First Harrodsburger Week features 23 local specials

Harrodsburger Week Runs Nov. 9-15

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From smashburgers and breakfast burgers to burger tacos, pizza and even ice cream burgers, Harrodsburg's dining scene will take center stage during the first Harrodsburger Week, Nov. 9–15.

Organized by the Harrodsburg Mercer County Tourist Commission, the event will feature $7 specials at 17 restaurants and six food trucks, with a passport program giving diners a chance to win prizes while exploring local businesses.

Sadie Peavler, an intern with the tourist commission, said the idea grew out of the success of Lexington's burger week. Tourist commission Director Daarik Gray proposed the project to her in February after having it on his radar for some time.

"Daarik asked me to work on the project, so I started researching how Lexington did theirs and gauging interest from local businesses in Harrodsburg," Peavler said.

The result is a week of special creations featuring everything from familiar burger styles to unexpected toppings such as fried banana peppers, mac and cheese and raspberry jelly. Each location's featured creation will be available only during Harrodsburger Week, Peavler said.

All featured specials will cost $7, allowing diners to choose among the offerings without price being a deciding factor.

Diners can pick up a passport book at any participating location and collect a stamp when ordering a featured special. Those who collect stamps from at least four participating locations and submit their passports will be entered to win prizes, including a Blackstone grill, a YETI cooler and a basket of gift cards valued at more than $500.

Diners can return completed passports to any participating location or place them in the black drop box at the Diamond Point Welcome Center, located at 488 Price Avenue.

The passport also lets diners vote for their favorite burger by circling their top pick in the back of the book. The winning business will receive a $1,000 marketing campaign from the tourist commission.

Participating locations will also surprise randomly selected burger buyers with event merchandise, including T-shirts, hats, koozies and sticker decals.

A Harrodsburger Week Finale is planned for Saturday, Nov. 14, at The Lawn on Main, featuring a live DJ, karaoke, yard games and giveaways. Billy's BBQ will serve its featured burger special from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., while Harrod's Perk & Chill's coffee trailer will offer drinks and ice cream from 5 to 8 p.m.

Participating businesses will otherwise maintain their regular hours throughout the week. Hours for each location will be listed in the passport book.

Peavler said organizers hope the event introduces residents to more local dining options and draws visitors from surrounding communities who will also explore Harrodsburg's other attractions.

"Ultimately, we want HarrodsBurger Week to become an annual tradition that our community and local businesses look forward to each year!" she said.

For the inaugural event, success will mean bringing new customers through local businesses' doors and building excitement around the community's dining scene.

"More than anything, we just want people to have fun, get involved, and try some delicious burgers!" Peavler said.

Participating restaurants and food trucks include:

• Beaumont Inn is serving the Beaumont Grind, which is a beef-and-pork blend burger topped with beer cheese, caramelized onion, fried banana peppers and tavern barbecue sauce on a potato bun;

• Billy's BBQ is serving the Hog Topped Hero, which is a smoked Angus burger topped with pulled pork, homemade coleslaw, Cannon Fire hot barbecue sauce, jalapeños, spicy pickles and pickled onions;

• Bishops Smash Burger is serving Fold Me Up Burger Tacos, which feature a smashburger patty with grilled onions, pickles, cheese and Bishop's Munch Sauce, grilled in two tortillas;

• Biscuits BBQ is serving the Biscuits BBQ Smash, a premium brisket beef blend smashed over shaved white onions and layered with crisp bacon, your choice of melted cheese and homemade smashburger sauce between buttery, golden slices of Texas toast;

• Blackbird Cafe and Sitbe Cider are serving the Famous Fudge Company's Harrodsburger, which features tender meatloaf topped with a sweet and tangy sauce on a brioche bun, returning for one week only;

• C & T Food Mart is serving the Chicken 65 Burger, which features a crispy chicken breast marinated for more than four hours in yogurt, ginger, garlic and Indian spices, topped with lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese and mayo on a toasted bun;

• Casa Grande is serving the Jalapeños Fajita Burger, a burger patty topped with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes and jalapeños, drizzled with queso on a Hawaiian roll bun;

• Granny's Diner is serving Granny's All Day Breakfast Burger, which is a quarter-pound ground sirloin burger seasoned with salt and pepper and topped with American cheese, crispy bacon, a fried egg, lettuce, tomato and mayo on a grilled brioche bun;

• Grillin' Good Eats is serving the Duke, a single smashburger piled with mac and cheese and brisket, finished with your choice of cheese and barbecue sauce;

• Harrods Perk & Chill is serving the How You Brewin Burger, which is a Belgian waffle stuffed with sausage casserole made with flavored cream cheese;

• High Mountain BBQ is serving the High Mountain Hippie Burger, a quarter-pound Angus beef burger topped with raspberry jelly, Provolone and American cheeses, bacon, lettuce, onion, tomato, pickle and homemade raspberry barbecue sauce;

• Kayla's Diner is serving the Big K Burger, which features two quarter-pound burger patties stacked on a double-decker bun with grilled onions, lettuce, pickles and Kayla's special sauce;

