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Saturday, November 6th. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM ish Third Eye Brewing, by the garage doors.

Brewery opens at 11:00 AM for those who want to buy beers and food to have while homebrewing a batch. Or if they want to enjoy Third Eyes offerings after they have completed their creation. Spectators are welcome to stop by and experience the art of brewing on a scaled down 5-to-10-gallon operation.

North South Baking Co. and Bircus Brewing Join Forces to Open New Covington Taproom and Bakery

North South Baking Co. will sling pastries during the day, while Bircus takes over the building at night to pour beer and serve pizza. MAIJA ZUMMO NOV 1, 2021



A rendering of the forthcoming Bircus taproom and North South Baking Co. bakery in Covington PHOTO: PROVIDED BY BIRCUS BREWING CO. Two Northern Kentucky favorites are joining forces on a new location in Covington. Ludlow-based Bircus Brewing Co. and North South Baking Co., which currently operates out of Newport's Incubator Kitchen Collective, have paired up to share space at 39. W Pike St.

The building will act as a second taproom for Bircus, which has been specializing in both crafting beer and hosting circus performances (hence the name "beer-cus") since 2016. They'll operate the building at night, while North South Baking Co. bakes and serves pastries there during the day. North South Baking Co. will also prepare desserts for the brewery and share the kitchen with Bircus' in-house Bircus Pizzeria, which the brewery opened in 2020 with the help of an Italian chef.



North South Baking Co.'s famous cruffins – croissant-muffin hybrids PHOTO: PROVIDED BY BIRCUS BREWING CO. There's going to be beer flights and dessert flights," says Bircus' "Chief Goof Officer" Paul Miller in a release. "It's going to be killer. Our collaboration is very thorough."

In 2019, <u>Nycz announced plans to open a bakery in Ludlow</u>, which is still on the docket according to the release from Bircus, as she views "the arrangement as a steppingstone to North South Baking Co.'s future HQ in Ludlow."

But for now, the Covington storefront will allow her space to bake, package, store and sell her goods. And, <u>as she writes</u> future expansion.

on a Facebook post, help provide funding for future expansion.

"I am so happy to welcome our customers into a retail location for North South Baking Co. I appreciate everyone who has supported us over the past four years; during all of the transitions NSBC has seen — from a home kitchen in Cincinnati to the Incubator Kitchen Collective in Newport, and now to a brick-and-mortar pastry shop in Covington," says North South Baking Co.'s Kate Nycz in the same release. "I have always been blown away by the community who shows up for us every Saturday, year-round, at the Hyde Park and Covington Farmers' Markets and am very excited that we will be able to bake five days a week for them now."

Bircus says there isn't an opening date slated for the new outpost yet, and both the brewery and North South Baking Co. are "focused on cutting through red tape, securing funding, and bringing North South's stand-alone bakery to fruition in Ludlow." The new location will announce more details once licensing and permits have been approved. Follow North South Baking Co. at <u>facebook.com/northsouthbaking</u> and Bircus Brewing Co. at <u>facebook.com/bircusbeer</u> for details and announcements.



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Independence: Large Development Grows

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Following the addition of land, the developers of the planned Downs of Nicholson in Independence are adding more residential homes and a gym. The project was first announced earlier this year.

The \$22 million development is expected to include a micro-brewery and tap room, a drive-through restaurant, a sit-down restaurant, and 85 two- and three-bedroom patio homes with attached two-car garages. The residential community will boast amenities like a swimming pool and clubhouse.

The site will also feature a gas station with convenience store.

Gary Holland, of Taylor Mill-based One Holland, is the developer behind the project on what was originally a 29.41-acre tract of land at the intersection of Kentucky Routes 16 and 17 (Taylor Mill Road and Madison Pike). It has now increased to 35 acres; it was stated at the Independence city council meeting on Monday night.

One Holland developed the Trifecta Building in Taylor Mill which houses a LaRosa's pizzeria, a Skyline Chili, and a Graeter's ice cream shop, and will soon include a Dunkin'. The group also joined a partnership to operate Ft. Mitchell's Greyhound Tavern earlier this year.

Like "Trifecta", the Downs is homage to Holland's love of Kentucky horses (a trifecta is picking the top-three finishing horses in a race while downs is a common word used in the name of racetracks).

On Monday, HSH Partners, which is affiliated with One Holland, presented new details. The Kenton County fiscal court sold a piece of land to the developer as did a private residence owner, increasing the land.

Independence voted to annex the residential property, and the county property was already in the city. Petey Cunningham, president of the HSH Partners said that originally the plan called for 75 rental patio homes, but with the extra land, the plan is to increase that number to 90. There will also be a gym as part of the project.

Cunningham said the entire project could be started next summer, or at least laid out, with a goal for completion in the fall of 2023. He said that the commercial would be done first, and the residential work could stretch into 2024.

-Patricia A. Scheyer, River City News contributor



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Since we are closed Monday and Tuesdays, Wednesday is our first chance to see you. For our 6th Annual Customer Appreciation, we are going to celebrate again all month long!

Each visit this month earns you an entry into our drawing to win a TWO-NIGHT STAY IN THE AIRBNB. We will have special stickers, lapel pins, and other giveaway items throughout the month.

We are also having our biggest merch discount ever at 25% off for our online store. Use code: THANKYOU at check out during the month of November. <u>http://fibbrew.com/apparel/</u>

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