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Governor praises Heaven Hill's new visitor experience, bottles bourbon

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Gov. Andy Beshear was welcomed Monday as the first guest of the Heaven Hill Bourbon Experience to fill his own bottle in the "You Do Bourbon" section of the distillery's revamped visitors center. The activity came after a crowded ribbon-cutting ceremony of the newly renamed and extensively renovated facility that now features new tasting rooms, interactive exhibits, educational components and the Five Brothers Bar and Restaurant.

"Bourbon is, as declared officially in a 1964 act of Congress, America's native spirit," Beshear told those who gathered for the event, which coincided with National Bourbon Day. But bourbon's heart and soul lives right here in Kentucky — and nowhere else — he added. "Bourbon is part of our history, of our heritage."

The Heaven Hill Bourbon Experience broke ground in 2018. The \$19 million renovation is part of a larger investment that has also included \$106 million in new barrel warehousing, bottling line and equipment upgrades and increased

holdings of aging bourbon whiskey. "Yes, we are bullish on bourbon," Heaven Hill President Max Shapira said Monday, regarding the distillery's aggressive approach to a changing bourbon experience and industry demand.

Shapira referenced Heaven Hill's family legacy, which can be viewed in the center's self-guided tour, and how his family came to the United States in the late 1800s with an entrepreneurial spirit.

"What we are seeing today is a microcosm of how the country was

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KACIE GOODE/The Kentucky Standard
Heaven Hill President Max Shapira raises a toast with Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear at Monday's ribbon cutting for the distillery's new visitor experience.

For Lorne, Crusade never ends



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Dawn Lee (left), president and CEO of the WHAS Crusade for Children, poses with a check from Lorne Ballard of Bardstown. Ballard has raised over \$140,000 for the Crusade in the past 11 years.

Ballard works year-round to support Crusade

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Fire departments in Kentuckiana get a lot of credit each year for their support of the WHAS Crusade for Children, but a 39-year-old Bardstown man has raised more money over the past decade than many departments.

Lorne Ballard has turned in more than \$140,000 to the Crusade over the past 11 years.

It all started in 2011 when Ballard, who has Down syndrome, emptied his entire jar of savings and gave \$80 to the Crusade.

"He had saved \$80, and I told him to give \$40 and suggested he keep \$40 because he might want something later in the year," said Brenda Sonne, Lorne's mother. "He was insistent that he wanted to give it all to the Crusade."

Lorne was familiar with the Crusade. He had seen the fire trucks with

their sirens on going through neighborhoods to collect money. He is friends with Laura Gabbert, a special-education teacher in the Bardstown school system and knew about the playground equipment the Crusade had helped pay for.

"I just want to help the kids," he said last week, closing his eyes and fighting back tears as he thought about the children he was supporting.

He has not only helped the kids, but he might be Bardstown's strongest ambassador for the well-known charity.

The joy and the excitement Lorne felt when he dumped his coins into the collection bucket that first year only intensified his desire to continue raising money for the Crusade.

When he went shopping with his mom and they were standing in the check-out line at Kroger or Walmart, the young man would strike up a conversation with a complete stranger,

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PHOTO SUBMITTED
Lorne Ballard of Bardstown proudly signs a check for the WHAS Crusade for Children. Ballard, 39, has raised over \$140,000 for the Crusade in the past 11 years.

Bradley replaces Thrasher as GOP chair

Local GOP 'united' under new leadership, Thrasher claims deception

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Trey Bradley was elected chairman of the Nelson County GOP as the local party completed its reorganization process Monday night.

The election of Bradley

and a new slate of officers portends a different approach from the last four years of local party leadership, according to a statement Bradley issued shortly after the meeting concluded.

"For too long, the Nelson County Republican Party has been focused on party in-

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Trey Bradley

Willner speaks on proposed fairness law

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Rep. Lisa Willner addressed members of the Nelson County Democratic Women's Club on Monday about three bills she has pre-filed for the 2022 session, including Bill Request 45, the Statewide Fairness Bill.

"Currently there are no out members of the LGBTQ+ community serving in Frankfort," said Willner, who represents District 35 in Jefferson County. "We need champions for this cause in the legislature, and I'm really proud to try to be a voice for the legislature."

Willner said she pre-filed the bill on June 1, the first day to file bills for the 2022 session, noting that it was only fitting since June is Pride Month.

"These are issues that affect human beings," Willner said. "We need



DENIS HOUSE/The Kentucky Standard

Rep. Lisa Willner spoke at the Nelson County Democratic Women's Club meeting Monday on the bipartisan Fairness Law Bill she is cosponsoring.

to lift up the LGBTQ+ community. They deserve rights and protection. They are not exclusive to any party or legislator."

