



Main Street Monday!

December 21, 2015

Happenings Around the State

Main Street Celebrations!

Second St. Nich Fest draws more than 6,000 to Nicholasville

By Rosalind Essig /Jessamine Journal

Nicholasville was a bustling hub of holiday activity Saturday during the second annual St. Nich Festival.

"This has been the largest turnout we've ever had for an event," said Ruby Mason, Nicholasville Now chairwoman. "There were well over 6,000 people (who attended)."

Events around town celebrated the season, including breakfast story time, a vendor fair, a petting zoo, make-and-take ornaments, pet photos with Santa, cookie-decorating and much more.

In the afternoon, runners and walkers participated in the Ugly Sweater 5K, followed by the main event — the Christmas parade down Main Street.

Mason said the parade included 17 floats and two marching bands. D.A.R.E. informational flyers were passed out to 4,000 people and volunteers handed out candy to more than 3,000 people just in the courthouse area of Main Street, she added.

"It was a great turnout ... it was a beautiful sight," she said.

Mason said the parade board already has ideas for making the festival even better next year, including bringing in more food vendors and growing the number of options for arts & crafts.

"Next year, we're looking for it to be even bigger."



Happy Belated to Steve Walton, Paris, whose birthday was Sat. the 17th. And birthday wishes to Darlene Gooch, Russellville, Dec. 31st!



Presenting sweet Miles. His proud parents are Jamie Boler (Scottsville) and his wife Lindsey. He was also welcomed home by big sister Leighton.



Melinda Winchester, Paducah, gained a new family member this week-end, a new daughter –in-law Congratulations!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration is now open for the National Main Street conference <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2016---milwaukee/registration.html#Vngkv7YrldU> Early bird registration ends Feb. 29th



[\(Re\)Building Downtown: A Guidebook for Revitalization](#), a new resource for local leaders who want to reinvigorate and strengthen neighborhood centers of economy, culture, and history through a smart growth approach to development.

As part of yesterday's kickoff, we hosted an online conversation all about downtown revitalization. Participants heard an overview of the new guidebook, discussed revitalization efforts in three different communities, and asked questions of our expert panelists.

If you weren't able to join (or if you did join and want a recap), [a recorded version of the webinar is now available](#).

The **Kentucky Local History Trust Fund**, a new tax check-off debuting on the 2015 Kentucky State Income Tax Return, will help build stronger museums and history organizations in your community.

By donating a portion of your tax refund to the Kentucky Local History Trust Fund, you will contribute to a grant pool that the Kentucky Historical Society will award to organizations starting late next year. These grants will strengthen museums and historic sites for the long term and help them build upon the important work that they do for your community.

Please help us spread the word about this important program! For more information, see <http://history.ky.gov/local-history-fund/>.



Here's an idea for next year from Harrodsburg. I also saw an organization who had an ugly sweater 5K for a "fun" Fundraiser.



Great turn out in downtown Georgetown for the ribbon cutting of the Main Street Alley Project ! A big thanks to board chair, Megan Chan, for all her hard work in the absence of an executive director.

Opportunity Knocks

The Kentucky Museum and Heritage Alliance invites submission of session topics for the KMHA Professional and Networking Conference to be held in **Hopkinsville, KY June 12-14, 2016**. KMHA serves the cultural, artistic, historical and museum communities of Kentucky.

Click on the following link for more information: <http://www.kymuseums.org/conference.html>

This is a great networking and professional development conference. Please consider submitting a session topic and mark your calendar to attend in June 2016!

News from Henderson

"The Henderson County Tourist Commission has begun the process of developing a new brand that will provide a cohesive identity for Henderson that will attract new businesses, residents, and visitors.



The Elfie Selfie Grand Prize Winner -- Andrew (with help from mom Farrah Guerrant)!

In total, the Heart of Danville has awarded over \$2,000 in Elf on the Shelf® products and downtown dollars to those of you who have shopped and dined local for your holiday season! And stay tuned for more elf and downtown dollar prizes as part of our January Second Saturday.

We had four weeks worth of weekly Elfie Selfie winners and from all our entrants we had a drawing for the 3 grand prize winners. The **first place grand prize winner was Farrah Guerrant** -- she and her family (including Andrew pictured at the top) won \$150 in downtown dollars and A Lasting Impression Florist special elf-creation wreath. Our **two runner-up grand prize winners were Mary Ellen Barsotti and Michele Lee Gosser** who will get \$75 in downtown dollars and their own signed Elf on the Shelf Kits.

