as a wellness coach. “I knew I was home the minute I walked into the Y!” Within a year she was promoted to the Wellness director, a position she held for the next seven years. She loved

it! High points during this time were her organizing the Red/White/Blue a Boston qualifying Marathon, creating a child obesity programming, and working with amazing staff. Stephanie’s dedication, passion and work ethic led her to be promoted first to Senior Program director, then to her current position as “second in command” Operations Director. She has held this position for the last five years. She credits her success to a wonderful staff and the mentoring of the current CEO, Paul Worstell.

Stephanie met Ryan Parsons, then a Findlay police officer, at the YMCA while they were both working out. As they talked, they immediately bonded. They would marry in 2005 in the Methodist church located in Columbus Grove, a four-generation tradition for Stephanie’s family. The couple would discover they were unable to conceive and began looking for options to bring children into their family. Stephanie and Ryan learned that straight adoption would be cost prohibitive. They learned of an option of fostering to adopt and trained to become foster parents. Stephanie overheard of two small children available for placement and was inquiring about them, when her mother and grandmother were killed in a car accident in Columbus Grove. Her world stopped and any thoughts of children were set aside. Her only clear recollection of that day were the words, “The Beam of light” that kept going through her mind. Beam was the last name of her grandmother and mother.

Stephanie calls it “God’s plan” that when things settled down these two children were still available for a foster to adopt family. In November of 2014 two “perfect” children under the age of eighteen months were placed with the Parsons. Alex and Lena would legally join the family when the adoption was finalized on December 4th 2015, her mother’s birthday.

That same year a fragile infant boy struggling with “failure to thrive” due to serious neglect was placed with the Parsons. Stephanie believed he would not survive but with love and patience by his one year birthday the little boy was finally making eye contact, starting to walk and it was believed he was going to be “okay.” In a startling turn of events the young boy was returned to his mother by social services. 48 hours later the Parsons received an urgent call to quickly come get the boy. This time parental rights were immediately terminated, and the Parsons adopted Dax in 2016.

Here Stephanie pauses in her story to explain “The system is broken. Among many other issues, a key problem in the foster care system is that state protocol is still to place foster children with any kin (or even friend of the family) found, ignoring any bonding to foster family or emotional effects of resettling these fragile children.”

Always an advocate for change, Stephanie works to help foster children and foster families any way possible. Another key



issue, readily fixable, is that children are often handed over to foster parents with absolutely no clothes, diapers etc. Money for such essentials isn’t available for at least a month leaving the foster parents scrambling to clothe and care for their new family members.

Drawing on her impression, “The Beam of Light” from the earlier tragedy, Stephanie has partnered with other foster parents to create a lifeline, a support system for all foster families. Still in its infancy the first project of “Beam of Light”, “Project Alex” is to gather and package clothes and toiletries, even new car seats, age specific, to be delivered to the home of a new placement within hours. The details of this project can be found on the Facebook page, “The Beam of Light”.

Stephanie and Ryan’s home would seem to be full as they raise their three adopted children, yet they still welcome new foster children.

Story by Dave Morrow

# More Options, Less Pain.



Richard E. Marra, D.C., Dipl. Ac.



Spinal  
Decompression



Chiropractic



Massage



Acupuncture

Blanchard Valley  
**Chiropractic**  
Acupuncture and Massage

Since  
1993

228 W. Hardin St.  
Findlay, Ohio • 419-422-3686  
[www.bvchiro.com](http://www.bvchiro.com)



## Errands By Erin

NOW SERVING FINDLAY AND SURROUNDING AREAS!

Restaurant Food Delivery • Grocery Shopping & Delivery

• Transportation to Appointments and much more!

Visit [www.errandsbyerinservices.com](http://www.errandsbyerinservices.com) for a full list of services!

**CHANGING YOUR LIFE BY SAVING YOU TIME!**

**CONTACT US TODAY! 615-815-9158**

### BRINDLE'S INTERIORS

Residential and Commercial Design

### Custom Home Furnishings & Window Treatments

HUNDREDS OF STYLES & FABRICS

*Friendly Service at Reasonable Prices*

**Brindle's** 419-422-4451

2716 N. Main St. Findlay • [brindlesfurniture.com](http://brindlesfurniture.com)



**Jan Brindle**  
Interior Designer

# INTERSTATE PLAZA *Shop with us!*

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED OFF TRENTON AVE. ON INTERSTATE COURT, I-75 EXIT 159



Cold Stone Creamery/Tim Horton's • Verizon • Allstate  
**Now Open!** Penn Station • Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn • TanPro  
USX Federal Credit Union



***These local businesses are proud to be a part of the Arlington Community!***

## **Don't forget the Arlington Village Festival**

**Fri., Aug. 9 & Sat., Aug. 10**

**[www.arlingtonvillagefestival.org](http://www.arlingtonvillagefestival.org)**



**Jac & Do's**  
OF ARLINGTON

**635 N. Main St.  
Arlington**

**419-365-6415**



Rehab/Skilled Care  
Senior Housing with Services  
Affordable Housing

To learn more about  
our community, call  
(419) 365-5115.



