

**By SARA ARTHURS** Staff Writer

Pack Rats Pawn Shop is working to change what comes to mind when people think about pawn shops.

"There's definitely a stigma," said Drake Jimenez, marketing manager for the business which began in Defiance and now has two Findlay locations.

People may think of pawn shops as "shady" businesses, or that they deal in stolen items, limenez said. But Pack Rats

to forge relationships.

He said owners Casev Derrow and Vince Rodriguez themselves work behind the counter. From there, you'll see "amazing conversations" happen every day.

"We have great customers," Iimenez said.

He himself is in the stores regularly and has encountered people who have had a bad experience with another pawn shop, or expect Pack Rats to be dirty and "run-down." Another



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is that people stereotype who come to pawn shops are primarily heartbroken and pawning treasured items.

In fact, working with the pawn shop is simply a collateral loan, he said. Pack Rats determines an item's value and makes the person an offer. They must then pay 6% interest and a \$6 storage fee every month and, if they aren't paid up to 120 days, they forfeit the item.

Jimenez said the "vast majority" of people do pay on time and, if they are going to be late, they communicate about it.

If an item does end up forfeited, Pack Rats can sell it. Jimenez said the majority of items sold there, however, are not forfeited but rather were purchased

by the store outright from items," Jimenez said. customers and wholesalers. One example is the business's regular Jimenez is responsible shipments of new and used vinyl the business's social media records from wholesalers.

"That's a huge part of our may have of pawn shops. business," Jimenez said, adding that records attract a "pretty Asked what he enjoys most about vounger clients who appreciate people form relationships. the vinyl sound.

Musical instruments like guitars shop," he said. (and amps), drum sets and saxophones can also be found Pack Rats' two Findlay locations at Pack Rats. So can antique are at 10205 U.S. 224 West firearms and collectible Air and at 2018 Tiffin Ave. The Jordan sneakers, among many store's website, which includes others.

"We get some pretty unique packratspawnshop.com

for campaign, which he said works to challenge that stigma people

diverse" clientele. Some are the work, Jimenez replied, "The middle-aged or older, and people. It's always the people." listened to records before they He said conversations go beyond were "vintage." But there are also just a business transaction, and

"We're not your ordinary pawn

links with information on some of its inventory, is www.



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#### Q: What programs does Hope House offer?

A: The transitional shelter offers a home for women and children for up nine months. Five rental assistance programs:

**Rapid Rehousing, Targeted Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention** provide short term assistance for those who are homeless.

**The Able Program** provides long term assistance for families that have a member who has a disability. In 2020, Hope House added **Eviction prevention programs** that prevents homelessness from occurring

#### Q: Are Hope House programs just for women?

A: Housing programs serve men, veterans, people with a disability in the home, women and women with children.

#### Q: How do these programs work?

A: 3 to 6 months of homeless prevention and rapid rehousing assistance for individuals and families in Hancock County who meet the income and homelessness guidelines.

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Case managers set individualized goals with clients and include things like getting a better paying job, debt reduction and learning to save money for the future and for emergencies.

#### Q: Do these programs make an impact on the community?

A: Annually, over 2,600 people in crisis are connected to appropriate resources, often providing the assistance needed to maintain current housing.

Historically, 84% of those we serve are still stably housed one year later.

#### Q: What makes Hope House programs different?

A: All programs require clients to work with a professional case manager. With the guidance of a case manager, clients get a hand up, not a hand out, as they transition back to a safe, stable home.

#### Q: What else does Hope House do?

A: Hope House also serves as the main access point for Fair housing assistance and has been designated by the state of Ohio to lead regional transitional housing and homelessness efforts through various partnerships for a six-county region, serving Hancock, Hardin, Wyandot, Putnam, Marion and Crawford Counties.

#### We'd love to tell you more about Hope House!

Contact Laurie Poland, 419-427-2848, to arrange a presentation for your group or business.



Even though the first color associated with St. Patrick. the patron saint of Ireland, was blue, eventually green became the hue of choice to commemorate his work and the holiday established in his honor. Because Ireland is dominated by green, rolling hills, the country is affectionately known as the Emerald Isle. And green clothing and decorations have become the standard each March during St. Patrick's Day festivities.

It is one thing to drink a green beer or paint a green shamrock on your cheek, but dyeing an entire river green is an immense and awe-inspiring homage to St. Patrick's Day. Since 1962, the vast undertaking of dyeing a river a bright shade of green has been a St. Patrick's Day tradition in Chicago. Tom Rowan, a 76-year-old retired police officer, handles the task, and his methods are top secret. The Chicago River has been transformed into a verdigris waterway every year, with the exception of 2020, when COVID-19 halted holiday plans. However, someone other than Rowan managed to dye portions of the river green in 2020.

