

# Corned beef, entertainment on tap at local Irish pubs

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**F**ish and beggers, get out of the green. 'Tis St. Patrick's Day once again, laddie. This Saturday, local pubs are getting ready for one of the busiest days of the year. There'll be corned beef and cold beer for everyone.

"It's a tough day to keep people out of the pub," said John Cowley, owner of Cowley's Old Village Inn in downtown Farmington. "We have all the stew and corned beef ready."

Here are some of the best places in town to wet your whistle on a pint or two of Guinness:

■ **Cowley's Old Village Inn**, 33333 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 474-5941. Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday. Irish hospitality should be as thick as owner John Cowley's brogue this Saturday when everybody is Irish. The doors open at 8 a.m. to the tunes of Bob and Carl, an Irish folk music duo. The hard Blackthorn takes over from noon to 4 p.m. followed by Company of Strangers 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Cowley promises the music to be the "best in town" and well worth the \$10 cover charge.

Cowley's son, Patrick, will cook up lots of his mother's Irish Stew, check full of beef, lamb, carrots, potatoes, onion and curry. "It's excellent," he said. The limited menu will include corned beef sandwiches and a special baked potato.

■ **Jack Dunleavy's Grill**, 340 N. Main Street, Plymouth, (734) 455-3700. Hours: 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday-Saturday (kitchen closes at 11 p.m.). There's been a Dunleavy restaurant or two in the Detroit metro area since 1933, when Irish immigrant John Dunleavy of County Mayo obtained the eighth liquor license in Michigan.

"It's almost a tradition for customers to come to Dunleavy's every St. Patrick's Day," said Sean Dunleavy, son of owner Jack Dunleavy. "Even if you may



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This year, Dunleavy's will have live Irish music on Friday and Saturday night, along with unscheduled visits by bagpipers and Irish dancers. The menu will feature corned beef and cabbage,

Irish stew and fish & chips. Of course, there'll be lots of Guinness and Caffery's on tap, but you may want to try an Irish coffee.

■ **Dunleavy's Pub & Grub**, 34505 Grand River, Farmington (248) 478-8868. Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, 4-10 p.m. Sunday. Entertainment beginning at noon, including a bagpiper. The menu will feature Irish stew, beef stew, corned beef and cabbage and corned beef sandwiches.

■ **Innisfree Irish Pub & Grill**, 6327 Middlebelt Road, near Ford, Garden City, (734) 425-2434. Hours: 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Open St. Patrick's Day 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Entertainment beginning at 10

a.m. including The Kish Celtic Band and Mullingar Irish, a duo brought from Ireland, Irish

dancers, and bagpipers throughout the day.

■ **Farwell & Friends**, 8051 Middlebelt, Westland, (734) 421-0990. Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Sunday. House band, Lost and Found performs Irish music on St. Patrick's Day beginning at 5 p.m. Corned beef & cabbage and Mulligan stew are among the special menu items.

■ **Bailey's Pub & Grille**, 1777 Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 844-1137. Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Sunday. Let's see, we have a French manager, Andre Plesance, who'll serve shots of the potent German liqueur "Jagermeister" on St. Patrick's Day to lots of people who are not even Irish. Go figure!

Last year, Bailey's was one of the busiest spots in town on St. Patrick's Day, and they're looking forward to a repeat performance this year. Plesance promises 24-ounce cans of beer at "cheap prices," Irish music and bagpipers, lots of free giveaways and an appearance by the Budweiser Girls. Limited menu.

■ **Connor O'Neill's**, 318 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor, (734) 665-2968. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Sunday. Open 7 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. You can't get much more Irish than Connor O'Neill's, who will feature the Irish band Brudarr on Saturday. "We're top-notch Irish,"

said owner Frank Conran, who is a long way from his native Tipperary. "We have the hospitality, the service, and we have a very good kitchen."

Up for a hearty Irish breakfast? Connor O'Neill's has one for Saturday morning - Black & White Pudding, scrambled eggs, sausages, rashers (like bacon, only better) tomatoes and fried potatoes. Of course, there'll be lots of corned beef and cabbage. No green beer, however. "Why ruin a good beer?" said Conran. Spoken like a true Irishman.

■ **Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro**, 26053 Town Center, Novi, (248) 380-8460. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 4-8 p.m. Sunday. For a quieter St. Pat's, Diamond Jim Brady's is just the place. The Irish band Innis-Cool will play from 8:30-10:30 p.m.

They'll be no green beer, but the menu will offer the best of Irish fare: Corned beef and cabbage, lamb stew, beef and beer stew served over Calceonnet (mashed potatoes with sautéed cabbage and scallions), Irish pancakes and smoked salmon, and Guinness Stout chocolate cake. Special Irish beers, whiskey and coffees available.

■ **Emmett's**, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia, (734) 522-5600. Hours: noon to 1 a.m. Corned beef and drink specials all day. Live Irish entertainment by The Rhythm Notes & Danny Irish starting at 8:30 p.m.



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