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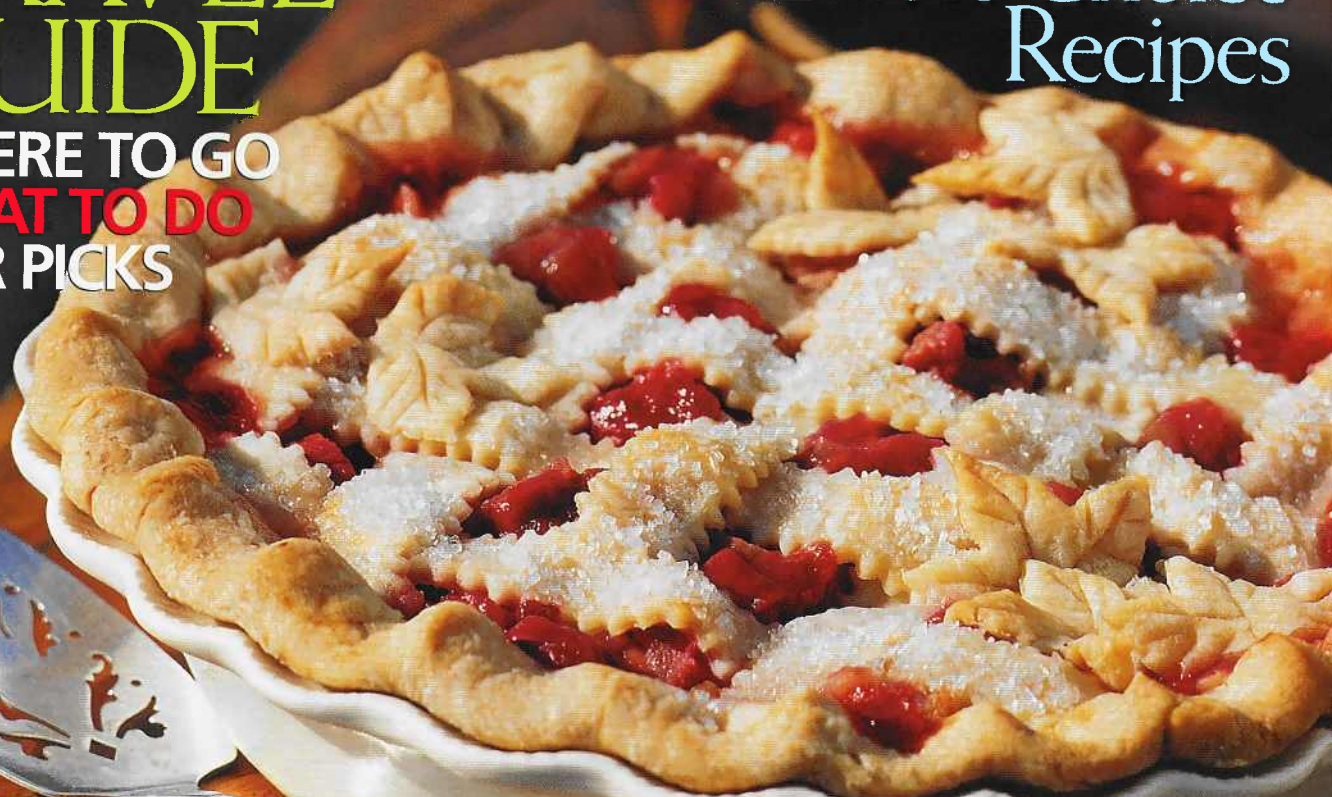
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HUNDREDS OF FAVORITES FROM THE EDITORS OF *MIDWEST LIVING* 2007

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WHERE TO GO
WHAT TO DO
OUR PICKS

85 Top Restaurants
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FAMILY VACATION FUN
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14 STATE ROAD MAPS

