



# Main Street Monday!

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Mother Nature is bringing some witchy weather to KY so check your local listings. Many Main St. activities have been rescheduled for Tuesday due to the scary Wednesday forecast!

Several communities hosted their events on Saturday and photos appear on Page 2!



We had a great visit with Bobbie and her communities of the Tri-Cities: Cumberland, Benham, & Lynch on Thursday! Unfortunately, the only bears we saw were in her office. We visited local businesses

and traveled to the highest point in the state where we logged our names and comments in their cool jar that any Main Street could replicate in a special location.

Additional great news for Benham. See page 6 for article.



We are so excited to see this restoration in downtown Maysville!!!



The jar includes a small spiral notebook, a pencil and there was change, but we are not sure what the change represents. There has always been a strong sentiment to save Black Mountain so perhaps it is for a fund.



KYMS will be on the road with staff architect Erick Rawlings and NR coordinator, Lisa Thompson on Friday. We will be visiting London, Pineville, and Middlesboro!

Don't forget to set your clocks back this weekend!

Introducing our newest board members to the Renaissance Covington Board! We're honored to have them join our active and engaged Board of Directors!

To get to know our newest members, please visit [www.rcov.org/blog](http://www.rcov.org/blog) [Kristen Smitherman-Voltaire](#) of [Gateway Community & Technical College](#), [Tori Luckenbach](#) of [MKSK](#), Rev. Peter D'Angio of [Trinity Episcopal Church of Covington Kentucky](#) and [@ErinGraham](#) of [Hub+Weber Architects, PLC](#)



Making progress!  
Cynthiana's pocket park now has a concrete foundation.



Another great mural going up in Danville!

### When the president's

daughter comes to town you dress up! Look for director, Tony Pence back right in his best suit. Morehead Mayor and Main Street supporter Jim Tom Trent is to the right of Governor Bevin. How many Main Street communities can say that Ivanka Trump has made a visit?



Love Murray's new planter boxes!



Great sign in Pikeville!



It was great to see Cameron Sherrick and Nell Haydon (Springfield) at the Preservation KY award ceremony on Saturday!

Fun night at the Halloween spooktacular! Thank you to everyone that came out and had a good time with us in Downtown Main Street!!! Thank you to all the Thomas Nelson students, Ms. Mousty, and the Beta club for helping create and man the games. You did a great job! Thank you to Wesbanco for supplying crayons for our prize giveaways! Your continued support is amazing.



Spooktacular in Guthrie Pocket Park, that T-rex gets around! KYMS has spotted him in several Main Street communities!



Trick or Treat on Main Street!



If you were in Carrollton this week you found a special kind of savings with their downtown merchants.



Folks were "Thrilled" to be on the streets in Harrodsburg Saturday night.



Boo on Main in downtown London drew quite a crowd!



Merchant window in downtown Middlesboro!



Watch for more exciting news from Beattyville soon!!!

Bring Business to Beattyville Competition –  
Deadline to submit application 11/30/18 at 4pm

This competition is a joint effort between the City of Beattyville and Lee County Fiscal Court and is centered on a building in downtown Beattyville that used to be occupied by the health department. It is situated along the KY River in downtown with a brand new RV park adjacent to the building. The county-owned building is in excellent shape with several large open spaces, plenty of parking, a full size kitchen with room for seating, and then several small offices. There is access to the high-speed fiber that PRTC is bringing to downtown. This competition is offering \$100 a month for rent for the 1st year (with \$200 potentially for 2nd year), and City of Beattyville utilities incentive for 1st year.



Great to see  
the Coffee  
Cart back in  
Downtown  
Scottsville!

**Downtown Holiday  
Open Houses**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND  
4-7PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER  
3RD 9AM-3PM

Kick off the holiday shopping season during our Downtown Holiday Open Houses. Shop local, shop small, shop downtown. Cynical!

**Night Bazaar**  
302 COURT STREET  
ROEBLING POINT  
COWHATCH, KENTUCKY

SATURDAY  
**DECEMBER 1**  
4-10 PM

**CELEBRATION  
OF LIGHTS**

November 10, 2018 • 4-8 p.m.  
Main Street, Shelbyville  
between 7th and 4th streets

• Crafts • Choirs • Food •

Downtown merchants  
will be open

Official Tree Lighting at 6:30

**Holiday  
OPEN HOUSE**

Experience Dozens of Shops and Restaurants in Downtown Paducah, Your Holiday Shopping Destination!

Sunday, Nov. 4  
Noon-5pm

PaducahMainStreet.org

Be sure to send us your Shop Small Saturday events as soon as possible!!!

KYMS received their kit today and we are super excited!!

★ HOLIDAY SHOPPING ★

**HOLIDAY HOP**  
*Open House*

NOVEMBER 8-11  
\*Select shops open on Sunday 1-4 pm

EXCLUSIVE OFFERS  
EXTENDED HOURS  
REFRESHMENTS SPECIALS  
RAFFLES & GIVEAWAYS

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 24  
"BLACK FRIDAY" DEALS WITHOUT THE CROWDS.

