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The inside scoop on local ice cream spots

A list of the top local ice cream places in the 419

By Elizabeth Clauss

As summer temperatures continue to rise, there's always one place to beat the heat and satisfy that sweet tooth: ice cream! From classic soft serves to flurry creations, the 419 area is packed with incredible local shops.

Cool off and indulge with our go-to spots:

Findlay's Frozen Finds

Archie's Drive-in

433 N Main St.

Archie's is a true Findlay staple. While its ice cream treats, novelties and non-dairy options are crowd pleasers, the legendary shredded



chicken sandwich is the talk of the town. It's the perfect spot for a quick and easy lunch accompanied with a well-deserved sweet treat!

Dietsch Brothers

400 W. Main Cross and 1217 Tiffin Ave.

An operation so iconic that it has two local locations, Dietsch Brothers's is Findlay's famous stop for decadent

year-round gifts. If you live near Findlay, chances are your family has received a box of chocolates or other sweet treats from this institution, which has been open since 1937. Not to be overlooked is Dietsch's home-made hard-dip ice cream featuring year-round staples, sherbet, delicious seasonal flavors and novelties.

Mr. Twister

631 W Trenton Ave #2640

Another town favorite, Mr. Twister serves up a diverse menu of both food and frozen treats. With Toft's scooped ice cream from nearby Sandusky and multiple soft-serve flavors, guests can

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**Archie's offers sandwiches,
ice cream, and more.**

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create their ultimate ice cream fantasy; whether it's a classic cone, a ginormous sundae, or a customizable flurry. Their regularly changing almond swirl flavors are also dairy free!

The Jolly Dipper

510 E Lincoln St.

For many locals, the Jolly Dipper is the go-to. Not your typical soft serve shop, the Jolly Dipper is known for its endless flavor combinations and creations. Not feeling soft serve? They also feature Dole Whip creations, shakes and sundaes, with plenty of savory food to boot!

Tiffin's Tasty Treats

The Big Dipper Ice Cream

380 Wentz St.

A staple in the Tiffin community, The Big Dipper Ice Cream has been serving up delicious ice cream, hot sandwiches, and smiles for the past three decades. Keep an eye out for the "Big Dipper cars." These race cars can

often be found on display at the shop or featured in local parades!

Sweet Smitty's

706 S. Sandusky St.

A favorite from Willard has made its way to Tiffin! Since its soft opening on June 4, Sweet Smitty's has been a new contender to the ice cream scene. More than just ice cream, Smitty's is a full-blown eatery, featuring a diverse menu with pizzas, smash burgers, wings, and of course, hand dip and soft serve ice cream, milkshakes, and flurries. This up-and-coming spot is sure to be a fan favorite.

Little Hugo's

410 W. Market St.

Just off downtown, Little Hugo's can be found with cars lined up and people seated outside on hot summer days and nights. Locally owned since 1949, Little Hugo's offers a large variety of ice cream flavors, milkshakes and food. When you are asked if you'd like

whipped cream and a cherry with your ice cream treat, trust us and say yes.

Fostoria's Famous Find

JB Twisters Ice Cream & Things

335 W Lytle St.

Formally known as Roblics, JB Twisters has been a Fostoria favorite since 1989. While they do have a variety of ice cream and sandwich options, the real star is their "Fostoria famous chili dog," also known as the Kelley Hot Dog. Other options include shredded chicken, beef steak burger, sloppy joe, BBQ beef and footlongs. For sweet treats, they offer soft serve vanilla, chocolate, orange sherbet combinations, and daily frozen yogurt flavors.

While these may be some of our favorites, these gems offer a great way to beat the heat and get a taste of the local community. This summer, mark your map and challenge yourself to try every single ice cream joint in the 419! Which one will you try first?



