



Breakfast, lunch and BBQ Galore

New restaurants join Findlay food scene

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Tired of cooking and eating the

same foods this summer? Treat yourself to a meal from any of Findlay's new restaurants in town, serving items from coffee to paninis to barbeque. Read on to discover three of the newest options that are sure to make your mouth water.

The Toasted Yolk Café 2020 Tiffin Ave, Findlay

The Toasted Yolk Café opened its doors on April 17. The franchise originated in Texas and specializes in southern cuisine, like shrimp and grits and fried chicken sandwiches.

Douglas Craig, operating partner at the new Findlay location, is the first to bring the franchise to Ohio, with 33 other locations across the nation and the next closest location being about four hours away in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

The menu features staples such as omelets, pancakes, salads and sandwiches. They serve coffee, of course, as well as mixed drinks from their full bar. The business's tagline reads, "It's never too early to get toasted."

The Toasted Yolk Café also offers catering services. Among the menu items offered are quiches, wraps and taco boxes.

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The Toasted Yolk Café owner Douglas Craig stands next to the restaurant's full bar.



Pressed Drive Thru Café owner Mark Boehler stands next to the panini presses in the café.



Tony Preteroti, left, stands next to father and co-owner Zac Hudson in their new restaurant TOT's BBQ in downtown Findlay.

the café, Craig was the owner of Dougie John's Pizza in downtown Findlay, which opened in 2017, until he sold it as a franchise.

He first heard about the concept from a longtime business partner who would go to Houston's Toasted Yolk location every day before heading into work across the street at a finance office. Craig thought it could be a great addition to Findlay's culinary scene.

"I will have people who don't know me who will just thank me," Craig said. "They'll say, 'We needed something like this', or 'We needed more on this side of town."

In the first 30 days, The Toasted Yolk Café has served over 13,000 customers, Craig said. Future plans for the franchise are to open three more locations in Ohio, he said.

Pressed Drive Thru Café 1101 W Main Cross St, Findlay

Another new option, Pressed Drive Thru Café, opened on April 28. The café shares the building with Quality PT, owned by Mark Boehler PT, DPT, CIDN, and Revive Hair Salon & Day Spa, where Boehler's wife and cafe co-owner Ashley works as a hair stylist. The couple knew their location was well-suited for a café in town.

The café features Boehler's recipes for handcrafted paninis and breakfast sandwiches. Fan favorites so far include their chicken pesto panini and breakfast sliders, served on Hawaiian rolls. All of their bread is purchased from local bakeries, Boehler said.

Also on the menu is a wide variety of coffee and espresso drinks from hot to iced lattes, caramel macchiatos, cold brews and mochas with sugar-free and nondairy milk options available.

The new business is drive-thru only, but offers Quality PT and Revive clients in-house service.

Boehler wants to be the fastest drive-thru in town, he said, keeping the goal of getting people their food out the window in about five to six minutes.

"Our main focus is trying to be good quality, of course, and fast," he said. "We're trying to get our timing down with smiles on our face."

Boehler and his wife hope to continue bringing in more and more customers every day and implementing online ordering, gift cards and a rewards program in the near future.

TOT's BBQ 331 S Main St, Findlay

For authentic Texas barbeque, live music and a family-friendly atmosphere, TOT's BBQ may be the place for you.

Owners Tony Preteroti and Zac Hudson opened their doors on June 10. Their smoked ribs and brisket, homemade barbeque sauce and potato salad are all done Texas-style with Hudson's recipes. He's a seven time Pitmaster, and was born and raised in Texas.

Opening TOT's BBQ has been a longtime dream of Hudson's, and with Preteroti's help, his vision has been brought to life. They completed all the renovations to the restaurant themselves, from the Texas-themed dining room to the kitchen to the patio, where a stage is being built for live music to begin soon every Friday and Saturday night.

Preteroti, who also owns Preteroti's Spaghetti House in Findlay with his dad, saw the need for a restaurant where he and his wife could bring their four young children to dine downtown.

"We want to have a family-friendly environment," he said.

"There's not a lot of places downtown where you can bring your family, come eat, have a good time and listen to George Strait playing," Preteroti said.

Other Texas cuisine found on the menu includes corn nuggets, fried okra and fried pickles. They serve beef ribs instead of pork ribs, which are more typical in the Midwest. They are smoked for roughly 16 hours and have more of a bite and "messy experience," Preteroti said.

Hudson, who is used to serving his barbeque for judges, knows it will be a challenge to serve the restaurant crowds. Nonetheless, he is eager to serve his award-winning barbeque to the Findlay area.

"It's the pride you get when you trim your own brisket, when you season your own brisket, when you put the brisket in here and you look out there and somebody's eating what you did ... I love that aspect," Hudson said.

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Fourth of July Parade 11 am - 12 pm Downtown Findlay

Don't miss the annual parade which begins at Lincoln St. and runs North on Main St., through Downtown Findlay, before ending at Center Street. Bring the family and show your patriotic pride!

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Hancock County Farmer's Market 4-6 pm Marathon Center for the Performing Arts, Findlay

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