

Governor Bev Perdue touts downtown revitalization during Hendersonville stroll

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HENDERSONVILLE — Pausing at a booth at The Curb Market to survey the handmade crafts, Gov. Bev Perdue received a compliment from an admirer today.

“You are much prettier than your pictures,” said Esther Chapman-Cox, who sells quilts, pocketbooks and other mountain crafts at the Hendersonville establishment.

Perdue responded with words of appreciation. But the governor said the main reason for her stroll down Main Street was simply to enjoy the sights of a downtown that’s experienced a startling revitalization in recent years.

“I was here during the campaign, and this is one of the communities I fell in love with,” she said. “This is a really good community anchored by a very vibrant and resurgent Main street.

“Twenty-five ago it didn’t look like this, and people now are supporting themselves and having a thriving **economy** wrapped around Main Street and local business.”

For more on the governor's visit, read Sunday's [print](#) edition of the Asheville Citizen-Times.

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