All faiths or beliefs are welcome.



**HULL'S TRACE WINE CELLAR**  
*Indulge in the restorative effect of gathering*

OPEN THURSDAY 1-8pm FRIDAY 1-9pm SATURDAY 1-9pm  
105 E. Liberty St. | Arlington, Ohio | 419-365-4100 | [srader@hullstrace.com](mailto:srader@hullstrace.com)

# **ARLINGTON VILLAGE**



## **FESTIVAL**

• **FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2019** •

**6:30 PM KICKOFF PARADE**

**IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING**

**CAR SHOW**

**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

**4 PM-11 PM FOOD AREA** (CLOSED DURING PARADE)

**AFTER PARADE - 11 PM KID ZONE**

\*FREE PONY RIDES WITH PURCHASE OF KID ZONE WRIST BAND

**7 PM-11 PM BINGO, THE WHEEL, MUG SLIDE**

**8 PM ICE SCULPTURE DEMONSTRATION**

**8 PM-10 PM MUSIC BINGO**

**EVENTS**

• **SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 2019** •

**1 PM BLAST OF COLOR 5K**

**REGISTRATION STARTS AT 12 NOON**

**4 PM - 10:30 PM FOOD AREA**

**4 PM - 10 PM KID ZONE 6 PM KIDDIE PARADE**

\*FREE PONY RIDES WITH PURCHASE OF KID ZONE WRIST BAND

**4 PM-11 PM BINGO, THE WHEEL MUG SLIDE**

**8:30 PM FREE FAMILY MOVIE (SANDLOT)**

**\*FREE POPCORN & LEMONADE**

**4 PM-8 PM TOUCH A TRUCK**

**4 PM-5 PM ZUMBA PRESENTATION**

**4:30 PM-5 PM ARLINGTON CHOIR (FOOD TENT)**

**5 PM LIFE FLIGHT FLY IN**

**5 PM-6 PM HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF  
K9 DEMONSTRATION**

**7 PM-8 PM PIZZA EATING CONTEST \$5 ENTRY FEE**

**9 PM-12 AM TONGUE & GROOVE CONCERT**

**FREE EVENTS**

**KID ZONE WRIST BANDS**

PRE-SALE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING  
ARLINGTON LOCATIONS:

JAC & DO'S HUNTINGTON BANK

**ONE DAY \$10  
TWO DAY \$15**



**ELEVATE YOUR OUTDOOR SPACES**



**OBJECTS OF DESIRE**  
ARTFUL LIVING

214 W. FRONT ST., FINDLAY 567-301-2486 WWW.DESIRELTD.COM



Check us out online: [419discover.com](http://419discover.com)

**419  
JOBS**

**BASOL** 318 W. Sandusky St.  
Findlay  
419-422-0946  
1-800-325-6913

**... NOW HIRING ...**

**Join our winning team!**

**Apply today at [www.basolcorp.com](http://www.basolcorp.com)  
or call 1-800-325-6913**



**SINCE 1969**

*Your Choice!*

**10 CLASSES FOR \$100**

**START FOR \$10**

NOW is the perfect time to go after your goals.

**2 Jazzercise Studios Near You!**


Visit our Findlay & Bluffton locations today!

[JAZZERCISE.COM/PERFECT10](http://JAZZERCISE.COM/PERFECT10)

Call/Text 419-722-4427 for more details.  
Check us out on facebook or instagram



**Assisted Living For Women....  
*As It Should Be!***



“When a woman becomes a member of the Judson Palmer family, she will not only be cared for now but for the rest of her life, regardless of her financial means.”

**THE JUDSON PALMER HOME**  
EST. 1950

Providing a lifetime of caring!

