

GO MAD FOR NCAA HOOPS

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As Director of Operations at Uccello's Ristorante and Sports Lounge, Chris Heileman loves March Madness because it fills all three locations with rampant college basketball fans.

But, don't be surprised if he's out on the floor taking a peek at one of the many televisions.

"It's the best time of year as a business because the bar and restaurant areas are both very crowded," he said. "It's exciting. It's my favorite time of year not just as a restaurant operator, but also as a sports fan."

Heileman said Uccello's is a great place to take in the action, with up to four games showing simultaneously, while offering its signature big mug of beer for \$3.75.

"Even the Super Bowl, which is one of the biggest games of the year, doesn't even come close to the excitement," Heileman said. "People take time off work from that Thursday and Friday to come in and watch all the games. You got people who are there from the time we open up until the late games."

Here are the other March Madness festivities around town:

ALLENDALE

Main Street Pub

Eight large-screen and eight small-screen TVs. Food and drink specials. 11240 University Pkwy., 616-895-1234, mainstreetpub.com

Peppino's Grill & Ristorante Sports Lounge

More than 25 TVs. Four extra-large projection screens. Plus, a small TV per booth, so you can choose which game to watch. Food and drink specials. 5065 Lake Michigan Dr., 616-895-1615, peppinospizza.com

BATTLE CREEK

Ball Joint Sports Bar & Grill

More than 30 TVs, including one large HD projection screen and six other big screens. 4720 Beckley Rd., 269-979-0080

Barney's Bedford Bar

Three medium-sized TVs. 100 Hutchinson Rd., 269-963-6161

Cricket Club

36 West Michigan Ave. 269-963-2725

Griffin Grill & Pub

13 medium-sized TVs. Food and drink specials. 38 West Michigan Ave., 269-965-7206, griffinbc.com

The Irish Pub

One big-screen and five 25" TVs. 883 North Ave., 269-962-5561, theirish-pub.com

CALEDONIA

Uccello's Ristorante Pizzeria & Sports Lounge

Eight large-screen projection screens and more than 40 small-screen TVs. Draft specials throughout the tournament. 8256 Broadmoor SE, 616-891-5958, uccellos.com

COMSTOCK PARK

Vitale's Sports Bar

Six 110" TV-screens and 30 smaller TVs. Special deals on

food and drinks. 3868 West River Dr. NE, 616-784-6044, vitalessportsbar.com

GRAND RAPIDS

Bar Louie

10 42" screens. All 20-oz. Budweiser products are \$3. 3191 28th St. SE, 616-885-9050

Boston's Restaurant and Sports Bar

Eight large flat-screens and eight medium-sized TVs. All with ESPN Full Court Package, so every game is viewable. 2024 Celebration Dr. NE, 616-363-4948

Brann's Steakhouse & Grille

Three large translucent screens, 20 130" HD projection screens, 15 50" plasma screens, 12 42" plasma screens, and 30 19" TVs. Abundant drink specials during happy hours, 3-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. 401 Leonard NW, 616-454-9368, branns.com

Brann's Steakhouse & Grille

More than 40 TVs with 50-60" screens. ESPN Full Court Package. Abundant drink specials during happy hours, 3-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. 5510 28th St. SE, 616-285-7800, branns.com

Buffalo Wild Wings

Seven big screen TVs and 35 smaller flat screens. On Mondays and Thursdays enjoy \$.50 wings with the games; on Tuesdays enjoy \$.45 traditional wings. 2121 Celebration Dr. NE #100, 616-364-2999, buffalowildwings.com

Buffalo Wild Wings

Seven large projection screens, one large plasma screen, and 40 smaller TVs. On Mondays and Thursdays enjoy \$.50 wings with the games. Drink specials run 3-6 p.m. and 10 p.m.-close. 2035 28th St. SE, 616-241-2999, buffalowildwings.com

Florentine Pizzeria Ristorante & Sports Lounge

Eight large projector screens

and 44 36" TVs. Food and drink specials. 4261 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, 616-455-2230, florentinespizza.com

