

Main Street Monday!

February 9, 2026



Kentucky weather is trying to give us the Cortina, Italy experience. You are always a gold medalist when you are support local in our KYMS communities.



We had a great time showcasing Kentucky Main Street communities today at WHAS Great Day Live. Thanks to Steve Stivers-Bardstown board member & owner of Making Good Scentz, La Grange Main St director-Sarah Garrett, Hannah Stone from Madeline's Nibbles and Wine in La Grange and the other merchants Cactus Annie, City Girl, and more for helping us promote shopping local in all of our Main Street communities across the state!



Since its debut in 2017, the AARP Community Challenge has invested \$24.3 million in 2,100 livability projects, with a focus on meeting the needs of adults age 50 or older.

Applications are due by March 4, 2026 - [2026 AARP Community Challenge](#)

The program is open to IRS-recognized nonprofit organizations, such as those designated 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6), as well as to local governments.



The icy missing tooth smile.



Please be aware of your surroundings. This week I witnessed a large sheet of ice detach from the rooftop of a three-story building. Fortunately, it struck a lower awning and shattered but ice pieces hit a water utility worker. The sidewalk is now closed due to the risk of what will be additional ice falls as temperatures rise. These hazards are located in areas that owners may be unaware of and they are inaccessible to building owners. Take a moment to inspect your downtown surroundings.

LOVE YOUR DOWNTOWN

Valentines, Galentine's, Palentine, what ever and who ever you are celebrating our downtowns have everything you need to be ready for Saturday!

Write your favorite store a love note or write a love letter to your downtown. You might even heart bomb the downtown with hearts to tell them how much you love them!



Love Your Downtown and your historic structures! Do you live in a National Register District? Do you own an historic downtown property? Are you an elected official in a historic town? Tune in to this Live Webinar to learn more about how historic tax credits can work for you! March 5th 6:00 PM EST



Are you a city official, preservation commission member, or local realtor?

This free webinar will teach you how this program can benefit your constituents. Also open to the general public, owners of historic homes and buildings are encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

6:00 PM ET | WEBINAR

Join us for a virtual workshop about KY's Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program and learn how it can support the rehabilitation of historic homes and buildings across the state. This session will provide an overview of how the program works, who is eligible, and how it is a great tool for preservation, revitalization, and local investment opportunities.



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Black History Month

This month we also celebrate Kentuckians who have made and are making a difference. From trailblazing leaders and entrepreneurs to artists, educators and business owners who continue to strengthen our communities. We celebrate the impact they've made, and continue to make in our shared Kentucky story.

CELEBRATING

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2026



kentuckytourism.com/aaht

Did you know KY also has an African American Heritage Trail. Learn more kentuckytourism.com/aaht



YOUTUBE.COM
@ComeHaveASeat-42164 Episode 3 with Hanna Brooks

We are excited to share that Seth Graves owner of Magnolia and Steel in Scottville has started a series called "Come Have A Seat".

This is a new spot in his shop that was made possible in part with a 2025 Backing Small Business Grant. You can find the link on their FB page and listen in on YouTube!

We also love the MS on the shelf which we know is for his business, but MS is always Main Street to us!

