

Green River Distillery to offer haunted tours next month

Event scheduled for Oct. 30

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Green River Distilling, 10 Distillery Road, is adding another kind of spirits in October.

It plans to open after dark on Oct. 30 for a “one night only Halloween experience.”

Guides will take visitors on a lantern-lit haunted tour — Green River Distillery After Dark — through the distillery’s “most atmospheric spaces,” the company said.

The tour will tell visitors about “unexplained stories and eerie encounters reported by Green River employees over the years.”

Hannah Adams, manager of visitor experience and events, said, “We wanted to create something people can only experience here at Green

River. We’ve had so many visitors ask if we would ever offer a haunted tour so they could hear the stories that have been passed around the distillery over the years, so we listened.”

She said, “We’re excited to finally share them. There’s something quite different about our distillery after the sun goes down. Things seem to shift a little, and every now and then, something happens that we simply can’t explain.”

Adams said she hopes people will join “us for a haunted tour, stay for a cocktail and the Halloween fun and experience Green River in a way you’ve never seen it before.”

Guides will talk about firsthand accounts of

unexplained footsteps, doors moving on their own, unsettling sightings and other strange occurrences tied to the property, she said.

Last year, the distillery launched a national “Raise Your Spirits” advertising campaign featuring an actor portraying G.R., “the ghost of Green River.”

Adams said tours will be offered in small groups throughout the evening and will last approximately 20 to 30 minutes.

She said reservations are encouraged, with any remaining spaces available for sign-up at the door.

Adams said the haunted tour requires a ticket, but people can enjoy the distillery’s other offerings without a ticket.

Witches’ Cauldron Chili with all the fixings will be

available along with three “special one-night-only Halloween cocktails” and a full cash bar, she said.

Adams said the evening will feature a “creepy photo area, costume contests, raffles and other Halloween activities.”

Tickets are \$15.90 per person at app.anyroad.com/tours/green-river-distillery-after-dark-haunted-tour/s-92ab1f17

Or call 270-240-0060.

Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. Tours begin at 6:30 p.m. and run every 30 minutes until 9:30 p.m.

Adams said everybody will automatically get one raffle ticket

“We will have prizes drawn randomly throughout the night, different themed costume contests with prizes and a sign up for a Thriller dance off with a prize for the best dancer,” she said.

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Hannah Adams

HUTS

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“We shop as smart as we can,” Randolph told members of the Hayden family as she gave them a tour of the apartment.

“The goal is to always come in under budget,” Randolph said later. “We travel to Evansville to buy furniture, because you’re able to spread your bucks there. We shop at discount stores.

“It’s pretty amazing. If you take your time, the deals are there,” Randolph said.

Randolph created the Foundation 33 years ago to help financially struggling families receive necessary items such as furniture and appliances.

Morton was nominated for HUTS assistance by the H.L. Neblett Community Center, where she works.

“Her income does not (reach) where she would’ve been able to furnish” her apartment, Randolph said.

HUTS furnished its 105th home last week, which involved a family in need of emergency furnishings. In a brief ceremony outside the home, Randolph told Foundation board members and helpers the idea behind HUTS is to help people who are working to raise themselves.

“She (Morton) simply needed a hand-up, not a hand-out,” Randolph said.

Kathleen Hayden McFadden, Nicky Hayden’s sister, said the

Nicky Hayden Memorial Foundation has worked with a number of charitable groups and has distributed about \$200,00 over 10 years. The Hayden Memorial Foundation board learned about HUTS and wanted to support its work, McFadden said.

“Through the Nicky Hayden Memorial Foundation, we are proud to continue supporting the community,” McFadden said.

Owensboro Municipal Utilities, which has provided funding for HUTS in the past, also gave Morton a \$150 credit she can use on utility bills. The plan is to provide similar credits to people receiving help from HUTS going forward.

“We feel it has been our mission to provide service to OMU customers,” general manager Tim Lyons said. OMU is also providing funds for a HUTS “Christmas home” this year as well.

Carson Murphy, a member of the “pay it forward” team at Bell Bank, said volunteers from the bank arrived Wednesday to “pretty much do whatever Alma needed us to do.”

Murphy told Morton, “We’re so excited for you, and we’re grateful to be a tiny part of that.”

The Alma Randolph Foundation raised \$139,107 at its sole fundraiser this year, Randolph said.

“It’s catching on,” Randolph said. “It’s starting to resonate with individuals that we can completely transform ... an empty apartment into a beautiful home for A’Daesia and her daughter.”

WWII

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the Interim Joint Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection.

“For the first time in 98 years, I’m speechless,” said Newberry of what the honor means to him. “I’m very much impressed. I don’t deserve it, but it will be nice to sit on the mantel. But I wasn’t a hero. I just got back.”

The citation reads in part: “Dennis Newberry II is recognized and honored for invaluable service to his country and fellow Americans as an honorable veteran of the United States Army, a dedicated supporter of the Armed Forces, and a pillar of the community.”

