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DOWNTOWN DISTILLERY

New distillery to attract 20k tourists a year; campground coming to Elk Mountain



Senate President Robert Stivers has worked for over three years bringing the first phase of these projects to fruition. Work is already underway on the second phase of the revitalization.

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Big changes are coming to downtown Manchester and Clay County.

U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05), Kentucky Senate President Robert Stivers (R-Manchester), and members of 1 Clay County (1CC) announced a comprehensive plan to renovate Downtown Manchester that will boost economic development, tourism, healthcare, and education.

Monday's announcements included the development of the Elk Mountain Trailhead, a Downtown Manchester Marketplace, and the arrival of a new distillery.

The projects will be supported with federal, state, local, and private investments, including \$4.25 million in state funds, and a \$2.2 million federal earmark secured by Congressman Rogers. Total investment in these projects is expected to exceed \$20 million.

Senator Stivers approached the congressman over two years ago with the plan for this project.

"There is strength in unity, and these projects are evidence of our united mission to make the City of Manchester a better place to live for generations to come," said Congressman Rogers, Dean of the House. "I was honored to secure a \$2.2 million federal earmark for the new Downtown Manchester Marketplace, which will be the centerpiece of these exciting changes for Clay County."

The distillery will be a private investment with out-of-state-investors making their way to Clay County. They announced "Blackstone Distillery"

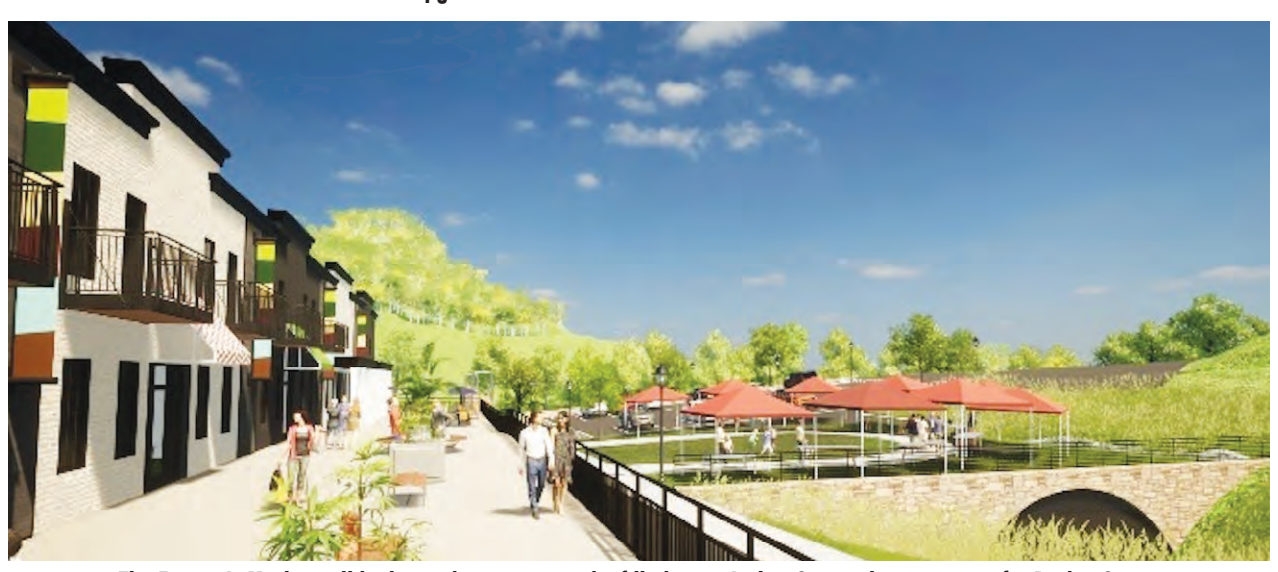
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The Blackstone Distillery will be located in the former Keith Dry Goods building.



A new campground and ATV trailhead will be built on Elk Mountain.



The Farmer's Market will be located in an area to be filled in on Jockey Street, the new name for Bridge Street.

A true Clay County Hero

Henson risks life to save man from burning truck

By Mark Hoskins
ENTERPRISE NEWS



GLENN RAY HENSON

Heroes come in many shapes and forms. Some think of a hero as fictional character or athlete. Others become heroes due to a selfless act.