Holiday Bar

Nine HD 60-inch screens, buckets of beer specials, other food and drink specials. 801 5th St. NW, 616-456-9058

Joe V's Sports Bar & Pizzeria

Two big-screen and 26 small-screen TVs. Food and drink specials all day. 526 Stocking Ave. NW, 616-301-2619, joevs.net

McFadden's

One large HD projection screen, 12 large flat screens, and 18 other TVs throughout the bar. Food and drink specials available. 58 Ionia Ave. SW, 616-454-9105, mcfaddensgrandrapids.com

Old Chicago

Three 50" TVs and eight 30" TVs. Beer specials throughout March Madness. 3333 28th St. SE Suite A, 616-940-1111, oldchicago.com

Peppino's Grill & Ristorante Sports Lounge

50 flat screen TVs, daily beer specials, giveaways and brackets. 130 Ionia Ave. SW, 616-456-8444, peppinospizza.com

Smokey Bones Bar & Fire Grill

29 mid-sized TVs. 4875 28th St. SE, 616-956-5398, smokeybones.com

The Score Restaurant & Sports Bar

52 TVs total, five of which are big projection screens. The rest are 42" TVs and 20" TVs in the booths. Their "Fab Five" food special will be running 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 5301 Northland Dr. NE, 616-301-0600, thescore-restaurant.com

Uccellos Ristorante Pizzeria & Sports Bar

Six huge HD projection screens plus 40 other flat screens. Some booths have their own small TV. Food and drink specials available. 2630 East Bellline SE, 616-954-2002, uccellos.com



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Z's Restaurant & Bar

Large screen projector. 168 Louis Campau Promenade NW, 616-454-3141, zbar.com

HOLLAND

Beechwood Inn

Five 40" TVs in the bar. Food and drinks specials. 380 Douglas Ave., 616-396-2355, bwoodinn.com

Brann's Steakhouse & Grille

Five large HD projection screens and around 25 HD TVs more than 40". 12234 James St., 616-393-0028, branns.com

Shooters Sports Bar & Grill

18 TVs ranging from 36" to 42". 143 Douglas Ave. Suite 3, 616-928-0297

IONIA

Olivera's Pizzeria & Sports Pub

Five large HD projection screens and about 25 smaller screens. Drink specials throughout March. 119 N. Dexter, 616-522-3000, oliveassportspub.com

KALAMAZOO

Big Deal's Sports Bar

32 HDTVs ranging 36-72". All games are viewable thanks to ESPN Full Court Package. Drink specials are customized

Pints & Quarts Pub & Grill

Two 50" TVs and nine 42" TVs. Food and drink specials. 950 West Norton, 231-830-9889, pintsandquarts.com

SAUGATUCK

Spectators Sports Bar & Grill

28 plasma flat screens ranging from 32-52". Discounts on wings and 16 oz. Miller Lite products are \$3. 6432 Blue Star Hwy., 269-857-5001, spectatorsrestaurant.com

WALKER

Buffalo Wild Wings

Seven big projection screens and 42 36" plasmas. On Mondays and Thursdays boneless wings are \$.50. Drink specials during happy hours, 3-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. 3050 Alpine Ave., 616-784-9464, buffalowildwings.com

Uccellos Pizzeria & Sports Bar

Eight big projection screens, two 96" TVs, and 46 42" TVs. Food and drink specials. 4787 Lake Michigan Dr., 616-735-5520, uccellos.com

WYOMING

Brann's Steakhouse & Grille

Nine large HD projection screens plus 60 other TVs ranging from 36-42". Half-off drinks Sunday-Thursday. 4157 S. Division, 616-534-5421, branns.com

Frankie V's Pizzeria & Sports Lounge

One giant 14' projection screen, six 100" projection screens, 10 32" TVs around the bar, and eight other TVs around the restaurant. All in HD. Food and drink specials available. 1420 28th St., 616-532-8998, frankievs.com

Main Street Pub

12 TVs ranging from 38-52". Mad drink specials throughout March. 1730 28th St. SW, 616-532-2510, mainstreetpub.com

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