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Main Street Monday!

This past week was a welcomed bit of what the future will hold. A few hugs, community visits, and seeing a lot of old friends including many elected officials at city nights.

It was also a chance to introduce Orloff Miller in person. Orloff serves as the CLG coordinator at KHC and is in charge of putting together the state historic preservation plan. He was able to see the CLG communities in person and provide information to them including the survey for the state plan.

For both of us it was a chance to see London, Middlesboro, Pineville, and Williamsburg to meet Main Street boards and several Mayors in person and to visit their communities and see the changes that have taken place over the last two years.

Through it all our communities have remained Main Street strong thanks to the network of amazing individuals across the state who are passionate about their downtowns for those who live there and those who visit.



Former Scottsville Main Street director, now Mayor, David Burch stopped by to see us! Pictured with David is Lisa Thompson, the KHC National Register Coordinator. Did you know Lisa is a former Main Street director? She served in that role in both Paducah and Annapolis, Maryland before returning to KY and joining the KHC team.



In Middlesboro we had a combined meeting of CLG and Main Street to share information as they work in collaboration for their community. L to R around: Orloff, Joan Miller, Kirby Smith, Sheila Durham, Donna Smith, Larry Grandy, Ellen Cawood, Kim Ray, Laura Cawood, MS director Joanie Beaver and board chair, Bo Green. Also present, Jacob Roan, Tim Kelly, & David Whitlock



A noon lunch board meeting at Sauced is always a good idea.

L to R around : Brittany Riley, Orloff Miller, Lindsey Gay, Daniel Carmack, Greg Kitzmiller, Director Julie Rea, and board chair, Jason Burton.



The love for Williamsburg is apparent! Design chair, Lanta Hill and director Jonathan Wyatt shared updates with us.



Past and current Main Street directors were in attendance at City Nights. To the left are Matt Meunier who is the community development coordinator for Jeffersontown and Daron Jordan who recently moved back to western KY to serve as city administrator for Paducah.

On the right, Sam Burgess, Carrollton, and Jacob Roan, Pineville share stories. It is always great to see our Main Street family members, old and new.



It's always good to know your board members have not fought in a duel. Maysville Main Street is excited to get two new board members, Marilyn Feil and Samantha Wilson. Mayor Cotterill also recently swore in Kitten Gilligan and Donna McRoberts for their second terms.

There are just a few days left to submit your application for the **Services that Back Us!** To back personal service-based small business owners as they plan for long-term success & resilience, we have teamed up with [American Express](#) to award grants of \$5K each.

Seventy-five small businesses in older or historic commercial districts across the country will be awarded grants, with preference given to businesses owned by underrepresented groups.

Learn more and review terms at <https://bit.ly/3CoFL5h>



Sparkles and More is now open in Downtown Cynthia!



It's time to start voting for Middlesboro!

Simply go to Middlesboro Main Street Facebook Page and cast your vote!!!



We were so excited to see this project in downtown Pineville in process. It has been a long time coming and will continue through most of the summer. The streetscape plan for downtown and the infrastructure that comes with it is going to be amazing. Stay tuned for updates!



The beautiful York House in downtown Pikeville will soon welcome a new business! Whitney Thomas and Candice Terrell have purchased Spoiled Rotten and it will be reopening as The Classy Stork on March 19! We will be your one stop store for all of your children's needs: baby necessities, keepsakes, toys, shoes and apparel. From newborn to tween, we will have clothes you and your little ones will adore!

In our southeast travels we also paid a visit to downtown Barbourville. They were a part of KYMS and may soon return. We had heard great things so we wanted to drop in and see what all the buzz was about. They have used their MS skills to create a great marketing piece in the downtown. What a change in two years! The alley changes installations monthly and this one has a lot of movement. These are all great things to R & D and since it was President's Day we had to take a photo :)



The quilt squares and hearts around town and on banner poles are all metal which will last for a long time.



Lots of great places to take photos and # the city. Love was all around and the work that has been done recently is amazing.



