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What's brewing in Findlay?

Local beer fans-turnedbusiness owners give back By: Angela LaRosa

Since deciding to open a brewery in the early 2000s, and then expanding their "pretty cool" dream, the owners of Findlay Brewing Co. have spearheaded the taproom industry. But, their reach is much further than local.

"It took five years to launch what we have now," Aaron Osborne said.

Osborne co-owns Findlay Brewing Co. with Josh Heitkamp, Steve and Susan Treece, and Alex Treece.

Osborne said when their plans came to fruition, there weren't a lot of breweries in the area.

Eventually, the owners upgraded their equipment from a pot on a stove to a new brewing system.

#### Beginning of an era

The brewery first opened on North Main Street in 2006 and with their



Patrons of all ages and interest-levels in craft beer have something to dig into at Findlay Brewing Co.

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limited supply, could only operate four hours a week.

"People could come in and buy pints of beer," Osborne said. "People would leave for dinner. We tried to get food trucks, but if we wanted to make something new, we needed a kitchen."

Osborne said they knew they needed to expand, not only to serve more customers, but to have a larger distribution site as well. Floods and a fire resulted in them expediting their efforts to find a new location. Since the company started, they moved to 213 E. Crawford St. The new location offers a taproom and a full service kitchen. They have been able to expand their hours from one day for four hours to six days a week for about 12 hours a day.

"We have a tap room on site. You can see it through windows. Everything is right there," Osborne said. Findlay Brewing Co. brews right in Findlay, but their distribution has reached a majority of Ohio's Midwest region. Osborne said about 1,300 barrels are distributed between Lake Erie and the northern part of Columbus and as far east as Loudonville.

But no matter how big the company gets, their home will always be in Findlay.

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Osborne said the company isn't just a taproom with food and a large distribution. They also strive to make a difference for as many people as they can.

"We love the community in Findlay. We love downtown Findlay, we love the customers," Osborne said. From young professionals getting off work to older folks that come in to enjoy beer, Osborne said they love the wide variety of customers that walk through their door.

"One of my favorite things about the beer community is that it's very collaborative," Osborne said. "We try to do all sorts of things."



Above: Hillary Holdman, a Findlay Brewing Co. server, makes friends with Lincoln, a dachshund, after taking the orders of his owners, Bridget Boyl and Greg Dell in the outdoor patio of the brewery during the brewery's 2023 Barks & Brews

Right: Participants in a recent Hops for Hope fundraiser raise signs detailing the collaborative effort Findlay Brewing Co. makes annually to assist those who are homeless in the area.

Below: Kids take off running down East Crawford Street during the 2023 Kids Dash down portion of Findlay Brewing Co.'s Findlay Beer Chase in September 2023.





Osborne said they love to help out the community, whether it's partnering with a local nonprofit or returning help they received from other local breweries. He said one thing they do to help out is collaborative community events. In the past, they've hosted benefit fundraisers like the Beard & Mustache Competition for Open Arms, Barks & Brews for the Humane Society & SPCA of Hancock County, Hops for Hope to raise awareness for homelessness, and Ales for ALS to raise money for the ALS Association. The company has also

hosted recurring community events like Taproom Yoga, Brewito Monday and Box & Brew.

"It's one of the best things we do as a brewery," Osborne said about giving back to a community that supports the business.

Osborne said even if beer isn't your thing, they have a wide variety of menu and drink items ranging from appetizers to burgers, soups and sandwiches to different brews, cocktails and wines.



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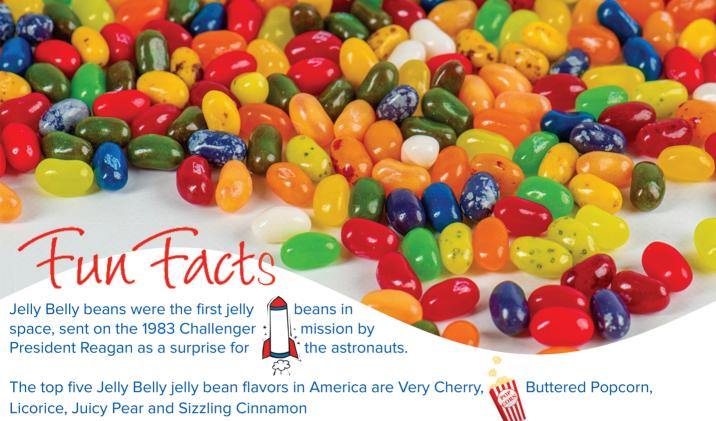
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#### **MARCH 2**

#### **Kiwanis Pancake Day**

Findlay High School 7 am - 1 pm

Treat yourself to endless stacks of fluffy pancakes and sausage at Kiwanis Pancake Day. Enjoy a delicious breakfast that will leave you feeling full!

