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Market Square Now on Rockingham County Quilt Trail

On Saturday, May 6, the two latest additions to the Rockingham County Quilt Trail were unveiled at Market Square in downtown Reidsville. The City-owned venue and downtown Reidsville are now part of the quilt trail with these beautiful hand-painted squares hanging on the Lea's Corner building facing Market Square.

The Quilt Trail is designed as a celebration of Rockingham County's local agriculture, community artists and rich cultural heritage, according to the visitrockinghamcountync.com website. There are over 27 squares located throughout the county with most displayed on barns and outbuildings of family farms. Each quilt block has a meaning and story all its own.

Most squares are 4'x4'. However, due to the size of space open on the walls, the squares at Market Square are double at 8'x8'. Local artist Darlene Holoman painted the two squares in the downtown area. Each one depicts iconic buildings and the way of life in Reidsville. One square shows historic buildings located in downtown Reidsville, such as the Rockingham Theatre, the former Texaco service station now known as The Downtown Dog House, and the former Bank of Reidsville building. The quilt square also gives a nod to the City's rich farming and tobacco history by featuring a red tractor and tobacco leaves. The Farmer's Market at Market Square gives local farmers an outlet to sell their crops as well as other local entrepreneurs.

The second square features the iconic Penn House. Owned by the City of Reidsville, the Penn House serves as a venue for weddings, special events and meetings today. The historic home was built by the Penn Family, who has been a large part of the local community for many years. This quilt square also features a train, the town clock and, of course, a football highlighting the local high school's rich football program. All of these have significant meaning to our City's history. Trains still run through Reidsville today, and the City is part of the Civil War Trail. And finally there's football. The Reidsville Rams have 19

State titles, and on Friday nights you will find the Reidsville High School Football field packed with the local community supporting the team.

The Quilt Squares add just one more reason to visit Reidsville's beautiful historic downtown. Market Square features concerts, and events throughout the spring, summer and fall and the Farmer's Market is open through October on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