While the Chicago River is the most prominent green river on St. Patrick's Day, others currently emulate the same effects or have done so in the past. The Irish Marching Society decided

# Green rivers are St. Patrick's Day traditions

to bring the tradition to Rockford, Ill., and dye Rock River last year. San Antonio, TX; Savannah, GA; Indianapolis, IN; Charlotte, NC; Tampa, FL; and Washington, D.C. all have dyed various rivers green. In 2020, city officials in Dublin, Ireland, intended to dye the River Liffey green as well.

Nontoxic dyes and environmentally safe products are used to produce the green hues. Some stick around for a few hours, while others may last for days until they dissipate. While they last, green rivers can produce dramatic effects that are fun to behold.



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to service and accountability.

Nichole Coleman Executive Director and County Veterans Service Officer







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We are looking for community members to help increase the coverage again in 2021 and there are many ways to participate. If you are interested in more information about how you can help this year please contact Nichole Coleman one of the following ways with your name, email address and phone number: Email – <u>NRColeman@co.hancock.oh.us</u>

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**Ray Worstine** 

Ray Worstine was one of a few young men from Arlington who served in Vietnam.

In 1948, Ray was the firstborn child to Lena and Ed Worstine, followed by siblings Richard, Kenny and sister Anita. Ed was a hardworking man who taught his children a "great work ethic." Ed was also a WWII veteran who had served in the Army with the 37th division. (Richard and Kenny would later follow in Ray's footsteps also serving in the Marine Corps. Ray graduated from Arlington High School in a class of 40 students in 1966. (Included in this class was Tim Rinehart who would also serve in Vietnam, but was killed in action.) An average student, Ray enjoyed playing on the football team. Being short in stature and size, initially he played halfback. Later, Ray was given an opportunity at the defensive linebacker position. Coach Staley saw that he could use a little help with his tackling ability and increase his confidence. Coach lined him up against a big lineman and told him to "take him down!" It took many attempts and encouragement before he was able to be successful, but from then on Ray would earn the nickname "Mighty Mouse" for his tenacity

and ability to take down much bigger opponents.

Later, this internal drive helped Ray focus on the Marine Corps as his next venture. The draft was in effect, but Ray decided to enlist in the Corps as "I wanted to be the best."

Ray was blessed to find Nita early on in life. He and his future wife first "met" when they were both baptized as infants in the same ceremony. They became school classmates in the 2nd grade, but he didn't "acknowledge that she was the girl" until the 7th grade. They developed a bond that continued to grow all the way through graduation from high school. When he shared his plans to enlist, she wasn't happy, but was very supportive, "Well then, I will see you when you get back."

Ray went through basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, graduating in October 1966. He used the determination and tenacity learned in football to "mentally" overcome any challenge or obstacle he faced in boot camp. From there, he landed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina to continue training as an 0311, infantryman. Each Marine in his training group was made very aware that the next stop for each

Navy, 1964-1970 of them was Vietnam. After a particularly tough day of training, the Instructors found it necessary to get our attention by telling us: "All of you are going to Vietnam, and all of you are going to die

Ray spent Christmas of 1966 at home during a short leave before heading to Camp Pendleton to stage for shipping off to Vietnam. Here Ray reflects "I had trained with 80 other Marines, we had become family, developed a close camaraderie, but after we entered the replacement pool, we began to be split off." When the Marines boarded planes to leave for Okinawa and then Nam, they went in alphabetical order. "By the time "W" was called, I was the only one left from my training unit. I was alone."

He landed in country at Da Nang in January of 1967. From there he boarded an old C-123 as the only passenger, joined only by cargo, to head to An Hoa. When Ray stepped off the plane onto the dirt runway, he had no clue what lay ahead for him. He was 18 years old, and again, "alone."

"I remember standing there on that first day. It smelled different, it looked different, and it definitely felt different! I was far from home,

and I wasn't exactly sure what was about to happen next."

After awhile, PFC Worstine was directed to a "hooch" where SSgt Harper informed him that he was now assigned as an S2 Scout, part of the Intelligence branch of the 2/5. (2nd Battalion-5th Marines) At first Ray was resistant as he wanted to stay "infantry" but was "persuaded" to give being a Scout a chance.

He recalls he was barely acknowledged when he entered the assigned S2 hooch. He quickly understood that he needed to carefully "observe, learn and listen" to the more seasoned Scouts in the hooch to understand their mission. (Basically, an S2 Scout's assignment was to go out on patrols attached to various line companies, accompanied by an interpreter and occasionally a "converted" VC "Kit Carson" scout as well. The S2 would use "intel" gathered previously to help guide the company to their target.

Ray learned his first crucial lesson shortly after arriving at An Hoa. During one particular night the base came under mortar attack. A round hit the PX hooch right behind his. When observing the damage the next morning it became obvious to Ray that the

enemy didn't care who or what it hit, destroyed or killed. It could have just as easily been his hooch.

