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BLINK!!

Spectacular light show, festival coming to NKY

By **Judy Clabes**
NKyTribune Editor

BLINK, the amazing light show that illuminated Cincinnati in 2017, is coming back – and it's coming to Covington this year – Oct. 11-13 – thanks to funding from Corporex.

The organizers of BLINK, Illuminated by ArtsWave, have identified more than 20 installations to be featured from the Roebling Bridge to Seventh and Madison, not including dozens of activities and street performers.

On Saturday, October 12, a free concert featuring the alternative rock band, Grouplove, will be held on Covington's RiverCenter parking lot. It is known for its Billboard top-five charting songs, "Tongue Tied," "Ways to Go" and "Welcome to Your Life."

Kroger's Wellness Your Way Festival will be held in conjunction with BLINK.

BLINK's expansion into Covington means the project will span from Cincinnati's Findlay Market, bridging two states, and taking in 30 city blocks and the Ohio River. The only U.S. event of its kind, BLINK will feature large-scale projection mapping, murals by international artists, interactive



A conceptualization of the Suspension Bridge which will play a major role in BLINK.

light sculptures and diverse entertainment.

Through the support of Corporex, a new mural will be created for BLINK by locally based Xylene, in collaboration with The Agar.

The mural will be animated through projection mapping by BLINK partner, Brave Berlin. The mural, a permanent addition to the community, will be across the street from Covington's RiverCenter, on the tower of the north side of the TANK garage.

"Covington is my home, and the Cincinnati Region is my community," said William P. Butler, chairman of the Board of Corporex Companies. "I look forward to everyone, from both sides of the river, sharing a moment of art and light while experiencing the urban core of Northern Kentucky and

Greater Cincinnati through BLINK." Additional Northern Kentucky highlights scheduled for BLINK will include:

- The John A. Roebling bridge will connect BLINK's route as a featured iconic landmark bathed in light and sound. Artists Brave Berlin of Cincinnati and MASARY Studios, a team of Boston artists specializing in urban interactive experiences will make the Singing Bridge "sing," working with local lighting experts Vincent Lighting of Erlanger.

- The Ascent will magically come to life, bathed in animated light on all sides with vibrant colors and patterns.

- A mural celebrating Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. will be created, in time for

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\$130m St. Elizabeth Cancer Center aims for 2020 opening

By **Mark Hansel**
NKyTribune managing editor

St. Elizabeth Healthcare wants to ensure that the people of Northern Kentucky are able to get world-class cancer treatment close to home.

With that goal in mind, St. Elizabeth broke ground on a \$130 million cancer center in August, 2018. The groundbreaking represented a milestone in St. Elizabeth's goal to expand cancer prevention, genetic screening, precision medicine, clinical research and treatment options in Northern Kentucky.

The last beam was set into place in June and the St. Elizabeth Cancer Center in Edgewood is scheduled to open next year.

"We are excited to begin the building process for this premier Cancer Center that will enable St. Elizabeth to provide advanced cancer care right here in our community," said Garren Colvin, President and CEO of St. Elizabeth. "The Center is a key component in fulfilling our ongoing vision to lead Northern Kentucky to become one of the healthiest communities in America."

Dr. Doug Flora, Executive Medical Director of Oncology Services for St. E, said it's an honor to be part of the process.

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The NKyTribune NewsMaker event set for October 30

Five prominent Northern Kentuckians will be honored at the NKyTribune's annual event on October 30 at Receptions in Erlanger, starting at 11:30 a.m. The event includes lunch, a silent auction, and presentation of the awards.

The honorees are:

Rich Boehne, retired CEO of the E.W. Scripps Company. He is a graduate and major supporter of Northern Kentucky University and a generous philanthropist who supports a number of community and nonprofit organizations in NKY.

Dr. Doug Flora, Executive Medical Director at St. Elizabeth Healthcare, is heading the development of the new Cancer Center set to open in 2020. He is a dedicated, patient-centered oncologist, determined to eradicate cancer and help make NKY one of the healthiest regions in the country.



Karen Finan, President and CEO of the Northern Kentucky Regional Alliance, a new initiative to mobilize energy and resources around health, education, job growth and community vibrancy in NKY. She served as interim president of Tri-ED during their presidential search and has earned a reputation for leadership and community engagement.

David Spaulding, Vice President and General Manager, Turner Construction, is building some of the most significant and transformational projects in NKY, including the St. Elizabeth Cancer Care Center, Northern Kentucky University's Health Innovation Center and College for Informatics, Kenton County's new Administration campus, and FC Cincinnati, to name

a few. He gives back to the community in many ways.

Rhonda Whitaker, vice president, community relations for Duke Energy, is past chair of the NKY Chamber of Commerce. She has been instrumental in developing workforce initiatives to grow, attract and retain a globally competitive workforce and is involved with numerous organizations that improve quality-of-life in NKY.

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The Globe

The space that now houses The Globe was for many years a gentleman’s club. In 2016, owners decided to turn the space into something more inclusive and community-based, so it became a neighborhood bar with a real sense of history.
12 E. 5th St., Covington, KY
859.261.1267, theglobecov.com

Old Kentucky Bourbon Bar

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859.581.1777, oldkybourbonbar.com

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Wiseguy Lounge doesn’t require a password to enter, but it embodies the energy and ambiance of the 1920s with a modern twist. Located above Goodfella’s Pizzeria.
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859.916.5209, goodfellaspizzeria.com/wiseguy-lounge

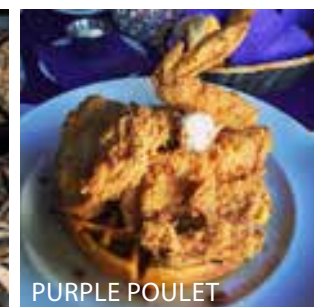
RESTAURANTS

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606.564.6385, chandlersrestaurantandbar.com

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Coppin’s is driven by hyper-local sourcing and energized by the original Coppin’s Department Store building. Food & beverage menus are designed to encourage camaraderie, while showcasing influences from Covington’s northern and southern neighbors.
638 Madison Ave., Covington, KY
859.501.1700, hotelcovington.com/dining/coppins

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WHO WE ARE

Welcome to the first print edition of the Northern Kentucky Tribune. We are celebrating our 5th year as an online-only non-profit newspaper serving Northern Kentucky's Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties by offering this print publication with a sampling of our stories. And by telling you about our online newspaper. Since our beginnings, our stats show we have published over 21,000 stories (they are all still there for you to see.)

Judy Clabes, former editor of The Kentucky Post, and Mike Farrell, former managing editor of The Kentucky Post, hatched the idea for a return of newspaper journalism with an intense focus on local news. We gathered up displaced journalists who were dedicated to honest, ethical journalism and who cared about their community. It would be a nonprofit enterprise and it would be hard, unrelenting work you have to love to do. They established the Kentucky Center for Public Service Journalism, which is the publisher of the nonprofit NKyTribune.com and KyForward.com.

Here's your team.

Judy Clabes, Editor and Publisher

A graduate of the University of Kentucky in English, education and journalism, Judy has an MPA from ISU and four honorary doctorates. During 37 years with the E.W. Scripps

Company, she served as its first woman editor, beginning with the Sunday Courier & Press in Evansville and then with The Kentucky Post. Later she was president and CEO of the Scripps Howard Foundation. A lifelong Kentuckian, she is a member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame, the UK Hall of Distinguished Alumni, and the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame and has received numerous national, state and regional honors.

Mark Hansel, Managing Editor

A former reporter and columnist for the Kentucky Enquirer and The Cincinnati Post, Mark Hansel was a late-comer to journalism, a young husband and father going back to college for a journalism degree and subsequently working for news organizations in Ohio, Nevada and Kentucky. He joined the Trib team in its pre-launch phase and was key to developing strategies for the January 12, 2015 debut. He was on the staff of the Nevada Sun when it won a Pulitzer Prize for Public Service Journalism in 2009.

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Gene Clabes, Associate Editor

A UK School of Journalism graduate, Gene is an award-winning reporter and former owner/publisher of community weeklies in Northern Kentucky. He started in journalism in high school when he became sports editor of the Henderson Gleaner. He was a distinguished reporter for The Evansville Press and The Evansville Courier. He is a member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame.



In Memoriam

Mike Farrell, our friend and colleague, died August 28 after an extended illness. A Covington native, Mike had a distinguished career in journalism and in teaching. He served as reporter, city editor and managing editor of The Kentucky Post for nearly 20 years. When The Post closed, he earned his Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky and became a popular tenured professor there. At his death, he was on medical leave from UK as interim director of the School of Journalism and director of the Scripps Howard First Amendment

The Mike Farrell Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at the Horizon Community Funds of NKY in Mike's honor — and to allow him to continue to nurture journalism/communications students attending NKU and UK. Contributions can be sent to: Horizon Community Funds, 50 E. RiverCenter Blvd., Suite 431, Covington, KY 41011. Designate for Mike Farrell fund.

Jacob Clabes, Associate Publisher

The Trib's 'Jake-of-all-Trades' attended Beechwood High School and the University of Kentucky and had internships at Memphis and Scripps Howard News Service in DC and the Frankfort State Journal. He owns his own marketing and branding company and serves as editor of KyForward.com. He manages digital marketing and technology and design and strategic planning for KYCPSJ.



Terry Boehmker, Sports Reporter

Terry has covered NKY high school sports for print and online media since 1979. He has written two books on 9th Region basketball. He covered high school sports for The Kentucky Post from 1979-2007.

Don Owen, Reporter and Copy Editor

Don is a Newport native who spent more than 27 years in sports communication. He was a sports writer for The Kentucky Post from 1990-93 and served as sports information director for NKU from 1993-2014.

Ginger Dawson, Feature Reporter

Ginger Dawson is a graduate of Miami University and of The Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. She lives in Covington and is a feature writer of People of NKY and other readable stories in the Trib. She is a serial entrepreneur who has been engaged in real estate, retail, antiques and art.

Maridith Yahl, Feature reporter

Maridith Yahl is a lifelong NKyan and graduate of NKU where she studied psychology as an undergraduate and Public History for her graduate degree. Her passion for helping children led her to work with English Language Learner students in middle school.

Center. He is survived by Marsha, his wife of 44 years, his two sons, David and Jonathan and eight of the greatest grandchildren on the face of the earth.



For us, Mike is Emeritus Everything – the conscience who guided us and set us on a path to serve honorably and well. We dedicate this special print edition of the NKyTribune to Mike Farrell with the promise that we will continue to do the best we possibly can.

Jonathan Coffman, a UK journalism graduate, is responsible for Obituaries; **Amanda Klare**, a Beechwood Elementary teacher, is responsible for Voices from the Classroom; and through our Partnership with Kentucky Today, **Tom Latek** covers Frankfort and **Keith Taylor** covers UK sports.

Columnists and Contributors

Bill Straub brings his extensive experience covering Frankfort for The Kentucky Post and the White House and Congress for Scripps Howard News Service to a weekly column for the Trib. He is a graduate of the UK School of Journalism.

