Happy Saint Patrick’s Day everyone. It’s getting close and we’re making changes every day. Everyone is working hard to make this the best contest we can. Here is all the information.

Trivia merchandise pre-orders are up and ready for you to get in on the goodies. The website is https://friends-of-90fm.myshopify.com/. Thank you for being a part of this contest. We hope you have fun and keep safe. You can pick up your merchandise at the station any time that week, Monday through Friday during registration hours. If you pre-order, you have to pick up your order by Friday at the start of the contest or it will be returned to stock. Merchandise will also be available at the station from 10 – 8 on April 9th and 10 – 8 on April 10th. On April 10th, we will be bringing up merchandise from previous years. I can tell you that I cut back on the orders this year because I’m not sure of how many will be participating, just hoping it’s big. We will be accepting MasterCard/Visa cards at the station for the entire week of Trivia.

Registration will be held beginning April 4th through April 7th from 3 until 7, April 8th from noon until 5:45, April 9th. Team registration is $40 per team. Each team will get a copy of the New Trivia Times and at 3pm April 4th, the book will appear online beginning at 3pm on April 4th. We will be limiting the number of people coming into the building for registration so try to spread yourselves out. If you wish to play from out of town, go the http://90fmtrivia.org/ and click on the Playing Out of Town Information link. If you are playing locally, here is the link to get and print your registration form, http://90fmtrivia.org/REGFORM.pdf.

The Trivia Kickoff Movie will be on Friday and Saturday April 1 and 2 at 9:30PM. We ask that people wear a mask when in the building, except when eating. According to CDC information, Portage County has been averaging 4 reported cases per day for at least a week. Therefore, we won’t be requiring a proof of vaccination. However, we will be testing your temperature before you are allowed in the theater.

The Trivia Parade will be held on April 8th beginning at 4pm. The starting point is Lot Q on the University campus. The route can be found at http://90fmtrivia.org/parade.html. If you aren’t participating, at least stop by to watch the crazy floats. I’m thinking it’s going to be fun, as usual. Of course, there is the candy, just in case you needed to add to your COVID 10…or 20!!!

The contest will be broadcast on 89.9FM, streaming worldwide on the internet of your choice and we will again be streaming the video. All of the links will be up and available at http://90fmtrivia.org/. Just be watching for all of that during the day on Friday, April 8th. We will be rebooting the video feed at 5:55pm on Saturday April 9th. So, you will have to reconnect after that. For those listening online, please reset your connection during newscasts each hour to reduce your lag time.

Holy moly, there is so much to remember. If you have a question, please send your email to theoz@dwave.net. I will answer you, because, I have nothing to do for the next couple weeks. 😊 The planning has been going on with a skeleton staff and we are trying the best we can to make this all happen and not get sick. The staff is doing a great job. Thanks to all those who worked so hard on the New Trivia Times and to all the businesses who put ads in the book. So many of them have been supporters for many years and we appreciate their support. Please mention to them that you saw their ad in the New Trivia Times. Let them know that you support them in return. When ordering food during the contest, check the New Trivia Times.
for deals and specials. And remember that these businesses are part of Trivia, please support them.

Each question in the contest might run for two songs, except singing questions which run for three songs, and the final question which will run for one song. Each team is limited to one call per question. Each question is between 5 and 500 points, depending on the number of teams answering a question correctly. Just before the top 5 or 10 teams are read at the end of the newscast, we will announce the point values of the previous hour’s questions. Of course, there will still be the two running questions and the Trivia Stone. We ask that teams do not collaborate with other teams and that the contest be treated as what it is…a game. Scores will be updated about every two hours or so on the internet at the trivia web site, http://90fmtrivia.org/. Sometime after the contest begins, we will give out the Trivia Complaint Line phone number. It is to be used for legitimate complaints concerning the validity of an answer. If your score does not match ours, ours is right. Please feel free to record and play back any part of the contest. In fact, you should use recorders because we will not repeat questions on the complaint line. However, no part of the contest may be broadcast or reproduced without the permission of 90FM and the OZ, including the pictures in the New Trivia Times.

It’s so weird writing the newsletter because I haven’t written a full blown Trivia newsletter since 2019. Well, saddle up people, because we’re hitting the trail with our guns blazing and full horsepower ahead. The new digs are spacious for the writing and there is a lot of backstock of magazines that has finally been taken out of boxes. Eck keeps bringing M&M’s to the house and keep eating them. The laughs have been plenty. I can only hope that you have at least half the laughs that we have had. Of course, there were a couple of those, “we just lost 5 minutes laughing attacks”. Help us please!!! I hope you all enjoy this year because it’s been a long wait to get to this point and I’m hoping there is no looking back. We’re looking forward to a weekend of no sleep, eating a lot of food and I mean a lot. I need to keep my figure. We’re hoping to see many of you at the movie and at registration. Stay safe and get ready to dial those phones, who’s showing his age? I’m excited as ever, maybe more so. Thank you to everyone who has helped, played and supported Trivia, letting me get away with the malarkey that I get a kick out of for the past 43 years and thanks to Eck for being part of the shenanigans for the past 33 years. And thanks to DAC for picking up the laugh stick. Get ready world, here we come, we are ready to turn the radio to the bottom of the dial to 89.9FM to listen to and participate in the best weekend of the year. It’s that time of the year, get your motor running and gather around whatever device you tune into the station, tune in your ears, get ready to sit or pace or stand or lay down, however it is that you get yourself ready, because it’s time to play Trivia, Fast Eddie............