Willner, a Democrat, is

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A ribbon cutting was held Monday for Heaven Hill's new visitor experience. The opening, which was attended by Gov. Andy Beshear and other local and state officials, coincided with National Bourbon Day.



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Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear labels a bottle at the You Do Bourbon section of Heaven Hill's expanded visitors center during Monday's ribbon cutting.

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built. Our story was replicated many times in many industries throughout the land, but only in America could this happen and we are so proud to be a part of that history and heritage."

Shapira said the idea for the visitors center started about two decades ago when his cousin, the late Harry Shapira, had the vision to create a place that would engage visitors and also tell the story of Heaven Hill and of bourbon. In 2004, Shapira said, that vision came to life with the

opening of the Bourbon Heritage Center.

"Today, we find ourselves in the midst of a continual, robust expansion that has occurred over this last two decades and which appears to be on the cusp of even more growth in the years to come, not only in the United States,

but all around the world," Shapira said.

During Monday's conference event, Shapira thanked several people who made the Heaven Hill Bourbon Experience possible, including the Heaven Hill team members.

"This never would have been accomplished without your determination, your desire for excellence and just plain old-fashioned hard work," he said.

Beshear officially proclaimed June 14 as National Bourbon Day in Kentucky and congratulated Heaven Hill leaders on the project that is investing millions into state tourism.

"This state-of-the-art visitors center is going to give people one more great reason to visit Kentucky, to see what an amazing community this is and to encourage them to not just visit but to come on down and locate their business right here," Beshear said. "The Kentucky Bourbon Trail has never been stronger, and just looking around today shows where we are going."



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State Sen. Jimmy Higdon shakes hands with Mark Wourms, executive director of Bernheim Forest and Arboretum, at Monday's opening for the Heaven Hill Bourbon Experience.

The Heaven Hill visitor expansion is one of many projects taking place in a booming bourbon industry. Beshear said plans have been announced for over \$600 million in capital investment in the industry recently, with the creation of around 540 jobs expected in the coming years.

"When bourbon is going well, Kentucky is going well," the governor said.

The Heaven Hill Bourbon Experience is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The Five Brothers Bar will be open for cocktails from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. The restaurant is not yet open. Tour reservations can be made on the distillery's website.

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ABSOLUTE AUCTION
SAT. JUNE 26, 10:00 AM
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TRACTORS-TRUCKS-CAR-4 WHEELER-GUNS
FARM EQUIPMENT

Location: 1185 T-BURGIN ROAD, CHAPLIN, KY. 40012.
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Bishop Realty & Auction, LLC has been commissioned by Mr. Terrell's Executor to sell the following property at **ABSOLUTE AUCTION** under the terms and conditions as stated.

REAL ESTATE: Selling a 94.45 acre farm in 4 tracts with an old farm house, nice metal building and barn on a dead end road in Anderson County Ky. Scattered woods, some clear ridges and frontage on Beaver Creek.

Tract#1- House & .75 Acres. This home is in need of repair but with some work it would make a great weekend getaway or hunting cabin.

Tract #2- 16.07 Acres with a large barn and a nice metal shop/garage. This tract has some rolling pasture land and scattered woods.

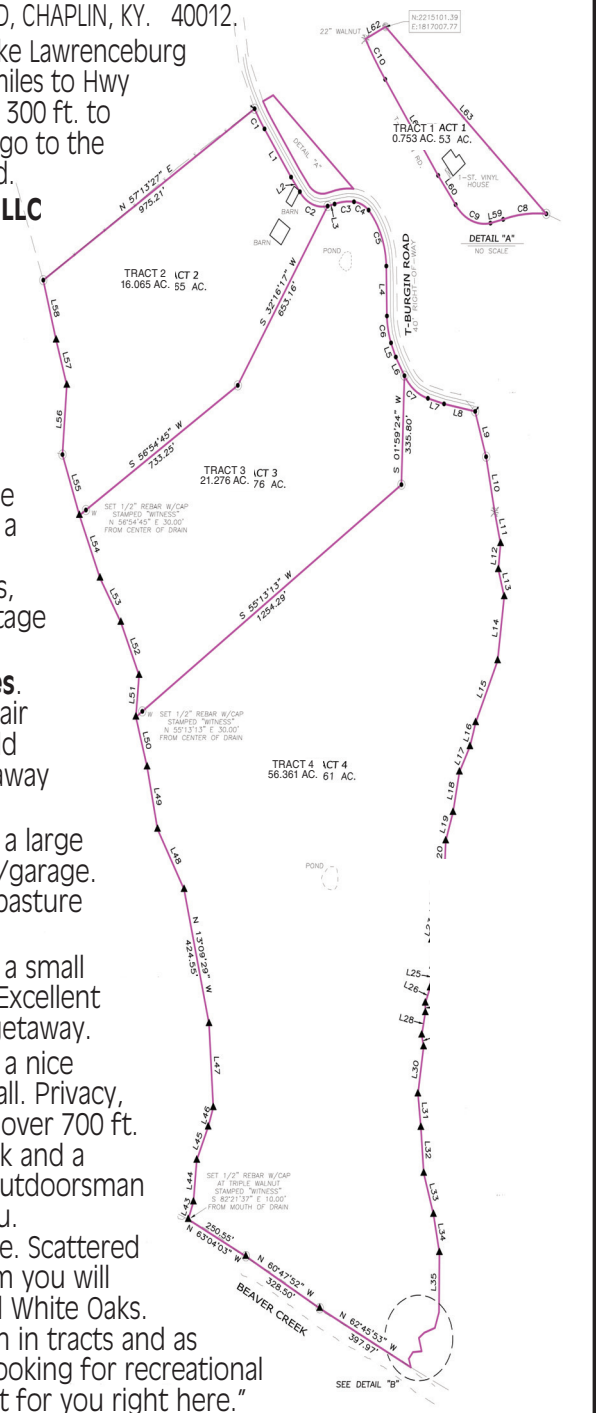
Tract#3- 21.28 Acres with a small pond and mostly wooded. Excellent hunting tract or weekend getaway.

