



Downtown of Tomorrow

City Manager



Dear Residents and Visitors,

Welcome to the "Downtown of Tomorrow." Together we are going to build a downtown where history meets innovation. A downtown that strengthens community bonds and builds pride in our accomplishments. We will update you on projects, upcoming events, and the story of our community; the story of who we are and who we can be.

Together, we build community. Together we build a place of welcome; a place called home.

Thank you,

Joe Denen, City Manager, City of Washington Court House



Scotty's 22 Brew Set to Open June 1

Washington Court House is about to welcome a new gem. Scott Benner, a microbiologist and chemist, is following his dream to brew beer and is planning to open the doors to his new brewery on S. Main and East Streets with a grand opening on June 1, 2025. Scott is a passionate beer enthusiast who will personally brew all the beer served. Later, he will also brew hard cider.

The pub promises to be more than just a place to enjoy a cold brew. The social gathering place will include a separate private room for parties or small meetings, and a barn-wood trellis with lighting to add to the ambiance. The brewery is located in the historic Midland Grocery building and Scott has preserved historical elements into his design.

The new 10x15x8 foot cooler has been installed, and his water tank is in place. He uses highly filtered city water, using equipment to make the water equivalent to distilled water. The softest water is needed to brew beer.



The bar frontage is being built using old oak panel doors found stored in the vault that originally came from the old orphanage on SR 38 near the airport.



The grain room for processing the barley is coming along and spent grains will be available to farmers or 4H members to feed their cattle, still having needed nutrients.

The bathroom renovations are complete and the handicap ramp will be installed soon at the double door entry.

Scott's dedication to brewing and his love for a variety of beers is evident in all aspects of the pub, from crafted brews to the inviting ambiance. Scotty's 22 Brew is set to become a favorite spot for locals and visitors to gather.

Scott has also coordinated with the Fayette County Regional Humane Society, because he also makes dog biscuits, from the spent grains.

Mark you calendars for June 1st and get ready to experience a blend of history and craft beer at Scotty's 22 Brew in Washington Court House. The brewery is within the DORA district (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) and will be a destination location to view the actual brewing process. There will be a food truck on site on grand opening day and various days thereafter.

Editor's Note:

This is the first of the new city monthly newsletter. A different person, place, or business will be featured each month. An email list will be compiled so downtown businesses and individuals can receive it electronically, or distributed in paper form, your choice. More details will be in the next issue. Thank you for helping to revitalize our downtown area for a better tomorrow.