



# BOWLING GREEN MOVIE THEATRES

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## ALLEN COUNTY SCOTTSVILLE

**Ace CLOSED**  
? 1935

**Lyric CLOSED**  
118 E Main  
? 1940-? 1955  
505 seats  
\* Late 1930's opened  
\* 1943 closed after a fire, reopened shortly after.  
\* 1950-1955 owned by Anderson, Andy, Theatres  
\* November 19, 1957 theatre destroyed when the furnace exploded.



**Starlite Drive-In CLOSED**  
? 1961-? 1975  
200 cars

## BARREN COUNTY CAVE CITY

**Ace CLOSED**  
Main St  
? 1935-? 1955  
400 seats

**Park CLOSED**  
? 1950-? 1961  
Anderson, Andy, Theatres owned this theatre.

**Starlight Drive-In CLOSED**  
? 1955  
Anderson, Andy, Theatres owned this drive-in

## GLASGOW

**Aspley CLOSED**  
? 1930

**Breeze Drive-In CLOSED**  
? 1950-? 1964  
250 cars

**Cinema 1-3 CLOSED**  
Hwy 90  
? 1990-? 2000

**Highland Cinemas OPEN**  
2400 Happy Valley Road,  
? 1998-  
1,850 seats  
Owned by Marquee Cinemas since 2001  
By 1998 opened with 7 screens  
2001 taken over by Marquee cinemas  
Early 2000's 8 screens

## Plaza OPEN LIVE

115 E Main  
August 23, 1934-  
1,300 seats  
\* Spring 1930 construction started, progress was slow as there was little money during the depression.  
\* August 23, 1934 opened with "The Cat's Paw"  
\* April 1935 stage shows were held at no advance in price, many country artists such as Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton, and the Carter Family performed here, as Nashville was not very far away.  
\* March 21-27, 1940 "Gone With The Wind" opened at the cost of \$1.26, tickets at Cherry's Coffee Shop. The Wednesday matinee showing was 75 cents. (Regular prices 25 cents). It returned at regular prices in 1941  
\* 1950-1955 owned by  
\* WWII war bonds were sold here.  
\* 1953 3-D arrives with "The House of Wax"  
\* 1954 Walter "Jigger" Aspley, the son of Bruce and Mary Aspley takes it over  
\* 1970's W. Aspley sells it.  
\* 1990's closed  
\* September 2001 the city buys it for \$200,000  
<http://www.glasgowplazatheatre.com/>

**Star Drive-In CLOSED**  
? 1950-? 1985  
563 cars

**Trigg CLOSED**  
Public Square  
1917-? 1955  
700 seats  
\* 1917 The Lyon Opera House was taken over by Bruce Aspley and is renamed as the Trigg.



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## EDMONSON COUNTY

### MORGANTOWN

Hollywood **CLOSED**

? 1940-? 1955  
253 seats

Brown **CLOSED**

Closed by 1940

Lindsay **CLOSED**

? 1950-? 1955  
300 seats

Skyline Drive-In **CLOSED**

? 1955-? 1975  
150 cars

Swan **CLOSED**

? 1940

## LOGAN COUNTY

### ADAIRVILLE

Adairville **CLOSED**

? 1945-? 1955  
200 seats

### AUBURN

Auburn **CLOSED**

? 1950-? 1955  
190 seats

Anderson, Andy, Theatres owned it in 1950

Marion **CLOSED**

? 1945

Starlight **CLOSED**

? 1940.

## RUSSELLVILLE

Dixie **CLOSED**

? 1930-? 1950  
680 seats

Affiliated Theaters, Inc. owned this theatre in 1950

Jesse James Drive-In

**CLOSED**

? 1985-? 1985

300 cars

Holiday Amusement Co. owned this drive-in

Logan **CLOSED**

? 1950-? 1955  
850 seats

Russellville Drive-In

**CLOSED**

? 1955-? 1980

Theater Owners Corp. owned it in 1955

Village **CLOSED**

? 1985

## SIMPSON COUNTY

### FRANKLIN

31-W Drive-In **CLOSED**

Hwy 31 West  
? 1975-? 1985

Franklin Drive-In **OPEN**

6250 Nashville (Near state line)  
? 1950-

Jones, G. C., Sr owned it 1950-1964



Liberty **CLOSED**

? 1940-? 1964

Jones, G. C., Sr owned this 850-seat theatre.

