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# Fireworks galore!

## Area Fourth of July festivities include parades, fireworks, and live music

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As Independence Day approaches, so do a variety of community events lasting through the weekend.

The Kiwanis Club of Scott County will host the Georgetown July

Fourth Parade, followed by a fireworks display, according to a statement from Kiwanis.

“This year’s Parade will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 4, and travel through Main Street,” read the statement. “This year’s theme is ‘Independence Day, the Scott County Way.’”

“Fireworks will occur at Brooking Park (known as Scott County Park), and begin at dusk,” according to the statement. “Food, drink, and ice cream vendors will be available at the park.”

Across the street from the Brooking Park fireworks, Trinity Assembly of God will host its

Fourth Fest. Starting at 6 p.m. Friday, live music, inflatables, and food will be available, Communications Director Ashley Little said.

Stamping Ground will host its Independence Day parade Friday at 6 p.m., according to a community Facebook post. “Decorate your car,

wagon, bike, horse or tractor and join the parade,” the post states.

Parade participants will line up on Commonwealth Drive at 5:30 p.m., ride along Main Street, and finish at Edgewood Drive, according to the post. “The Market on Main Farmers and Crafters will be set up at Buf-

falo Square as well.”

More fireworks are set for the weekend. Sadieville will host a fireworks show on July 5, at 859 Pike St., according to a Facebook post from Celebrate Sadieville. Activities include Phat Daddy’s Eats and Treats, live

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NEWS-GRAPHIC PHOTO BY JACK THOMAS

Workers painted over the ‘White Owl’ mural on the corner of Main Street and North Hamilton Street Wednesday.

# Notable downtown mural gets painted over; community members react online

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Some popular downtown advertisement murals are being painted over due to their “deplorable condition,” said Doug Smith, a realtor and owner of a building with such a mural.

A White Owl Cigars advertisement promoting cigars for 5 cents on the side of a building at the corner of North Hamilton Street is one such mural. The other is for Parliament cigarettes.

“(The murals) are in deplorable condition,” Smith said. “(They haven’t) been maintained and the community didn’t seem to have interest in them.”

Smith doesn’t have any plans to replace the murals, he said.

“They don’t do a lot for the merchants,” Smith said.

Many took to area Facebook groups and pages to share thoughts of the fresh paint job. One poster in the Georgetown, KY Facebook



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The White Owl Cigars advertisement.

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# Officials encourage vaccines following measles outbreak

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Kentucky has a measles outbreak, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services announced Monday.

It started in Woodford County and spread to nearby Fayette, the cabinet said days after announcing four new cases of the highly contagious virus in unvaccinated people.

“When there are measles outbreaks in other states and nearby countries, it is not surprising to see spread to Kentucky,” Dr. Steven Stack, the public health commissioner and newly-appointed cabinet secretary, said in a statement. “Measles can be very serious, but

it is avoidable through vaccination. We urge all parents to have their children vaccinated to ensure they are protected from preventable diseases like measles.”

Measles is extremely contagious and is spread through the air from coughs or sneezes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. One infected person can infect 9 in 10 unprotected people around them, the CDC says.

Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes and a rash. The CDC recommends the measles vaccination series at 12-15 months and then at 4-6 years old.

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Public Health Commissioner

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