

**NELSON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS  
Bardstown, Kentucky**

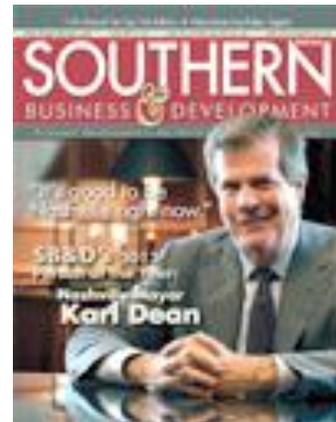
**Economic Development  
Update**

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**Bardstown Named To  
"TOP 10" Industrial List**

Bardstown continues to gather accolades on a national level. The Winter 2013 Edition of *Southern Business and Development Magazine* named Bardstown to two of its TOP 10 listings including one of the best small town business districts and a top rail served site in the Wilson Industrial Park. Kim Huston, President of the Nelson County Economic Development Agency (NCEDA) and the Bardstown Industrial Development Corporation (BIDC), said "Bardstown's inclusion on this list will help to draw national attention to Bardstown as a great place to do business. Industrial development has become an even more competitive business in the last few years as communities are vying for fewer projects. Designations such as these put you ahead of your competition and we hope that it will result in more site consultants and companies considering Bardstown as a location for their next venture." See more details in [The Kentucky Standard](#).



**Heaven Hill Distilleries Fills Milestone 6.5 Millionth Barrel  
Of Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey**

Heaven Hill Distilleries, Inc., the nation's largest independent family-owned and operated distilled spirits producer and the world's second-largest holder of aging Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, celebrated on March 26th the filling of Bourbon barrel number 6.5 million.



"It is indeed a proud day for our company and our extended Heaven Hill family," said Heaven Hill Distilleries President Max L. Shapira. "We have throughout our history recognized the filling of our milestone barrels with a ceremony such as this, but the fact that it is less and less time between these occasions is a testament to the remarkable growth and popularity of Bourbon. And this has not only benefitted our company, but also

Bardstown, Nelson County, and the Commonwealth in general.

The 6.5 millionth barrel was "bunged off" by sixth- and seventh-generation father and son Master Distillers Parker and Craig Beam in a brief ceremony at Heaven Hill's cistern room attended by company executives and local dignitaries.

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## **Barton 1792 Opens New Distribution Center**

Congratulations to Barton 1792 on the opening of their new Distribution Center at 1010 Withrow Court in the Bardstown Industrial Park. Barton's purchased the 350,000 sq. ft. facility, most recently used as the Warehouse Support Center and originally built by the Bird Vinyl Company. The facility has storage capacity of approximately one million cases of spirits and has been upgraded with a cold room, additional dock spaces and improvement in the office and IT areas. This new center will allow for increased expansion at the distillery property in downtown Bardstown. New wrapped semis with photos of the distillery can be seen driving through Bardstown on their way to the Distribution Center each day.



## **Two Available Nelson County Buildings Added To Kentucky Database**

The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development (KCED) has added two Nelson County buildings to their database of available buildings.

The Hayden Building, located at 547 Spencer Mattingly Lane, is a 39,900 square foot building and is only three years old. This building can be used for manufacturing and/or warehousing and distribution.

The 46,500 Mitsuba Corporation former headquarters building is located at 901 Withrow Court in the Bardstown Industrial Park and sits on 11 acres. This building is quite impressive with its two story open reception area and outdoor recreational amenities.

To schedule a visit to either building contact Kim Huston or a representative from the KCED at 502-564-7140.

## **Nelson County 2013 Wage And Benefit Survey Completed**

The Nelson County Economic Development Agency (NCEDA) in association with the NELCO Consortium, has just completed their 2013 Nelson County Industrial Wage and Benefit Survey. The results of the survey will be available on June 20th. The new survey was divided into two categories this year including industrial companies with 50 or less employees and companies with 51 or more employees. If you would be interested in a copy of the survey, please e-mail NCEDA Executive Assistant Kim Rogers.

## **Heaton Named To BIDC Board**

The Bardstown Industrial Development Corporation would like to welcome Dick Heaton, co-owner of Conway Heaton Inc. to the Board. Heaton, a former Bardstown mayor, will serve a three-year term as the City of Bardstown representative and brings with him considerable economic development experience. Flowers Foods and SYKES were two companies that located in Bardstown during his term as mayor.



## **Bardstown Is Now A "Micropolitan"**

According to the U.S. Census Department, Bardstown has now been classified as a "Micropolitan." This classification referred to a community between 10,000 - 50,000 population that has gained population and have become their own economic engine as well as being of regional importance, drawing a significant number of workers and shoppers from a wide local area.

## YMCA Feasibility Study Approved



Nelson Fiscal Court has entered into a contract to conduct a Feasibility Study for a YMCA for Nelson County. The YMCA project began in 2004 when local schools were hoping to build an indoor pool facility for their swim teams; however, lack of funding stalled the project. The Feasibility Study was funded by Fiscal Court, the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism and NCEDA. The study is expected to take 6 weeks.

## I-65 Alliance to Plan New Year Marketing Efforts

The Nelson County Economic Development Agency (NCEDA), along with neighboring counterparts in Hardin, Green and Bullitt Counties has formed a regional marketing group called the I-65 Alliance. This Alliance will be setting their national marketing plans when the Kentucky Association for Economic Development holds their annual meeting of the Kentucky United group in Bardstown this month. The I-65 Alliance will be part of a national marketing team that will meet with site selectors and companies looking to locate in Kentucky. NCEDA President Kim Huston said that being 16 miles from I-65 has always been an attribute for Bardstown as accessibility to major highways is critical to a company's location decision making process.



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