

Main Street Monday!

July 17, 2023





This week we say goodbye to Laura Smith Haydon and hello to Carlye Dixon. Laura served as an intern with Springfield Main Street before taking over when Nell Haydon retired. Laura has taken a position with Campbellsville University as their Event Manager. We wish her well in her new adventure.

Springfield is now seeking applications for the Main Street director position.

The application can be obtained at city hall or by request to Jessica.hart@springfieldky.org

If you or someone you know is interested apply soon, deadline for application is July 19th by 4:00 PM Includes a full benefit

Southern Living listed the 50 Best Small Towns and Bardstown & Paducah are on the list!

KY has 4 listings with Berea & Danville also listed.

It is no surprise that many on the list are Main Street communities. To see the entire list go to https://www.southernliving.com/souths-best/small-towns





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Carlye Dixon will be heading up Tri-Cities Main Street program. She has been around the program almost as long as she can remember as her grandmother, Bobbie Gothard, has been the long time director there. We know Bobbie won't be far when questions arise and how special to be in the position that your grandmother loves so dearly. We are excited to work with Carlye as she takes on the role to continue the great work in Cumberland, Benham, and Lynch. Welcome Carlye!

We're almost 1/2 way there! Can you believe it! We'll be following the Peppermint Trail this year, and Downtown London is getting an early start. Santa and the Mrs. will be dropping by to check the naughty and nice list & spread some holiday cheer. It's never too early to shop local and get a jump on your holiday

shopping!



The groundbreaking for Beattyville Town Square will finally happen on August 1! We've all been waiting on this project for quite some time. It will be such a great addition to the downtown. As with many projects that were planned COVID and supply chain & other factors caused a number of delays across the network. We are excited for Beattyville and others as these projects are either starting of finally entering the final stages.





Here's a COVID success story in downtown Morehead. The closing of Battson Oakes Drive between Main and Second St. has created a wonderful venue for gatherings in the heart of the downtown. There are tables and chairs and a great stage and of course lighting. This has been a great addition to the economic vitality of the downtown and brings a wide variety of events to the area. This has created a sense of place and one that has been embraced by all.

Recently KYMS and our communities have been the recipient of a number of grants that will assist them with many projects. KYMS was selected by Main Street America to be a part of the Equitable Entrepreneurial Ecosytem (EEE) program. Mark September 18th on your calendar for a day long workshop to be held in Louisville. More info. will be forthcoming.

Beattyville received a Brownsfield grant in the amount of \$499,939 for cleanup of their wonderful WPA building. It is an anchor in the downtown and plans are already in the works for it's future.

Grayson has received a Smart Growth Grant through the National Board of Realtors, a \$50,000 T-Mobile grant that will help to renovated a Main Street building that houses the Public Library and will allow for more programming which will in turn bring more people to the downtown and they just received a USDA RBDG grant for \$191,100 for the Blue Goose, another Main Street building that will be the home of Grayson Main Street, Tourism and an incubator space! This is next to the park they built last year called "The Gap" that provides a gathering space for music and other events.

Middlesboro received a grant for Equitable and Inclusive Entrepreneurial Ecosystems from Main Street America and AARP earlier this spring.

Scottsville received \$150, 000 (\$50,000) for each year from the Laura Turner Dugas Charitable Foundation for their program.

We are wrapping up the façade grants that were received from Main Street America in March of 2020. As with the other projects these were delayed for all the reasons stated.

When thinking of grants I always think of the old KY Lottery saying, someone has to win might as well be you!

You must apply to receive and while it takes some time, the rewards are so worth it.

The T-Mobile grant cycle is now open until September 30th!

Congratulations to the winners of the Heart of Scottsville's First Fridays Small Business Grants.

The Pie Queen
Oils & Turquoise
E's Place Kitchenware & Gifts

All three businesses have demonstrated incredible collaborative spirit - and that's what these events are all about!

Each has gone above and beyond to support the success of their fellow small business owners and we think that deserves to be celebrated.

When you get the chance, explore their business and show your support for their hard work and leadership!

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for being a part of this great community event.





Perryville knows how to put the FUN in FUNDRAISER!





We had a Snappin' good time at our Turtle tagging party!

Thanks to all who came and helped! Someone's \$1,000
Turtle is in there! Grab yours before we sell out! Contact Ally at ahuff@downtownperryville.com for your Turtle!



It's baseball season and here's a great movie night in Murray happening on Friday. Grab the kids and get to the Square for an evening of fun and lots of laughter. Wear your favorite baseball team shirt and bring some popcorn and peanuts!



Be sure to check out all the downtown Farmer's Markets this week and support the Farmers and Makers. Our KYMS towns have great markets and a number of them are part of the Main Street program. Murray has been running the market for over 20 years!

You can't get fresher produce, locally grown meats, fresh flowers, baked goods, jams, jellies, handmade items and more than at your local market! Eat Local, Spend Local, Shop Local, Support Local, and Enjoy Local.

Support your local farmer and local businesses who support the area that you live, work, and enjoy.





Not your typical brass band!

Head over to Middlesboro's Levitt Concert series this Thursday and take in the cool sounds of some amazing musicians! You can grab a coffee at Crater City Coffee, eat on the patio at the award winning Ike's Pizza (It's so much more than pizza) or have a steak at the # rated Shades. Stop in Mimi's Sweet Treats for candy or ice cream and enjoy the show!

What is all the buzz about?

In downtown La Grange it's about the new restaurant the Curious Buzz and the new Cheeky Museum of Contemporary Art and Culture are located at 116 East Main Street. The Cheeky Museum is a place-based, contemporary art museum centered on celebrating the people, curiosities and culture of La Grange opened by Heather Hottenroth. George Parker provides the food and drink at the Buzz that is both healthy and colorful!





We're excited to welcome the Cork Room to downtown Paducah! The Cork Room is the first bar in Paducah to incorporate a self-service wine dispenser. The owners say it's a great way to try high-end wines at a low cost. Plus, it's in the EDC, so you can take your wine to go.



Also in Paducah, Paul and Jorge are expanding the <u>1857</u> <u>Hotel</u> to the old Tribeca space. Part of the project requires

replacement of the facade due to deterioration. They have created a temporary front to assist with the transition. Once the project is completed, the temporary front will be removed.







There's a new bear in downtown Pikeville. McKenzie joins a host of other public art bears around the city. They represent a number of different themes that express the culture & history of the area. Damon Farmer was the artist for McKenzie.

If you missed country nights last week in other Main Street communities there's another chance this week in downtown Williamsburg! So grab you boots and your cowboy hat and make your way downtown!







KYMS and our network are so thrilled to have the first ever billboards for Main Street reminding people to make Kentucky Main Street their Shopping Destination!

We currently have 4 billboards up in the state. There is one near London at 192 & 229 one in Morehead Rt. 60 one near Murray 641 & Cole's Campground Road which is digital and a digital in Frankfort since so many people travel to or through this area US 60 at I-64.