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This family enjoys the show from the parking area in front of the Loretto Child Care Center.



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Take a seat and enjoy the show.



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Sisters Avery (9) and Kinley (4) O'Daniel enjoy the show with a friend and some light up accessories.

LIGHTING UP THE SKIES

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It was a beautiful day to get out and enjoy Loretto on Saturday, August 16. Although a little warm, the shade and a light breeze made shopping at the Loretto Street Fair an enjoyable experience for visitors. While in town, several stopped to visit the Loretto Clock Tower, recently announced as a finalist in the Beautify Kentucky Initiative by Governor Andy Beshear.

As the day turned to evening, the crowds grew and the area around the ballfield and old school filled to capacity in anticipation of the night's fireworks show. Prior to the big event, visitors enjoyed food from a variety of food trucks and the park's concession stand.

Then the lights went out and the much-anticipated show began. And a great show it was, with over 4,000 shells set off to music played through loudspeakers at the park and on the radio. Young and

old alike were impressed with the display. "One of the best fireworks shows I've ever seen," said one visitor. "I will definitely be back next year."

The event is funded by donations along with money raised through raffles and other community fundraisers.

"We couldn't do this without the support of the community and the donations that help pay for this," Loretto Mayor Sammy Medley said.

Medley said he was very happy with the turnout on Saturday but gave the credit to the city council and volunteers. "They put in the hard work to make this happen."

City councilwoman Diane Mattingly was seen busily working throughout the night in both her role as a council member but also as a volunteer with Beautify Loretto. She barely had a moment to talk but stated she was thrilled with the turnout both during the street fair earlier in the day and for the fireworks show.



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The only light that remained on in the park during the Loretto fireworks show on Saturday evening was on the U.S. flag.

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