

Tavern part of ‘rebranding’ at Boone Tavern

By Jerlene Rose

“Boone Tavern is getting a tavern,” according to Abbye Crowe, director of marketing and sales for the historic Boone Tavern Hotel. It is part of a “re-branding” of the 116-year old restaurant and hotel. Speaking recently to the Berea Rotary Club, Crowe said the remodeling will likely begin this month and be completed in June. “The remodel will be focused on the dining room area,” she said. “An actual tavern will be installed in the back corner of the dining room.” Crowe said. She added there will also be changes to the dining room decor, such as new tables which are

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being made by the students in the woodwork-ing crafts program at Berea College. “We do get complaints that the hotel is not like in the old days, but we are trying to give it a more friendly, less for-mal look,” she said. “The white tablecloths may not be used after the remodel, except for special events.”

New chef

Crowe said the hotel’s new chef, Kyle Klatka, from Ohio, is adding new menu items, and that some people may know him from his work in Lexington where he had

a very popular food truck. Not-ing that Boone Tavern and Ho-tel, the iconic hotel/dining destination in Berea, has remained virtually unchanged since it opened in 1909, Crowe said, “We want to lean into what we have, but add things to draw more people to the hotel and to the area.”

Special events

Some of the special programs and events



Abbye Crowe

planned for this season include Bourbon pairings, an Elvis show on April 4, fish fries every Friday through Lent. “We will be having live music outside this summer,” she added. Also offered is a “to-go” Easter meal that will serve four for \$150. (The Easter to-go meal will include four asparagus quiche tartlets, baked macaroni and cheese, honey glazed carrots, mustard glazed ham, eight bread rolls, four carrot cakes, and includes tax and gratuity.)

Meetings

Crowe said they will be hosting several meet-ings at the hotel this year

that will bring people to the area. Those include a Tavern Tip-Off meeting special, and Leadership Kentucky classes from Lexington and Louisville in May and October. Rotary members sug-gested things that could be added to make those groups enjoy not just the hotel, but the town. They suggested including car-riage rides around Berea’s downtown to show off the shops, or side trips to some of the crafters’ workshops in the area. Crowe said she would look into those options.

The Berea Rotary Club meets the first and third Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at Just Love Coffee, 636 Chestnut Street.

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- Removal of all ACMs per Demolition Survey dated: 1/28/25 by: Air Source Technology, Michael McGonigle, Senior Industrial Hygienist

Project Summary: The intent of this project is to have all Asbestos Containing Materials removed by a Certified Abatement Contractor from structures located at 114 & 116 5th Street in Richmond, KY, Contractor to provide Certifications, Abatement Plan, Letter Certifying all ACM’s have been removed and Certificates from Landfill accepting ACMs. This will allow the Owner (MCPL) to demolish the structures to make way for a new parking lot.

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