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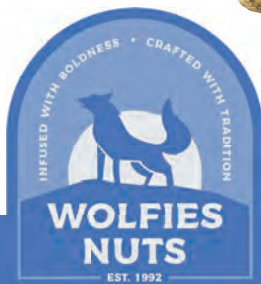
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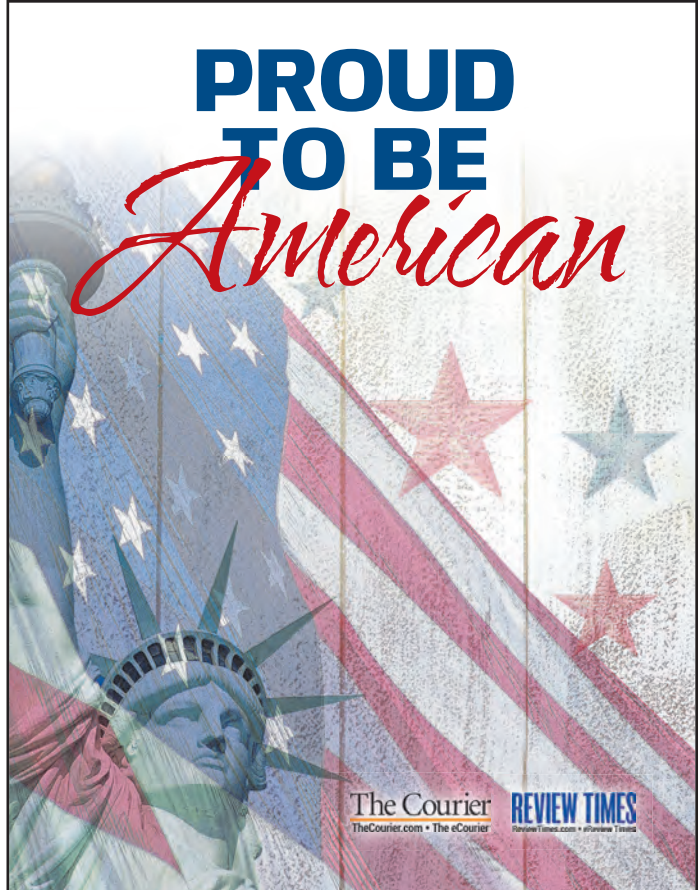
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Artwork accepted in the gallery on Friday, July 25, 6-8pm and Saturday, July 26, 9am-12pm. Visit our website for prospectus.



TBD - - The Gallery will CLOSE in July for renovations for part of the month. No show is scheduled.

JULY/AUGUST CLASSES Register at www.FindlayArtLeague.org


Watercolor Summer Flowers-Sundays, 6:00-8:00 pm, July 6 and 13; Tuition: \$100, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome (18+). Instructor: Jennifer Doyle

Young Adult Pottery, Ages 9-17-Saturdays, 9-10:30 am Wheel & 10:30-noon Glazing, July 12, 19, 26; Tuition: \$150, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

 **FREE "Fun for All" Flip Flop Tea Candle Holders Event**-Saturday, 1:00-4:00 pm, July 12; arrive anytime between 1:00 and 4:00 for a free 30 minute class sponsored by the Findlay Community Foundation. All materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Parent & Child (or 2 Adults) "Play-in-Clay" Wheel Throwing-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, July 19; Tuition: \$100 (for two), all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Sunflower Acrylic Pour Painting-Saturday, 12:00-1:30 pm, July 19; Tuition: \$55, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Thomas Crale

 **FREE "Fun for All" Unicorn Party Ornament Event**-Saturday, 1:00-4:00 pm, July 26; arrive anytime between 1:00 and 4:00 for a free 30 minute class sponsored by the Findlay Community Foundation. All materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Watercolor Flowers-Sundays, 6:00-8:00 pm, August 3 and 10; Tuition: \$100, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome (18+). Instructor: Jennifer Doyle

Dutch Pour Painting-Saturday, 12:00-1:30 pm, August 23; Tuition: \$60, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Thomas Crale

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JULY 3



JULY 4TH SPECTACULAR

Hancock County Fairgrounds

1017 E. Sandusky St, Findlay 12 - 10 pm

Enjoy the annual Independence Day Celebration in Flag City, USA! Family fun takes place all day long and fireworks begin at dusk. Food vendors will be on-site all day. Free admission and parking.

