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DOWNTOWN CHILLICOTHE



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the Downtown Chillicothe board to
keep the community in the know.*

WHO ARE WE?

*Downtown Chillicothe in a non-profit 501c3 organization
that was incorporated in May 2018 and began in August
2018. Our goal is to work with existing city groups to help
revitalize our historic downtown.*

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DOWNTOWN SPOTLIGHT



Stepping into Apollo Records offers a blast from the past like no other.

By offering a wide range of vinyl records – from hall of famers like Led Zeppelin to up-and-comers like country star Lainey Wilson – this downtown gem brings a one-of-a-kind experience to music lovers from all around.

Apollo Records is one of many unique small businesses that fill the streets of downtown Chillicothe. Its shelves house both new and used vinyl records and CDs along with various posters of famous artists.

Jesse Mitten, the store's owner, said he wanted to open a record shop because of his own long-time love for physical media.

"I had always been a music fan," Mitten said. "I saw how the downtown was starting to boom, and I wanted any store I opened to be a part of the local community that we have here."

Like many small businesses in downtown Chillicothe, Mitten said Apollo Records is about so much more than just making money. When it comes to actually buying records, Mitten said his business offers something that companies like Amazon and Walmart never could: personality.

"We're able to offer a sense of nostalgia for some that come through our doors," Mitten said. "When you get your hands on a record you've been looking for, it's way more special than buying online with just one click."

Mitten, a Chillicothe native, said he was drawn to downtown because of the overwhelming support for small businesses.

"When you shop small, it's almost like supporting the livelihood of the business owner," Mitten said.

Located at 18 W. Water St., Apollo Records will celebrate its eighth anniversary this upcoming November.

Thanks so much to Jesse and Apollo Records for your devotion to bettering downtown!



Local entrepreneurs shine at eighth annual Pineapple Awards

Story by Olivia Riley

When it comes to winning an award, most might imagine holding a medal or a trophy in their hands after hearing their name called.

In this case, however, a pineapple is the highest achievement.

Often regarded as a universal symbol for hospitality and tourism, the pineapple is the perfect award for those recognized at the Ross-Chillicothe Convention and Visitor's Bureau annual awards banquet.

This year's event, held on May 8 at the Christopher Inn Conference Center, recognized individuals in Chillicothe dedicated to going above and beyond the job task in the hospitality and tourism industries.

Aubrey Herrnstein, pictured above, was honored as Volunteer of the Year for her time dedicated to Downtown Chillicothe's Sand in the Streets event, which was held in August 2022. Erica Woodard, manager of the Pour House, was awarded the Manager of the Year award.

This year, CVB received a whopping 34 nominations --- with over 30 percent of those coming from Downtown Chillicothe merchants --- between the four categories up for grabs this year. For voting, judges come from outside of Ross Country and judge blindly.

Karen Bright, having put in 20 years to the Scioto Society, was honored as the Front Line Associate of the Year. Archaeologist Bret Ruby, of Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, was chosen to receive the Behind the Scenes Award.



Woodard and Young (Photo courtesy of Ben Daughters)



Herrnstein pictured with Melody Young, executive director, and Brandon Smith, CVB's president. (Photo courtesy of Ben Daughters)

David Polk was awarded the Grand Pineapple Award for his many hours devoted to promoting tourism in Chillicothe. Polk has served on many boards of organizations throughout the county, including Tecumseh.

Though it may not be a traditional type of trophy, the CVB's pineapple awards have proved to be yet another unique aspect of Chillicothe.



First-annual BrewFest booms downtown

Downtown Chillicothe's first-annual Brewfest filled the streets of downtown on Saturday.

The event had over 775 attendees and drew crowds from over 47 different towns!

Brewfest also featured three bands: Flashback, Murphy and Basement Collective.

Funds from the event will go towards future projects and more events to highlight the wonderful businesses of downtown Chillicothe.

DC wants to give a HUGE thanks to our sponsors, vendors and all of the attendees!



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UPCOMING EVENTS



In the Christmas spirit already but still want to enjoy the summer weather? Join us for the Christmas in July Bar Crawl on July 22!



The third-annual Sand in the Streets Volleyball Tournament is coming up on August 26! Join us for sand, sun, drinks and one of the most unique downtown events!

DC Events Look-Ahead

Beer Garden/Kenworth Truck Parade - June 17
Christmas in July - July 22
Sand in the Streets - August 26
Oktoberfest - October 14

Proceeds from these events go to downtown Christmas lights, downtown flowers, DORA and other events that help to enhance our downtown.

Are you thinking about opening a business in the downtown? Downtown Chillicothe keeps a list of downtown spaces that are available to rent. Please view our listings at Where to Shop - Visit Downtown Chillicothe | Main Street Chillicothe | Chillicothe, Ohio and contact the number listed for additional information.