VISIT DOWNTOWNWINCHESTERKY.ORG FOR PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION

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## [\\$2.55 Million Abandoned Mine Lands Pilot Grant Announced for](#)

BENHAM, Ky. – U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05), U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Governor Matt Bevin today announced a \$2.55 million Abandoned Mine Lands Pilot Grant to restore and enhance the Portal 31 Exhibition Mine and create a scenic overlook and parking area at Black Mountain.

**The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet's Division of Abandoned Mine Lands awarded the grant to Harlan County Fiscal Court as part of the Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Pilot Program to revitalize the coalfields in Kentucky's Appalachian region.**

The project will involve refurbishing the electronics and controls of animated figures, upgrading audiovisual systems, lighting, and control functions of the Exhibition Mine Tour, and fixing drainage in the exhibition mine tunnels and making structural repairs to tunnel roof structures. In addition, adjacent mine areas will be cleaned to accommodate a new walking tour and an additional mantrip vehicle will be purchased.

The Black Mountain portion of the project will create a new parking area with a scenic overlook, which will lead to a new walking trail that will take visitors to the overlook at the summit of Black Mountain - the highest natural point in Kentucky. A proposed 40-foot –high observation tower will provide a scenic view of Kentucky and Virginia.

The Lynch Bathhouse and administrative building adjacent to Portal 31 will be renovated to increase office space. The renovation also will provide space for a planned dulcimer factory and other crafts, a planned coffee roasting company, and enlarge an existing mushroom growing operation.

Congressman Rogers and Governor Bevin announced the grant Thursday at Benham Schoolhouse Inn, Benham, KY.

**"We need to tell our story and celebrate our history in Eastern Kentucky on a larger scale, and this grant will highlight the rich heritage of coal production and the beauty of our mountains in Harlan County,"** said Congressman Rogers, who has championed \$80 million in federal funding for Kentucky through the AML Pilot Program since 2016, alongside U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY). **"We need to cultivate our tourism economy on a broader spectrum by improving and marketing the qualities that make our region so unique, like Portal 31 and the highest point in Kentucky on Black Mountain. Thanks to the hard-working and resilient people of Harlan County, the future for our rural economy looks brighter every day."**

In addition to the AML Pilot Grant, the project has received \$650,000 local in-kind funds. When completed, it is expected to create 20 new permanent jobs and increase visitors to Lynch, KY and the surrounding area by 40 percent.

**"When it was built more than 100 years ago, Lynch was the largest coal camp in the world, and the newly-announced resources will help restore and preserve this unique part of Kentucky's history,"** said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a senior member of the Appropriations Committee and a key negotiator in securing the funding for this program. **"In addition to its benefits for the local tourism industry, the Portal 31 Exhibition Mine displays both the historical significance and natural beauty of Appalachian coal country. I proudly join Congressman Rogers in strong support of the AML Pilot grants to encourage economic revitalization and new jobs to Eastern Kentucky, and I look forward to the success of this project."**

**"This significant AML investment will enhance tourism and economic development opportunities in Southeast Kentucky,"** said Gov. Bevin. **"These grant funds will enable Harlan County to showcase to visitors the region's rich mining history as well as the scenic natural beauty of Black Mountain — the highest point within the Commonwealth."**



This is Julie Pitts and Julie rocks! She owns Willing Hearts in Cumberland & provides so much to the community. Willing Hearts opened in 2015 and since then has helped more than 100 people in the community. Students are taught how to make stained glass pieces.

"It's a good trait to have. It's something that you can build and show people and make money in the process," said Willing Hearts student Seth Brock. Brock is also a laid-off coal miner. He is working on his first piece, a cross. "Crosses mean a lot to me, they always have," said Brock. For Brock, and many others in Harlan County, the stained glass making classes at Willing Hearts are helping put food on the table.

"Everything they make stays for sale right here in the storefront," said Willing Hearts Director Julie Pitts.

Pitts is the one teaching students how to make the art.

When a piece is sold, 80% goes back to the student who made it.

"The IRS won't let me give them cash but what they can do is bring their bills in and I write a check and pay their bills," said Pitts.

Brock said the funds help families like his.

"This helps a lot. It helps get our bills paid and put food on the table for our kids," said Brock.

Pitts says feeding people spiritually is also important.

"God starts with a pattern when he is creating us and we, as humans, mess that up all the time. We break just like glass, we get broken up," said Pitts.

Pitts said the greatest joy for her is when the light shines through her students while they learn, reflecting the pieces they make.

To have your art sold to pay bills, you must take a training class and be considered disabled, low income, or have no source of income.

For more information, you can call Pitts at (606) 733-5808 or stop by the shop at 503 Main Street Cumberland, Kentucky.ative classes to the community.

Article from WYMT and Macy Marie



We stopped in the Lamp House Coffee shop and there were visitors there from the Netherlands!

They came to visit the area and Portal 31!



Local artwork at the Lamp House. The bicycle was made from soda tops. Wonder if the placement of the miner was intentional?



Did you know there is a radar tower on Black Mountain? It is used by the Federal Aviation Administration. It looks like a giant soccer ball upclose.



This is the plaque at the top of Black Mountain. It is included because it is interesting, but while the site is visited by people across the globe, it is not easy to get to. A 4 wheel drive vehicle is a must.