

Taft's Ale House Closing



We are very deeply saddened to announce the upcoming closure of Taft's Ale House. We've made the painfully difficult decision to close our beautiful flagship location after 8 years of serving the OTR community. Our final day of operation will be [Saturday, November 25, 2023](#).

The pandemic, a significant decline in tourism, and large increases in material goods costs have contributed greatly, but ultimately, we could not indemnify for the significant loss in sales since Covid began. We have self-sustained daily operations for the past couple of years, and it's clear our business model is unable to financially support the location in this new landscape.

Our main concern right now is our Ale House team's future. At the core of Taft's Ale House has always been our incredible staff. Their hard work, commitment and cheer brought to the Ale House and OTR will be greatly missed. We've given everyone notice of the closure and will pay severance to each individual employee. We're offering employment opportunities wherever we have them, at our Brewpourium locations and contract beverage business. Additionally, we've compiled local hospitality job openings that have been shared. If you know of a favorite local bar or restaurant that is hiring, please share with us. We'd love to refer our talented team members, who, in our opinion, really are the best in the city.

Taft's Brewpourium Cincinnati and Columbus will continue to operate as normal. We want to wholeheartedly thank our loyal patrons, friends, OTR and the city of Cincinnati for all the love and support over the years. Prior to our closing, please stop in and enjoy a pint with us.

Drink and Get Inked at Rhinegeist's Annual Beer and Tattoo Celebration

Variants of Rhinegeist's popular imperial stout Ink will be for sale alongside artists offering tattoos in the taproom.

By [Katherine Barrier](#) on Wed, Nov 8, 2023



Photo: Rhinegeist by Rhinegeist Brewery

INKED, Rhinegeist's annual celebration consisting of plenty of beer and tattoos, returns to its Over-the-Rhine taproom this week. Happening on Saturday, Nov. 18 from noon to 9 p.m., INKED features unique variants of Rhinegeist's imperial stout, Ink, on draft, along with some of Cincinnati's premier tattoo artists doing live tattoos of pre-selected flash art in the taproom all day. "As fall arrives, we are excited for the upcoming annual celebration of Beer and Tattoos here on Elm Street," Karen Bear, AGM at the Rhinegeist taproom, said in a press release. "We are excited to welcome back some existing shops to the taproom, as well as some new artists, bringing us up to seven shops for this fourth iteration of INKED!"

Participating tattoo shops include: White Whale, Black Fern, Lonesome Town, Decorated Body, Got Ink? Mothers, and Peregrine. Each parlor will have its own booth and a flash sheet of tattoos available to purchase that day. Tattoos will be on a first-come-first-serve basis, so patrons are encouraged to arrive early to secure a spot with their preferred artist.

INKED will also have a pop-up bottle shop featuring vintage brews from the Rhinegeist Barrel Aged portfolio, and The Empanadas Box will be on-site selling food. Rhinegeist will also be selling 16-oz. cans of Ink and Cherry Cordial Ink, a limited-edition Ink variant canned especially for this event. Both beverages' designs showcase hand-drawn flash art by the Rhinegeist team. There will also be limited-edition collectible Ink merch, like the new 2023 T-shirt design and koozie, for sale.

Rhinegeist, 1910 Elm St., Over-the-Rhine. More info: rhinegeist.com.

Rhinegeist CEO Adam Bankovich on Business Courier podcast



Image: EVANS FAMILY Photography

Adam Bankovich is CEO of Rhinegeist Brewery. Photo By: GARY EVANS

By [Andy Brownfield](#) – Managing editor, Cincinnati Business Courier Nov 13, 2023

Craft breweries can grow in a number of ways. For one, they can produce more beer, send it to more retailers and open up distribution to new markets. But another way they grow is by increasing their physical footprint, opening taprooms in other cities and sometimes in different neighborhoods. That's a tactic some of the region's largest breweries have employed as of late. [MadTree just announced its third brick-and-mortar location](#) in Blue Ash, [Braxton Brewing is opening its fourth](#) in a development alongside Dewey's Pizza and Graeter's Ice Cream and [Fifty West will anchor the District at Deerfield](#) development.

Cincinnati's largest craft brewery, Rhinegeist Brewery, has only had one brick-and-mortar location in Over-the-Rhine where the public can visit and drink its beer. But that's something new CEO [Adam Bankovich, who took the role full-time in October](#) after serving as interim chief executive since April, is thinking about changing. "It's really fun to entertain the idea of a new taproom location that we've never done," he said on "Above the Fold," the podcast by the [Cincinnati Business Courier](#).

"That idea's been floated around for a few years, but we're about to get really serious about considering it. But I don't have a specific answer to give you on what that would look like. Other than, the most important thing to me is maintaining that authenticity, the Rhinegeist experience." Bankovich said he doesn't want to move too slowly, but also wants to be methodical about the decision. "We're absolutely considering it and trying to be methodical and understanding, OK, if we're going to do this, how are we going to do it our way, how do we do it the right way, how do we do it in a way that resonates and adds something to whatever community we go to and not just standing up a box that serves draft beer in a community we think we might be able to do it."