#### **MARCH 8**

#### **Birding Means Business**



University of Findlay 7:30 am

The informative and lively discussion will feature experts from the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, including Kimberly Kaufman, executive director, and Mark Shieldcastle, research director.

#### **MARCH 16**

#### **Imagination Station Science Festival**



Findlay-Hancock County Public Library 10 am - 3 pm

As a part of CommunityREAD, students will have an out-of-this-world experiences as they explore the solar system and beyond. They will discover how stars are born, learn facts about the objects in our solar system, model the moon's phases and explore how objects orbit each other in the Imagination Station's inflatable planetarium. Get ready to have a BLAST!

#### **MARCH 16**

#### St. Paddy's Day 5k Run/Walk



Downtown Tiffin 10 am - 12 pm

Join in the fun as participants chase the Leprechaun during the 9th Annual St. Paddy's Day 5k Run/Walk, an exciting event for all ages. Registration starts at 8:30 am at JAM's Monthly Markets located at 145 Madison St., Tiffin.

#### MARCH 19

#### **Presidential Primary Election Day**



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#### **MARCH 23**

#### **Eclipse Excitement**

Hancock Historical Museum, Findlay 5 - 8 pm



Findlay is in the path of totality for the April 2024 Total Solar Eclipse! Campus will be filled with family-friendly activities, games, crafts and informational tables. Also in attendance will be the Hancock Park District's planetarium, Mazza Museum, the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library, ODNR, retired science teacher Jeff Dean and his telescope, eclipse safety for cameras with Will Miller, and more!

#### MARCH 23

#### **Spring Model Train Show**

Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation, Findlay 10 am - 3 pm



The train barn will be filled with tables occupied by vendors displaying and selling model trains, toy trains and railroad memorabilia.

#### MARCH 26

#### **Celebrity Basketball Game**



Findlay High School 7 - 9 pm

March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and this event offers a fun, community and family-friendly opportunity for Hancock County residents to come together and celebrate. Join us as we recognize and honor DD Month!

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#### Green rivers are St. Patrick's Day traditions

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 retired police officer, handled the task for years, 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 to bring the tradition to Rockford, Ill., and dye Rock River. 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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## Memorable moments in NCAA Men's Tournament history

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newspaper better summarized the upset than Princeton's

College basketball fans have it made each March. Come March, scores of college hoops fans anxiously anticipate the tipoff to March Madness, is widely which а used nickname for the wildly popular NCAA Tournament, a singleelimination battle featuring 68 teams competing over seven rounds. Each team aspires to win the championship, but only one can walk away with the elusive trophy. That reality ups the ante with each game, and many a nail-biter and memorable

As this year's round of madness prepares to tip off, fans can look back at these memorable moments from tournaments past and ponder the many others that have made March such a fun, if frenzied,

moment has taken center stage

during the tournament over the

vears.

month.

· Princeton knocks off UCLA, March14, 1996: Bruins fans may not find this moment all that memorable, but the thirteenth-seeded Tigers' improbable upset of the defending national champions is among the most notable moments in NCAA Tournament history. Princeton's 43-41 win marked the final victory of legendary coach Pete Carril's career, and perhaps no

the upset than Princeton's student newspaper, The Daily Princetonian, which featured the memorable headline "David 43, Goliath 41" the morning after the game.

1998: March Madness fans who

· "The Shot," March 13,

eagerly fill out their brackets each March know the matchups featuring a 13 seed are always unpredictable and that certainly held true in 1998. Down two points with just 2.5 seconds left, Valparaiso shocked the world and sent the University of Mississippi home when guard Bryce Drew, the son of head coach Homer Drew, sank a 23-foot three-pointer as time

· A 16 finally beats a 1. March 16. 2018: Few likely sixteenthimagined the seeded University of Maryland, Baltimore County defeating the tournament's top overall seed, the University of Virginia, in the opening round, much less doing so in convincing fashion. But that's precisely what the Retrievers did, outscoring the Cavaliers by 20 points in the second half as they cruised to a 74-54 victory and made history as the first 16 seed to defeat a number one seed.

