

Georgetown's Furnace Room Brewing 'barrelling' toward opening day

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They literally started from the ground up.

Jeff Mike Glockner, Sandifer and Trent Chalongtime were Georgetown friends who started dabbling with brewing beer in their base-

After nearly a decade of basement brewing, the three friends decided to bring their work above ground with the help of two other business partners Mike Dykstra and Steve Leggat, purchasing a vacant industrial building in

After levelling one side of the structure and completely building anew, the site is finally taking shape.

"It started with Jeff,' said Glockner, explaining that soon he and his friend were brewing beers in their basements, or furnace rooms, sharing their delicious creations with friends and family, who encouraged them to start an

"Georgetown didn't have a brewery," said Glockner. "We're hoping that it's going to be a community hub and a destina-

Much has changed since the last time the Furnace Room owners spoke with



Mike Glockner, left and Jeff Sandifer are proud of the progress they are making on the Furnace Room Brewery with their partner Trent Chalecky (not pictured.)

The Independent and Free ale, kolsch and cream la-Press last fall, when all ger. The crew have named they had in place was the

the beers after Georgetown landmarks, and have the branding and label designs completed with the help of local artist Barry Hann.

"We think that Georgetown will resonate with the names that we've chosen," said Sandifer. "We're waiting for the big reveal.

Currently, the goal is to have beer ready for the Head for the Hills Craft Beer Festival, or by the fall.

"We're excited about offering a product that peowill enjoy," ple said Glockner



footings for the building.

dles that we've had to over-

come," said Glockner, over the incessant beeping of a

delivery truck backing up

equipment were being de-

livered from Niagara Falls,

and assembled in the spa-

cious, newly built brewing

room complete with vault-

ing ceilings and a skylight.

beers set," said Sandifer,

explaining that the brew-

ery will offer a pale ale, red

"We've also got our core

The brewing tanks and

to the facility.

"There have been hur-