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KENTUCKY

What's new

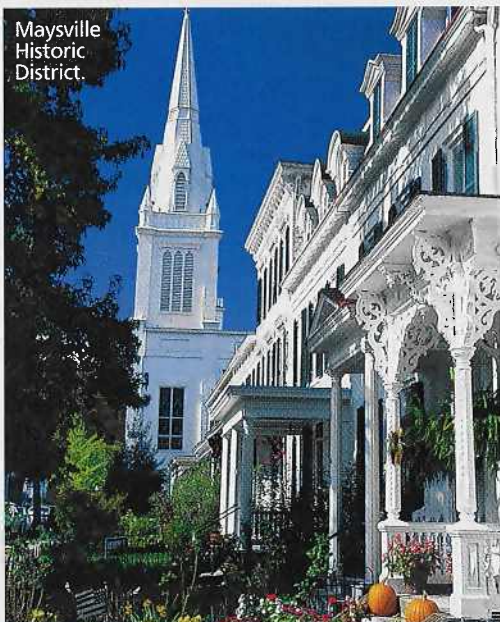
THE STATE'S FIRST EXHIBITION coal mine, Portal 31, is expected to open in April in Lynch (150 miles southwest of Lexington). Founded by U.S. Steel in 1917, Lynch grew into the world's largest coal camp, employing more than 4,000 people from 38 countries. When Portal 31, a once-active mine, reopens this year, visitors will ride in a closed railcar through the dark tunnels. Along the way, animated exhibits will highlight eastern Kentucky's mining history. Outside, a black granite monument honors fallen miners and the man who represented them, John L. Lewis, who served as president of the United Mine Workers for 40 years. The site also features a train depot and a 1920s lamp house. Admission charged (606/848-1530; www.portal31.org).

More New Kentucky Attractions: 21C MUSEUM HOTEL, LOUISVILLE This combination luxury boutique hotel and contemporary art museum opened in 2006. It features a 9,000-square-foot gallery displaying works by both emerging and established artists. The hotel loans each guest an iPod with custom music, and posters in each of the 91 rooms are available for purchase (877/217-6400; www.21cmuseumhotel.com).

KENTUCKY GATEWAY MUSEUM CENTER, MAYSVILLE An expansion to house the museum's Kathleen Savage Browning collection of miniatures is scheduled to open this summer. Highlights include a re-creation of Spencer House, the 18th-century mansion owned by Princess Diana's family; a tiny violin workshop inside a real violin; and a Kentucky log cabin. Admission charged (606/564-5865; www.kygmcc.org).

2007 SUMMER NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES—THE SENIOR OLYMPICS; JUNE 22—JULY 7, LOUISVILLE Some 12,000 athletes age 50 and older will compete in 18 sports including swimming, tennis and track and field (502/893-1940; www.2007seniorgames.com).

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Maysville Historic District.

THE BIG 10 TO DO!

- 1. Louisville** The nation's horse-racing capital, plus the Muhammad Ali Center (800/626-5646; www.gotolouisville.com).
- 2. Mammoth Cave National Park** The world's longest known cave, with 360 miles of charted passageways (270/758-2180; www.nps.gov/maca).
- 3. Berea** A folk art town, with craft-making demonstrations (800/598-5263; www.berea.com).
- 4. Lake Cumberland region** A recreation area with a rafting river and lake (800/642-6287; www.lakecumberlandtourism.com).
- 5. Red River Gorge National Scenic Byway** A winding 46-mile route past waterfalls in eastern Kentucky (www.byways.org).
- 6. Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Harrodsburg** The largest restored Shaker village in the United States (800/734-5611; www.shakervillageky.org).
- 7. Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington** A 1,200-acre working horse farm, with live horse shows and museums (800/678-8813; www.kyhorsepark.com).
- 8. Maysville** A historic town along the Ohio River (888/875-6297; www.cityofmaysville.com).
- 9. Country Music Highway** A 144-mile drive through the Appalachian hills, home to music legends (www.byways.org).
- 10. Wilderness Road Heritage Highway** A 93-mile route following the trail marked by Daniel Boone (www.byways.org).

OFF THE beaten path

RUSSELLVILLE—In south-central Kentucky's Logan County, Andrew Jackson fought a duel and the Jesse James gang staged a bold bank robbery. Today, this corner of the state is much more tranquil. In Russellville, the county seat, a walking tour highlights Queen Anne- and Georgian Colonial-style homes and buildings (30 miles southwest of Bowling Green). The 1817 Saddle Factory Museum, believed to be Kentucky's oldest industrial building, features exhibits of early saddles and leather goods (270/726-4181; www.visitlogancounty.com).



Louisville's Slugger Field, home of the Louisville Bats minor league baseball team.

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