

Downtown Small Biz Crawl returns May 14

Entertainment, promotions, giveaways planned

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Last year, the Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corp. and Downtown Owensboro Inc. created the Downtown Small Biz Crawl to celebrate National Small Business Month.

And it was so successful that they're doing it again on May 14.

Derek Stone, president of Downtown Owensboro Inc. and manager of Mellow Mushroom, said, "This event is all about celebrating the businesses that make downtown Owensboro such a unique and exciting place."

He said, "Last year's turnout showed just how much people enjoy supporting local, and we're excited to bring even more energy and excitement to downtown this year."

Claude Bacon, president & CEO of the EDC, said, "Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy and downtown plays a major role in creating a vibrant place to live, work and visit."

He said, "The Small Biz Crawl is a fun and impactful way to support entrepreneurs, increase traffic for local businesses and showcase all that Owensboro has to offer."

This year, the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce will join in by hosting several of its members inside its office in the Commerce Center, creating space for entrepreneurs and small businesses who aren't located downtown to connect with shoppers.

"Opening our doors to chamber members who don't have a downtown footprint will increase visibility and the economic impact for the Small Biz Crawl," Dave Kirk, president & CEO of the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, said of the event.

People can explore downtown shops, restaurants and entertainment venues all day.

They will find special promotions, pop-up vendors, giveaways and interactive experiences.

The idea is to boost weekday traffic and local spending during a traditionally slower midweek

day.

Shoppers can also compete for cash prizes throughout day, organizers said.

Every qualifying purchase made at a participating downtown business will count as an entry.

Live music will be performed throughout downtown with entertainment organized by Brasher's Lil Nashville.

To register a business or learn more, visit edc.owensboro.com/crawl.

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Agenda

Daviess

Fiscal Court

Daviess County Fiscal Court will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Daviess County Courthouse. The agenda includes the following items:

- Hear presentation of Executive Order No. 03-2026: Parks and Recreation working committee (April 20, 2026)
- Consider approving minutes of April 16, 2026, Daviess County Fiscal Court meeting
- Consider approving all claims for all departments
- Consider approving Resolution 11-2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement
- Consider approving Memorandum of Agreement between the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Office of the Secretary, Office of Drug Control Policy, and Daviess County Fiscal Court to establish an agreement for the Daviess County KY-ASAP local board
- Consider approving lease agreement with Kentucky Scholastic 3D Archery for utilization of the Mattingly Target Shooting Range
- Consider approving security services agreements through the Daviess County Sheriff's Office: 05-2026 effective April 23, 2026; 06-2026 effective April 27, 2026
- Consider approving deed of easement on Lamplite Circle for siren pole and tornado warning siren
- Consider approving contract with Daviess County Public Schools for the transportation of non-public school students
- Consider approving contract with Axiom Architecture for St. Joseph VFD overhead door design services
- Consider approving rate schedule for Daviess County Fiscal Court
- Consider awarding Bid No. 2526-55: Pickleball courts project (Parks)
- Consider awarding RFQ 2526-71: Athletic courts repair (Parks)
- Consider approving Resolution 08-2026 — Establishing a Daviess County Drainage Advisory Board
- Consider appointing Janie Mahoney (Carlin Gregory S2T) to the Ohio County Water Board effective May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2030
- Consider other business to be heard before the Daviess County Fiscal Court
- Public comments
- Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court

OPD: 4 people charged in weekend burglaries

BY THE MESSENGER-INQUIRER

Four people were charged in connection with two Frederica Street business burglaries that also resulted in extensive damage to one of the businesses.

An OPD press release says the burglaries occurred at Greensman Landscape Solutions and at Maui's Theme

Park, which are both located in the 5000 block of Frederica Street.

Reports say tools and electronics were reported stolen from Maui's Theme Park, which is being constructed in part of the former Towne Square Mall.

Greensman Landscape Solutions sustained "tens of thousands of damage" during the burglary,

the press release says.

Travis L. Keller, 18, and Bobby J. Keller, 18, both of the 400 block of Wesleyan Place, were arrested Tuesday afternoon and charged with two counts of third-degree burglary and one count of first-degree criminal mischief. Isaac D. Mattingly, 18, of the 2800 block of Delaware Drive was arrested Wednesday

morning on two counts of third-degree burglary and one count of first-degree criminal mischief.

The OPD release says a juvenile, 15, was arrested on the same charges.

About \$5,000 worth of property stolen from Maui's has been recovered. The burglaries are still under investigation.



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The Hines Center has been sold for \$1.8M.

HINES

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According to Owensboro Manufacturing's website, it's a "contract manufacturer helping companies develop, design and produce critical components for their products. Since the beginning of our company back in 1999, we have delivered quality

machined shafts and stampings."

The Hines Center was also built in 1999 by Premium Allied Tool Chairman James Hines Jr. as a wellness center for his Hines Group employees.