Tract #4- 56.36 Acres with a nice home site. This tract has it all. Privacy, woodland, clear ridges and over 700 ft. of frontage on Beaver Creek and a small pond. If you are an outdoorsman then this is the tract for you. Deer and Turkey everywhere. Scattered throughout this entire farm you will find lots of good Cedar and White Oaks. We will be offering the farm in tracts and as a whole. If you have been looking for recreational land with privacy, we have it for you right here."

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TERMS: Real Estate — 20% down the day of sale and the balance with deed and possession on or before July 26, 2021. This home was built before 1978 and all prospective purchasers have until Friday June 25, 2021 to inspect for lead based hazards. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** Cash or Good Check the day of sale. There will be a 10% Buyers Premium added to the final bid of everything sold to determine the total sales price.

For details or more information, Contact David Bishop at 502-249-0328 or Chris Bishop at 502-249-0333.



UPCOMING
ABSOLUTE AUCTION
SAT. JUNE 19, 10:00 AM
GAFFNEY CUSTOM HOMES LLC
60.21 ACRES • 5 TRACTS
CELL TOWER LEASE
CROPLAND & HOMESITES

Location: 2810 Stringtown Road, Bloomfield, Ky.

Directions: From Bloomfield take Hwy 62 West about 5 miles to Browns Lane. Turn left on Browns Lane and go about 1-1/2 miles to Stringtown Road. Turn left and go 1/2 mile to sale site

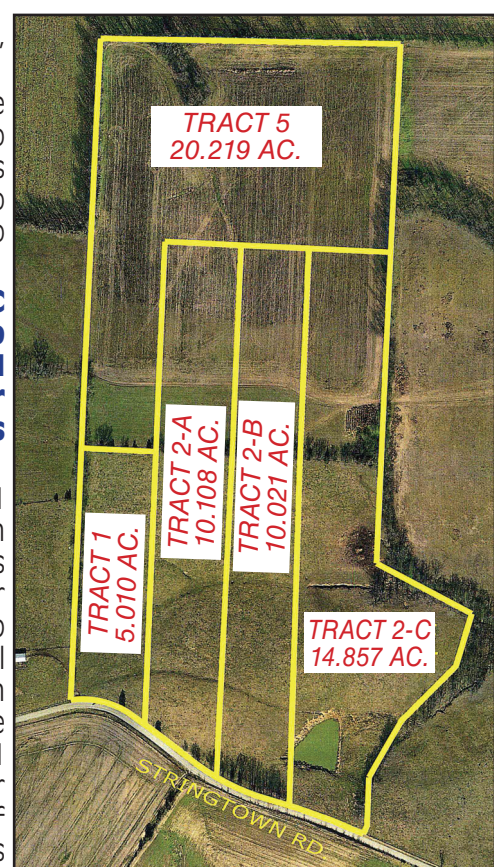
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REAL ESTATE: Selling 60.21 Acres of excellent farm land in 5 tracts ranging from 5.01 Acres to 20.22 Acres plus a Cell Tower Lease. Over 54 acres of cropland, great homesites and a real money making opportunity with an income producing lease for the cell tower tract. **Tract #1-** 5.01 Acres with a long term cell tower lease. **Tract# 2-A-** 10.10 Acres of cropland. **Tract # 2-B-** 10.02 Acres of cropland. **Tract# 2-C-** 14.86 Acres of cropland. **Tract# 5-** 20.22 Acres of cropland. All tracts have excellent homesites. City water and electric available.

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For a copy of the plat or info on the Cell Tower Lease, Contact Chris Bishop at 502-249-0333 or David Bishop at 502-249-0328.

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