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The best ethnic restaurants to try out in the area

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News Editor

For anyone who has a desire or interest in trying exotic foods, there are plenty of great options in the immediate area around campus.

Pita Wrap

Pita Wrap, located right by Meijer, offers a diverse menu of Mediterranean food. The standard Mediterranean platter includes chicken or steak shawarma with a falafel, and is served with your choice of rice, toppings, sauce and sides. The veggie platter allows you to choose between all the same options without meat.

Beyond that, Pita Wrap's menu also includes multiple options including soups and salads, rice bowls, wraps, and kebabs. Everything is made with authentic ingredients. Staff are very sociable and typically customers are served a sample of baklava, a Middle Eastern dessert, while waiting for their meal.

Tik's Thai Express

Across the street from the university serves steamed rice, fried rice, noodle dishes, curry, salads made with fresh vegetables, Thai sauces, and exotic herbs. The popular Pad Thai dish is made with rice noodles, eggs, vegetables and homemade sauce.

La Colombiana Restaurante

This restaurant has great Colombian food for those familiar with the cuisine and those who are not. The undisputed highlight of the menu is bandeja pesa, shredded beef, pork belly and sausage all served Colombian style with egg, pinto beans, white rice, sweet plantains, arepita and a house salad.

Most main dishes include some pork, beef or chicken. For those seeking an especially hearty meal, there are also four choices of appetizers: plantains served with guacamole and hagao, Colombian sausage with potatoes and salsa rosada, sweet plantain topped with queso and guava, and empanadas with chicken, beef, or vegetables. Dessert options are also available and vary throughout the week.

Congress passes new \$1.3 trillion spending bill

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In efforts to prevent another government shutdown, Congress passed a \$1.3 trillion spending bill this morning, which will fund the government through the beginning of September.

The movement passed easily in both houses of Congress, with a 65-32 vote in the Senate and a 256-167 in the House of Representatives.

The spending package will significantly increase military spending which has been met with support most Republican members of Congress and the President. Also included are increases to domestic spending which is supported by congressional Democrats, according to NPR.

The bill also has spending set aside for election security grants, infrastructure, criminal background checks, anti-opioid measures, border security, and a fix to the Republican tax bill.

President Donald Trump has been critical of the bill, announcing on Friday that he was considering using a veto based on the fact that it did not address recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program or provide funding for the “desperately needed” border wall.

The veto threat was reportedly unplanned, as White House staff announced on Thursday that Trump was expected to sign onto the bill, according to CNN.

He has since done signed the spending measure but said that he will “never sign another bill like this again.” In response to a question at a press conference on Friday afternoon, Trump said that he did not veto the bill “because of the incredible gains we’ve been able to make for the military,” according to Axios.

Trump was not the only one who has criticized the bill – Kentucky Senator Rand Paul has questioned the time Congress was given to vote on the measure. “The \$ won’t go to reduce the \$21 trillion debt. The \$ will be instead be spent elsewhere by the Federal government,” he said on Twitter.

Several other Republicans, including Ted Cruz, Joni Ernst, and Jim Risch expressed opposition to the bill on Thursday night, according to CNN.

Congressional leaders on the other hand have celebrated it passing. “This critical legislation begins to reverse the damage of the last decade and allows us to create a 21-century fighting force,” said House Speaker Paul Ryan in a Wednesday statement, according to NPR.

Exclusive with Q and A with Gabriel Iglesias aka Fluffy

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Gabriel Iglesias, aka “Fluffy” will be performing on his current tour, “One Show Fits All” at the Nutter Center at the end of the month. Fluffy is not only one of the most viewed comedians on the web, but has also sold out some of the countries biggest venues, including Madison Square Garden.

Questions credited to Don Smith, DJ at WWSU 106.9 FM.

How old were you when you started watching stand up comedy?

I was 11 or 12 and it was a VHS copy of Eddie Murphy’s “RAW.”

Who were your biggest influences personally and as a comedian?

First, seeing Eddie Murphy standing on a stage and making people laugh was the first time I realized that was a job that someone could have. Later I would discover Robin Williams and he has another early influence.

If you were able to go back in time, what advice would you give your younger self?

I wish someone had told me to invest in Amazon.

What is the biggest obstacle that you have encountered throughout your standup career?

I’ve been sober for over a year and that has been really tough, but also a great thing. I was really stressed and drinking made it worse. I miss having a drink now and then, but I don’t miss the next morning after drinking when I had to see people worried about me.

Do you prefer to test out new material on friends or fellow comics before taking it on stage, or do you prefer to try out something new on stage first?

Because I am lucky in my career and perform at theaters and arenas - I tend to do smaller club shows to test out new material and I also keep that process up on the road in the bigger rooms. Comics have a lot of opinions, and it’s important for me to hear the reaction from the fans.

