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Fun Fact about the Syracuse area ...did you know...

...that beer brewing has a long and venerable history in Syracuse. Commercial brewing began around 1800 and by 1880, about forty breweries had been established in Syracuse. The number of breweries began to decline in the late 1800's. At about the same time, Haberle Brewery, established in 1855, purchased three smaller breweries in Syracuse (Kearney's, Crystal Spring and National) making them one of the larger and better known of the Syracuse breweries. Haberle was also the first brewery to use Skaneateles Lake water. The statue of Gambrinus (the mythical god of beer) stood atop the Haberle Brewery looking over the northside. This statue now resides at the Onondaga Historical Association Museum. In keeping in that tradition, the Empire Brewfest will be celebrating fine beers, great music & tasty food Friday & Saturday this weekend at the Empire Expo Center/NYS Fairgrounds. For more information on this festival, head to their website at www.EmpireBrewFest.com.

Please find this week's edition of the Friday Facts here.

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