Al Cross, long-time reporter and columnist and now a tenured professor at the University of Kentucky and head of the Rural Journalism Institute, writes a regular column on Kentucky politics.

Paul Tenkotte is a noted local historian and a professor of history at Northern Kentucky University. He is editor of Our Rich History, a regular Monday feature at the Trib. He has been editor or author of numerous books and has been a contributor to 16 television documentaries.

Steve Flairty is a teacher, public speaker and author of several Kentucky's Everyday Hero books and a biography of Tim Farmer. He writes a weekly column about ordinary Kentuckians who do extraordinary things.

Sandra Guile writes a weekly column from the Better Business Bureau on consumer issues.

Art Lander is outdoors writer for the NKyTribune. A graduate of WKU, he is a life-long hunter, angler, gardener and nature enthusiast. He is a former staff writer for Kentucky Afield Magazine and editor of the annual Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide and Kentucky Spring Hunting Guide.

Lauren and Rob Hudson are authors of the book, *It Can Be Done*, and write weekly columns exploring common ground values with a positive message that speaks to the strength of America.

Keven Moore is a risk management specialist for a local insurance agency. As a regular weekly columnist, he makes insurance interesting – and keeps his readers safety-aware. He is a journalism graduate of the University of Kentucky and has a masters degree in loss prevention and safety from Eastern Kentucky University.

Capt. Don Sanders is a life-long river man and a great storyteller. Follow The River, his weekly Sunday column, at the Trib.

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SkyWheel is coming, SkyWheel is coming . . . to Newport on the Levee



Staff Report

Newport’s Riverboat Row will get taller by more than 235 feet with the addition of a pier and the SkyWheel® which is expected to be complete in March, 2020.

Newport’s SkyWheel® has already been manufactured and tested in the Netherlands and is currently stored in shipping crates, ready to be shipped to the site.

The City of Newport and SkyWheel Attractions, along with the Newport Aquarium and Newport on the Levee ownership, are bringing the privately funded SkyWheel® to Newport.

The SkyWheel in Newport will be a modern observation wheel towering 235 feet in the air, more than 20 stories high. It will have 30 fully enclosed gondolas that will offer a safe and secure flight with glass windows and doors for optimal views and photography.


The gondolas are heated and cooled allowing for year-round operation in any type of weather. Guests board a private gondola and enjoy three to four revolutions. Each gondola can hold up to 6 riders.

The SkyWheel will be accessible for all mobility aids.


The first SkyWheel attraction opened in Myrtle Beach and now offers a breadth of stunning views of waterfronts including Niagara Falls and Panama City Beach.

“Like with the first SkyWheel on the coast of Myrtle Beach, we chose Newport because of its unparalleled views of the Ohio River and Cincinnati’s skyline,” said Matt Stack, president of SkyWheel Attractions.

Newport on the Levee is also undergoing a transformation, with construction underway to make way for new entertainment, restaurant and retail tenants.





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"I'm pushing us to be something greater than I think any of us had previously dreamed to be and sometimes that's hard," Flora said. "When (cancer treatment at St. E) first started, they were carrying chemo around in the trunks of their car and now we are talking about a \$130 million center. This is going to be a home for tens of thousands of patients, long after we are gone, long after we retire or move away, or are no longer able to practice medicine."

Kristi Nelson, co-chair of the funding campaign for the St. Elizabeth Cancer Center, shared her personal struggle with cancer and why treatment close to home is so important.

Nelson was diagnosed with mucosal melanoma, a rare form of cancer of which there are only about 400 cases diagnosed in the United States each year.

"I still remember that October 30 when the phone rang and on the other end it was the doctor telling me I had a malignant tumor encroaching on my brain, wedged in the orbit of my eye and ever so close to the lining of my brain," Nelson said. "Removing my eye was like a no-brainer...but even if we do that, I was certain I was going to die. I'm probably one of the most positive people you will ever meet, but in those 24

to 48 hours, everything went dark."

Nelson saw several specialists in Northern Kentucky, but couldn't find an integrated care team that could take care of the issue. Seeking a second opinion, she went to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston and was amazed at the resources dedicated to cancer care, including one entire floor of the building dedicated to melanoma. A team of specialists worked together to determine a treatment strategy.

"They all got around a table and planned my care," Nelson said.

Nelson admits it was a tremendous hardship being away from her family during the holidays, having an eye removed and being subjected to an extensive treatment regimen, but she knows now it was the right choice.

"You, like me, thought it would never happen...and when it does, the cancer center will be right here in our community to provide integrated care," she said. "You'll be able to avail yourself of the latest and newest drugs on the market, clinical trials, with expertise that outweighs anyone else in the region."

Comprehensive care is just part of the treat-

ment package the new Cancer Center will provide for the region.

Recent advances in genetic testing have made prevention studies, clinical trials and precision medicine an important component of cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Daniel Flora, Dr. Doug Flora's brother, is a cancer care physician at St. Elizabeth Healthcare specializing in medical oncology and hematology. He explained how St. E's Cancer Care Clinical Research efforts are essential to driving those advances.

"We have sort of a two-pronged approach to treating cancer," Flora said. "One is prevention and advanced diagnostic and gene testing to try to find cancers before they ever happen. We may start to open up options for clinical trials for patients to be screened for cancer before they ever develop it."

When patients develop cancer, testing the genetic profile allows physicians to identify new therapies that are a lot more focused for their particular cancer.

"It's sort of a targeted, or smarty-bomb type of medication, rather than chemotherapy, which is really not a very smart way of treating cancer," Flora, said. Chemotherapy doesn't hone in on the particular type of disease, it just treats the whole cancer.

The ability to identify a genetic profile is seen as a game-changer in cancer treatment.

Genetic profiling is a laboratory method used to learn about all the genes in a person or in a specific cell type, and the way those genes interact with each other and with the environment.

Treating cancer using traditional methods, while effective to some degree, is not going to achieve the breakthroughs needed to work toward a cure.

Clinical trials are increasingly seen as the best way to determine how effective new treatments might be. Currently, about 10 percent of St. Elizabeth's cancer patients are in a clinical trial and the goal is to double that in a short amount of time.

Dr. Doug Flora credits St. Elizabeth's senior leadership and board of directors for

making the commitment to the project, but says the financial burden is significant. Some costs for the Cancer Center initiative are being funded, in part, through a capital campaign. In its most ambitious goal for community support in its 30-year history, the St. Elizabeth Foundation plans to raise \$30 million for the Cancer Center.

"If you are able, help, it's meaningful, the work that we do here matters," Flora said. "We're trying to do this as diligently as we can, but there is just not enough money to take care of the people we need to take care of."

There have already been several major contributions to the fund, including a recent pledge of \$1 million from DBL Law and a community match in that amount from Central Bank.

Horizon Community Funds of Northern Kentucky has also established a designated fund in partnership with St. Elizabeth Healthcare to support the cancer center.

In a project with no shortage of invested partners, perhaps none has played a more significant role than Dave Spaulding, vice president and general manager for Turner Construction. Turner is the construction manager for the project and Spaulding wanted to make sure the Cancer Center has everything it needs.

"Our project team, all of the workers on the site had that same feeling throughout the whole job and this project is built with the hearts of all those people," Spaulding said. "This community, myself, my family, we've all had stories of survival, stories of loss. For the board of directors and St. Elizabeth to put this much force and money behind something like this, there was no other way to do it than to try to grab a hold of it and make it even better than what they imagined."

Colvin recognizes that this a very ambitious project, but says it is one that will change the lives of Northern Kentuckians from the day the doors open.

"If St. Elizabeth wants to lead Northern Kentucky in becoming the healthiest community in America, that would not be possible if we weren't attacking one of the most dreadful diseases that this community has, which is cancer."

BLINK from page 1

BLINK, on the back of the U.S. Bank building at Sixth and Madison streets

- BLINK will highlight two internationally acclaimed street artists through architectural projection mapping. Both sides of the Faile Mural on West 6th Street (projection by local media artist, Chris Glenn), as well as the London Police mural on 4th and Scott Street (projection by Brave Berlin.)

- Another architectural projection mapping will animate the Hannaford Building. BLINK has commissioned Klip Collective - A pioneer and creative powerhouse in projection mapping from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- Northern Kentucky University is creating

a light installation that will actually sit on the Ohio River.

- The World's Largest Mobile Disco Ball, made in Kentucky, will return for BLINK - and find its home in Covington for a pop-up Disco Party.

"BLINK will bring quite a climax to an exciting week in Covington and give us a chance to showcase our city in a beautiful and exciting way to enormous crowds from around the world, many of whom may be visiting Covington for the first time," City Manager David Johnston said.

Free and open to the public, BLINK's inaugural four-night event in October 2017 spanned 20 blocks and was experienced by more than one million visitors, the largest gathering of people ever in downtown Cincinnati and Over-the-Rhine.



St. Elizabeth Healthcare President and CEO Garren Colvin talks about the outpouring of emotion and support from the people in the community who signed the final beam for the Cancer Center project.

Briefs Briefs Briefs . . . go to www.nkytribune.com for details



Turfway, Churchill square off

Churchill Downs has applied to the Kentucky State Racing Commission for racing dates traditionally reserved for Turfway Park. Turfway has also applied for those dates, which include the Grade 3 Jeff Ruby Steaks, a Derby prep race in March. The Commission meets October 29.

Hard Rock International closed on the purchase of JACK Cincinnati Casino in September for \$780 million. JACK Entertainment and Hard Rock International have said they would contest “the inappropriate actions of Churchill Downs and their attempt to disrupt the Northern Kentucky racing community. Hard Rock had committed more than \$100 million in enhancements to Turfway Park which would include historic racing machines and increased purses. Completed purchase of Turfway awaits regulatory approval.

Churchill says its plans include a \$200 million New Latonia Racing and Gaming Facility in NKY and that it would move the races to Churchill Downs while a new facility is being constructed. It did not identify a location.

Local companies get new execs

• **Daniel Sink** became Chief Executive officer of Corporex, one of NKY’s homegrown and largest companies, taking over those duties from William P. Butler, the company’s founder. Butler remains chairman of the board. Sink spent almost 19 years as EVP and CFO of an Indianapolis-based real estate company. During his tenure as CFO, the company successfully completed an initial public offering, closed on a \$2 billion merger, and received investment grade ratings from Moody’s and S&P. His work experience also includes 11 years of public accounting with a specialization in construction/real estate tax. He is a graduate of Indiana University with a B.S. in Accounting.

• **David A. Orme** is new Chief Operating Office for Carlisle Bray Enterprises in Wilder. He will manage all operations of the company, which includes C&B Marine, C&B Energy Services and C&B Repair & Maintenance. These corporations provide a multitude of inland-marine services to utility, aggregate, and marine-related

customers in the Midwest and the South, including towing, fleet, shifting, dredging, construction, repairing and maintaining vessels, and other services.

• **HDS Metrics**, a human resources analytics company with over 220 national and international clients, chose downtown Covington as its new headquarters. Dan Cahill, now president and CEO of HDS Metrics, will run the mostly virtual company from Northern Kentucky.