At what point did you look around and say, “I’ve made it as a comedian,” or do you feel you have?

There have been a few moments in my career that just make you feel good. One was selling out Madison Square Garden in New York. Last month, I performed and sold out the Staples Center in Los Angeles. That was another one of those times where I really had to pinch myself and tell myself how lucky I am to do what I do.

Do you or have you had any jokes that you tell on stage that never really get the reaction that you hope for but you keep them in because you like them?

I think every comic has those moments and it all depends on the joke. If it really tanks, I might scrap it, or find a way to make it work.

How many times do you try out a new joke before you decide to scrap it?

I don't think I have ever kept track of a joke like that. I'm not a comic that writes my material down. It's all in my head.

Playing the large venues, do you still work out new material at clubs from time to time or do you rotate material in throughout a tour?

Yes, I still like to work out new material at clubs from time to time. While I normally perform at theater sized venues, there is something special about the intimacy of a club, sometimes I'll do a Q&A with the audience to see if that sparks a new story.

Being an extremely successful comedian, actor, voice-actor, etc., what is next in line for Gabriel Iglesias?

You can hear my voice as Sprinkles, a pug, in the Show Dogs film, later this year. I am working on my next stand up special, and maybe a series. Keep following me on social media for the latest updates. You can tell I run my own social media because of the spelling errors and emojis.

Fluffy will be at the Nutter Center on Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m. To find out more information about Fluffy, or to purchase tickets for his show, click [here](#).

The best brunch places near WSU

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College students tend to flock to brunch locations for both a quick bite to eat, and sometimes hours of socialization.

The top choices in the Wright State area would most likely be First Watch, IHop and Waffle House. They each vary in food choices, social atmosphere and price, so individual opinions might vary.

First Watch:

Senior Jamie Lauterbach has worked at First Watch for over two years. “We are a healthy breakfast/brunch/lunch place that started in 1983. There are First Watch’s all over the country,” she shared.

Lauterbach loves meeting all of the people who come in to the restaurant. “I love developing relationships with our guests who come in regularly. Everyone seems a little happier in First Watch.”

She believes the main thing that sets First Watch apart from other locations such as Waffle House and IHop is the menu.

“We are the healthier alternative with way more options - omelettes, eggs Benedict, skillet hashes, quinoa bowls, oatmeal and granola, multigrain pancakes, salads, sandwiches and soups,” she said.

Her personal favorite on the menu is the chickichanga. “It’s delicious and a little spicy, and also one of our most popular dishes.”

iHop:

One of the biggest perks about choosing IHop is that it is open late; IHop is open until around 10 or 11 at night depending on specific locations.

Based on reviews, IHop tends to have better quality food for the prices. Another perk is their extensive variety of flavors in pancakes and syrups. The menu at IHop contains large portions when you order the combo meals, which allows you to get a stack of your choice flavor pancakes, french toast or waffles, with sides of eggs, bacon, sausage and hash browns.

There is a huge list of omelette flavors, and you can even have one made specifically how you like upon request. The crepes are to die for, and if you like ice cream with your breakfast, they serve ice cream sundaes.

The closest IHop to campus is located at 2460 N Fairfield Rd, Beavercreek, which is less than a 10 minute drive. Currently, if you order online, you can get \$5 off your first order over \$25 with the coupon code IHOPNGO at checkout.

Waffle House:

Waffle House is a 24 hour breakfast/brunch restaurant that tends to be a “middle-of-the-night” hangout spot for high school and college students.

Depending on how big of a meal you order, Waffle House averages lower prices according to a quick Google search of their prices. Going by reviews, many people believe you are simply getting what you pay for. While the food is good, most believe that you can tell it's not expensive based on flavor and quality in general.

All of your favorite breakfast foods are available here, whether it's biscuits and gravy, or eggs and toast. The hash browns are one of the biggest hits on the menu, and you can even add extra ingredients in like onions and peppers.

Your best bet for the most food for your dollar is to order the All-Star special, which includes a waffle, two eggs, grits and your choice of bacon, sausage or ham.

The closest Waffle House is less than a five minute drive from campus.

Weekly Horoscopes

Aries: The best way to get to know someone is to really listen to them, Aries. Like really listen, not patiently waiting your turn to inject what you think is more important at the time. You will be amazed how much your relationships will flourish.

Taurus: A trip to an indoor farmers market is your near future, Taurus. Walking through stalls through of homegrown and homemade goods. Not only is it surprisingly therapeutic, but also you're supporting your local economy. It's an easy win-win situation.

Gemini: It's time to get a clear vision of what makes you happy, Gemini. Does it really make you happy? Whether that be collecting stamps, petting dogs, or seeing how long you can hold your breath. Just make sure what makes you happy is good for you as well.

Cancer: Be careful who you accept advice from, Cancer. Because not everyone has your best interest at heart. And some people will try and take advantage of your kindness. So it's probably not a great idea to lend money to someone you've never met before.