JULY 4



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Hancock Historical Museum

422 W. Sandusky St, Findlay 12 - 2 pm

Don't miss the annual ice cream social on the front porch of the historic Hull-Flater House at the museum. The social takes place following the City of Findlay's parade! The museum will be open, free of charge, during the social to view the exhibits and enjoy crafts and games. Dietsch's Brothers ice cream, ice cream bars and root beer floats will be available for purchase.

JULY 18&19

ARLINGTON
HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

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Arlington Village Park

Park St, Arlington 7/18: 6:30 - 11 pm 7/19: 2 - 11 pm

Plan to attend the annual the Arlington Homecoming Festival. The event includes a parade on Friday, Cornhole, Sports Zone, Big Wheel, Kids Zone, Music, Bingo, food, and more! Fun for the entire family.

JULY 19&20



FINDLAY FLEA MARKET

Hancock County Fairgrounds

1017 E. Sandusky St, Findlay 7/19: 9 am - 4 pm 7/20: 9 am - 3 pm

Shop the variety of vendor booths and enjoy delicious food from the food trucks. Free admission.



JULY 19&20

COWBOY DAYS

Ghost Town

10630 County Road 40, Findlay **7/19: 9 am - 5 pm 7/20: 12 - 5 pm**

This family fun event is full of amazing things to see and do! Cowboy actors, Kids Korral with games & bounce house, barrel train, Young Entrepreneur Craft Show, horse & carriage rides, food vendors & more!



JULY 24-26

VANLUE FEST

Vanlue Village Park

John St, Vanlue

You will find so much to do at this annual 3-day festival. Cheer competition and 5K run/walk on Thursday, a parade on Friday, mud volleyball and 3-on-3 basketball tournament, chicken BBQ on Saturday. Kids area, food, and more!



JULY 24

SENECA COUNTY FAIR PULL

Seneca County Fairgrounds

100 Hopewell Ave, Tiffin **7 pm**

Hear the roar of diesel trucks, modified tractors, pro stock tractors, and four-wheel drive trucks.



JULY 25

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Toledo Zoo & Aquarium

2 Hippo Way, Toledo **10 am - 10 pm**

Unwrap holiday magic while enjoying warm temperatures. Take a stroll through a dazzling section of lights on the Zoo's south side and enjoy festive fun. Listen to holiday tunes and enjoy a frozen hot chocolate and visit Santa. Admission ticket required for non-members.



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July 4th Spectacular



Flag City Fourth of July Parade



HHM Ice Cream Social

Celebrate Independence Day in Flag City USA!

July 3

July 4th Spectacular • Hancock Co. Fairgrounds

Presented by the Hancock County Agricultural Society, look forward to a full day of fun with a 5K, Car Show, Kids Zone, Concert, and, of course, a Spectacular Fireworks Show!

July 4

Flag City Fourth of July Parade • Downtown Findlay, 11 a.m.

Taking place from South Main at Lima Ave. and running north to the Hancock County War Memorial, there is no better way to kick off your July 4th than in Flag City USA!

Ice Cream Social • Hancock Historical Museum, Noon - 2 p.m.

After the parade enjoy ice cream on the front porch of the historic Hull-Flater House! Dietsch's ice cream, ice cream bars and root beer floats will be available for purchase.

Plus, don't miss our village fireworks celebrations, get your holiday BBQ supplies fresh from the Hancock County Farmers' Market, take in a Sluggers game, and enjoy even more fun in Findlay and Hancock County! Get all the details on these events and more at VisitFindlay.com/Fourth