Store openings

• **Menards Mega Store** carries name brand appliances, pet and wildlife products, lawn and garden supplies and even a line of groceries. The 170,000-square-foot building in Florence also has tools, materials and supplies for home improvement projects from light bulbs to paint to household items to materials to build a deck, fence or new home.

• **HomeBuys**, a discount retailer with four locations across Ohio, opened its first store in Kentucky in the former Toys R Us location in Florence. HomeBuys aspires to provide shoppers with not only great bargains but also a unique “treasure hunt” feel where buyers find closeout items from across the world.

• **Burlington Stores**, a leading national off-price retailer, moved from Latonia to a new store in Newport Plaza. The fresh new store is nearly 40,000 square feet. It offers new arrivals daily of ladies’ apparel, accessories, family footwear, children’s clothing, an assortment of furniture and accessories for baby home decors and gifts, along with the largest selection of coats in the nation.

Company milestones

• **LaRosa’s Family Pizzeria** celebrated founder Buddy LaRosa’s 89th birthday and the company’s 65 years in business. From the restaurant chain’s humble beginnings in 1954, it has grown across the region and is expanding into Central Kentucky. Buddy’s sons are top executives in the company: Michael LaRosa is CEO and Mark LaRosa is president and chief culinary officer.

• **Cove Federal Credit Union’s** CEO Thomas W. Burns announced that Cove has received approval from the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) to expand its field of membership to all persons who live, work, worship or attend school in, and businesses and other legal entities located in, Hamilton County, Ohio and Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Grant, and Pendleton counties in Kentucky. Cove is located at 577 Dudley Road in Edgewood.

• **The Sherrill Morgan Company**, based in Covington, is celebrating its 50th anniversary while its founder and namesake turns 85. His son, Mark, is now CEO. The company is a robust insurance and health-benefits organization operating in 11 states.

• **Mitch Arens**, executive chef of Coppin’s Restaurant, and Stephen Williams, owner

of Bouquet Restaurant, in Covington have joined with RiverCenter Entertainment Venues LLC to take over operations of Fire, Biscuits to Burgers, and Butler’s Pantry, owned by William Butler of Corporex. The new enterprise has yet to be named, but will also manage a new venue, Spoon, to be opened in the River Haus Apartments near Main Strasse, currently under construction. It will also design three more venues on the Plaza at the Towers of RiverCenter.

• International foodie publication EATER.COM named **The Baker’s Table** on its annual list of 16 Best New Restaurants in America, saying it stood out for its “rustic American dishes, top-tier baking and cozily eclectic dining room.” Located in downtown Newport, it was opened in December 2018 by Chef David Willocks and Designer Wendy Braun.

• This year is the 150th anniversary of **Highland Cemetery**, a burial place since 1869, on 250 verdant, rolling acres in Fort Mitchell. The tombstones, tombs, and crypts are last monuments to many who contributed to the development and lore of Northern Kentucky. The cemetery has a network of hiking trails, fitness features and opportunities for bird watching, and enjoying a variety of trees and flowers.

• **Master Provisions** is celebrating its 25th anniversary. It is a nonprofit focused on food, clothing and care of aspiring young people locally and around the world. It started an overseas mission in 2008. Its food program includes mobile pantries as well as a supply chain to over 150 nonprofit partners who serve the hungry. Hunger is still a major issue in the Tri-State region where 100,000 children – about 19.4 percent – were living below the poverty line in 2018.

• **Redwood**, the nonprofit special-needs facility in Fort Mitchell, turned 66 but just keeps growing and expanding its services. Redwood serves 800-plus clients from six weeks to 82-years-old, from nursery and pre-school to therapy and vocational training – and for people with a variety of

disabilities. The organization helps clients identify jobs that match their skills and assists with vocational rehabilitation for those 16 and up.

Newport Skypoint condos



The Catalytic Fund and 120 Main Street LCC are developing new luxury condos on the site of the former Baptist Convalescent Home on a hilltop in Newport. The development will include 45 units, from 950- to 1,725 square feet, priced from \$240,000-584,000. Sixteen units will face the Cincinnati skyline and have floor-to-ceiling windows to showcase the stunning views. The units include custom cabinetry, hardwood floors, quartz countertops, on-site storage and the option for a garage. Amenities include a roof deck with wet bar, a business center, exercise rooms, outdoor pool and deck, a party space, an enclosed courtyard and a dog park with trails and a pond.

Freedom ownership change

New owners of the Florence Freedom baseball team will keep the team in its current, city-owned UC Health Stadium. Freedom Baseball Club, LLC is comprised of four general partners – David DelBello, formerly of Procter & Gamble and president of DelBello Holdings; Brian Bortz, president of Towne Building Group; Danny Heilbrunn, owner of DJH Management; and Matt Kappers, managing director at Concordia Financial Group. DelBello will be chief executive officer, Heilbrunn will become vice president of business development, Kappers will serve as CFO and Bortz will serve as vice president of facilities. Former owner Canterbury Baseball LLC was led by Clint Brown, who died in 2018. His wife, Kim, will remain with the Freedom Baseball Club to help in the transition.



Newport on the Levee

Newport on the Levee is undergoing a comprehensive redevelopment plan to create a more open atmosphere and make way for new restaurants and a walkway to the river that will take advantage of views of the river and the Cincinnati skyline. Northern American Properties, owner of the property, means to turn Newport on the Levee into a regional attraction. It wants new dining options, authentic experiences, inviting spaces and vibrant events that will entertain guests 18 hours a day. Turner Construction is projects construction manager.

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Women's Initiative Summit

A day-long summit for women in all stages of the workforce will take place on October 22 at the Cintas Center on Xavier University's campus. "Ascend: Discover Your Next Level" will present a variety of speakers to help women advance in their careers. The annual Regional Summit is presented by the Northern Kentucky Chamber Women's Initiative. Call the NKY Chamber for more information: 859.578.8802.

Ludlow Theatre new marquee

The historic Ludlow Theatre hit another milestone when a marquee based on the original 1940 design was re-erected in August. The marquee is another step in making the Ludlow Theatre a one-of-a-kind entertainment destination. It was purchased in 2009 by Paul and Renee Miller who operate Circus Mojo and developed BIRCUS beer which is served there, along with a variety of entertainment options, including circus performers.

Kentucky Symphony Orchestra



KSO begins its 28th year with a five-program subscription series starting Oct. 19 with a Classical-Jazz Souffle at Greaves Concert Hall. The series represents KSO's only ticketed programs, running from October through May. Its education series and Devou Park summer concerts are free. Call 859.431.6216 for ticket information.

Former banker buys an island

An island in Kentucky? Yes, there are actually hundreds of them but Colt Island on Craig's Creek lake caught the eye of retired NKY banker Tom O'Donnell and a group of buddies. They bought it at auction a few years back. Craig's Creek lake is just outside Warsaw at the Markland Dam. You can see Belterra resort from there. Since purchasing the 1.2-acre island, O'Donnell and his buddies have added docks, shelters, firepits and utilities – and a permanently docked houseboat (a boatel). They are renting out Colt Island Resort. Perfect getaway, close to home – have a reunion, a quiet respite, a party or a retreat. He's booking for 2020. Call 859.992.1831.

Met Club honors Hargrove-Young

The Metropolitan Club's annual award is going to Delores Hargrove-Young, vice chair of the board of the d.e. Foxx group of companies and a community volunteer on an impressive and extensive list of regional organizations, including ArtsWave, the Urban League, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the YWCA and more. The event will be October 22. Tickets can be purchased by calling 859.757.1552.

HONK dedicates Legacy House

Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky dedicated The Legacy House at 219 Dell Street in Elsmere to celebrate Father John 'Jack' Goeke who founded HONK in 1991 to address need for good quality affordable homes in the inner city and to create a path for people with limited incomes to own homes. The Legacy House was supported by Elsmere, the R.C. Durr Foundation, BB&T, Macy's and BIA. It is the 35th new home built by HONK which has completed 88 rehabs.

K9s get protective vests

Vested Interest in K9s provided bullet and stab-protective vests to Villa Hills Police Department's K9, Onexx and to Covington's K9 Holly. Vested Interest is a charity whose mission is to provide vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s in the U.S.

Shower Ministry helps homeless

Florence Christian Church provides a safe place for the homeless to get a shower, a snack, a drink of water and a friendly welcome. Shower facilities at the church are open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Shower Ministry staff provides referrals to other agencies that provide support to people experiencing homelessness, food-insecurity and other needs.

NKY Harvest school backpacks

Northern Kentucky Harvest gave away 900 backpacks filled with school supplies to children from low-income families in August. Its 19th annual event, Backpacks and Breakfast, was held at Goebel Park in Covington's MainStrasse. NKY Harvest is an all-volunteer nonprofit that collects food, clothing and other supplies for food banks and other organizations that serve low-income families.

State is 34th in child well-being

The 30th annual Kids Count Data Book, released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Kentucky Youth Advocates, ranks Kentucky 34th in the overall well-being of its children. Nearly one in four Kentuckians are children. The state has made progress in the areas of economic well-being and teen births, but shows that one in five children live in poverty and 10 percent live in families where the head of household doesn't have a high-school diploma.

Ladies Home gets new name

Covington Ladies Home was founded by Ellen Battelle Dietrick in 1886. Located at Seventh and Garrard streets, it provides personal care to senior women in a community-based, homelike setting. In April, it was renamed Victorian at Riverside. Its goal is to assist with basic care needs in a manner that respects individual dignity, maximizes independent functioning and encourages contacts.

Riverfront Commons trail



Prus Construction has begun work on the Covington piece of Riverfront Commons, the 2.7-mile trail in Covington, now that permits, funding and engineering plans are complete. The project represents the \$6.54 million Phase II part of RiverFront Commons which is the link of six river cities with an uninterrupted 11.5-mile path stretching from Fort Thomas to Ludlow. Phase II stretches from Greenup to just west of the Madison Overlook and will include a 1350-seat amphitheater, two concrete paths for walks, cyclists and runners, and upgraded overlooks at the foot of Madison.

SD1 ratepayers savings

Ross, Sinclair & Associates advised SD1 on refinancing of bond issues that will save ratepayers about \$23 million. The refinancing was on three series of Build America Bonds totaling \$99.5m made possible by an upgrade of SD1 outstanding debt by Moody's Investors Services.

Holding line on property tax

The Kentucky Department of Revenue kept the 2019 State Real Property Tax Rate at 12.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The rate is based on the revenue generated from the increase in taxable real property assessments from 2018-2019. Revenue generated goes into the state's General Fund.

New Police Chiefs

A 15-year veteran with the **Newport** Police Department has been named its chief. Chris Fangman replaces Tom Collins, who is retiring. Fangman started his career with the police department in 2004, rising to Lieutenant.

Chad Martin has been promoted to Police Chief of **Wilder**, replacing Andrew Williams who retired. Martin has been with the Wilder Police Department since 2016. He served in the Navy and is a business owner.

