

Develop Danville presents Local Shop of the Week: Dry Stack Coffee

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DANVILLE — What began as a family coffee-roasting operation has grown into a downtown gathering place where customers can enjoy coffee roasted just steps from where it is served.

Dry Stack Coffee, owned and operated by Aaron and Leigh Ranson, is located at 219 W. Main St. in downtown Danville.

The Ransons began roasting coffee commercially in 2015, and the business eventually grew from a roastery into a full coffee shop.

For the Ransons, the focus has remained on fresh coffee. Dry Stack sources specialty-grade coffees from around the world and roasts them in small batches at its Danville location.

Customers can enjoy coffee in the shop, purchase beans by the bag or sign up for subscriptions. The company says coffee purchased by the bag is roasted as orders are received.

Even the name reflects the company's Kentucky roots.

"Dry Stack" refers to the dry-stacked stone fences found throughout the Bluegrass. The fences were constructed without

mortar, a technique used by skilled stone masons who came to Kentucky in the early 19th century.

But Dry Stack has developed into more than a place to pick up a cup of coffee.

Aaron Ranson has said one of the goals behind the downtown shop was creating a place where people could spend time together.

"We've always tried to position ourselves as a living room for the community," Ranson told LEX 18 in 2025.

That community-focused atmosphere accompanies a menu that goes beyond coffee. Ranson told LEX 18 the shop makes its pastries in-house daily, including danishes, croissants and biscuits.

The coffee itself continues to be roasted in-house as well.

The Ransons' connection to Danville also extends beyond their business.

The family describes itself as involved in the community through schools, sports and the local farmers market.

Aaron Ranson is also listed by the city of Danville as a local business mentor.

Today, Dry Stack combines the work of a small-batch coffee roastery with the atmosphere of a



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Dry Stack Coffee, owned by Aaron and Leigh Ranson, has grown from a family roasting operation into a downtown Danville coffee shop focused on fresh, small-batch coffee and community.

neighborhood coffee shop, giving customers a place to meet while keeping the roasting process local.

Dry Stack Coffee is open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Danville Fire Department Station 2 Roof Repair

The City of Danville is accepting separate sealed bids for a new flat roof installation of the apparatus bay at Danville Fire Department Station 2. Bids will be received at the City Engineer's Office, City Hall, 445 West Main Street, Danville, Kentucky, until Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, at 10 am (EST) / 9 am (CST). All bid envelopes shall be clearly marked "Danville Fire Department Station 2 Roof Repair" in the bottom left corner of the envelope. The bids will be opened in a public forum on Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, at 10:05 am (EST) / 9:05 am (CST).

Inspection requests may be scheduled by contacting Deputy Fire Chief Matt Groves at mgroves@danvilleky.gov or 859-326-1729.

The City reserves the right to refuse or reject any and/or all submittals for any reason or for no reason whatsoever. The City will accept the best evaluated proposal and the criteria for evaluating the proposals includes but is not limited to:

"Location and serviceability of the bidder, versatility of the equipment and services, apparent dependability of equipment and services, generally accepted reliability of manufacturer and services and reputation of bidder."

CITY OF DANVILLE, KENTUCKY
J.H. Atkins, MAYOR

Attest:
Ashley Phillips, CITY CLERK

at The Vault | Summer Concert Series: 8-11 p.m. 235 South Main Street. Free. www.eventbrite.com

Centre College Men's Soccer vs Mount St. Joseph - Scrimmage: 4-6 p.m. centrecolonels.com

Delve Into Danville: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Campus Center, www.centre.edu

Indoor Adult Volleyball at Jennie Rogers: 6-9 p.m. Jenny Rogers Community Center, 410 East Main St. www.danvilleky.org

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
AM Worship Service: First Church of God, 3220 Harrodsburg Rd. www.danvillefirstchurchofgod.com

Beaumont Inn- Breakfast & Lunch Buffets: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Beaumont Inn, 638 Beaumont Inn Dr. \$13.95 - \$18.95. www.beaumontinn.com

Boot Scootin' Nation: The Grand Theatre, 117 Lexington Road. \$15.00 - \$50.00. lancastergrandtheatre.thundertix.com

Centre College Field Hockey vs Transylvania - Scrimmage: 4-7 p.m. centrecolonels.com

Prayer Time: First Church of God, 3220 Harrodsburg Rd. www.danvillefirstchurchofgod.com

Sunday School: First Church of God, 3220 Harrodsburg Rd. www.danvillefirstchurchofgod.com

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
Adult Education GED Class: 5-7 p.m. Boyle County Public Library, 307 W Broadway St., www.boylepublib.org
CASA New Advocate Training: 6:30-7:30 p.m. www.danvilleky.org

Fourth Tuesday Regular Fiscal Court Meeting: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 321 West Main Street Room 106. www.boylecountyky.gov

Writing Workshop: Let Your Imagination Run Wild: 5:30-7:45 p.m. Boyle County

Public Library, 307 W Broadway St., www.boylepublib.org

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
Junior & Senior High Student Ministries: First Church of God, 3220 Harrodsburg Rd. www.danvillefirstchurchofgod.com

Kids - Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays: First Church of God, 3220 Harrodsburg Rd. www.danvillefirstchurchofgod.com

Prayer Time/Bible Study: First Church of God, 3220 Harrodsburg Rd. www.danvillefirstchurchofgod.com

Read Between the Wines: 6-8 p.m. Ghost Fox Winery, 2385 Chrisman Mill Road. Free. ghostfoxwinery.com

Stories of Downtown Walking Tour: 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Boyle County Public Library, 307 W Broadway St., www.boylepublib.org

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
2026 Lunar Eclipse Viewing: 9:30-11 p.m. Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, 3501 Lexington Rd. \$25.00. shakervillageky.org

A Time to Remember: 2-7:15 p.m. Boyle County Extension Office - 99 Corporate Drive, www.danvilleky.org

Centre College Men's Soccer vs Transylvania - Scrimmage: 7-9 p.m. centrecolonels.com

Expungement Clinic: 2-6 p.m. Boyle County Extension Office, 99 Corporate Drive. www.danvilleky.org

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
Jerry Denson Memorial at Ponderosa Speedway: 7 p.m. Ponderosa Speedway, 365 Phillips Lane. danvillekentucky.com

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
2026 Family Adventures: 10-11:30 a.m. Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, 3501 Lexington Rd. \$20.00. shakervillageky.org

Your

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CALENDAR

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Adult Education GED Class: 5-7 p.m. Boyle County Public Library, 307 W Broadway St., www.boylepublib.org

Boyle County Fire Dept Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting: 6 p.m. Boyle Co Fire Dept HQ, 1500 Lebanon Road. Free.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Centre College Women's Soccer vs Lincoln Memorial - Scrimmage: 12-2 p.m. centrecolonels.com

Downtown Danville Author Hop: 5-8 p.m. www.danvilleky.org

Musical Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. Plaid Elephant Book, 116 N 3rd St. www.danvilleky.org

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Rhonda Gilliam Exhibit Opening Reception: 4:30-6 p.m. Art center of the Bluegrass, 401 West Main Street. www.danvilleky.org

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

2026 fresh food adventures: 6-9 p.m. \$99.00 - \$109.00. shakervillageky.org

Boot Scootin Nation: 6 p.m. Lancaster Grand Theatre, 117 Lexington Rd., www.facebook.com

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