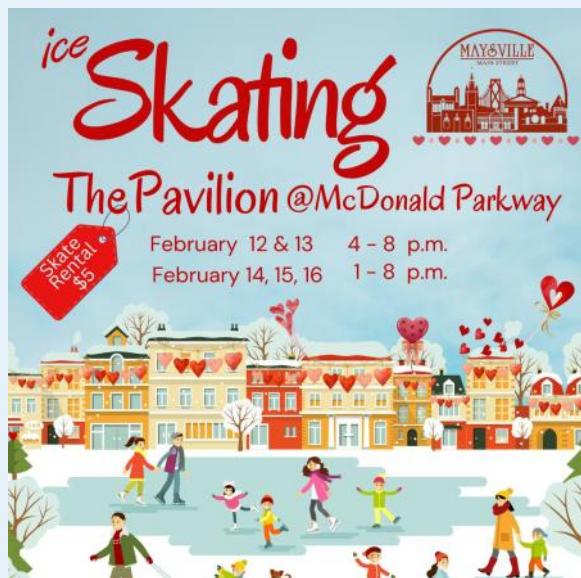
2026 February is the Month to Love Your Downtown #PikevilleMainStreet						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
 Groundhog Day		Downtown Pikeville Events		 10am City-Wide Clean Test 9-10AM @ Pike Co. Health Dept. 8pm @ Bridget's Quilt Shop	 6 Child Passenger Safety Check 1-3PM @ Pike Co. Health Dept. 8pm @ Bridget's Quilt Shop	1
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9 Meeting of the Musical Minds 8:30-9PM @The APP (218 2nd St.)	10 Nutritional Seminar for Cancer Survivors 3:30PM @ PMC SEKY Creative Community Commerce Lunch & Learn 12pm @ Garfield House Line Dancing - 8:30PM Pike Co. Extension Office 145 Thrette Drive	11	12 UPKE Tennis @ Bob Amos	13	14 Garters and Grenades Murder Mystery 7PM @ The APP (218 2nd St.) Square Dancing - 6PM Pike Co. Extension Office 145 Thrette Drive	15 Pikeville Medical Center Heart Ball @ Jrena
16 Scene Study Techniques Class 8:15PM @The APP (218 2nd St.) Teen Improv Class 7PM @The APP (218 2nd St.) Adult Improv Class 8:15PM @The APP (218 2nd St.)	17 Comedy Writers Support Group 3:30PM @ PMI Pike County Commissioners Court Meeting 10am in the Old Courthouse From Page to Stage Class 8PM @The APP (218 2nd St.) Jazz Hands Class 8:30PM @The APP (218 2nd St.) UPKE Basketball @ Arena 6:30PM Pike Co. Extension Office 145 Thrette Drive	18 CPR Training 12:30PM @ Pike Co. Health Dept. Smoke Cessation 5-7PM@ Pike Co. Health Dept. UPKE E-Sports @8PM	19 From Page to Stage Class 8PM @The APP (218 2nd St.) Sit n Sew beginners 8pm @ Bridget's Quilt Shop Classical Scene Study Class 6:30PM @The APP (218 2nd St.)	20 21 Scene Study Techniques Class 8:15PM @The APP (218 2nd St.) UPKE Basketball @ Arena (Volunteer) Teen Improv Class 7PM @The APP (218 2nd St.) 8:30PM @The APP (218 2nd St.) Little Women 7:30PM @Pikeville High	22 CPR Training 12PM @ Pike Co. Health Dept. UPKE Basketball @ 12PM (LeMaster) Embroided Poetics 12PM @The APP (218 2nd St.) UPKE Basketball @ Arena 2pm Women's / 4pm Mens Little Women 7:30PM @Pikeville High	Little Women 3PM @Pikeville High
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To add to the Downtown Pikeville Events Calendar, please contact Lisa Pinson (606) 794-4514 or lisa.pinson@pikevilleky.gov 

You never know who will drop in when you have a board meeting. President Lincoln even gave us some special pennies. He will be celebrating his 217th birthday Thursday February 12th.



We also watched as MS director, Jill Reed and board chair, Aaron Grabanski, filmed a 250 segment for February.



World Atlas has recognized LaGrange!

Our KYMS communites work hard to keep residents engaged as mentioned in this article and people always say, there's just something different about Main St. communities!

THIS IS THE MOST WELCOMING TOWN IN KENTUCKY

A study from the American Psychological Association found that over half of US adults feel isolated often or some of the time. While disconnection appears to be on the rise, some communities are actively working to keep residents engaged, with today's spotlight falling on La Grange, Kentucky.

Established in the early 19th century and developing into a major railroad hub, this town of around 10,000 sits about half an hour outside Louisville, today hosting chocolate crawls, farmers' markets, and summer concerts that bring the community together. Complementing these events are its countryside inns, coffee shops, and farms that provide a remarkable level of hospitality. La Grange is waiting for you this year, and the following events and places are just where you will want to be.

To read the article visit: [https://www.worldatlas.com/cities/this-is-the-most-](https://www.worldatlas.com/cities/this-is-the-most-welcoming-town-in-kentucky)

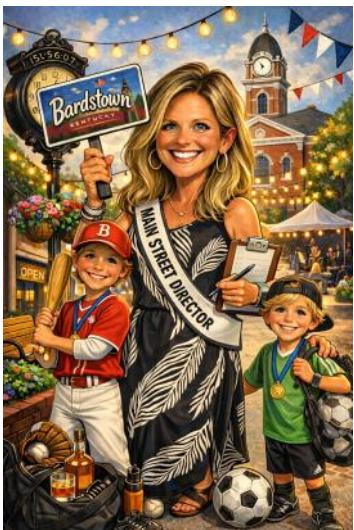
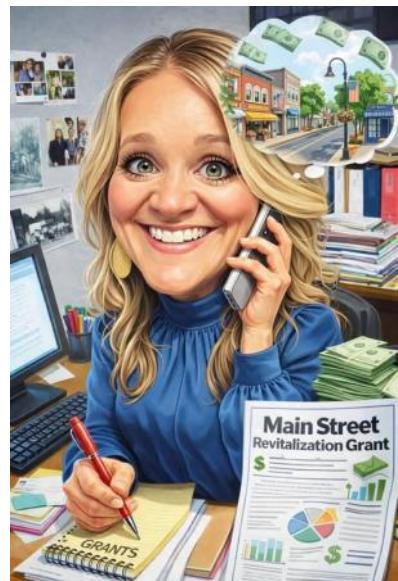


Such a fun idea in Bardstown! Here are just a few cool displays for





Let's play name that director. One is easy. We had fun last week with Chat GPT in creating our caricatures. How well do you know us? How did GPT do? We think they did well.



