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Fairfield brewery: Swine City Brewing plans summer debut



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FAIRFIELD — Swine City Brewing plans to open this summer at 4614 Industry Drive in Fairfield.

The new business will feature a large, indoor tasting room and a 1.6-acre outdoor area with a 2,600-square-foot patio, according to co-owner Daniel Ebben, of Fairfield.

Swine City will feature a few regular offerings, as well as an ever-changing tap list, Ebben said. Beers will be available to drink on site in Swine City's taproom or packaged to go.

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"We look to brew a variety of styles, plus wine and cider in the near future," Ebben said. "We intend to be a family-friendly facility with private outdoor areas for small and large events."

The venue also offers ample indoor and outdoor seating areas and a stage for live music, he said.

Swine City Brewing will launch operations in the 5,000-square-foot building with four 10-barrel tanks, one 15-barrel tank and three 7-barrel wine fermenters.

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The business is family- and employee-owned and comprised of industry professionals who “all wear many hats,” said Ebben who handles production and brewing. That includes Fairfield residents Debby Ebben (onsite management and ordering), Jeffrey Herring (packaging and distribution), Chris Schulz (marketing and taproom manager), plus Claire Von Saucken (events and accounting), of Charlotte, N.C. and Justin Chaney (head brewer), of Springfield Twp.

“It’s pretty common for all of us to be there on a brew day and we’ll hang out and serve, too,” Ebben said. “We love the interaction with our customers and it’s the best test of our product.”

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The company’s owners, who have “a lot of years” of brewing under their belts, already have produced blonde and cream ales, saison, sour-style brews and stouts, but have not yet decided on which styles will comprise Swine City’s regular offerings.

The business is in the middle of building its bar and adding two ADA-compliant restrooms to the site, which most recently housed a scaffolding company. It plans to open this summer.

So why open a brewery?

“I’ve always enjoyed brewing,” Ebben said. “The art and culture surrounding the end product has always been intriguing. Recent changes in laws allowing us to more easily operate tasting rooms in Ohio (helped), as well as the raising of the ABV limit has allowed for more creativity.”

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As for why Fairfield got the nod, Ebben said the city “is a nice place to raise a family and to start a business.”

“The community is welcoming and the city couldn’t be easier to work with,” he said. “We called and attempted to have meetings with other local municipalities and Fairfield was the most responsive.”

Ebben said in the course of his search for the perfect site for Swine City Brewing, he happened upon a property that “needed some love” and happens to be five minutes from his home. “I’ve been a Fairfield resident almost all of my life, so it just works out,” he said. “I like the location because of its ample outdoor area and being close to a few major thoroughfares.”

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