Covington wants input on parks

Covington is working on a master plan for Parks and Recreation and opened the process up to the public, offering a survey and interactive website for comments. A series of focus groups discussed ideas like youth sports, dog parks, and trails. A kick-off meeting will be held October 17 at City Hall. The city has nearly 1000 acres of parkland and green space spread over 40 different parks, playgrounds and facilities, including about 700 acres in Devou Park and its golf course and biking trails.

TANK to undertake a redesign

The Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky is undertaking a System Redesign Study to help re-imagine the agency's current bus route network structure. The process started with a public meeting in late August. A second public meeting will be held later this year. With public input, TANK wants to ensure the safe, convenient and accessible public transportation residents, workers and visitors want and need.

Covington IRS site



The IRS is scheduled to close its longtime paper processing facility this month and prep it for eventual demolition. The City of Covington hopes to gain development control of the 23 acres of prime land and has hired a consultant to help develop a plan. Over the past several months, the City has convened public meetings and posted an online survey to give the public time to make suggestions, view plan options, and weigh in on priorities and preferences.

Change in concealed carry

The legislature passed a law, now in effect, that removed the requirement for a special permit for carrying a concealed weapon. If you are 21 or older and are otherwise qualified to carry a firearm in Kentucky, you can carry it concealed. Laws of other states may differ. Gun owners should check laws before traveling

Red Bike stations



Red Bike, the popular and convenient bike-sharing system, has expanded in Newport. There are now six stations throughout the city. Newport City Commissioner Beth Fennell, an avid biker, worked with Newport Assistant City Manager Larisa Sims on a \$106,636 grant for the Red Bike stations that was obtained through the city's partnership with the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Newport-based Southbank Partners, which coordinates and promotes economic and community development in Northern Kentucky's river cities, also contributed \$15,000 to the Red Bike locations.

GROW NKY: Growing Regional Outcomes through Workforce

What is GROW NKY?

Grow NKY is a comprehensive, holistic workforce development/talent strategy initiative led by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with key workforce partners who are committed to driving outcomes for talent pipeline management for both supply and demand needs.

Efforts will ensure that NKY can attract future businesses and retain current businesses as a result of a strategic workforce effort, unique to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The work is geared toward the high-demand sectors in NKY: Advanced Manufacturing, IT, Advanced Logistics, Health Sciences, Financial Services and Construction.

Overview

GROW NKY is an unique entity established by the collaboration of Northern Kentucky's key workforce development partners. Each partner, including the NKY Chamber, is responsible for implementing various pillars in the NKY talent strategy based on their core competencies. Each partner is also responsible for contributing at least one Program Associate to work with GROW NKY in implementing the

Pillars



NKY talent strategy. Centralized executive responsibility, leadership, and management will elevate coordination, efficiency, and create a faster response to regional workforce needs.

This NKY talent strategy is a comprehensive, holistic approach by the NKY region's key workforce partners who are committed to driving outcomes for talent pipeline management that will maintain and grow a strong economy and ensure that NKY will attract future business because of a strategic workforce effort, unique to the commonwealth.

Positions dedicated to this NKY talent strategy effort are co-located in a common space designed to foster constant communication and collaboration between workforce partners.

Mission

To leverage the community's full complement of assets to grow, attract, and retain a globally competitive workforce.

Vision

A robust and collaborative ecosystem that aligns the needs of current and future employers with the interests of a diverse, world class workforce.

Voting: If we don't care, why should elected officials?

By Kristin Baldwin

As state legislators begin to set the agenda for what they want to accomplish, will Northern Kentucky be a focus for them? Likely 'No.' Why? Because Northern Kentucky has one of the lowest voter turnouts in the Commonwealth.

Seven races across Kentucky in the 2018 election were decided by less than seven votes.

On November 5, voters will return to the polls to elect our constitutional officers, including Governor and Attorney General. The last time Kentucky voters went to the polls to cast a ballot for statewide offices in the May 2015 primaries, a disgraceful nine percent of voters came out to vote in Northern Kentucky. The overall turnout for the state was 12.5% in the 2015 Primary Election. Boone, Kenton and Campbell Counties were ranked 101, 102 and 106 out of 120 counties. Low turnout means fewer people decide the results. Based on our dismal turnout, it appears the citizens of Northern Kentucky simply don't care enough to cast a ballot.

Why would any candidate for a statewide office campaign in our region? Why would they care about our region's issues? We have a large population, but if another area has more voters, statewide candidates and political parties will likely devote their attention there.

Our region's economy is critical to the overall success of the Commonwealth, and our citizens complain we are forgotten by Frankfort. Yet, we don't vote. Imagine

how strong our region's voice would be if we moved from bottom to top in voter turnout?

Think about all the policy decisions which are made by our statewide elected officers: economic development incentives provided to industries, prioritization of infrastructure projects, air quality standards and regulations, lawsuits related to workers' compensation or challenging the pension reform.

Don't you want to be heard? Ask then what you can do to help encourage your colleagues, neighbors, friends, and family to get out and vote?

As a business community, what can we do? Did you know by law, employers are required to

provide employees with four unpaid hours to vote on Election Day? Does your employer include information about voting in your employee newsletters or weekly staff meetings? Can the business community do more to encourage interest, perhaps with events like candidate forums?

The Northern Kentucky Chamber has been leading discussions across a wide variety of platforms over the past month and will continue to educate citizens about the election in the coming weeks to encourage registered voters to vote.

If we all do our part, our region will no longer be considered an afterthought for any candidate running for elected office in the Commonwealth.

Kristen Baldwin is VP, Public Affairs and Communications for the Northern Kentucky Chamber.



Brent Cooper: We are stronger together, let's work toward a strong voice, vision

At a gathering of Kentucky business leaders last year, an economist pulled up a list of the largest cities in Kentucky. Louisville (600,000), Lexington (308,000), Bowling Green (61,000) and Owensboro (59,000) were in the top four. The city of Covington, Northern Kentucky's largest city, came in at number five with 41,000.

That presentation prompted a series of serious conversations about how Northern Kentucky should present itself. How should we better market ourselves to Frankfort, as well as anyone looking to do business or relocate here? To anyone who has recently moved here or any visiting tourist, Northern Kentucky looks like one big place.

In my opinion, we are.

Our Northern Kentucky counties are packed with cities and people in a way that is, well, unique to the rest of the state. In fact, if we were to combine just parts of Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties, the result would be the 2nd largest county overnight, with more than 400,000 people.

Here's an interesting comparison. If you've ever been to the Hamburg Pavilion off Man O War Boulevard in Lexington and traveled to the Bluegrass Airport, you'd find it's about 15 miles in distance. In that scenario, you travel through one city, one county, and

one 911 system to get to your destination. Here in Northern Kentucky, if you were to travel from Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights to our airport (CVG), you would only travel 14 miles. But here, you cross through six cities, three counties, and three different 911 systems.

There are 120 counties in Kentucky, and most of them have one main city or town. In our neck of the woods, we are 37 cities in the three northernmost counties alone and 20 of those cities are amongst the top 100 largest cities in Kentucky. The top five in NKY are Covington (41,000), Florence (32,000), Independence (28,000), Erlanger (19,000), and Fort Thomas (16,000). Newport (15,000) comes in at sixth largest.

By themselves, each Northern Kentucky city is 10 percent or less of our overall population. And while each one is critically important to the whole, none is an island standing alone. One of the greatest features of each of our cities is that they are in close proximity to the others.

Fort Thomas is minutes from Newport on the Levee and MainStrasse in Covington. Fort Wright is minutes from shopping in Florence and Crestview Hills. And all of them are minutes from CVG and all the amenities of Greater Cincinnati.



Brent Cooper is president and CEO of the NKY Chamber of Commerce.

We are a collection of small towns linked as one larger community. We are part of the Greater Cincinnati experience, a key component of who we are. Here, you get the best of both worlds. Together we are one of the three largest metro areas in the state of Kentucky.

Fifty years ago, our Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce was founded by a group of leaders who clearly recognized

we are stronger together. Much has been accomplished and much remains to be accomplished. As we consider the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead in a global economy, remember that what was true all those years ago is still true today.

We are better together, with a strong voice and purpose for the benefit of all. Let's all join together to work toward that vision in the months ahead.

Purple People Bridge is in need of Purple Painting



Staff Report

Truly a people bridge, the pedestrian-only Purple People Bridge stretches 2,670 feet across the river from Newport to downtown Cincinnati and to trails along both sides of the river. It's a nonprofit, people-friendly bridge – a tourist attraction and an event venue.

The amazing Boom on the Bridge is the place to be to view the annual Labor Day fireworks, and the summertime weekly concerts there, Party on the Purple, help raise maintenance funds.

It's a busy bridge with runners and walkers and bikers and skaters and partiers and sightseers making the most of its views, its history and its reputation for a fun place to be. Last year, more than 500,000 people crossed it.

You can even rent it for an event. The 'World's Largest Bourbon Toast' was held there last year. And then there's the Christmas Walk . . . and a whole lot more.

It's a dandy people-magnet, this NKY icon.

The Newport Southbank Bridge Company is the nonprofit that owns and operates the bridge and it is aiming to raise \$1 million to repaint it – purple, of course – and to maintain the iconic structure.

The bridge was last painted in 2003 and the now faded-purple definitely needs to be brightened up.

If you are interested in donating, check out purplepeoplebridge.com for more information.

Of course it has its own website.



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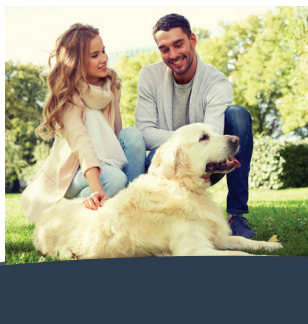
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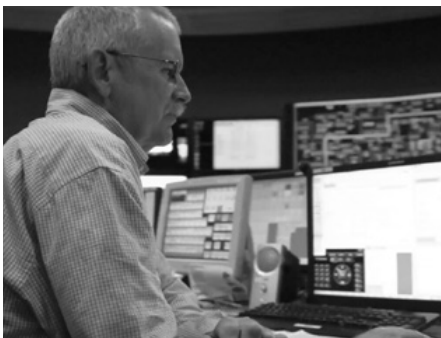
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Now is Our Time for 1NKY – What's Next?

Northern Kentucky Regional Alliance partners to transform NKY Community

Picture a healthy, vibrant community through a growth-oriented regional economy, driven by educational excellence, social mobility, and a united view of the future.

Fast-forward to a community that drives strategic change through action. That recognizes the need for transformation. That demands results.

You've landed in Northern Kentucky (NKY) – and in the middle of the Northern Kentucky Regional Alliance. A passionate group of Presidents and CEOs of regional companies who intend to accelerate progress both economically and socially of this place we love, for the people we love. Now and for future generations.

The group started two years ago, and helped fund many successful initiatives. The Regional Alliance formally incorporated in 2017 and has since participated in the success of several education, job growth, health and community vibrancy projects.