Glenn Ray Henson, of Manchester, was on the Hal Rogers Parkway Thursday morning coming from Big Creek enroute

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The cab area was completely gone following the fire.

NEW HIGHWAY OFFICE Senate President confirms new bldg.

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The first official statement about a new Kentucky District Highway office in Manchester was announced Monday morning by Senate President Robert Stivers.

During the planned announcement about downtown revitalization, the

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to Manchester, in a matter of minutes he would be risking his life.

Unbeknownst to Henson, a loaded gravel truck exited from the Hal Rogers Parkway at Manchester and apparently had no brakes, witnesses say.

The tandem truck came off the ramp and struck a truck on Ky. 80 pushing it approximately 184 feet as it came to rest on the exit ramp near Taco Bell.

The gravel truck went through the guardrail, down an embankment, and came to rest at the guardrail on Hal Rogers Parkway facing east toward Big Creek overturning onto the driver's side.

The gravel truck then burst into flames, witnesses say.

When Henson got closer to the exit, he could see the truck on fire.

"The truck was on fire burning from the back towards the cab," he said.

What Henson did next is one of the most selfless acts a person can do.

"I rushed up there and got and ran towards the truck to see if the driver had gotten out yet," he said. "At first, I thought there is no way he is still alive because the truck's cab was so mangled up and he hadn't got out."

Then to Henson's surprise, the driver moved.

"He raised up both hands and I got under his shoulders and pulled him straight up out of the cab of the burning truck on the passenger side," Henson said. "I had gone through a hole in the front windshield to get him. When I got him out, we both fell straight back on to the ground off the truck."

While on the ground Henson attempted to move the man, but the victim, which remains unidentified, could not get up.

"His leg was broken so I told him to roll over on his back and I would just pull him," Henson said.

The blaze was growing on the truck and Henson knew he had to act fast to get the man to safety.

"I kept pulling him and then others showed up and we carried him across the guardrail out on the road away from the fire," he said.

Emergency personnel arrived as the truck was burning to give treatment as the man suffered numerous broken bones and burns.

The driver, reportedly from Whitley County, was taken to AdventHealth by ambulance and later airlifted to another facility.

The driver of the pickup truck has been identified as Wes Smith, of Manchester, an employee of the Clay County PVA office.

He was taken to AdventHealth also and the extent of his injuries are unknown at this time.

Henson stayed at the scene and assisted the fire department to extinguish the truck.

When asked why he risked his own life to save a man he didn't know, Henson didn't hesitate he said.

"Most people don't want to help others because they're afraid they'll get sued or something," Henson said. "But that was the last thing on my mind when I saw that man trapped in the truck."

Henson says he's been contacted by the victim's daughter.

"She thanked me for saving her dad's life," he said. "He's doing a lot better she told me. I'm just glad I was there and able to help him."



Manchester City Police officers are investigating an armed robbery at Royal Tobacco on old U.S. 421 early Monday morning.

Police searching for armed robbery suspect

The Manchester Police Department is following up on leads into an armed robbery Monday morning.

A masked gunman, wearing all black, entered the Royal Tobacco Store on old U.S. 421 demanding money.

As you can see in the above photo, he made one employee get on the ground while ordering the other to empty the cash register.

Police did not disclose how much money was taken in the robbery.

Officers have reviewed video surveillance footage from the tobacco store and area businesses to narrow down suspects.

If you have any information please contact the Manchester City Police Department at 606-598-8411. All reports will remain confidential.

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senator thanked District Highway Engineer Chris Jones for the fill dirt being used for the project.

"This has been a collaborative effort of many entities," Stivers said. "We want to thank Chief District Engineer Chris Jones for working with us on having excess material from the new district 11 office being placed on Bridge Street."

Construction on Ky. 80 is now underway as crews have been expanding the entrance to what will be the new home of the KYTC District 11 Highway office, across from Huddle House. Rumors had swirled the location would be the site of the new office, but officials within the Transportation Cabinet declined to confirm.

Senator Stivers also worked to secure the funding for the new office and to ensure the office's 115 jobs would remain in Clay County.

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