Boswell said he has been seeking veterans in the community to honor.

“I’ve known Dennis for a long time, and I ran across his son-in-law and we just got to talking — I was asking people in the community, also, if they knew any distinguished veterans

— and you don’t get very many chances to honor a World War II veteran who is 98 years old,” Boswell said. “We were going to try to have him come up to Frankfort, but traveling is a little difficult, so we did it here.”

State Rep. DJ Johnson also presented Newberry with a Veteran Challenge Coin in recognition of his service.

Nick Hetman, commander of American Legion Post 9, and Charles Lagadinos, past commander of the American Legion, also attended the ceremony.

Thursday was not the first time Newberry’s service to his country has been recognized. He previously received the Congressional Gold Medal for his service in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) during World War II.

The Congressional Gold Medal, the oldest and highest civilian award in the U.S., was first awarded to Gen. George Washington following the conclusion of the American Revolution. The Congressional Gold Medal differs from the Presidential Medal of Freedom because the medals are

awarded by an act of Congress, which then becomes law, while the Presidential Medal of Freedom is awarded specifically by the president.

Newberry received the award during a special ceremony held at the Owensboro National Guard Armory in February 2020.

He joined the CAP as a cadet at age 15 while attending high school in Ohio. The CAP involved “mobilizing America’s civilian aviators for national defense,” according to the Civil Air Patrol’s website. National recruiting for the program began in December 1941.

“It was good training for me because, once you were 18, you went in the service and you kind of had a taste of it already,” Newberry previously said of his time in CAP.

He trained as both a gunner and radio operator for the U.S. Army, serving a total of 19½ months, including 10 months abroad in Italy.

He was inducted into the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame in 2023.

Newberry has also held a

variety of community leadership positions, including serving as president and chief executive officer of Texas Gas Corp., chairman of the Owensboro Symphony Board of Directors, trustee of Kentucky Wesleyan College, chairman of the board for AAA of Kentucky and director of the Southern Seminary Foundation.

Lottery Numbers

Thursday’s lottery numbers:

Kentucky
Midday Pick 3: 5-9-1
Midday Pick 4: 3-9-3-4
Evening Pick 3: 4-3-5
Evening Pick 4: 8-7-2-0
Cash Ball 225: 12-14-16-35;
The Cash Ball was 23
Lucky For Life:
7-16-43-50-58
The Lucky Ball was 1
Indiana
Midday Daily 3: 1-3-7
Super Ball was 5
Midday Daily 4: 1-9-8-9
Super Ball was 5
Evening Daily 3: 1-4-4
Super Ball was 4
Evening Daily 4: 5-9-5-6
Super Ball was 4
Cash 5: 2-4-15-31-41



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A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon flies over MidAmerica Jet on Thursday before arriving for the upcoming Owensboro Air Show.

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got to see if you’re a good fit for the team and ready for the rigor of being on the road over 250 days a year.”

Pilots serve for two year terms before rotating back to the Air Force at large. Being able to see different places from air is something Keener said he enjoys the most.

“Downtown Owensboro, I wouldn’t just be able to go fly around at 200 feet anytime I wanted to,” he said. “We go to big cities, we go to small cities; beaches, lakefront, pasture, it doesn’t matter. The flying environment is so cool the way you get to see it from the air.”

Keener said the team’s performances are carefully executed.

“Each show site will typically have its unique challenges, but we try to keep

everything about our preparation and flying execution as standard as possible, because that’s the safety measure we can take.

“We try to orient the show that it’s best for the crowd.”

Regarding the show,

Keener said, “it’s going to be an amazing weekend over Owensboro.”

“We can’t wait to get out and see the community of Owensboro, and expect some fast jets flying close together and making a lot of noise.”

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:

- Heard 2026 tax rates for the Daviess County Public Library
- Heard 2026 Tax Rates for the Daviess County Extension District
- Approved minutes of August 27, 2026, Daviess County Fiscal Court meeting
- Approved all claims for all departments
- Approved memorandum of agreement Between Daviess County Fiscal Court and the City of Owensboro for funding a Juvenile Drug and Mental Health Court
- Approved contract with The Eric Group for production services at Yellow Creek Park (Halloween)
- Approved funding request from RiverPark Center, Inc.
- Approved facility

use agreement with the Owensboro Sportscenter for the November 2026 general election

• Accepted proposal by Special Inspection Services, LLC for testing and inspection services (structural, site materials and laboratory) for the Daviess County Detention Center

• Accepted proposal by CTL Engineering of Kentucky, Inc. for testing and inspection services (soil only) for the Daviess County Detention Center

• Declared the following as surplus inventory and transfer as follows: Three (3) disc golf baskets and one (1) police pursuit vehicle to Daviess County Public Schools

• Approved change order 01 for Bid No. 2526-76: Yellow Creek Park restroom project

• Awarded RFQ No. 2627-18: Shooting clay targets (Parks)

• Promoted Lee Blanton to engineer effective Sept. 13, 2026 (Fire Department)

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