But tactics must align with strategy and the Regional Alliance looks to drive even more regional change in partnership with the

community, our growth organizations, and our governmental entities.

The group led the 1NKY Summit Series beginning in July, with outreach through NKY's eight regional growth organizations inclusive of the Regional Alliance – the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Northern Kentucky Tri-ED, Horizon Community Funds, The Catalytic Fund, Southbank, meetNKY and Area Development District. Outreach continues with input for initiative suggestions requested through Judge Executive and Mayor sessions in Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties as well as other stakeholder groups.

"We are at the beginning of a new era of quality growth in Northern Kentucky, which we will cause and shape as a community," said Kay Geiger, Northern Kentucky Regional Alliance Board Chair and Regional President, Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. "It is an exciting time for NKY, and we have immediate opportunities to impact our community for generations to come."



The vision for 1 NKY headquarters.

Outcomes from the 1NKY Summit Series indicate an interest in moving several initiatives forward over the next 12-18 months. A comprehensive business intelligence unit through Northern Kentucky University; Workforce focus; Site Readiness and further work on the 1NKY brand are initiatives that received heavy interest.

These initiatives don't replace existing efforts or missions of NKY's growth organizations. Instead, it binds them through a common cause. "We're looking to move NKY forward through tangible measurable goals and a finite timetable," said Garren Colvin, incoming Northern Kentucky Regional Alliance Chairman and President/CEO of St. Elizabeth Healthcare. "It's time to take on bold, transformative efforts for our community."

Current Initiatives underway by the Regional Alliance include:

• **1NKY Frankfort** - Scheduled to open in January 2020, 418 Capital Avenue offers a branded location where sponsoring organizations and businesses can convene, strategize, advocate and provide collective impact. Within walking distance of the Capital, the facility offers an opportunity to provide a consistent presence and unified voice on important issues. Led by Regional Alliance member compa-

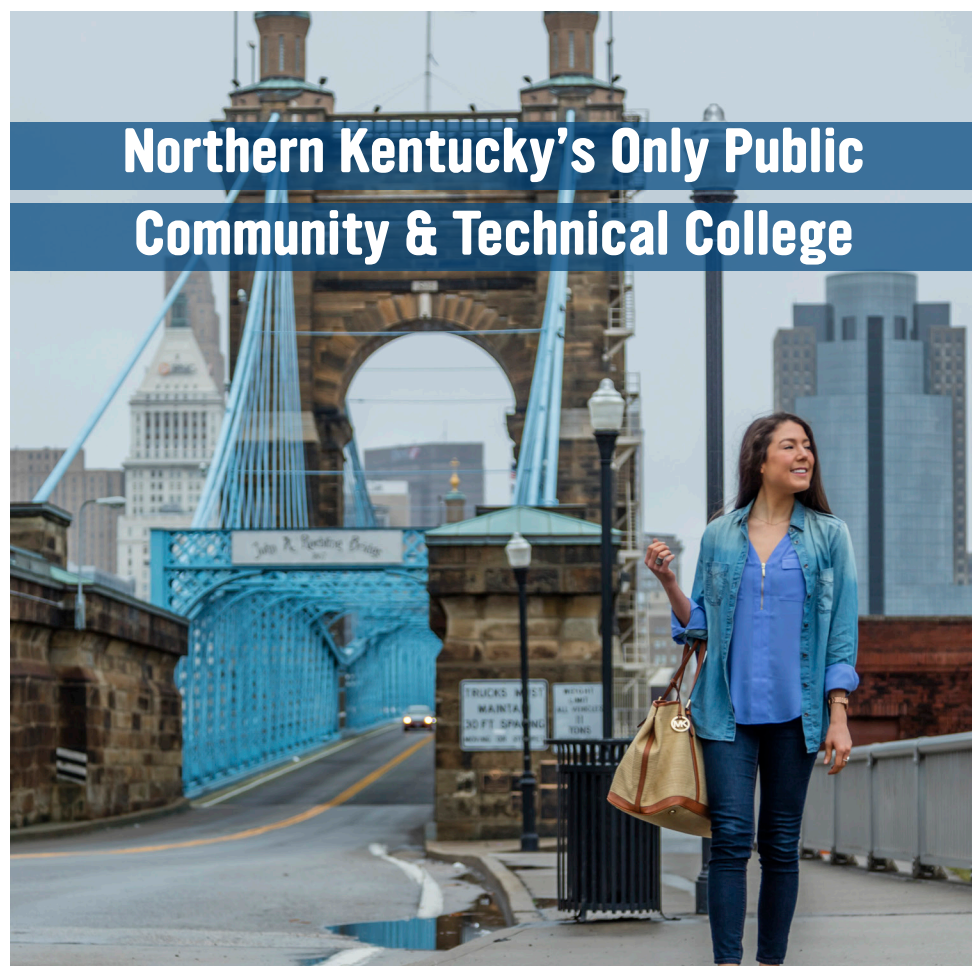
ny St. Elizabeth Healthcare, this initiative promises to strategically position our community with legislators for the long term. Sponsorship levels are available to corporate, non-profit and other organizations affiliated with NKY. Sponsorship benefits include access to meeting and office space, the ability to host private events, recognition, and more.

• **1NKY Headquarters** – Plans are being explored for a signature building designed to align NKY's regional growth organizations under one roof. The Regional Alliance is working with member company Corporex and growth organization, the Catalytic Fund, to develop this concept. Multiple growth organizations with specialized skills will deliver comprehensive economic development, business support and place enhancement services to businesses, local government and the community. As part of this effort, a shared service plan is also being explored.

• **BUILD grant** – The Regional Alliance serves as the backbone organization in partnership with St. Elizabeth, Northern Kentucky District, Three Rivers Health Departments, Interact for Health and BUILD Health Challenge. This two-year, data-driven effort to change lives by reducing smoking rates through innovative tobacco

"We must reach for new ideas and partnerships as NKY looks toward our next 50 years. This time of growth for our community is accelerating as a result of the momentum in place. There is growing impatience for excellence, vibrancy and a unified voice in our business environment, school systems and community. And we are perfectly positioned as a community to make this happen."

-- Bill Butler, NKy Regional Alliance Board member and Chairman, Corporex Companies



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Scheduled to open in 2020, the house to be constructed at 418 Capital Avenue in Frankfort would serve as a branded location for 1NKY's state-level legislative activities.



Northern Kentucky's STEAM-based IGNITE Institute opened its doors to students for the 2019-2010 school year in August.

cessation programs are targeted to Covington and Gallatin County.

• **IGNITE** - NKY's new STEAM-based (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) regional high school opened its doors in August with an enrollment of 1000 students. Through a partnership between business and education organizations who collaborated on workforce solutions, the Regional Alliance answered the call for early support of this concept and its operational needs. NKY now has a transformative new educational model that holds great value for future workforce needs.

• **Riverfront Commons** is underway through the persistent efforts of Southbank and the river cities of Ludlow, Covington, Newport, Bellevue, Dayton and Ft. Thomas. Eleven and a half miles of uninterrupted walking, running and biking trail, and an open park space system, will link the river cities to the City of Cincinnati and other local trail systems. It's the keystone of a transformative riverfront corridor that promotes regional economic development and quality of life. The Regional Alliance

committed to driving financial and community support for the match grant needed for Phase 1 infrastructure grant through the Army Corp of Engineers.

• **GROW NKY** is the evolving comprehensive workforce strategy established by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in partnership with many in the workforce arena. This approach is intended to grow our talent pipeline, allowing for a strong economy and success in attracting expanding business. The Regional Alliance has substantially supported this innovative effort through strategic and operational direction and assistance.

"As you can see, our initiatives are meant to drive regional progress for Northern Kentucky in partnership with key growth organizations and leaders," said Tim Schroeder, Northern Kentucky Regional Alliance Treasurer and Chief Executive Officer of CTI Clinical Trial & Consulting Services. "We're working to unify community leaders and resources for substantial results."

- NKY Regional Alliance

Meet the Northern Kentucky Regional Alliance

The Northern Kentucky Regional Alliance was formed in 2017 through a coalition of regional executives who recognized the need for change. The group focuses on regional impact through initiatives related to community vibrancy, job growth, health and education. The 1NKY concept developed by this group, works to align the regional community, business leaders and growth organizations on shared strategies.

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1NKY Summit Series Offers focus on Priority Initiatives

The 1NKY Summit Series offers an opportunity to generate initiative ideas from key leaders, organizations, and now, YOU!

We worked through Northern Kentucky's Regional Growth Organizations; Boone, Campbell and Kenton Judges Executives, Mayors, and other key Stakeholder groups, to identify potential transformative initiatives that move NKY forward. Refer to this link for the starting initiatives: <http://nkregionalalliance.com/summit-series/>.

We're interested in hearing your thoughts on the types of initiatives that move NKY forward. Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y7PQXGJ>

Here are a few ideas that have made the short list to date:

NKY Economic and Business In-

telligence Unit – this comprehensive data center, ideally located at Northern Kentucky University as part of the Center for Economic Analysis and Development (CEAD), would use various data sets to identify community needs and opportunities for growth/solutions. Through this team of professionals, both public and private sectors would have access to real-time data, predictive analytics, and the ability to generate critical data-driven decisions.

1NKY Brand Development becomes especially important as our community matures on the business and community fronts. The development and implementation of a brand for NKY offers consistency and elevation of place, as the community is marketed for economic and growth opportunities in concert with our proximity to Cincinnati.

Elevate and Accelerate Workforce De-

velopment results through the support of seamless processes that educate and prepare the future of our region's workforce. We'll continue to focus on the big picture of opportunities for every child in NKY by utilizing key resources to coordinate efforts.