• Kountry Kupboard is serving the Kountry Kupboard HAM-burger, featuring sugar-cured country ham on a seasoned brioche bun with a choice of over 20 cheeses, vegetables and condiments;

• La Fonda is serving the La Fonda Chipotle Burger, a beef patty layered with homemade guacamole, Swiss cheese, lettuce and tomato, drizzled with chipotle cheese sauce on a grilled bun;

• Lucky Horse Coffee is serving the Saddle Stack Breakfast Burger, a homemade egg patty with Colby Jack cheese and two turkey sausage patties, stacked inside a glazed doughnut and drizzled with maple syrup;

• Miss Steaks is serving the Big Mistake, a seasoned quarter-pound patty covered in award-winning smoky beer cheese, topped with bacon and jalapeño-grilled onion relish and served on a butter-toasted bun;

• Nan's Olde Town Grill is serving the Hogtown Chili Burger, a hand-patted burger topped with Nan's homemade chili and served on grilled Texas toast with choice of cheese and toppings;

• Ollie's Sammich Wagon is serving the Jalapeno Popper Burger, featuring two smashburger patties topped with cream cheese, jalapeños, arugula, bacon jam and Havarti cheese on toasted ciabatta;

• Papa Smoke Pizza is serving the Big Mac Attack Burger Pizza, featuring its signature crust topped with Thousand Island dressing, cheese, beef, cooked onions, lettuce and pickles, then another drizzle of Thousand Island;

• The Local is serving the Caramel Crunch Burger, a dessert burger with vanilla ice cream sandwiched between two pieces of cake, plus crushed salted pretzels, Biscoff cookie crumbs and whipped cream;

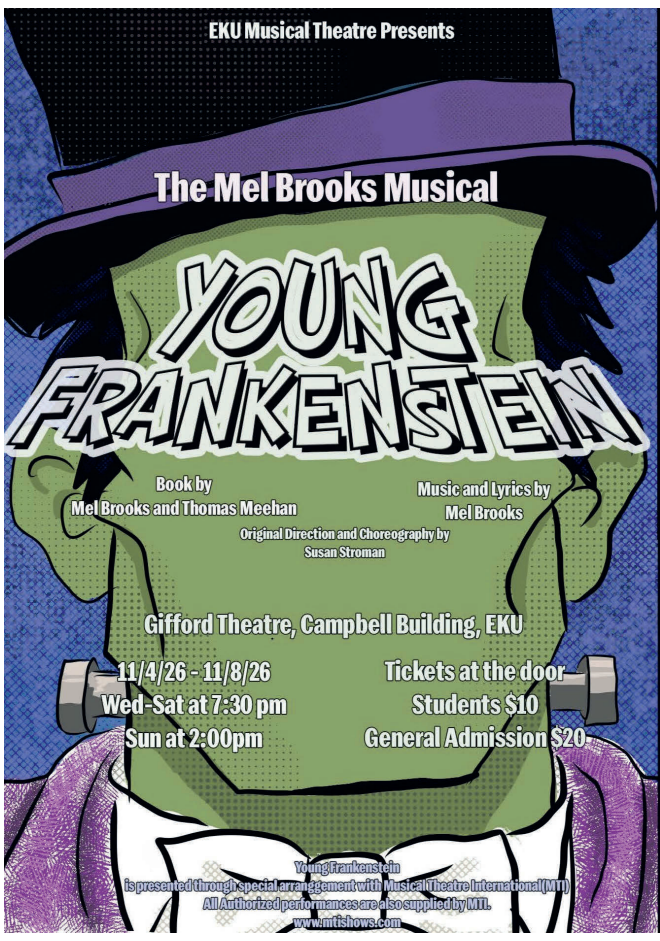
• Olde Bus Station is serving the Drunken Greyhound, which is a seasoned quarter-pound burger topped with homemade bacon jam, beer cheese and deep-fried onion straws on a pretzel bun;

• Sandwich Shop is serving the Cowboy Sloppy Joe Burger, which features fresh ground chuck mixed with barbecue sauce, diced onions and peppers and special seasonings, topped with crispy onion straws and optional jalapeños;

• Trustees Table, at Shaker Village, is serving Ms. Sue's Smashburger, which is a juicy 5-ounce beef patty topped with homemade poblano pimento cheese and house-made caramelized onion bacon jam;

• The Vault is serving the Cheeseburger Shooter, which is a specialty shooter with a flavor reminiscent of a fast-food cheeseburger.

More information on locations is available at visitharrodsburgky.com/harrodsburger-week and on the Harrodsburger Week Facebook page.







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FISCAL COURT

Republican Sarah Steele defeated Democrat Chris Walker, 4,999 to 3,217, for the judge-executive seat.



SARAH STEELE

With Sheriff Ernie Kelty's retirement, Sean Brown will be Mercer County's newest sheriff since Kelty was elected in 2010. Republican Brown beat out Democrat Tim Gambrel, 6,188 to 2,143.



SEAN BROWN

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