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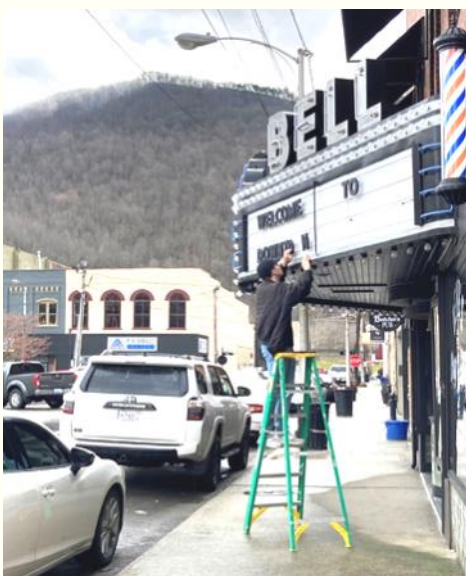
That Jacob is everywhere! I'm amazed at how he gets in all the photos. But the excitement here is the inside of Ike's Pizza in downtown Middlesboro!!! It literally took our breath away. We had been waiting for quite a while for this business to open as it had the sign coming soon forever and we knew it was an artisan pizza business, but boy were we surprised!

Martin Asmus is quite the entrepreneur naming the business for his late grandfather, Ike Slusher. The food was great and what a wonderful addition to the downtown. It's worth the trip or a great stop if you are in the mountains!

And to his credit, Jacob is the regional MS director and quite involved in the area.



Same guy, different day. This was one of the best surprises of the whole trip, no more cash express!!!! This is a great new store that adds to the variety of retail in Pineville. I can say 9 years ago I could never imagined the town it is today.



It's great to have an intern like Isaac who keeps the marquee up to date. On this day he is welcoming everyone to town.





From east to west new businesses continue to choose Main Street districts for their locations. Above is the inside of the bakery coming to downtown Beattyville. It will be a great addition. The downtown will be holding a ribbon cutting March 5th to reopen Main Street after last years devastating floods. I am honored to be asked to assist in this event. It is an exciting time for Beattyville with many placemaking projects in the works.



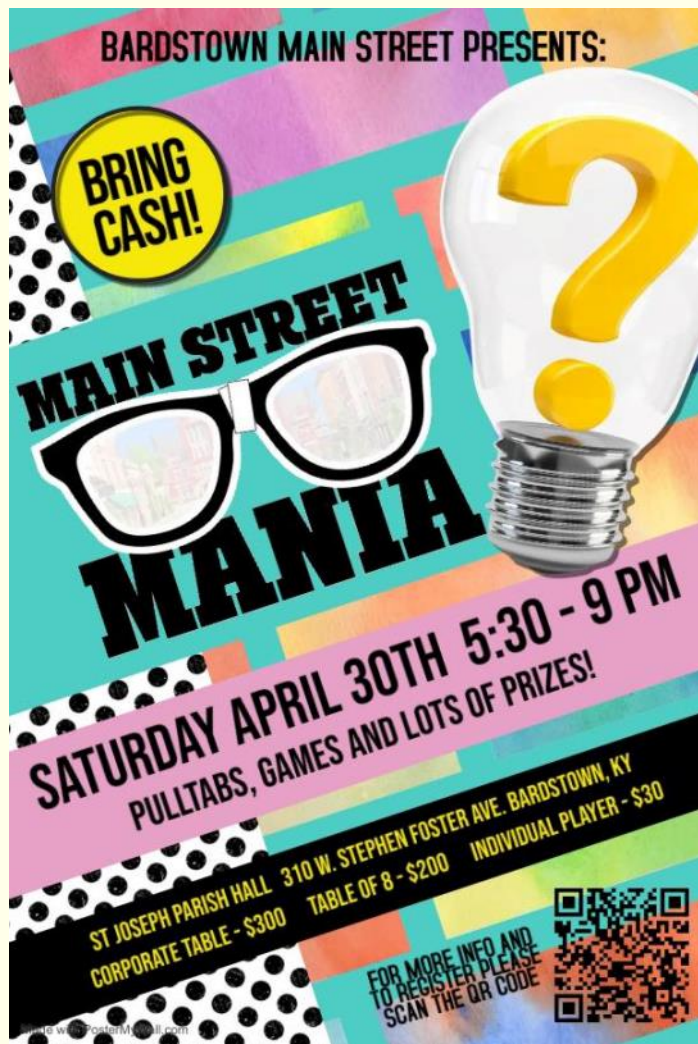
One of my favorite buildings in Paducah is the new home to Lepa Jewelry. The building façade was adorned with individual art tiles years ago and it is the perfect location for this creative spot in downtown!