Roxy **CLOSED**

? 1940-? 1955

729 seats

Crescent Amusements owned it 1950-1955

Victory **CLOSED**

? 1935-? 1940

## PRUDENCE

Ken-Tenn **CLOSED**

? 1945-? 1950

Cherokee Amusements owned this theatre.

## TODD COUNTY

### ELKTON

Damon **CLOSED**

Closed by 1935

Palace **CLOSED**

? 1940-? 1945

Todd **CLOSED**

? 1950-? 1955

Affiliated Theaters, Inc. owned this 200-seat theatre.

## GUTHRIE

Lyric **CLOSED**

? 1935-? 1955  
426 seats

Tiny Town Drive-In **CLOSED**

? 1955-? 1964  
275 cars

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## WARREN COUNTY

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#### Capitol **LIVE**

416 E Main St  
? 1925-? 1969  
1,038 seats  
Owners:  
1930-1961 Crescent Amusements  
1964-1969 Martin Theatres  
Now a live theatre.

#### Diamond **CLOSED**

? 1930-? 1955  
1,053 seats  
Crescent Amusements owned it  
1930-1950

#### Downing University Theatre

#### **CLOSED**

? 1990

#### Family **CLOSED**

? 1935

#### Great Escape 12 **OPEN**

Campbell Lane near Russellville  
2002-  
Alliance Entertainment/Great Escape  
Theatres owns this cinema.



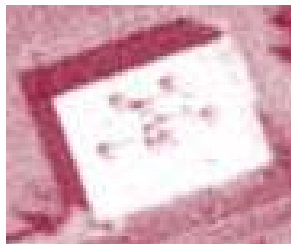
#### Great Escape Greenwood 10 **OPEN**

2625 Scottsville Rd  
2005-  
Alliance Entertainment/Great Escape  
Theatres owns this cinema.



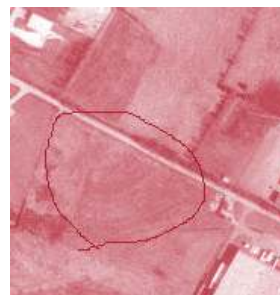
#### Greenwood 6 **CLOSED**

2625 Scottsville Rd  
? 1985-2005  
Owners:  
1985-1990 American Multi-Cinemas  
1995-2005 Carmike Cinemas



#### Lost River Drive-In **CLOSED**

350 Nashville Rd  
1950-1975  
586 cars



#### Martin **CLOSED**

2700 Nashville  
? 1975-2000  
Twinned in the late 1970's  
Owners:  
1975 Martin Theatres  
1987 Carmike Cinemas

#### Plaza **CLOSED**

600 Highway 31 W  
? 1980-2005  
\* Late 1970's opened as a single  
screen by Martin Theatres  
\* Late 1980's 6 screens  
\* 1987 taken over by Carmike  
Cinemas  
\* 2005 closed

#### Princess **CLOSED**

? 1920-? 1955  
726 seats  
Owners:  
1920 Troy Sudekum  
1950-1955 Crescent Amusements

#### Riverside Drive-In

#### **CLOSED**

31 West By Pass  
? 1955-? 1985  
526 cars  
Martin Theatres owned it 1975-1985



#### Stadium Cinema I & II

#### **CLOSED**

1969  
Short-lived cinema.

#### State **CLOSED**

929 College St  
? 1961-? 1975  
Crescent Amusements owned it  
1955-1961, Midwest Theater Corp.  
takes it until it closed in 1964

#### Sunset Drive-In **CLOSED**

? 1955

53 listings  
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