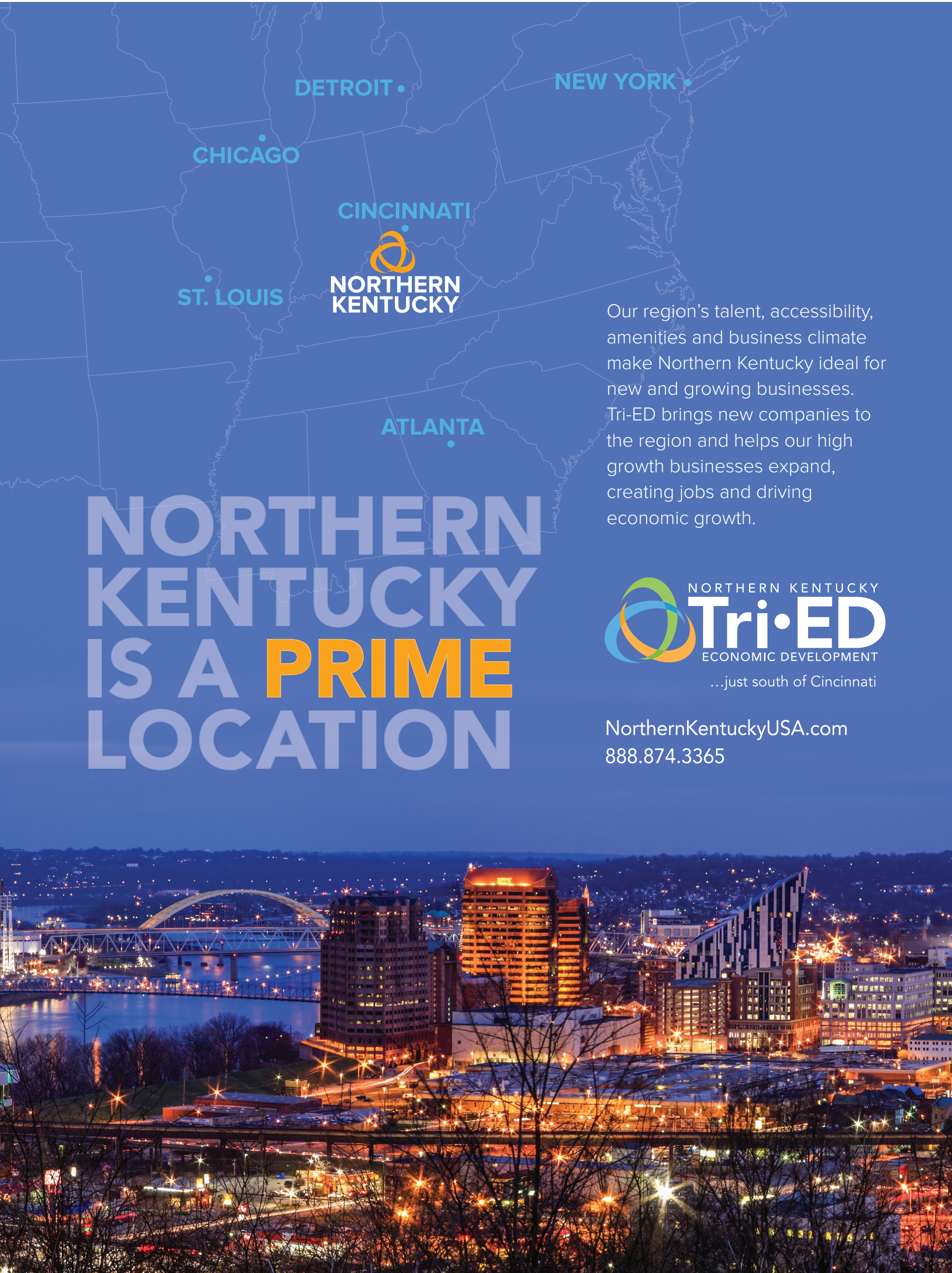
Site Readiness in the suburban and urban areas of NKY to attract large scale office and industrial projects to NKY. These focused efforts would benefit from the further capitalization of an equity fund created to further accelerate urban redevelopment.

- Karen Finan

"NKY's growth organizations are working together to create strength and efficiencies for our community. Transformative strategies aligned with bold initiatives will win the day. The energy is here; its time to move NKY forward."

-- Karen Finan, President & CEO, Northern Kentucky Regional Alliance





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CVG a thriving national model for passengers, cargo

By Mark Hansel
NKyTribune managing editor

The Cincinnati/ Northern Kentucky International Airport has (CVG) become a national model for passenger travel and cargo operations. Under the leadership of CEO Candace McGraw, now in her 11th year, CVG has increased travel options for passengers, while offering the lowest average air fares in the region.

Airport Experience News recently recognized McGraw as its 2019 Director of the Year in the medium airports category. From 2013 to 2018 CVG added more than 3 million passengers, reaching nearly 8.9 million in 2018, and has expanded service options for travelers.

CVG is also the eighth-largest cargo airport in North America. Here are examples:

- **DHL:** Since 2009 when DHL reestablished its international hub at CVG, DHL Express has invested a total of \$339 million to expand its operations, creating 1,600 additional jobs CVG in the two-years ending in September, 2019.

- **Amazon:** Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos came



The new entrance to Greater Cincinnati NKY International Airport.

to CVG to move the first load of dirt at a ceremonial groundbreaking for the Prime Air Hub, a \$1.5 billion cargo facility that Bezos says will allow quicker Prime delivery to customers.

- **Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings** plans to move its operations center from Florence to Erlanger with a \$34.1 million investment expected to create 593 additional full-time jobs.

On the passenger side, CVG sets the standard as the only airport in the region to offer fares below the national average, and it continues to set passenger records.

- Low-cost carriers **Allegiant and Frontier Airlines** coupled with expanded offerings from other airlines including **Delta** provide a wide variety of travel options for customers.

- **Southwest Airlines** provides flights from CVG to Chicago and Baltimore/Washington and has continued to add flights, including seasonal nonstops to Tampa and Fort Lauderdale in Florida.

CVG has focused on providing upgraded traveler experiences and is in the process of developing a master plan update that will continue to move the airport forward decades into the future. Fifteen new or renovated retail options for travelers are completed or underway.

Among the changes travelers have already seen include an improved flow of vehicle traffic into the airport. There is now one singular Terminal Road onto the CVG airport campus – from I-275 via KY 212 or KY 236/Donaldson Road. The new roadway provides more direct access and the first change to Terminal Drive in 30 years.

A consolidated rental car facility scheduled for completion late in 2021 will allow passengers to get a vehicle without having to take a shuttle. Construction is already underway.

Go to www.nkytribune.com and CVG for details.



Kenton County office building a '50-75-year solution,' consolidates five separate locations

By Mark Hansel
NKyTribune managing editor

The move of county offices to the new Kenton County Government Center on Simon Kenton Way is just about finished.

Kenton County Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann said the new complex will consolidate County government operations from five existing locations under one roof, and include virtually every County official and office. That includes the Fiscal Court, the County and Commonwealth's Attorneys offices, the Sheriff, the PVA, the County Clerks Offices, the Circuit Clerk's drivers' licensing service, and PDS (Planning and Development Services of Kenton County).

"We're very excited about that," Knochelmann said. "This is a 50-year to 75-year solution."

The county's new complex combines new construction and rehab of the historic Bavarian brewery building, which dates back almost to 1900. Bavarian closed in 1966, and the site sat mostly vacant for decades until Brew Works operated a microbrewery, store, and related ventures in 1996-98.

The Jillian's nightclub and entertainment complex opened in late 1998 and closed abruptly in 2006.

The County bought the site in 2016.

The move will also will bring big changes and new life to two areas of Covington.

The new complex, tucked in against Interstate 75 on the city's western side along the 12th Street/MLK corridor, will be home to about 350 employees, Knochelmann said.

With the move of the Kenton County Fiscal Court and other administrative offices from 303 Court Street, work will begin almost immediately on turning that building into apartments and ground-floor restaurant/retail space, Knochelmann said. The 10-story office tower has been about half vacant for almost a decade.

The county hopes to turn over ownership of the building in October, and Turner Construction Co. will begin stripping the building down to its brick exterior and concrete floors. Plans include more than 100 apartments and 5,000 square feet of restaurant/retail with some on-site parking.

NKY is at Kentucky's Edge, gateway to signature bourbon experience

Kentucky's Edge is the Quintessential Bourbon Event and it's coming to Northern Kentucky October 4-5.

There is no better place to refine your palate than where bourbon country starts. Craft your own bourbon experience by registering for any or all of the activities offered by Kentucky's Edge - from tastings and tours, to meals and pairings from the area's most respected distilleries, bourbon bars and restaurants.

The inaugural event is presented by Tier1 Performance Solutions.

Improve your bourbon IQ at the world-class Kentucky's Edge conference on Saturday with exclusive keynotes, panels, classes and exhibits. Among the keynoters are Marker's Mark's Bill Samuels Jr., Four

Roses' Marcus Neiman, and Mixologist Molly Wellman — and dozens of other experts and storytellers.

The river will come alive both days with a free music festival next to the NKY Convention Center featuring the Rusty Griswolds on October 4 and Hayseed Dixie on October 5. Also on Friday, there's the Smoke Justis Block party starting at 4 p.m. On Saturday, DJ Etrayne will be at Roeboling Point.

Take home a little piece of Kentucky from the Kentucky Artisan Market, taking place in Mainstrasse all weekend long.

Go to www.kentuckysedge.com for more details and follow the story at www.nkytribune.com.



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Democratic Candidates

Andy Beshear: Governor
Jacqueline Coleman: Lt. Governor

Andy Beshear is currently Kentucky's 50th Attorney General, elected in 2015. He spent more than a decade in private practice, where he was recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America. Born in Central Kentucky and a product of Kentucky's public schools, he understands the importance of a quality education. He graduated from Henry Clay High School in Lexington and attended Vanderbilt University where he earned a bachelor's degree (magna cum laude) in political science and anthropology. He graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law and in 2005 joined the Stites & Harbison law firm. In his role as Attorney General, Andy has fought for Kentucky families. Under his direction, the Office of the Attorney General has removed a record number of child predators from Kentucky communities. He is fighting the drug epidemic by pursuing heroin and fentanyl dealers and creating the Kentucky Opioid Disposal Program. He also provided funding to 15 substance abuse treatment centers through an \$8.5 million settlement. He created a communication tool to protect seniors against scams, funded the end of the rape kit backlog, and returned or saved Kentuckians and the state over \$350 million. Beshear has been an independent voice as attorney general, fighting to uphold Kentucky's constitution and laws. As Governor, Andy will fight



for education, well-paying jobs, and transparent and inclusive state government. Andy and his wife, Britainy, have two young children, Will and Lila. His family attend Beargrass Christian Church, where both Andy and Britainy serve as deacons.

Jacqueline Coleman is an assistant principal at Nelson County High School and a doctoral student in Educational Leadership at the University of Kentucky. A fifth generation Mercer Countian, she is an advocate for public education and for young women to step up and be leaders in their community. As a basketball coach, she has been named Coach of the Year. To expand on her own Emerge Kentucky opportunity, Jacqueline founded Lead Kentucky in 2013, a non-profit that ensures Kentucky's college women are prepared, encouraged, and empowered to seek leadership positions on their campuses and, eventually, in their professional fields. In its fourth year, Lead Kentucky has empowered 50 campus ambassadors on over 16 campuses with 29 different majors. She and her husband Chris have three children, Emma, Will and Nate.

Sheri Donahue: Auditor

Sheri Donahue was born in a small town outside of Louisville. She received a degree in Industrial Engineering from Purdue and has spent most of her 30-year professional career working for U.S. Navy. She also worked with the Department of Defense, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Humana. She has spent her career protecting our safety and our tax dollars. She is a single mother who knows the struggle of so many women across Kentucky to balance home and career. Her son, Ryan, is a 2018 graduate of UK.



being active in local politics volunteering for numerous campaigns. He began his working career in restaurants while in college, working his way up to General Manager for Yum! Brands. In 2011, he was asked to serve as Regional Coordinator for the Southwest members of the Louisville Metro Council and in 2012 was appointed as chief Legislative Assistant to District 14 Councilwoman Cindi Fowler. In 2017, Michael returned to the private sector as a Bank Officer and Branch Manager for one of the largest banks in the country, successfully managing a multi-million dollar financial portfolio.

