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## Main & Maple has much to offer

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*Chelsea Oliver prepared a coffee Saturday morning, April 12, at Maple & Main. Nicholasville's newest coffee shop offers free wireless Internet access, open mic on Thursdays and live music on Fridays and Saturdays. Photo by Mike Moore*

The 1980s sitcom "Cheers" opening theme was "Where Everybody Knows Your Name."

In a way, that is the customer service focus of Nicholasville's newest coffee shop, Main & Maple Coffee House & Cafe.

Open for just a few weeks, the service is being noticed by customers.

"They recognized me the next time I came back ... that was real cool," said Marsha Nunley of Nicholasville. "I've been here for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We love the atmosphere ... it's people friendly."

A grin crept across owner Jim Davis' face when he heard that comment.

"A barista to a coffee house is kind of like a bartender to a bar," he said. "We try to teach our baristas to get to know people's names and to get to know what they like and what they want. It's the personal touch."

Employees also enjoy the friendly atmosphere.

"It's a relaxed environment," Deb Kinney said.

Davis is no stranger to the coffee house business as he owns Common Grounds in Lexington, The Hub in Danville and The Perk in Stanford.

All four coffee shops have a common thread.

"We have a passion for main streets," Davis said. "We like old buildings; we like bringing old buildings back to life ... we just love main streets."

Main & Maple is in the old Hemphill building, located at 101 S. Main St.

Throughout the years, the Hemphill Building, which dates back to the 1870s, has worn many hats — as a pharmacy, dentist office and post office to name a few.

“There was a lot of work (that went into it),” Davis said. “It was completely gutted ... we did a lot of work to transform it, and it took about six weeks.”

The coffee shop offers a wide array of beverages and food items.

“Our drinks are pretty similar to the other (coffee shops he owns),” Davis said.

The food items are tailored to fit the taste of the local community.

“They start off with similarities, but they each become their own entities,” Davis said. “We allow them to become what the local community wants them to be.”

Davis said the more popular items include the Southwest Chicken Melt and the Turtle Mocha.

The coffee house also offers an open mic on Thursdays and live music on Fridays and Saturdays.

“On open mic, anybody can come up and sign up for 15 or 30 minutes,” Davis said. “They can sing, tell jokes, read poetry, debate ... I mean it’s an open mic. It’s their time to shine.”

Maple & Main seats about 60 people and also offers free wireless Internet service.

Business hours are Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. until 10 p.m., Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Saturdays from 7 a.m. to midnight and Sundays, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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