Bankovich also talked about how Rhinegeist has been able to maintain growth despite the flattening of the craft brewing industry, what's new at the brewery (hint: [a fan-favorite brew is coming back next year](#)) and how he maintains the unique culture as the OTR brewery's new leader.

Dates announced for the Servatii Cincinnati Christkindlmarkt
Wednesday Nov. 22nd thru Dec. 31st



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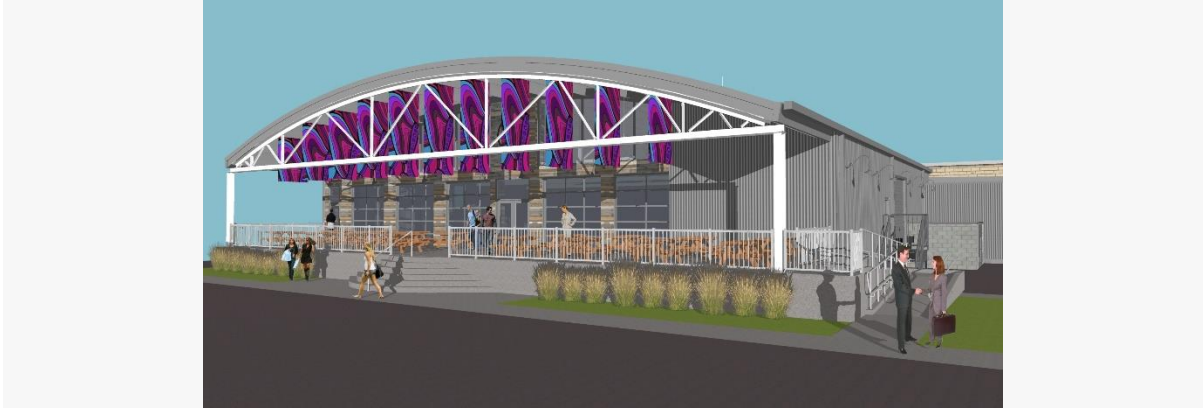
Rent yours today for \$300 and get \$300 back in Moerlein Lager House Gift Cards that can be used both at Food and Beverage Booths on the Christkindlmarkt OR in the Moerlein Lager House anytime.

[Igloo Rental \(Up to 14 people\) - Moerlein Lager House](#)

Book Your Holiday Party at Moerlein Lager House on Sunday or Monday and Get 15% Off

Have you booked your holiday party yet? The Moerlein Lager House, situated on the Banks of the Ohio River, has multiple options for space and menu! Whether it's a holiday party, rehearsal dinner or corporate lunch, our two-story restaurant is the perfect location!

Melanie Sandy is our Manager of Private Dining and will make sure that your guests have an amazing experience! More Private Dining details can be found on our website, as well as videos of our event spaces. For any questions or to begin booking your party our Private Dining number is (513) 421-2337. Featured in the photos above is our heated-365-day Beer Garden Patio, which can serve as both an outdoor and indoor space! Visit our website for more information.



**Third Eye is now open in Hamilton, Ohio!
Grand Opening Today at Noon!
850 S. Erie Boulevard Hamilton, OH 45011**





A New Road Ahead

At 3 p.m. this Friday, Nov. 17, Gravel Road Brewing Company will officially cut the ribbon for their grand opening in Middletown. Avid readers of this website and user of the Ohio On Tap brewery passport app are no doubt aware that the brewery has been open to the public since July. However, if you rushed out this summer to get that passport stamp, you haven't seen the facelift that owner/head brewer Dan Lauro has given the property over the past month. With the transformation now complete, it's time to party! In addition to a tap list of exquisitely crafted and approachable beers, Gravel Road will also host a bevy of food trucks throughout the weekend to sate your gustatory urges. Be sure to take some crowlers home to enjoy with Thanksgiving dinner next week, and don't forget to give them a follow on Facebook and Instagram for more details about this weekend's festivities.

This Weekend at Gravel Road Brewing Company!

Friday:

**Grand Opening Celebration!
The Naughty Lobstah - 4 - 8 PM**

Saturday:

**The Test Kitchen - all day!
Come try out John's newest creations
as he works towards starting his business!**

Sunday:

**Brunch and Brews is back with
BL BBQ and Karaoke DJ's FULL menu.**

Football on the big screen!