Chat GPT can be fun or it can be help. It can be another tool in your toolbox, but just like in school, always check the work.

(not ours, but some caricatures had extra appendages)



Spread the word! This month's special just for you! Contact Steve at Orders@makinggoodscentz.com



December snow kept many of us from attending this important leadership training opportunity, but we're excited to have a second chance on March 27th.

This is designed for anyone who is in a leadership position in their community including Main Street directors, local officials, etc.

Note that scholarships are available. Reach out to Dr. Huston for more information.

PUBLIC LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Stakeholders will learn how to encourage vibrant community growth by adopting bottom-up development approaches. By focusing on systems thinking, participants can help create solutions to complex issues and lead holistic initiatives within an asset-based framework to help their community achieve the American Dream.



Program Overview

Campbellsville University, in partnership with KAED, KCCE, KCCMA, and KREA, is excited to offer the Public Leadership Certificate program, powered by One Cross Community Health. The program equips participants with the skills to lead effectively, foster economic development, and strengthen community well-being through high-impact leadership training designed for key decision-makers and influencers.



Key Courses

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Negotiation
- Teamwork
- Entrepreneurship
- Management
- Leadership

When

Friday, March 27, 2026

Where

Campbellsville University – Heilman Welcome Center

Cost

\$299: Non-Member | \$199: Member | \$99: Student

Who Should Attend

- Economic Developers
- Community Developers
- Development Board Members
- County Judge/Executives & Magistrates
- City & County Administrators
- City Mayors & Councilmembers

- Education Administrators
- Chamber of Commerce Directors
- Tourism Directors
- Main Street Directors
- Nonprofit Directors
- Business Owners

Contact

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Register
Here



Thanks to our co-worker Kim Busby for letting us know this info. was cut off at the end of last weeks MSM.



Don't forget to share with us your events to celebrate America 250!

Google America 250 and see what your screen does, it is very cool!

We are excited to celebrate with you so be sure we have your details!

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2026 WEBINAR SERIES SCHEDULE

February 25

March 24

April 21

May 27

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We close out this edition encouraging you to enjoy a nice dinner and or dessert with your sweetie or a friend at a local favorite for sticking to your workout for six weeks!



**Saturday Night
ON MAIN STREET!**

Saturday, February 21

Live Music • Open Mic • Karaoke
Hot Soups & Sandwiches
Silent Auction
\$5 includes soup/sandwich

\$5 COVER PER PERSON

100 Main Street Event Space
(Brenda Lucas Bldg.)

6-8 PM





MURRAY MAIN STREET
LOVE
DOWNTOWN MKY

Show your love for Downtown Murray!

Downtown Valentine's Day Social Media Giveaway

Facebook: downtownwmurraykentucky
Insta: downtownmurray



Loving in the Burg

Horse and Carriage rides at the Green Space

February

6th 6:00pm-8:00pm
7th 2:00pm-5:00pm
13th 6:00pm-8:00pm
14th 2:00pm-5:00pm

See you there!

Downtown Williamsburg

KENTUCKY MAIN STREETS



Bardstown
Beattyville
Campbellsville
Carrollton
Guthrie
Grayson
LaGrange
Maysville
Middlesboro

Morehead
Murray
Paducah
Perryville
Pikeville
Pineville
Salyersville
Scottsville
Shelbyville

Springfield
Taylorsville
Tri-Cities
(Cumberland, Benham, & Lynch)
Williamsburg

**18TH ANNUAL
MOREHEAD
ANTIQUES
AND
ARTISANS MARKET**

March 6, 2026
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

March 7, 2026
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Morehead Conference Center
111 E. First Street
Morehead, KY 40351

\$5 ADMISSION
(12 and under admitted free)

Accepting vendor applications through February 20.
Email downtownmorehead@gmail.com to apply.



We are thankful for all the state and local snow fighters, linemen, first responders, nurses, doctors, utility workers, everyone who has helped us weather the season we will always remember, the Winter of 2026