According to Messenger-Inquirer archives, the Hines Center was constructed for \$5 million, with amenities that included a 25-meter pool, a Nautilus fitness room, six racquetball courts and a "party room" suitable for a 1,200-person banquet

when it is not in use for aerobics.

"We're hoping it will help attract employees and make employees more loyal to the company," Hines told the Messenger-Inquirer in 1998. "Every employee and their family will get the full use of this."

After the closure of the Executive Inn Rivermont in 2008, the Hines Center became a popular community venue despite being outside the city limits off Kentucky Highway 54.

According to Messenger-Inquirer archives, the Hines Center hosted major events such as fundraisers, graduations, weddings, the AG Expo and the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce's Rooster Booster Breakfast. However, those events waned after the Owensboro Convention Center opened in 2014.

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AIRPORT

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The man walked away after arguing with Miles and Fannon. Surveillance video deputies reviewed of the incident shows the man taking an inactive access badge off a pig statue in the lobby. The video shows the man then taking a pen from a bourbon barrel in the lobby, walking back to the door of Guthrie's office and attempting to unlock the door with the inactive badge.

Reports said the video shows the man then attempted to open another door with the badge, briefly walked to the terminal's exit hallway and then exited the building. The video shows the man drop a magazine at a side door and unsuccessfully try to enter the building from a second side door, "banging on the door for an extended period of time." The man took the access badge when he left in a vehicle.

Video from before the incident shows the man attempting to enter the grounds through a locked

gate. A photo of the man's vehicle showed it to be a rental car, and deputies were able to determine the vehicle had been stopped the previous day in Hopkins County, Kentucky.

Deputies were able to determine the vehicle had been rented by Kevin Mendoza, 45, of North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, reports say.

During the confrontation with Miles and Fannon, the man had identified himself as "Kevin," reports say.

Mendoza had left the airport by the time deputies

arrived and had not been located by law enforcement as of Wednesday afternoon.

Sheriff Brad Youngman said the sheriff's office has increased patrols around the airport. Members of the Transportation Security Administration are stationed at the airport, and sheriff's deputies are there to assist during departing

flights, Youngman said.

"We do keep an eye on the airport in our daily patrols, and we are definitely on-scene when TSA is there," Youngman said.

"Over the last year, we've had two or three (suspicious activity) reports at the airport — they (were) not taking a flight, asking questions and knocking around," Youngman said.

K-9

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together in Texas, and are now training with K-9 officers from the Owensboro Police Department and the Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

Mattingly, who was a K-9 officer during his career at the Owensboro Police Department, said the cost of purchasing and training a new K-9 ranges from \$18,000 to \$26,000.

The grant "is a blessing" from K9s, Mattingly said.

Mattingly said Tompe has a job to do — a "job" that's really just a game for a 4-year-old German wirehaired pointer. With Tompe, Mattingly can walk the halls or parking lots of county schools, with a strong likelihood the dog will alert to the presence of drugs in a locker or a car. When the dog alerts, that provides probable cause for a search, Mattingly said.

When asked about Tompe's job, Mattingly said, "It's two-fold. The job he's (trained) to do is go down halls and clear lockers, and parking lots."

Mattingly said he and Tompe can also sweep parking lots outside events held on school property.

"The other part is to get the smiles on the students when they see him," Mattingly said.

The district plans to release videos for students, teaching them how to properly approach and interact with the dog. Tompe can be initially skittish, which could make him likely to shy away from a stranger at first, but he warms up quickly.

Already, students have taken to the dog, with some coming to see him before going to class.

Mattingly said that's part of the point: A student anxious about an impending test, for example, can take a moment to relax while scratching Tompe's ears.

"That's what I want him to do, to get social," Mattingly said.

"I think he's a little kid," Mattingly said. "He's a puppy still. He wants to play and be loved on, and wants to do his job."

Dogs naturally have a keener sense of smell than humans. With Tompe trained to detect the odors of five different drugs, Mat-

tingly said he hopes the presence of a drug-detection dog on duty will prevent people from attempting to bring drugs onto school property.

"He can walk the hallways among the students (and think), 'what's that smell?'" Mattingly said.

Lottery Numbers

Wednesday's lottery numbers:

Kentucky
Midday Pick 3: 7-2-9
Midday Pick 4: 2-8-0-8
Evening Pick 3: 8-7-1
Evening Pick 4: 7-6-4-1
Cash Ball 225: 25-30-33-34;
 The Cash Ball was 22
Millionaire For Life:
 5-10-17-21-42
 The Lucky Ball was 2

Indiana
Midday Daily 3: 3-2-2
 Super Ball was 1
Midday Daily 4: 9-6-7-3
 Super Ball was 1
Evening Daily 3: 7-9-6
 Super Ball was 9
Evening Daily 4: 1-8-2-3
 Super Ball was 9
Cash 5: 4-9-14-25-34
Lotto: 4-9-17-25-31-33
Powerball: 3-19-35-51-67
 The Powerball was 15
 The Power Play was 2

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