Robert Conway: Agriculture Commissioner

Robert Conway is owner of farms in Scott and Harrison counties, an 8th generation family farmer in Kentucky. His family has farmed in Kentucky since 1782 and his farm has been in the family since 1876. A graduate of the Georgetown High School and the University of Kentucky, he is currently operations manager of C&S Transportation and is former regional manager of GE Capitol and former national accounts manager for Aurora Holding LLC. He is a member of the Kentucky Farm Bureau, the Scott County Beef Cattle Association, the Kentucky Cattleman Association,



Michael Bowman: Treasurer

Raised in the Valley Station neighborhood, Bowman is a life-long resident of Louisville. He attended Holy Cross High School, and with his passion for art, he attended the University of Louisville's Fine Arts program. Bowman was raised in a union family. He has been active in his local community, volunteering at the Sun Valley Community Center, serving on the Southwest Festival Committee, and



and a former officer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and member of Rotary International. He served for 11 years on the Scott County School board and as board chair and is a current district supervisory of Scott County Soil and Water Conservation Board. He and his wife, Millicent Butcher Conway, have four sons and one grandson.

Greg Stumbo: Attorney General

Greg Stumbo was a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives from the 95th District and Speaker of the House from 2009-2017; a seat he also held from 1981-2005, the longest serving House Majority Leader. He was Attorney General from 2004-2008. A native of Prestonsburg, he graduated from the University of Kentucky and got his law degree from the University of Louisville. He served as Assistant Floyd County Attorney, Martin City Attorney and as trial commissioner to the Floyd County District Court. He has practiced law in Kentucky for over 40 years. He plans to re-establish the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation to combat the drug epidemic, fight public corruption and recover lost tax dollars from things like Medicaid fraud.



Heather French Henry: Secretary of State

Heather French Henry has been a local, state and national advocate for military veterans and their families for over 20 years. She has served both Gov. Beshear and Gov. Bevin as Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. Her role in the department provided oversight for nearly 900 employees. Her responsibilities included developing legislative policy for the department and assisting with the overall strategy for the department's budget of nearly \$100 million. Her father, Ronnie French, is a disabled Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War. She took her family's experiences with her father's healthcare and military issues nationwide to develop partnerships with federal government agencies and local community service organizations. During her year of service as Miss America 2000, she worked in the halls of Congress and held strategic meetings with the White House. Henry is from Maysville and Augusta. She graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Design, Architecture, Art & Planning. She is married to Dr. Stephen L. Henry, former Lt. Governor of Kentucky. They have two daughters, Harper Renee and Taylor Augusta.



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Libertarian Candidates



John Hicks: Governor
Ann Cormican: Lt. Governor

John Hicks earned a bachelor's degree in political science with concentrations in economics and history from Stetson University in 1968 and attended Georgia State University from 1987-89. Hicks is a Leadership Louisville graduate, class of 1982. He served in the U.S. Army from 1969-70, assigned to Signal Corps, and served in Chu Lai, Vietnam. His professional experience includes working as a public school teacher, community newspaper publisher, 1976-86, and a programmer-analyst/IT consultant. His organizational affiliations include the Kentucky Open Source Society and the Libertarian Party of Louisville.

Ann Cormican works at the Toyota Motor plant in Georgetown. She earned a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics at University of Wyoming. She wants to limit the size and scope of government power and to ensure that all Americans have the right to control their own destinies as free and responsible members of society.

Kyle Hugenberg: Auditor

An experienced CIA (Certified Internal Auditor) Hugenberg has worked for years in the financial services, healthcare, manufacturing, and payment processing industries providing assurance that processes are appropriately and well controlled. He has performed SOX 404 compliance engagements, as well as operational and risk-based audits in a variety of staffing arrangements, including in-sourced, staff augmentation, and full outsource engagements. Other professional work experience includes financial analysis performing database querying, budgeting, forecasting, and margin analysis, as well as preparing reports for executive management.



Josh Gilpin: Agriculture Commissioner

Gilpin is chairman of the Libertarian Party of Graves County and lives in Sedalia. He is a master in freemasonry. He manages Sedalia Restaurant. He graduated from Graves Co. High School.

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Republican Candidates

Matt Bevin: Incumbent Governor
Ralph Alvarado: Lt. Governor

Matt Bevin has served as Kentucky's 62nd Governor. He called for all Kentuckians to work together to make the Commonwealth the best version of itself. Growing up in a small, rural town, he was the second of six children. After high school, he attended Washington and Lee University in Virginia with scholarships and worked on campus to earn extra money. He was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of Captain and spent four years on active duty. After his military service, he worked in the financial industry. A job opportunity brought him and his wife, Glenna, to Kentucky in 1999. Over the next 15 years, Bevin founded several local firms and invested in a number of other companies in Kentucky and around the United States, ranging from manufacturing to investment management to medical devices. In 2008, he joined Bevin Bros., a bell manufacturing company operated by the Bevin family since 1832. His uncle was planning to shut it down. In 2011, he became the President of Bevin Bros. and within a year had paid off all the company's debts and back taxes, modernized the business model, and saved more than 20 jobs. After the company was struck by lightning in 2012 and burned to the ground, Matt started over yet again. Today, Bevin Bros. continues to make thousands of bells. His philanthropic giving and personal service



involves serving on numerous non-profit boards. He has permanently endowed various scholarship funds, grants and centers that offer educational opportunities for young people in the U.S, India and Africa. He and Glenna are the parents of nine children ages 5-16.

Ralph Alvarado made history when he became the first Hispanic member elected to the Kentucky General Assembly in 2014. As the son of legal immigrants, he witnessed firsthand his parents' sacrifice to provide their family a better life. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky medical school, has run a successful medical practice and has served as Regional Medical Director at St. Joseph Health. In the Kentucky Senate, Ralph serves as the Chairman of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee, member of the Medicaid Oversight Advisory Committee, member of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Human resources, as well as a member of the Senate Transportation Committee and Senate State & Local Government Committee. He and his wife Dawn have been married 25 years and have two children.

Mike Harmon: Incumbent Auditor

First elected Auditor of Public Accounts in 2015, Harmon had previously served 13 years as state representative for the people of Boyle and Casey County, and formerly Washington County, in District



54. He has become the first Auditor to examine the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF) as well as the Administrative Office of the Courts. He learned responsible and ethical business practices in the insurance and banking industries. He is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with degrees in math, statistics, and theater. Mike and his wife, Lynn, have two daughters and two grandsons.

Allison Ball: Incumbent Treasurer

Allison Ball's family has lived in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky since the 1790s. As the 38th State Treasurer of the Commonwealth, she was the nation's youngest woman to serve in a statewide position and the first Kentucky Constitutional Officer to give birth while in office.



Ball launched a website that makes it easier for Kentuckians to see how the state government is spending their money (www.transparency.ky.gov) and established a savings and investment program for Kentuckians with disabilities called STABLE Kentucky. She also established the Financial Empowerment Coalition and Database, focused on improving the financial literacy of Kentuckians. Allison practiced bankruptcy law with a focus on consumer rights and commercial litigation and spent four years as an Assistant Floyd County Attorney, prosecuting child abuse and juvenile delinquency cases. She holds a law degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law. She is married to Taylor County native, Asa James Swan, and they have one son, Levi.

Ryan Quarles: Incumbent Agriculture Commissioner

Under Quarles' leadership, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) has started several new programs, including initiatives to combat hunger and connect Kentucky farmers to new markets. He has also supported the expansion of Kentucky's diverse agricultural portfolio to include industrial hemp, kenaf, and hops, leading to the rise of Kentucky's Industrial Hemp Program. Under his direction, the KDA



continues to look for more opportunities for Kentucky farmers to grow domestic and international markets. Quarles is a ninth-generation farmer and grew up on his family's farm in Scott County. Quarles graduated from the University of Kentucky with three undergraduate majors and two graduate degrees. In 2008, he was awarded a full scholarship to Harvard University, where he studied higher education, government, and law and earned a Master's degree in higher education. He finished his last year of law school at UK and completed his doctorate at Vanderbilt University.

Daniel Cameron: Attorney General

Cameron grew up in Hardin County and graduated from John Hardin High School in 2004. He attended the University of Louisville where he was a McConnell Scholar and then attended the Brandeis



School of Law. During his three years there he was a member of its law review and president of the Student Bar Association. Cameron passed the Kentucky Bar exam in 2011. His professional career has consisted of serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Gregory Van Tatenhove, a United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky; private practice at Stites & Harbison in Louisville; service as Mitch McConnell's legal counsel in Washington, D.C.; and private practice at Frost Brown Todd in Louisville since June 2017.

Michael Adams: Secretary of State

Adams grew up in McCracken County and attended public schools. He volunteered at age 16 for Bush/Quayle '92 and eventually took strategic roles in local Republican campaigns. He worked his way through college, becoming the first graduate in his family. He went to Harvard Law School and after working for Sen. McConnell, Gov. Fletcher and President George W. Bush's Justice Department, he was named General Counsel for the Republican Governors Association, and for the last 11 years has helped them compete in governors' races in all 50 states.



Adams has built a successful Republican election-law practice, where he has represented Vice President Mike Pence's political committee, the National Federation of Republican Women, and scores of other conservative candidates, committees and causes. In 2016, he was treasurer and counsel to Kentuckians for Strong Leadership, a Super PAC targeting Kentucky state house districts. Gov. Bevin appointed him to the Kentucky State Board of Elections, where he served for a year and a half before resigning to run for Secretary of State. Kentucky's Secretary of State chairs the State Board of Elections and is the Commonwealth's top elections official.

He is married to Christina; they have one child.

Candidates for vacant 63rd District House seat

Most of the offices on the ballot November 5 are for state constitutional offices, but the resignation of Diane St. Onge left a legislative seat open for the 63rd District that takes in these precincts:

All of Crescent Springs (Crescent Springs 1, 2 and 3); Crestview Hills 2, Edgewood 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, Erlanger 11 and 12, Ft Mitchell 1, 3, 5, 7, All of Ft. Wright (Ft Wright 1, 2 and 3), Lakeside Park 2, Park Hills 1, All of Villa Hills (Villa Hills 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).

Voters in these precincts will see this race on their ballots. The candidates are:

Kim Banta, Republican

Banta is a retired Kenton County school administrator who served as an Assistant Superintendent and as principal at Dixie Heights High School. She spent 28 years with the Kenton County schools. She has an undergraduate degree from Indiana University



Bloomington and an EdD in Educational Leadership and Administration, from the University of Louisville.

Josh Blair, Democrat

Blair, who lives in Erlanger, is an adjunct professor in communications at Northern Kentucky University and Cincinnati Technical and Community College. He is a graduate of Beechwood High School and NKU and attended graduate school at Ohio University. He worked at Syracuse University in the Public Safety Department before returning to NKY to raise his family. He ran for the District 63 seat in 2017.



You have until Oct. 7 to register at your county clerk's office or online at govoteky.com. The election is Nov. 5.