The Test Kitchen - 3-6 PM



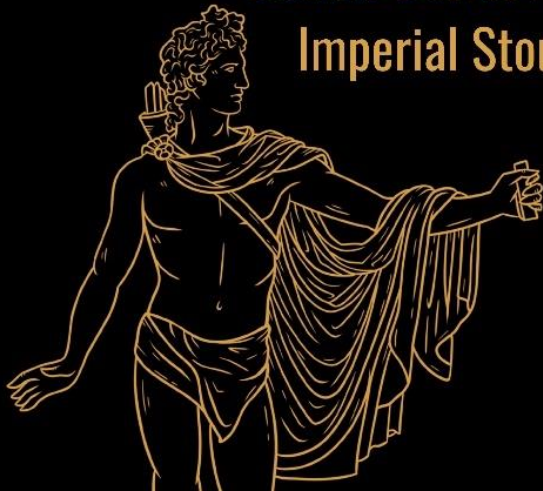


New Ichor Release This Saturday

NOVEMBER 18

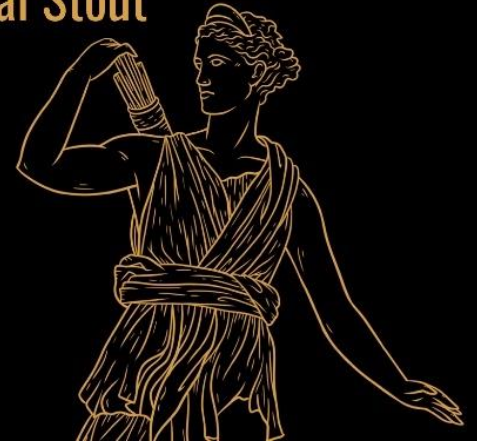
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Double Barrel Aged
Imperial Stout



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Double Barrel Aged
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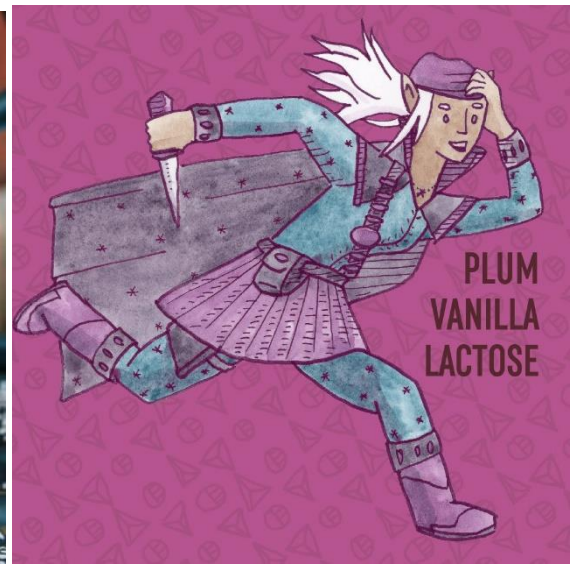
We have two Ichor variants, Apollo & Artemis, making their debut this **Saturday, Nov. 18 at noon!**

Apollo- Aged 14 months in Wild Turkey barrels before an additional 8 months in a MGP bourbon barrel. Apollo is a pure double-barrel aged imperial stout.

12oz bottle \$14.99 Limit- 2 bottles

Artemis- Aged 14 months in Wild Turkey barrels before an additional 8 months in a MGP bourbon barrel. Artemis was then treated on toasted coconut and roasted macadamia nuts.

12oz bottle \$15.99 Limit- 2 bottles



Sneaking onto shelves soon: SUGAR PLUM

Careful! This clever elf might sneak up on your taste buds like a cool autumn evening. Brewed with real plums and a super dose of real vanilla beans, it'll make you ready for anything that mother nature throws at you. Look out for 6-packs, at 7.2%, flying under the cover of darkness to distribution this week. They will be available across our entire retail and direct ship footprint.

Who is Sugar Plum?

Sugar Plum is an Elven Rogue with a specialty in Arcane Tricks. You may know her from a spotlight-stealing plot during a popular ballet; dance is her favorite way to get into the holiday spirit. She's the member of your adventure party that will show up when you least expect it, carrying the most incredible gifts and treats - likely stolen from the world's most infamous museums and collectors - just when you need it most.

Infinitely sneaky and carrying a dark past, Sugar Plum has now found an outlet for her creativity with an incredible band of misfits to help focus her energy towards good (for now).

The secret ingredient is... REAL FRUIT.

Sugar Plum is brewed with thousands of pounds of real, pureed, natural plums. Our team's dedication to real ingredients and crafting recipes that highlight these flavors is what makes our Fruit Tarts so unique.



Join us the Sunday after Thanksgiving. What a great way to find that Unique Christmas Gift!

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VINTAGE BEER CANS • BREWERY ARTIFACTS • BOTTLES
COASTERS • BOTTLE CAPS • TAP HANDLES • TIN SIGNS • OPENERS • CLOCKS
ANTIQUES • NEON SIGNS CRAFT CANS • TACKERS



CINCINNATI, OHIO

PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL
SUNDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING SHOW
November 26, 2023 - 9am-2pm

LITTLE MIAMI BREWING COMPANY
208 MILL STREET, MILFORD, OHIO

WALK IN ADMISSION \$5

TABLE RENTALS \$15 EACH

Beer & Pizza Available For Purchase
Beer Dave will CANduct the raffle at 12 noon
Questions? Email: truckwashdoug@aol.com