Leo: Sometimes you need to be supportive of others even if you don't agree with you, Leo. And that's okay. Yes, you will have to learn to respect and support that not everyone likes the Harry Potter books.

Virgo: Got out of your way to show someone you truly appreciate them this week, Virgo. Write a quick note; bring them their morning beverage of choice. Not only will it make their day, and it will bring happiness into your life. How great is that?

Libra: Not all exercise has to be bad, Libra. Not only is it good for you, but also you can customize it to what works best for you, and what you enjoy. Do you consider eating a hobby? Try running while eating a Big Mac.

Scorpio: If at first you don't succeed, Scorpio, try again. Unless you tried to stay awake for 36 hours. That is something you shouldn't try to succeed with. Find a healthier goal to put your time and energy into.

Sagittarius: Balance means something different to everybody, Sagittarius. If you want to eat nothing but pizza for an entire day and watch Netflix all day, fine. As long as you get reacquainted with fresh air and sunshine the next day.

Capricorn: Not all of your goals will become your reality this week, Capricorn. There's the possibility that you may not be able to force your cat to wear the sweater that you knit for it. It's sad, but you have to accept it.

Aquarius: Creativity does not always come willingly, Aquarius. But no matter what happens, if you have the crayon box with the built-in sharpener, not much can stand in your way. Only grow up where you have to, and hold onto that epic crayon box.

Pisces: Everything in life has a price, Pisces. Even something as simple as drinking water. Want to stay properly hydrated? Then be prepared to be going the bathroom every thirty minutes. But it's worth it, right?

The best desserts in town

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All types of desserts, regardless of where they are from, can leave your mouth watering for more and fulfill your sugar cravings. If you have ever wondered where you can go to get the best desserts in town, there are plenty of options.

If you're craving cupcakes, Gigi's Cupcakes is a bakery located near campus which has a wide range of artistically done cupcakes such as chocolate chip cookie dough, Scarlett's red velvet, triple chocolate torte, dark chocolate cherry, confetti fun and many more other flavors -- which can be ordered singularly or in a variety box.

Interested in frozen custard, froyo, or other desserts? "We serve custards, cakes, pies." Rachel Mitchell, who works at Ritter's Frozen Custard, said. One of their specialties is frozen custards, "It's a lot creamier than other ice-cream places because it has egg in it," Mitchell shared, "And it tastes better."

"A lot of people get our peanut butter mountain. It's a sundae with cream cheese, peanut butter and vanilla custard," Mitchell continued.

If you're more interested in ice cream, check out The Inside Scoop. You will find flavors such as mocha chip, strawberry, razzle dazzle fudge, vanilla and even banana pudding. "I would say the one we have would be banana pudding because it's ice cream but tastes just like regular vanilla pudding," said Mariah Elridge, who is an employee at The Inside Scoop in Fairborn.

For a surprise specialty, "we have a specialty sundae that customers tend to like called the Buckeye sundae. It's three scoops of chocolate chaos ice cream with peanut butter sauce, hot fudge, and chunks of Reese's Cups on top with whip cream, nuts, and a cherry," Elridge said.

Whether it's a bakery or an ice cream shop, Fairborn and the local areas have all types of desserts for your interest.

Former TV star to run for governor of New York

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TV and film actress Cynthia Nixon announced on Mar. 19 that she would be running against current Governor Andrew Cuomo for the title of New York Governor.

Nixon is best known for her work on the hit show 'Sex in the City'. She announced her bid with a video post on Twitter. The announcement became trending nationwide within 20 minutes after being posted, according to The New York Times.

This will be Nixon's first time running for an elected office position. She will be running against a two-term incumbent who has over \$30 million in campaign funds, according to the Times.

Nixon's [official website](#) explains her decision to run for office and provides personal background. The website also explains the hashtag #CuomosMTA – a movement she is running on which has critiqued the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's handling of the New York subway system under Cuomo.

"I'm running for Governor because we want our state back. We want our government to work again," Nixon said on her website. "We're tired of the corruption and dysfunction in Albany, and we're tired of politicians who campaign as Democrats but govern like Republicans."

CNN reports that Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams publicly invited Nixon on a guided tour of the NYC Housing Authority development to hear directly from tenants about neglect within the state government.

"New York's eight years under the Cuomo administration have been an exercise in living with disappointment, dysfunction, and dishonesty. Our state could be a place where every single New Yorker has what we need to thrive, if only we could stop our governor from selling New York off to the highest bidder," Nixon said on her website.

Wright State expresses commitment to DACA students as their fate remains unclear

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In September of 2017, President Donald Trump gave Congress a deadline of March 5 to reach a consensus on immigration reform. If lawmakers did not act by that date, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program was to be phased out and its protections ended.

