

National Preservation Month

May is National Preservation Month. Campbellsville Main Street is a 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to historic preservation and increasing our local economy. We are devoted to revitalizing downtown, encouraging economic vitality and enhancing the quality of life in our community. Our Mission is to improve the image of downtown Campbellsville and encourage its continued development through preservation, organization, promotions, design and economic vitality. To commemorate National Preservation Month, we are highlighting some of our historic buildings downtown with a series of newspaper articles during the month of May.

CHANDLER'S OFFICE SUPPLY/KERR'S WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS

Chandler's Office Supply, now Kerr's Workplace Solutions, is Main Street's oldest continuous business at 210 E. Main Street. The building was built in 1892 and the store was known as Chandler's Novelties. This general store once had a lunch counter. In the 1950s, children purchased their school supplies, residents bought wedding gifts and Hallmark cards, and farmers and gardeners bought seeds here. In recent years, the store expanded to 208 E. Main Street. Historically, Dr. Milton Elliott followed by Dr. Don Bernard occupied office space upstairs. In 2018, Sweetwater Bookshop, a new and used bookstore owned by Madalyn Miller, occupied 208 E. Main Street.

Building owners, Bill and Jill Chandler, have been in this location for over 100 years. In 2014, Chandler's Office Supply was purchased by Kerr's Office Group, now known as Kerr's Workplace Solutions, sells office furniture and supplies.



Building Owners, Bill and Jill Chandler



210 E. Main St. Chandler's/Kerr's Workplace Solutions

BROTHERS BARBEQUE

This two-story brick building was constructed in 1895. Coakley and Durham is written in black and white tile at the recessed front entrance. By 1895, D.W. Gowdy's General Store occupied the first floor with clothing and furnishings on the second floor. Gowdy owned the building from the late-1800s until the early-1900s. Buchanan & Sanders opened a hardware store here in 1900 which later became Coakley and Durham Dry Goods (c. 1922-1930). The building housed the Firestone Store from the 1940s to the 1970s, then Broadway Appliance, Café Bonin, and now Brothers Barbeque.

Owner Josh Tucker, a Campbellsville native, grew up with a love for food and how it brings people together. While living in Kansas City for five years, he was exposed to world class BBQ culture that became the inspiration for Brothers Barbecue. In 2012, he purchased 128 E. Main Street and opened Brothers Barbeque.



**Owners, Josh and Summer Tucker
Brothers Barbeque**



128 E. Main Street-Brothers Barbeque

HARDEN COFFEE

This two-story brick Italianate style building has the name “Chandler” and the date “1893” in the pediment. In 1895, it was a general store with clothing on the second floor. Hill Brothers Dry Goods was there from 1910 until the 1920s. Scott and Smith Dry Goods which later became Scott’s Ladies Apparel followed. Hobb’s Variety Store occupied the building in the 1960s and the 4 Season’s Sport Shop during the 1970s and 1980s, then Burton’s Pawn Shop and now Harden Coffee, a café that sells a wide range of coffee as well as liquor and wine with assorted breakfast items.

Campbellsville native, Justin Harden, started his coffee business in 2010 in Sonshine Naturals on Nancy Cox Drive. In 2014, he purchased 202 E. Main Street. It is a great place for Campbellsville University students and residents alike to socialize. Justin’s wife, Kendal Harden, opened “Bouquet,” a meeting space that is available for gatherings on the second floor. It is now occupied by Paz Wellness and Yoga operated by Jessie Yates.



**Owners Justin and Kendal Harden
Harden Coffee & Bouquet**



**202 E. Main St.-Chandler Bldg.
Harden Coffee & Bouquet**

OAK AND AXE

This two-story brick Italianate style building was constructed at 204 E. Main Street between 1876 and 1900. Brick corbeling, in a blind arcade, and a decorative cornice dotted with modillions is found above the second-floor windows on the front façade. Previous building owner, Patrick Shofner, renovated the second floor into a single-family residence.

On the first floor, building and business owner and senior artist, Bill Thompson, opened Oak and Axe, a southern maker's gallery, in August 2016. Located adjacent to Harden Coffee, the exposed brick walls are graced with oil paintings, water colors, ceramics, and blown glass items from featured artists on a rotating basis. Bill's interests lie in framing artwork and early 21st century architectural drawings, furniture making and lighting design. His art gallery and frame shop displays handmade furniture and artistically designed one of a kind exquisite pieces of art. A residential unit is located on the second floor.



Oak and Axe, Owner Bill Thompson



204 E. Main Street- Oak and Axe

CAKES BY CAMILLE

Begun in 1887 as Campbellsville's first bank, the Bank of Campbellsville served the community until its collapse in 1939 at this location. At the top of the building are the words "BANK OF CAMPBELLSVILLE" as a visible reminder of its history. Taylor County Federal Savings & Loan Association occupied this building until 1965, then a clothing store and Margaret Ann's Gifts and Flowers, Bryan Bennett's Law Office, Primitive Blessings and currently Cakes by Camille. In 1901, a cigar factory operated on the second floor. By 1915, the Telephone Exchange was located there. Several years ago, the second floor was renovated into a private apartment.

Campbellsville native and business owner Shanon O'Banion opened her Custom Cakery on S. Court Street in February 2016 and relocated to 111 E. Main Street in December 2016. She sells beautifully decorated and delicious tasting baked goods and is a wedding and event custom cake design specialist.



Business owner, Shanon O'Banion



111 E. Main Street-Bank of Campbellsville/Cakes by Camille

THE SPOKE EASY AND LA CATRINA

The present building located at 225 East Main Street was constructed after the 1911 fire which destroyed the block. Paired windows on the second floor are enhanced with corbelled brickwork above. Norman Hobson Grocery occupied the building in 1905, followed by Jo-Ann Dress Shop, Dearen's Dress Shop, Mrs. Davis's Beauty Shop, Supertone Studio, the Mending Thimble sewing shop and currently The Spoke Easy - bicycle sales and repair shop and La Catrina Mexican Restaurant.

Owners Scott and Amanda Hess opened their bicycle shop at this location in November 2016. Scott custom fits people to bicycles, repairs bicycles, and organizes community rides every Thursday at noon and after 5:00 p.m. He is helping to build a healthier and more active community and is promoting Campbellsville as a Trail Towns community. His unique shop offers numerous bicycles for sale to the general public.



Owner, Scott Hess



225 E. Main Street-The Spoke Easy



229 E. Main Street-La Catrina