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WEATHER
Greening up
 High: 63, Low: 48
 0% chance of rain



Thursday: Chance of rain, 63/49
Friday: Rain, 65/56
Saturday: Mostly sunny, 66/43

Details on the back of Metro

First look
Firkin & Gryphon in Dunwoody

Where British pub grub mixes with sports

By Bob Townsend
For the A.J.C.

The expanding Canada-based Firkin group of British-style neighborhood pubs added in December its third metro Atlanta location: Firkin & Gryphon in Dunwoody.

Each pub has a different name – Firkin & Crown in Cumming – and a unique look. But all feature a full-service restaurant setting, serving lunch, dinner and brunch, along with daily specials.

The look: In a freestanding brick building at Perimeter Village Shopping Center on Ashford Dunwoody Road, F&G mixes traditional pub furnishings with tuned-in sports bar touches. The hefty rectangular bar is surrounded by HDTVs and several tables have mini TV screens. Darts and pool add to the convivial vibe.

The scene: During a recent weekday visit, most of the bar stools were conspicuously empty. But the dining areas were buzzing with bunches of Dunwoody office workers out for lunch. And one large group filled a long banquet table.

The menu: The kitchen turns out classic pub grub, starting with Scotch eggs (\$5.99) and Irish nachos (\$6.99), and featuring the likes of an English cheddar burger (\$7.99), beer-battered fish and chips (\$10.99) and Guinness steak and mushroom pie baked in puff pastry (\$9.99). Other entrees range from a pulled pork platter (\$9.99) to chicken fried steak (\$10.99) and a 10-ounce grilled rib-eye (\$20.99).

The drinks: The drink menu has a full complement of wine, spirits and specialty cocktails. And the beer list includes more than 30 draft and 35 bottle offerings, with a surprising number of American and local craft ales, such as Bells Two Hearted, Terra-pin Hopsecutioner and Wild Heaven IPA.

The extras: A brisnet sandwich, braised chicken thighs, wild mushroom pizza and tropical fruit cobbler have been among the recent daily specials. Look for brunch specials 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, and karaoke Wednesday nights beginning at 9:30.



Firkin & Gryphon Pub serves a smoked beef brisnet sandwich with sweet potato fries.

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Andrew Young to get lifetime Emmy

Documentaries, TV show production part of long career.

Former mayor already has Peabody Award.

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Andrew Young, 79, will receive a lifetime Emmy on Friday, and those wondering how a politician wins a broadcast honor should know that before he was a civil rights strategist, Young was a TV man.

From 1957 to 1961, Young and his wife, Jean Childs, lived in New York and he worked for the National Council of Churches. His responsibilities included producing a Sunday morning television show, "Look Up and Live."



Former ambassador and civil rights great Andrew Young produced "Look Up and Live" during his early broadcast days.

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More important, by crafting his narrated 60-second and 90-second introductions, Young learned how to tailor

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In Brief

ATTRACTIONS

New Fernbank exhibit

Fernbank Museum of Natural History will open its 7000-square-foot children's exhibition, Fernbank Nature Quest, on March 19. The \$8 million project is directed at kids ages 2-10 and will offer more than 100 interactive encounters including a working clubhouse built among giant trees. Visitors can also explore an archeological dig, a traversable cave stocked with fossils and geodes and a simulated river. The exhibit is the most significant to move into Fernbank since the world's largest dinosaur replicas arrived in 2001. Info: www.fernbankmuseum.org. MELISSA RUGGIERI

MEDIA

Amazon's on-demand

People who subscribe to Amazon.com's premium membership will now be able to watch movies over the Internet, just as they can through Netflix. The Prime membership, which costs \$79 a year, entitles people to free two-day shipping and low-cost next-day shipping. Now, subscribers can also watch roughly 5,000 movies and television shows through Amazon.com Inc.'s on-demand video service. People can watch these movies on PCs and Macs, or with the help of about 200 Internet-connected TVs, set-top boxes and Blu-ray players. The Netflix streaming-only service costs about \$96 per year.

FILM

'Fan cut' for Bieber doc

A "fan cut" of the documentary "Justin Bieber: Never Say Never" will be released Friday. Paramount announced Monday that director Jon M. Chu has re-edited the Bieber concert film based on fan suggestions. The studio says the new 115-minute cut includes 40 minutes of new footage. The revamped film will play in 3-D theaters for one week.

Today's number

200,000+

Number of people using the new Break-up Notifier app for Facebook, according

EDUCATION



Pre-first grade student Rachel Pellegrini practices math skills using a weighing app on an iPad at Greater Atlanta Christian School in Norcross. Rita Henner rhenner@ajc.com

Private school – with extras

Cultural activities, technology can add to learning.

Smaller class size attractive to parents.

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iPads in kindergarten. Indoor swimming. International travel. The amenities offered at private schools are attractive to parents shopping for educational alternatives. During the private school application season, which typically consumes February, sometimes the extras can make the difference as families weigh their options.

After a 3 percent decline in

age, Georgia private schools are expected to rebound this year bolstered by the improving economy and parents frustrated with problems at local schools exacerbated by continued budget cuts.

"Applications are at an all-time high," said Fred Assaf, headmaster of Pace Academy, which is seeing a 36 percent jump in interest this year from applicants.

Among those parents shopping for schools is D'Angela Grimball of Snellville. She pays property taxes to Gwinnett County, home to some of Georgia's best public schools. Recently, she toured the Westminster Schools, 40 miles away, hoping to find a place where her son, who does science experiments for fun, can have the opportunity to explore his passion at

The series

This month, thousands of metro Atlanta parents are applying to private schools, a costly decision for most parents. The A.J.C. examines some of the issues families must consider when selecting a private school or choosing to leave public schools.

Tuesday: Some families have children who alternate between public and private schools. Why families choose both.

Today: Choosing private school is about more than academics. It's about amenities, from opportunities to study abroad to iPads in the classroom.

Thursday: How private schools and public schools compare on the SAT, typically the most important test your child will take.

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