In the same month the deadline was announced, a statement from the Inter-University Council of Ohio was issued to Senator Rob Portman, which Wright State University had signed onto. The statement expresses concern about the potential adverse outcomes of rescinding DACA.

“Taking action to rescind this program, even with a reported six-month delay, will throw the lives of hundreds of young people and their families into turmoil,” the statement reads. “These students have been raised and educated in the United States and have proven to be an important asset to our society. They need our support.”

In late Feb. of 2018, a campus-wide email was sent from Matt Boaz, chief diversity officer of the Office of Equity and Inclusion at Wright State.

“Wright State University is committed to complying with all federal and state laws, including upholding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, a federal law that makes it unlawful for university officials to disclose a student’s educational records without their expressed permission, a lawful subpoena, or a court order,” Boaz said in the email.

“The university has treated [DACA] students the same as any other students,” Boaz said. “Until we have some kind of concrete direction in terms of what the government is doing, what the policies are, [and] what federal laws are changed or impacted, we’re going to continue honoring the educational process of people impacted by DACA.”

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities have expressed support for a policy that would provide an avenue for DACA recipients, according to Boaz. “We hope that federal policymakers will make a way for those folks to continue with the successful progress that they’ve made and to be able to pursue their education,” he said.

The Wright State Faculty Senate also passed a resolution which recognizes DACA students as an “important asset” to the campus community and supports the BRIDGE act, a proposed bill which would provide work authorization and protection from deportation.

Despite the fact that the deadline has already passed, applications for DACA are still being accepted; this is because action from a judge in California made the deadline ineffective. The judge ruled that the president did not take the appropriate steps to phase out DACA, according to Boaz.

DACA will remain intact until the proper steps are taken, but the fates of the nearly 800,000 individuals protected under the program remains unclear.

Where to go for your next Taco Tuesday

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While Tuesday isn't the only day you should eat tacos, they somehow taste so much better when you eat them while saying "Taco Tuesday!" Around Wright State, there are many options for quality tacos, each depending on the discretion of an individual.

Women, gender and sexuality studies major, Petey Sanchez says he celebrates Taco Tuesdays as much as he can, but not too often, averaging around once a month. "I only ever go to Taco Bell or I make them at home. I go to Taco Bell -- because it's Taco Bell -- and I love everything there, and to make them at home is very cheap."

Sanchez believes the best tacos are eaten while surrounded by friends, especially if it's a chicken taco.

While Taco Bell is probably the most typical option for college students, with it being so close, convenient, cheap and still delicious, there are more expensive options in the area that tend to have better quality ingredients.

The next step up from Taco Bell is probably Hot Head Burritos and Chipotle. These are at the same level only because there is so much debate over which is the better restaurant. Both allow customers to completely customize their meal with fresh ingredients and get in and out fairly quickly.

Just across the street from campus sits an El Rancho Grande. You can get delicious enchiladas, burritos and of course tacos from this chain of Mexican cuisine.

One of the top rated menus in the area is Don Patron Mexican Grill & Bar in the University Shoppes Shopping Center. This restaurant is slightly more expensive than the other options, but is great for college students who enjoy having a taco and a beer in one sitting.

There are multiple other chains in the Fairborn and Beavercreek area, but one of the top VIPs recently closed down.

Best places to take in March Madness in Fairborn

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During the insanity of March Madness, many people are looking for the best place to eat good food and watch college basketball. When it comes to the Fairborn/Beavercreek area, there are a plethora of options to fit all budgets and food preferences.

In today's world, it really isn't hard to find a restaurant with a TV in it. Even the more modern McDonalds tend to have a TV that can play March Madness games. However, this probably wouldn't be the best atmosphere to watch a game in, and for some people like Gordon Hurley, WSU senior, the atmosphere is the most important part.

"For me, the most important part of a good march madness restaurant is the atmosphere," he said. "It can't be a place that is just boring. That's why I really like sports bars. They have the atmosphere of beer, wings, and just an overall excitement for sports."

There are quite a few sports bars and restaurants in this area. The big one is Buffalo Wild Wings, which is known for its impressive amount of TV's and draft beers on tap. Coming here will allow you to watch multiple games at once, which is a huge plus for fans who want to follow their brackets.

Another place with lots of TV's and good food is Milano's. They are a local favorite in the Dayton area for providing an excellent setting to watch sports and have a good time.

"By far my favorite place is Milano's," Hurley said. "They are known for the burgers and beer but for me I think their flatbread pizza is to die for. They are defiantly generous on the toppings which appeals to me."

If restaurants don't appeal to you, there are several smaller sports bars in the area such as Tuty's bar and One Eyed Jacks, both very close to WSU's campus. These options offer more of a bar like setting to watch March Madness in, which may be more relaxing to some fans.

The best place to take in the game may vary for you, but Fairborn is the perfect place to find out this March.