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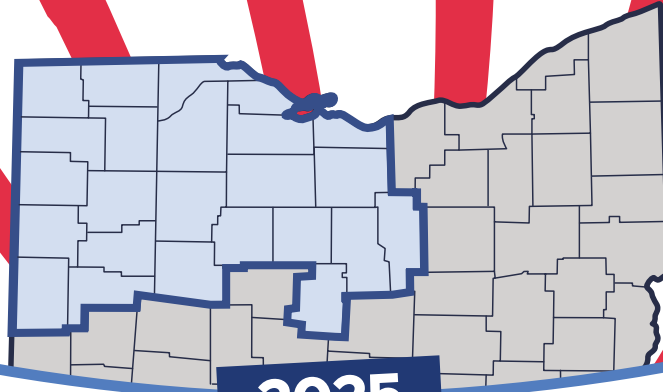
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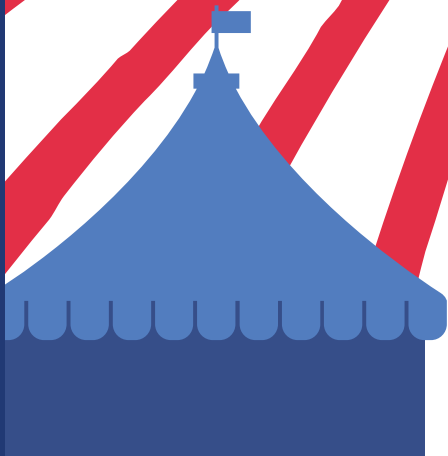


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14th-19th	Crawford County Fair (Bucyrus)	crawfordcocountyfair.com
14th-20th	Ottawa County Fair (Oak Harbor)	ottawacountyfair.com
20th-27th	Seneca County Fair (Tiffin)	senecacountyfair.org
27th-Aug 2	Auglaize County Fair (Wapakoneta)	auglaizecountyfair.org
27th-Aug 3	Wood County Fair (Bowling Green)	woodcounty-fair.com

AUGUST

3rd-9th	Richland County Fair (Mansfield)	richlandcountyfair.com
4th-10th	Erie County Fair (Sandusky)	eriefair.com
7th-13th	Mercer County Fair (Celina)	mercercountyfair.com
7th-14th	Henry County Fair (Napoleon)	henrycountyfair.org
11th-16th	Huron County Fair (Norwalk)	huroncountyfair.com
15th-23rd	Allen County Fair (Lima)	allencofair.com
16th-23rd	Defiance County Fair (Hicksville)	defiancecofair.com
18th-24th	Sandusky County Fair (Fremont)	sanduskycountyfair.com
25th-Sep 1	Morrow County Fair (Mt Gilead)	morrowcountyfair.org
26th-Sep 1	Van Wert County Fair (Van Wert)	vanwertcountyfair.com
26th-Sep 1	Hancock County Fair (Findlay)	hancockcountyfairgrounds.org
29th-Sep 4	Fulton County Fair (Wauseon)	fultoncountyfair.com

SEPTEMBER

2nd-7th	Hardin County Fair (Kenton)	hardincountyfair.org
6th-13th	Williams County Fair (Montpelier)	wcofair.com
8th-13th	Wyandot County Fair (Upper Sandusky)	thewyandotcountyfair.com
14th-20th	Ashland County Fair (Ashland)	ashlandcountyfair.org

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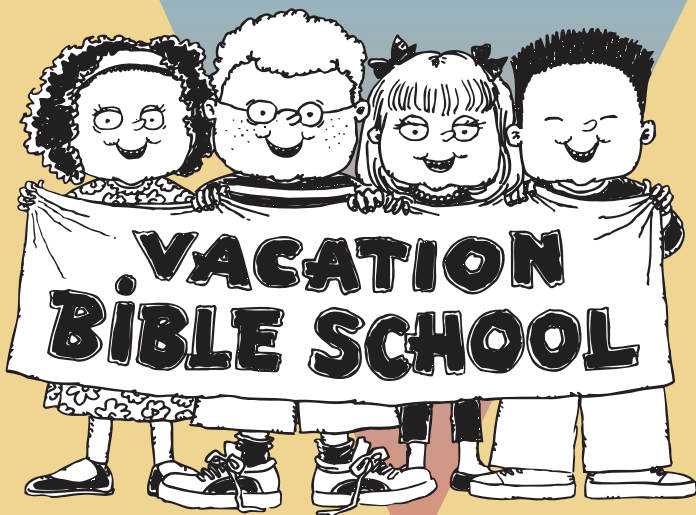
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JULY 2025 25TH

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Cowboy Days

Sat., July 19th ★ 9am-5pm & Sun., July 20th ★ 12-5pm



Black Swamp Driver

Carriage Rides & Demonstrations



Cowboy Characters



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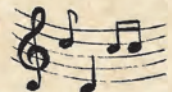
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