Williamsburg Nutrition is the latest to open along side the Face Lab where you can get a lip flip and more and next door you can tan at Contour Tan Bar.



South 3rd Street in downtown Williamsburg has become a hub of activity with new businesses in the past few months. Copper Top Tap opened in October, but this was our first chance to see the inside in person. It was a great place to get community feedback. When 5 guys at the bar stop eating and look at you, well you have to ask them questions and share their answers with the Mayor and MS director.



Wedding season is fast approaching and you can see what's new for 2022 at the Bridal Expo in Perryville and see a beautiful historic home too that could be the setting for your special day or event.



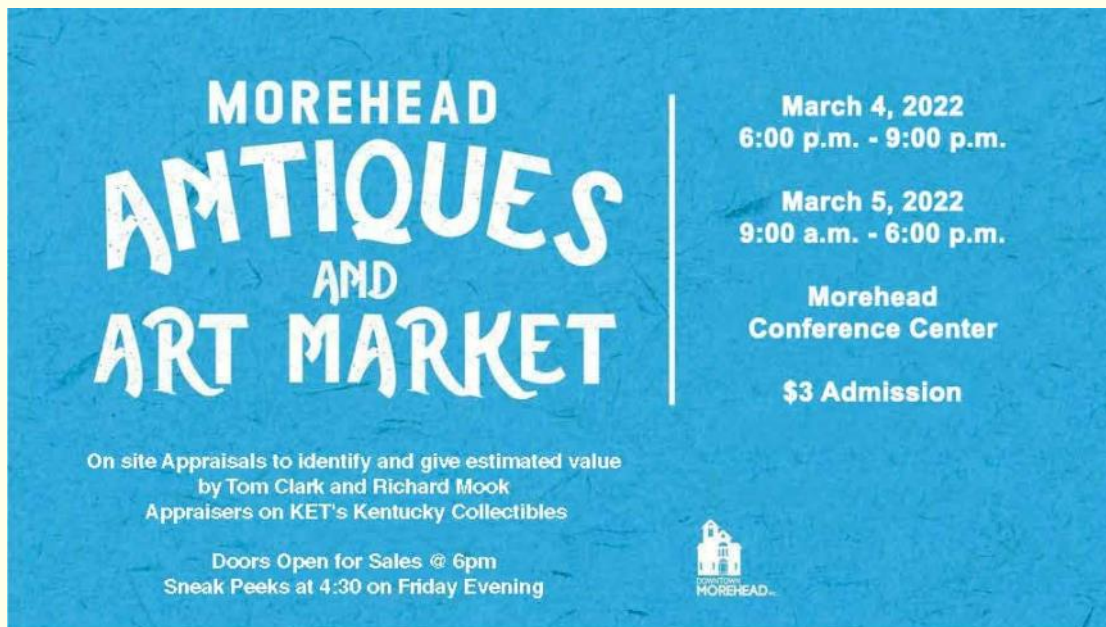
Here's a great reason to visit downtown Salyersville! Check out this sundae from Prater's Drugs. They also have great lunch items, but eat dessert first ❤️



And the winner is..... Murray Trivia night is always great fun. Congrats to all and thanks to all who participated!

First place is the MSU Libraries team, second place is The Murray Bank team and 3rd place is the Peel & Holland team!!

Tomorrow is a busy day in Murray! Not one, but two new businesses are opening! Tribe Fitness is located at 95 Spruce Street. Their official Open House is Saturday, March 12th!



It has been just over 700 days ago that life as we knew it changed. What might we have done different if we had known what the next two years would bring? Some of those same words are echoed after we endure natural disasters such as floods and tornados. But as with anything a brighter day comes. We pull together. We have seen resiliency, we have seen changes in business operations that make us more efficient workers and we continue to create better downtowns. Through it all we have been there for each other. In times of great change comes great strength and creativity. How will we use what we have learned to make our communities better in the future? How to we continue to help entrepreneurs chase their dreams? How do we get to Yes? Our KYMS network has and will remain committed to those we serve helping be a resource and catalyst for all things good to serve our Commonwealth.