Mary Ellen Barsotti at Maple Tree with a few helping elves.



We want to thank all of you who came out and shopped and dined downtown as part of our **December Second Saturday** and for the adventurous and creative among you who posted **Elfie Selfies** to enter into our **first-ever Elfstravaganza shop local promotion** that ran from our Holiday Open House weekend in November through the December Second Saturday.



The southeast region is meeting today in Barbourville to prepare for the January event at the Capitol and to discuss recertification items and other topics of interest to the region. Kudos to Bobbie Gothard who has already submitted documents for the Tri-Cities. If yours is ready to send we are happy to receive them early. The deadline is January 15, 2016.

Pictured: Bobbie Gothard, Denise Wainscott, Isaac Kremer, Molly Barnett, and Jacob Roan. Nannie Hays regional director took the photo.

It's not too late!! What a great idea from Harrodsburg!

Looking for last minute gifts?
PURCHASE \$50 IN GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM ANY OF THESE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES (or a combination of them) ...

Post on the Harrodsburg First Facebook Page that you spent \$50 in gift certificates in the downtown and...you are automatically entered into a drawing for \$50.00! We will draw **two (2) winners** on Wednesday, December 23, 2015!

News from Perryville

As 2015 comes to a close, we reflect back on all of the success we've had this past year. We are happy to report that all available buildings on Merchants Row have been rented, and are filled with thriving businesses. In October, Main Street Perryville co-hosted the Danville Fall Preservation Mini-Conference, along with the City of Danville, Boyle Landmark Trust, and the Heart of Danville. The director of the Historic Savannah Seven new shops and businesses opened in downtown Perryville this year - MarketPlaceGray, Moseybeau Heirloom Seeds, Poor Knob Produce, United Country Real Estate, RiverView Scents, The Retreat, and Bluegrass Community Bank. S&A Furniture expanded their business and moved into the old Perryville Furniture building. Wilder Funeral Home was purchased by David Walden and his family, and they are a welcome asset to our community!

There are 106 jobs currently in Perryville, which is an increase from 2014. Total reinvestment in the community reached \$1,273,698 this year, and we are optimistic that will continue to grow throughout 2016.

Other successes we've seen this year:

1. Main Street Perryville raised more than \$5,000 during our spring Steak Dinner, Silent Auction and Lloyd Brummett Memorial 5K Run.
2. We replaced the porch on the Bond House and tore down the barn on the property, and will use the lumber to help restore other structures. Dr. Polk's House received a new roof and gutters.
3. Latimer's Store (also known as the Itchy Dog) was purchased by John and Sylvia Hensley. The couple plans to restore the building and relocate Chaplin River Antiques - currently in the Parks store - to that location.
4. Main Street Perryville painted Green's Drug Store and the Opera House porch.
5. The former Griffin Store building was remodeled by Paul Webb and will open as The Retreat, which is an overnight stay accommodation.
6. In September, Main Street Perryville hosted the Boyle Landmark Trust fundraiser in the Karrick-Parks House.
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Now in downtown Frankfort!



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2016 National Small Business Week Awards

Are you or someone you know SBA's Next Winner?

Are you a small business owner with an amazing success story to tell? If so, submit your nomination today for the [2016 National Small Business Week Awards](http://awards.sba.gov). Nominations are currently being accepted online at <http://awards.sba.gov>.

All nominations must be submitted online, postmarked or hand delivered to the nearest [SBA District Office](#) no later than 3:00 p.m. ET on January 11, 2016. Winners will be announced during National Small Business Week, May 1-7, 2016.

National Small Business Week award categories include:

- Small Business Person of the Year Award
- Small Business Exporter of the Year
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- Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery
- Federal Procurement Award- Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year Award
- Federal Procurement Award- Small Business Subcontractor of the Year Award
- Federal Procurement Award- Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence
- 8(a) Graduate of the Year Award
- Small Business Development Center Excellence and Innovation Award
- Veterans Business Outreach Center Excellence in Service Award
- Women's Business Center of Excellence Award
- Jody C. Raskind Lender of the Year
- Small Business Investment Company of the Year

Apply online today: <http://awards.sba.gov>.

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."

— [Edith Lovejoy Pierce](#)

We will have many opportunities to celebrate preservation in 2016 as we mark the 50th anniversary of the Historic Preservation Act. Let's all make this a year of celebrating the hard work and rewards of Kentucky Main Street and the good work you do everyday of the year, every year! The time is now! Let's rock this!!!!



*Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years
from all of us at the Kentucky Heritage Council!*

