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Fore One Nine anytime Friends turn love of golf into business

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When four lifelong friends decided to turn their shared love for golf into something bigger, they created not only a business, but a place for the community to come together, anytime.

Fore One Nine Indoor Golf, at 2300 Bright Rd. in Findlay, was created by friends-since-kindergarten Zach Barger, Aaron Cheney, David Robinson and Jeff Zellner. They've shared over 25 years of golf, laughter, friendship, and competition.

"We grew up playing all the local courses and it strengthened our friendship throughout the years," Cheney said. "Golf was always the center of that. We all found ourselves back here in Findlay and wanted



to do something together, that's how we stumbled upon the indoor golf facility business model."

The idea quickly went from a spark to a flame, with two of the friends beginning research last spring, and another installing

his own golf simulator at home. By March, the four had decided to make the business official, henceforth known as Fore One Nine. While running a business with friends may sound tricky, Cheney said the process has only strengthened their bond.



A golf simulator demoed inside Fore One Nine.

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The owners of Fore One Nine pose for a photo. From left to right are Zach Barger, Jeff Zellner, David Robinson and Aaron Cheney.

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“At the end of the day, the most important thing is our friendship,” Cheney said. “If anything in this journey gets in the way of that, it’s not worth it. Starting a business can be stressful and it’s new for a lot of us, but we’ve just kept the focus that friendship is the most important part.”

When it comes to business operations, each of the four brings a distinct skillset to the venture: an attorney, a marketing professional, a financial planner, and Cheney, who brings 16 years of experience in operations.

“There’s not much stepping on toes because we all stay in our lanes and focus on our topics,” Cheney said. “It’s been a really smooth process.”

The name itself, Fore One Nine, is a homage to the group’s shared passion of golf and the place they call home.

“Fore is a golf term and it plays into 419,” Cheney said. “We all grew up here, we’re Findlay folks. The name is a nod to everything that this community has made us into today.”

Unlike most golf simulator facilities, Fore One Nine operates 24/7 and is completely unmanned, with Cheney describing the model as “an Airbnb for golf.” The autonomous,

“We want to appeal to the industrial manufacturing sites in town and those second-shift and third-shift workers who are limited on things they can do with their work schedules,” Cheney said. “So, if you were to get out of work at 10 p.m., you can come and play 18 holes of indoor golf in a really nice facility.”

tech-driven system allows Foresight Sports Falcon launch monitors paired with GSPro software. Each simulator has access to more than 1,800 courses, from local favorites like Shawnee Country Club to iconic courses such as Augusta National. For the imaginative golfer, you can even play mini-golf on the moon.

While the technology may be cutting-edge, Cheney said the atmosphere is relaxed and inviting.

“The golf portion of it is really top of the line, with seamless, high-class technology,” Cheney said. “When you turn around, it’s more like a living room environment. We’ve got couches, chairs, TVs, and a subscription with NFL Sunday Ticket. We also have a mini fridge in each room that’s BYOB, so you can set up shop and spend as long as you want in there.”

Looking ahead, the group hopes Fore One Nine will become a go-to spot for golfers in the region. For now, however, Cheney said they’re just enjoying watching their dream become reality.

“It’s equal parts exciting and terrifying,” Cheney said. “We continue to see reservations come through, and that’s really exciting. This project has consumed a lot of our time since March and it’s exciting to see it all come together.”



An example of a private bay inside Fore One Nine.



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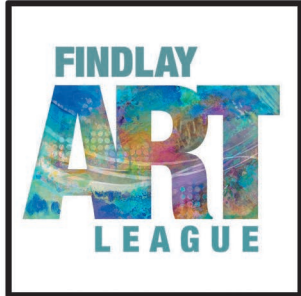
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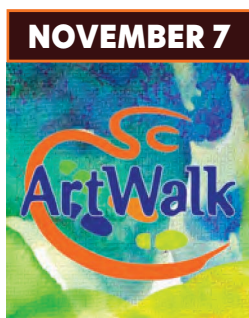


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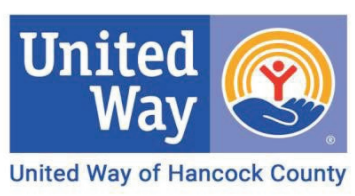
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Holiday hosts looking to food to set a festive tone can consider these "Peanut Butter Reindeer Cookies" from Lines+Angles. These cookies are flavorful and the finished product is adorable, which can help celebrants feel even more festive during seasonal celebrations.



Peanut Butter Reindeer Cookies Makes 48 cookies

1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened	1 large egg	48 red Peanut Butter M&M candies
3/4 cup peanut butter	1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract	1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup granulated sugar	1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour	96 mini semisweet chocolate chips
1/3 cup packed light brown sugar	1 teaspoon baking soda	Pretzels, broken into 96 1-inch pieces

1. Preheat oven to 350F, line baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, beat together butter, peanut butter, sugar, and brown sugar on medium speed until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add egg and vanilla extract and mix until combined.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and stir until just combined. Roll the dough into 1-inch balls, and place at least 1 inch apart on cookie sheet. Bake only 10 to 12 cookies at a time. Refrigerate the bowl of dough in between batches. Bake for 7 to 9 minutes, until the cookies are just set.
4. Immediately place one M&M in the center of each cookie for a nose (press down a bit if your cookies aren't flat enough), 2 mini chocolate chips for the eyes, and 2 pretzel pieces at the top for antlers. Carefully transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.

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