

Scenes from 2013 Dix River Festival



Kentucky Romp N' Stomp cloggers were rompin' and stompin' during the parade at the Dix River Festival last Saturday.



Magistrate Lee Earl Adams and his family were decked out in Memorial Day attire during the parade at the Dix River Festival last Saturday.



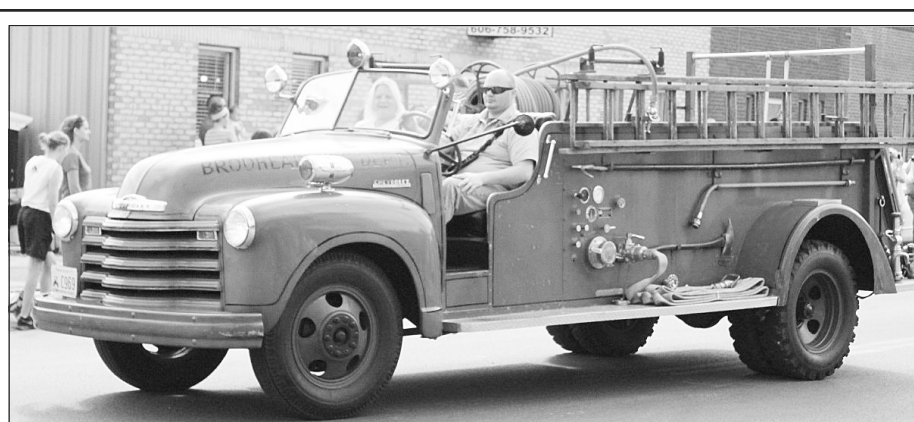
Joe Lovins rode his antique Ford tractor in the Dix River Festival parade.



Ronnie Owens and Melissa Benson shown sporting their yellow Chevrolet Corvette in the parade.



Brodhead Fire Chief Larry Taylor led the parade at the Dix River Festival parade last Saturday.



Brodhead Firefighter Brian Bullock drove Cagie Vanhook and her grandson, Mason Vanhook, in BVFD's antique 1948 fire engine.

“Livingston”

(Cont. from front)

interstate signs on I-75 with a specific icon that indicates their status to tourists as a Trail Town.

Rockcastle County Development Board Director Lynn Tatum said they received approximately thirty visitors during the trial run last weekend and that all the canoes and kayaks were rented out each day. She said twenty-two visitors filled out a survey but that another large group accidentally left before filling one out.

“We were told by the Adventure Tourism Office that we should have thirty to fifty tourists during the trial run,” Tatum said. “But they said that with the Memorial Day weekend those numbers were liable to be lower.”

However, Tatum said the Adventure Tourism Office is more concerned with the comments on the surveys than they are with the number of tourists. She said every one of the surveys were positive in nature.

“All the horseback riders commented on the beauty of the Wilderness Road Trail. One mountain bike rider took the Sheltolee Trace Trail and said he would return soon to try some of the other trails,” Tatum said. “Several groups also rented kayaks, canoes and tubes to

use on the Rockcastle River. They all said they had a great time as well.”

Tatum said that one of the biggest milestones of Livingston’s Trail Town project was remodeling one of the classrooms in the former Livingston Elementary School and using it as a visitor center for tourists. She said the classroom will be used to provide maps, trail information, coordinate equipment rental, lodging and information on many other amenities in Livingston.

Tatum went on to say that many tourists and Livingston citizens were impressed with the use of the remodeled LES classroom as a visitor center.

“You could tell by the tourists’ reactions that the old Livingston Elementary School classroom made a great impression on them,” Tatum said. “We also had many locals stop in to see the remodeled classroom. They all agreed and said that they were glad to see a fine building put back into use.”

Livingston Mayor Jason Medley agreed that one of the most triumphant moments of the city’s Trail Town project was using the remodeled classroom as a visitor center.

“The school was closed in 1994 and the only thing that has been used in the building since then is the gymnasium,” Medley said.

“I had many people in the community tell me that it means a lot to them to see the front doors open again. Around here, we have always treasured the Livingston School building and for it to be used as a visitor center is a huge milestone.”

Medley said Livingston will continue to make improvements and that they are also planning on remodeling more rooms in the building for meeting, training, lodging, and retail space. He said for those interested in the remodeling and clean-up of the old school to contact City Hall at 606-453-2061.

Medley went on to say that he is also proud to see Livingston closing in on their overall goal of becoming a Trail Town.

“A lot of people have been working hard these past few months to establish everything that is needed to be a Trail Town,” Medley said. “To see everything we have worked for come to life will be an astonishing moment for many of us.”

Governor Steve Beshear was originally scheduled to come to Livingston for a Trail Town designation ceremony on June 14th. But due to scheduling conflict, the Governor’s Office cancelled the ceremony and said they would announce the rescheduled date once it is confirmed.



The City of Livingston completed their final assessment to become a Trail Town with a “trial-run” this past weekend. Tourists came for horseback riding, canoeing, tubing, kayaking, hiking and bicycling. By completing the trial-run phase, Livingston is now in the home stretch to become the second Trail Town in Kentucky behind Dawson Springs. Shown above are visitors browsing inside the visitor center in a remodeled classroom at the former Livingston Elementary School. Shown below are a group of canoers putting their canoes in at the ford of the Rockcastle River. Governor Steve Beshear was originally scheduled to come to Livingston for a Trail Town designation ceremony on June 14th. However, due to a scheduling conflict, the Governor’s Office cancelled the ceremony and said the event would be rescheduled. (Photos by Courtney Hale)



RCHS graduate Angel Shelton was the winner of the Chevy Drive for Perfection contest, winning a 2013 Chevy Cruze and a 32-inch Samsung flat screen TV. Kentucky high school seniors participating were required to have 98% or better attendance for the school year with no unexcused absences. Shelton won the prizes over more than 900 participants at 31 high schools in the state. The car was sponsored by Jack Burford Chevrolet in Richmond. Shelton is shown above accepting the car and TV with Jack Burford.

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