For more information  
**419-422-9656**  
2911 N. MAIN ST.  
FINDLAY, OH  
[www.judsonpalmer.com](http://www.judsonpalmer.com)





**HOT-N-READY  
CLASSIC**  
LARGE PEPPERONI  
OR CHEESE

**\$5**  
HOT-N-READY®  
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!



**HOT-N-READY  
DEEP!DEEP!  
DISH**  
LARGE PEPPERONI

**\$8**  
AVAILABLE ALL DAY  
HOT-N-READY® 4-8PM



**HOT-N-READY  
CRAZY  
COMBO**  
CRAZY BREAD® &  
CRAZY SAUCE®

**\$3<sup>89</sup>**  
8-PIECE ORDER  
HOT-N-READY®  
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!



**HOT-N-READY  
CAESAR  
WINGS**  
LEMON PEPPER, GARLIC PARMESAN,  
BACON HONEY MUSTARD, OVEN-ROASTED,  
SPICY BBQ, TERIYAKI, BBQ & BUFFALO

**\$6**  
8-PIECE ORDER  
HOT-N-READY®  
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!



**HOT-N-READY  
LUNCH  
COMBO**  
4-SLICE DEEP!DEEP!™ DISH  
PIZZA WITH PEPPERONI & PEPSI®  
20oz

**\$5**  
AVAILABLE  
11AM-2PM EVERY DAY  
HOT-N-READY®  
WEEKDAYS



**730 S. MAIN ST.  
(419) 423-1114**

**WE ACCEPT:**



**PLEASE CALL AHEAD  
FOR GROUP ORDERS!**

001

47409-47413  
27636-321001

**JOIN OUR PIZZA PARTY!**

f /LittleCaesars @LittleCaesars

**LittleCaesars.com**



\*"Highest Rated Chain - Value For The Money" based on a nationwide survey of quick-service restaurant consumers conducted by Sordelmann & Associates, 2007-2013. Plus tax where applicable. Available at participating locations. ©2014 LCE, Inc. 47413 PEPSI, PEPSI-COLA, and the Pepsi Globe are registered trademarks of PepsiCo, Inc.

# The Courier **BEST** of **2019 FINDLAY**

5TH ANNUAL

*Over 35,000 votes were tallied and the winners are . . .*

## **BEST FOOD & DRINK**

**Best Asian Food** Ming's Great Wall  
**Best Bakery** Bread Kneads  
**Best BBQ** City Barbeque & Catering  
**Best Breakfast** Scramblers  
**Best Coffee** George House Coffee & Tea Co.  
**Best Dinner** Rossilli's Restaurant  
**Best Food Truck**  
 Amy May's Rockin' Taco Truck  
**Best Hamburger** Wilson's Sandwich Shop  
**Best Ice Cream** Dietsch Brothers  
**Best Italian Food** Rossilli's Restaurant  
**Best Mexican Food** Olers Bar & Grill  
**Best Patio** Greek Garden  
**Best Pizza** Jac & Do's Pizza  
**Best Place for A Beer** Findlay Brewing Co.  
**Best Seafood** Fins Seafood & Grille  
**Best Steak** Texas Roadhouse  
**Best Subs** Bellacino's Pizza & Grinders  
**Best Sushi** Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse  
**Best Wine** The Wine Merchant  
**Best Wings/Boneless** Fricker's

## **BEST PROFESSIONAL**

**Best Customer Service** Chick-fil-A  
**Best Jeweler** Michael Eller Diamonds

## **BEST HOME & AUTO**

**Best Appliance Store** Bindel's Appliance  
**Best Florist** Sink's Flower Shop & Greenhouse  
**Best Furniture Store** Art Van Findlay  
**Best Garden Center** Garden Central  
**Best Home Improvement Center** Menards  
**Best Oil Change** Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center

## **BEST SELF**

**Best Fitness Facility** Planet Fitness  
**Best Hair Salon** Journey Salon & Day Spa

## **BEST ENTERTAINMENT**

**Best Place for Live Performances**  
 Marathon Center for The Performing Arts

## **NEWEST BEST**

**Best New Business** Chick-fil-A

Thanks to everyone who voted and congratulations to our three voter winners:  
 Taylor Knopf and Cariann Sampson of Findlay and Margaret Miracle of Fostoria.  
 Each will receive a sponsored prize pack.

**Go [BestOfFindlay.com](http://BestOfFindlay.com) for an interactive Map!**

**Special Thanks To Our Sponsors:**



**BINDEL'S**  
APPLIANCES



**Great Scot**  
community markets



Michael Eller  
DIAMONDS



**The Courier**  
TheCourier.com | The eCourier