· A halfcourt heave stuns the defending champs, March 14, 1981: There's something about March Madness that compels hoopsters to save their most memorable moments for a game's final seconds, and that's precisely what happened when Arkansas's U.S. Reed stunned the defendina champion Louisville Cardinals in the second round. Down a point with six seconds remaining after leading for most of the game, Arkansas was facing dim prospects for advancement. A swarming Louisville press made it unlikely Arkansas was going to get a good shot, and that played out. Reed was forced to heave a 49-footer from a stride or two behind the half court line. The shot improbably went in and the Razorbacks advanced.

· The Heels' hopes are lifted, and then sank, April 4, 2016: Much like UCLA fans would not fondly recall their upset loss to Princeton in 1996, fans of the storied program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill might find it hard to characterize their 77-74 title game defeat at the hands of the Villanova Wildcats as a night to remember. But few title games have featured closing moments as dramatic as this one. After the Tar Heels' Marcus Paige double-clutched and sank a game-tying three pointer with 4.7 seconds left, the Wildcats' Kris Jenkins answered with a buzzer-beating three-pointer of his own, securing Villanova's first national championship since 1985.

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expired.



#### 100 Years Ago This Month: Historical events from March 2024

The month of March has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in March 1924

- · For the first time since 1636, public vehicles, such as taxi cabs, are allowed into Hyde Park in London beginning March 1. For nearly 300 years, the park had been reserved for private carriages.
- · On March 3, the Turkish National Assembly formally ends the Ottoman Caliphate, which had operated for more than 400 years. In a corresponding move, Abdulmejid II, who was elected Caliph in November 1923, is formally deposed at 2 a.m. on March 4.
- The University of North Carolina men's basketball team ends its season with a 26-18 victory over the Alabama Crimson Tide on March 4. The Tar Heels' victory secures a perfect 26-0 record for the season.
- · The site of Tutankamun's tomb is formally opened by Egyptian Prime Minister Saad Zaghloul on March 6. The opening attracts a large crowd and ultimately turns into an anti-British demonstration upon the arrival of the British High Commissioner, Field Marshal Allenby.

- · Nikola Tesla announces he has perfected a system of transmitting power without wires on March 8.
- · The United States Supreme court issues a ruling on March 10 that upholds a New York state statute banning late-night working for women.
- On March 11, cabaret singer Belva Gaertner is arrested for the murder of her lover, Walter Law, in Chicago. Law was found dead from a bullet wound in Gaertner's car, though Gaertner is later acquitted of the murder. The incident inspires both the 1926 Broadway play "Chicago" and the 1975 musical of the same name.
- The opening session of the first-ever Egyptian constitutional parliament is opened by King Fuad I on March 15.
- · Winston Churchill loses the Westminster Abbey by-election by 43 votes to Otho Nicholson on March 19. The results come when Churchill requests a recount after initially losing by just 33 votes.
- The Eugenical Sterilization Act goes into effect in Virginia on March 20. The act provides for the sterilization of individuals in mental institutions.
- · Edward G. Leffler introduces the first modern mutual fund on March 21. The

Massachusetts Investors Trust allows investors to withdraw their account money at any time.

- · Benito Mussolini presides over a Fascist parade in Rome on March 23. Mussolini uses his speech as a chance to campaign for the coming general election.
- · The Greek Parliament votes to depose King George II on March 25. A public referendum for the issue is set for April 13.
- · French Prime Minister Raymond Poincaré abruptly resigns after his government suffers a surprising defeat on March 26. In a vote in the Chamber of Deputies, Poincaré and his government are defeated 271 to 264, all while the Prime Minister was not even present. Poincaré accepts President Alexandre Millerand's request to form a new government on March 27.
- · United States Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty resigns over the Teapot Dome Scandal on March 28. The Teapot Dome Scandal was a bribery scandal that enveloped the administration of U.S. President Warren G. Harding, and since 1924 has often been cited when new issues affecting the office of the president, such as Watergate, have surfaced.



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Beginning Wood Carving-Saturdays, 9:00-11:30 am, March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20; Tuition: \$75, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome (18+). Instructor: Emil Ziegler. Classes will be held at the Millstream Wood Carvers Club House, 2230 Blanchard Avenue.

Spring Equinox Candle Pour-Monday, 6:00-8:00 pm, March 18; Tuition: \$41, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Amber Kear

Solar Eclipse Jewelry-Friday, 5:00-7:00 pm, March 22; Tuition: \$40, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

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