The young 18-year-old Marine was also hit hard shortly after arriving in An Hoa. Not long after leaving the perimeter, while part of a convoy, the body of a young Vietnamese girl of about 10 to 12 years old, was discovered lying by the side of the road. More experienced Marines warned everyone about getting too close to examine the body. With everyone a safe distance away the body was carefully rolled over using a rope and a hook. A powerful explosive booby-trap, hidden under the body... exploded. It is not a vision he can forget.

(For reference, the 2/5 Scouts common areas of recon were focused in the "Coal Mine" near Nong Son, "Liberty Bridge" at Phu Loc 6, and the "Arizona Territory." Only others who have served in the "Arizona Territory" can truly understand the danger, stress and memories of doing patrols in this area.) The S2 Scouts learned while on patrols, in large groups that the VC could simply become "invisible" until the Marines left the area. The Scouts proposed doing smaller missions using only a few S2 Scouts, along with a Kit Carson, and an attached radio operator. The unit would use soft covers and sandals, instead of wearing helmets and boots. They had learned that the VC would come down from the mountains to visit the women in the villages during the night. The Scouts would set up ambushes to hit the VC when they left the villages in the early morning. The radio man was randomly assigned from a pool and not a regular member of the unit. This technique was very successful, until one mission went bad.

When Ray was short in country, early in 1968, the 2/5 left An Hoa and headed for Phu Bai and ultimately, Hue. This was during the Tet Offensive. Ray, while at Phu Bai, remembers hearing the intense fighting and artillery explosions eight miles away at Hue. His fellow Marines in 2/5 were moved forward to Hue. Ray, having only a few days left in country, remained in Phu Bai. One of his last memories was seeing a jeep and trailer enter the compound loaded with helmets, rifles and miscellaneous equipment, gathered up from casualties at the Battle of Hue. New Marines were being reissued the gear, and then, they too were sent to Hue. Ray was never sent.

"I knew in my gut that if I had been sent, I would not have survived. I don't know why I didn't have to go. In reflection I later learned that my wife, Nita, was praying every day for my safe return. That can be the only explanation."

"I left Phu Bai in late February, but I remember nothing about the trip home. I was vaguely aware of a stop in Okinawa. I know I must have stopped in California for the last leg of my journey back home but I have no memories. I know my parents picked me up in Toledo. No memory of this either. I first became aware I was home when I walked through the front door in Arlington."

After being on leave for approximately 30 days, Ray and Nita moved to Camp Lejeune where Ray joined the 2nd Recon Training Unit at Onslow Beach. The Recon team was involved in some very intense training. This included being boated 8-10 miles out into the ocean, dropped off with a buddy and a bag of weapons and clothes. They were to find a compass bearing, swim to shore and attack a "target" or reach a checkpoint objective.

"This was a challenge that I enjoyed. It was a fun time. What a way to finish up my service."

After returning from a five month long Mediterranean deployment with a battalion of Marines practicing beach landings and playing war games, Corporal Ray Worstine was honorably discharged from the Corp in April of 1969.





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Though it might not be as beloved as a pint of Guinness or as inviting as a shot of Jameson's Irish whiskey, Irish coffee has a place all its own on St. Patrick's Day.

The origins of Irish coffee are sometimes debated, though manv historians trace the beverage to a stormy night in Ireland. One fateful night in 1943, Irishman Ioe Sheridan was called back to work at the restaurant and coffee shop at the Foynes Airbase Flying Boat terminal in County Limerick. A flight that had recently departed for Newfoundland was forced to return the to airport that night due to inclement weather. According to the Fovnes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum, Sheridan was asked to make something for the passengers to help them stay warm. 3. Fill the glass to Before serving some

freshlv made coffee. Sheridan decided to add a little Irish whiskey, and the rest is history.

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popularity The coffee of Irish undeniable. is and some of that popularity likelv stems from how easy it can be to make the drink at home. Though Irish coffee is a straightforward beverage, the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum offers the following tips for those who want to whip up a batch that would Sheridan make proud.

1. Preheat an Irish coffee glass by filling it with boiling water. Keep the water in the glass for 5 seconds, and then pour the water out.

2. Add 1 teaspoon of brown sugar and a good measure of Irish whiskey into the warmed glass.

within 1 centimeter

(a little less than half an inch) of the brim of the glass with hot and strong black coffee. Stir well so all of the brown sugar dissolves.

4. Carefully pour whipped lightly cream over the back of a spoon. The goal is to ensure the cream floats on top of the coffee.

5. Do not stir after adding the cream. It's important to avoid stirring because the Irish coffee will be most flavorful if you drink the coffee and whiskey through the cream.

A pint of Guinness might be a must for millions of St. Patrick's Day celebrants across the globe. But those who want something a little warmer can try their hands at Irish coffee as they toast the patron saint of Ireland this March.

















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