Map Dot KY/WKU Alum

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AP stories, magazine covers, radio and TV. A WKU Alum is getting lots of media exposure for his tourism venture called Map Dot Kentucky.

Amy Bingham gets a unique campus version of the Map Dot experience in this week’s View from the Hill.

Kentucky is full of interesting, unique or forgotten places and Cory Ramsey is determined to find them all. The small town native of Hickman Kentucky had never even driven through a stop light before he came to WKU as a freshman in 1999. Now the broadcasting major is turning his love of travel into a tourism franchise.

 “I want to show you some places we can go and look at.”

 “Map dot is far reaching and when you pull up to a place they all have stories, every place is like a picture that’s worth a thousand words. So with Western, it has so much history in the 100 plus years its been here.”

Who better than Big Red to get a unique Map Dot tour of WKU’s Campus?

 “This is an old community right there. This is an old map dot where we are standing. There were houses and a church, businesses right beside the railroad tracks. The old L&N had to run by right after the Civil War. An African American community was right here where we’re standing on the south end of campus.”

The Valley also makes the cut on Ramsey’s Map Dot tour since it was his home away from home while he was a student.

“Rodes Harlin Hall room 508 which is somewhere around there on the other side.”

This is home man, dorms all around, girls would be out all the time. We’d play guitar on the bench. I didn’t even know how but I acted like I did.”

Ramsey says this kind of reminiscing is what Map Dot is all about.

 “Just this fun-nature ribbing each other, the humor, the culture, Kentucky, showing it in a native kind of way where we look at it and go hey this is my place. It’s funny and it’s awesome.”

 “Are you ready for our last stop?”

Last but not least, the infamous kissing bridge behind Van Meter.

 “This is a special place in the hearts and lips of a lot of people. I put this on a top 5 list of places to kiss in Kentucky.”

 “This place, if you kiss a girl here, legend has it you will marry her so do not start kissing a bunch of girls here cause weddings are expensive.”

After five years, and thousands of miles criss-crossing the state, what’s the next step for this road trip franchise?

 “It is going so fast, we’re already talking to producers in several locations about some reality shows with the map dot crew.”

 “Let’s get out of here before I get out of hand.”

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Ramsey maintains his full time job as a welder at a Bowling Green truck plant.

But he and his Map Dot crew hit the road as often as possible promoting travel and tourism in Kentucky. You can follow the adventures on social media by searching map dot Kentucky.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.