New faces in important places: People you should know

Joseph Lee Chillo, President
Thomas More University



Joseph L. Chillo, LP.D. was named 15th president of Thomas More University, effective July 1. He was inaugurated September 25.

“We will work hard as an inclusive community dedicated to academic excellence, elevation of academic programs, and reputation of this University. We will look to ways to expand enrollment and fund-raising, grow the endowment, and continue the important work of creating educational opportunity for every student. The transformative power of a Thomas More education will be exciting and relevant as we look to the future.”

Chillo served as the president of Newbury College in Brookline, Massachusetts, since 2014, where he was also a professor of humanities. A first-generation college graduate, he earned his bachelor’s degree at Binghamton University, a Master of Public Administration at Long Island University, and a Doctor of Law and Policy at Northeastern University.

Lee Crume, President & CEO
Tri-County Economic Development Corporation



Lee Crume started in April as the new President and CEO of the Northern Kentucky Tri-County Economic Development Corporation (Tri-ED) after a national search.

“Northern Kentucky Tri-ED is entering a transformative phase defined by substantial growth and development of jobs, talent and the business environment,” said Crume.

Crume has more than 25 years of economic development and corporate experience, most recently in the position as Global Director of Business Development for JobOhio, a Columbus, Ohio-based non-profit organization designed to drive job creation and new capital investment.

In addition to Crume’s appointment, the Tri-ED Board has approved the election of Bob Heil, CEO of KLH Engineers, as Chairman of the Board, and Candace McGraw, CEO of the Cincinnati/Northern

Kentucky International Airport, as Vice Chairwoman. The rest of the Executive Committee rounds out with Kimberly Halbauer, Fifth Third Bank; Aaron Blutworth, FERN; and county Judge-Executives Gary Moore, Boone County; Steve Pendery, Campbell County and Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County. The 23-member Tri-ED board is comprised of business leaders from both the private and public sectors.

Karen Finan
Regional Alliance



Karen Finan is President and CEO of the Northern Kentucky Regional Alliance, a new initiative to mobilize energy and resources around health, education, job growth and community vibrancy in NKY. She is charged with exploring a new model to align the community, business leaders and resources. The Alliance is an evolution from Forward Quest, Vision 2015 and Skyward, focusing on strategic leadership and influence.

Finan has been responsible for national marketing and business development for Duke Realty Corporation, senior vice president for Tri-ED, and a partner at Gilman Partners where she built a talent recruiting practice in real estate and economic development.

Ashish Vaidya
President
Northern Kentucky University



Dr. Ashish Vaidya began his tenure as NKU’s sixth president in July, 2018 and was formally installed on March 29 this year.

“I’m humbled by the opportunity to lead this great institution and honored to take the oath as NKU’s sixth president. Together, we have a tremendous opportunity to redefine and reclaim the narrative about the significance of a 21st-century public institution and the value of an NKU education,” said President Vaidya. “Our campus is home to diverse learners, and we must meet their needs—no matter what age or stage they are at in their life. It is my belief that if we accept a student at this university, we have the moral obligation to ensure they receive every opportunity to meet their educational goals.”

He was sworn in by the Honorable Michelle M. Keller, Kentucky Supreme Court Justice and Chase College of Law alumna.

President Vaidya selected a spring Investiture Ceremony to allow himself time to understand the campus culture and the region. He came to NKU from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, where he served as interim president. He holds a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from St. Xavier’s College (Mumbai, India), and a master’s and a doctorate from the University of California, Davis. He is married to Nita Vaidya, a sociologist. They have two children, Jaanhvi and Avaneesh.

Randy Poe, Executive Director
Northern Kentucky Education Council



Dr. Randy Poe, Superintendent of Boone County School District, has been named Director of the Northern Kentucky Education Alliance, succeeding Polly Lusk Page who retired after 10 years. Poe has been a classroom teacher, assistant principal and principal, executive director of Technology, Research and Development Services, assistant and deputy superintendent and superintendent. In 2013, he was named Kentucky Superintendent of the Year.

The Council is the region’s backbone organization for the alignment of education initiatives that support youth from birth to career and serves as a catalyst for collaboration, change and progress toward regional educational goals. Poe has served on the board for six years.

Nancy Grayson, President
Horizon Community Funds of NKY



Nancy Grayson is responsible for implementing the vision and strategic direction of the new Horizon Community Funds as set by the Council of Trustees, working collaboratively with other community leaders to serve the community’s needs.

She has served on numerous boards of organizations dedicated to improving education, promoting healthy family relationships, and preserving the natural resources and history of Kentucky. She has received numerous awards relating to

leadership, community service and education. She graduated summa cum laude in Political Science from the University of Kentucky and received her Juris Doctor from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. She lives in Boone County with her husband, Trey, and their two daughters, Alex and Kate.

David Fleischer
Executive Director
NaviGo College and Career Prep



David Fleischer, a former Toyota and Ignite Institute executive, has taken over NaviGo College and Career Prep, from founder Tim Hanner who resigned for health reasons. He has over 30 years in successful management operations at all Toyota North American manufacturing facilities and serves on the Workforce Investment Board.

NaviGo Prep is a division of Children Inc. and provides mentoring and experiences for high school students and families as they make college and career choices. NaviGo has been instrumental in the recent establishment of the River Cities Initiative aimed at engaging inner city students in early interventions to finish high school and think about their next steps.

Catrena Bowman-Thomas
Executive Director
Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission



Catrina Bowman-Thomas brought her experience and creativity from 16 years with the Lexington Community Action Commission to become executive director of the NKY organization.

The CAC covers eight counties and assists low income individuals and families achieve self-reliance, accountability and autonomy. Bowman-Thomas has also instituted a comprehensive get-out-the vote program and is driving a focus on affordable housing. It is responsible for the Lincoln Grant Scholar House, based in Covington. It provides a home for single parents who are full-time college students. They get family, academic and financial support to stay in school and get a job – to break the cycle of poverty.

Top 10 Reasons to Join the NKY Chamber

1

Leadership & Volunteer Opportunities

As a member, you can become involved in a number of ways - from participating on a committee, engaging in leadership development programs, or serving as an ambassador.

2

Connecting Through Our Network

Dozens of networking opportunities - from the popular Eggs 'N Issues, and Pints & Perspectives to Women's Initiative CONNECT Hours - give members a chance to expand their referral base and connect on business issues.

3

Advocacy: Working for You

As the leading business organization in the region, we focus on identifying opportunities via public policy to create a greater ease of doing business.

4

Workforce

From addressing the need for a robust talent pipeline to the creation of workplace policies, we work to ensure you have the resources you need for your company to be successful.

5

Discounted Services & Offers

Take advantage of savings opportunities on health insurance, credit card processing, office supplies, and more! Many members also offer member to member discounts.

6

Roundtables

Access to unique roundtables that create a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas around issues, challenges, and best practices.

7

Free Marketing Opportunities

Promote company news through the NKY Chamber's myriad channels - website, email newsletter, social media accounts, podcast, and Business Journal.

8

Business Assistance

As a member, the NKY Chamber will work with you to facilitate introductions and provide you with direct access to services that help your business.

9

Education & Professional Development

Attend workshops and programs on topics such as human resources, international trade, legislation, sales, and customer services to help you manage and grow both your business and employees.

10

Specialty Resources

Take advantage of diverse offerings focused on networking and professional development for professionals of all ages and stages through Northern Kentucky Young Professionals, Northern Kentucky International Trade & Affairs, and the Women's Initiative.

The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce invites you to be a part of the largest chamber in Northern Kentucky representing 1,500 members from all industries and of all sizes located throughout the Tri-State area.

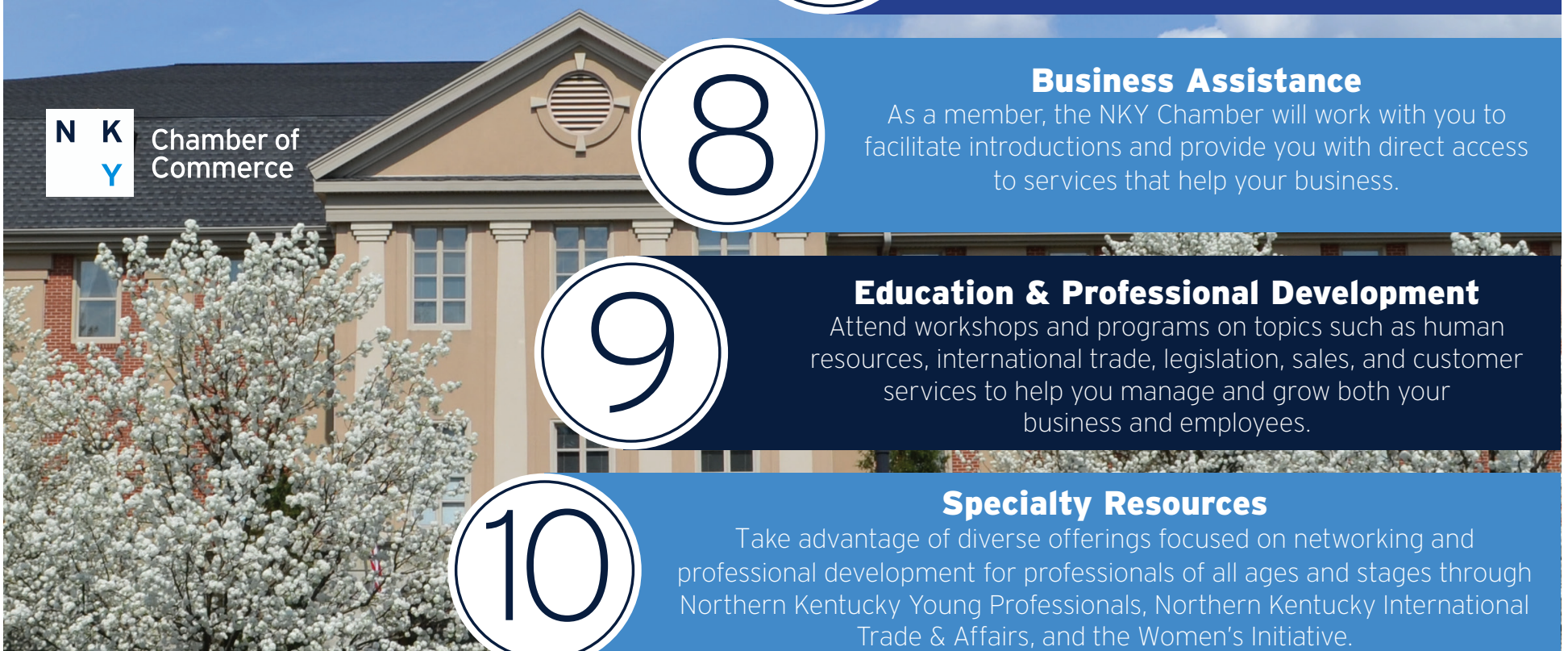
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Together, we are building a foundation that will create vast opportunities for students from across the nation to strengthen the healthcare landscape right here in Northern Kentucky.

