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## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BOWL - HUNGER RELIEF COMPETITION



Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland and Pennyrile ADD Staff

The words "Thank You" just doesn't seem to express the magnitude of appreciation for the contributions and support received for the Commonwealth of KY Bowl! Multiple locations in each of the nine Pennyrile ADD counties participated in the two week hunger relief drive and a total 2,915 pounds of non-perishable food was collected. Thank you also to the PADD Staff for their generous donations and help!

Monetary donations and bonus points are being calculated and a final report and winner will be announced later this month.

We appreciate so very much the work and coordination of the Secretary of State's Office, Kentucky Association of Food Banks, Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts and our regional food banks, Tri-State and Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland!



## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Economic Development Administration Award Announcement

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced on October 12, 2017 that the Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) has awarded \$1.068 million to the Hopkins County Fiscal Court/Madisonville-Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation (2 projects) under the 2017 Assistance to Coal Communities (ACC 2017) initiative to help displaced coal workers and their spouses in Hopkins and Muhlenberg counties pursue entrepreneurial opportunities by creating an entrepreneurial environment that will provide assistance tailored to small business development. The funding will assist locally-driven efforts to communities and regions severely impacted by the declining use of coal through activities and programs that support economic diversification, job creation, capital investment, workforce development & re-employment opportunities. \$839,966 will be used to renovate a building located at 130 North Seminary Street in Madisonville to increase the availability of training spaces and \$227,927 will be dedicated to instituting programming that will encourage ideation and collaboration; provide support groups for entrepreneur training and encouragement; link entrepreneurs with mentors, coaches, and complementary talent and partners to help launch and scale businesses; provide participants with access to capital - both seed, follow-on and scaling funding; educate and inform others, and help to create prototypes for future entrepreneurs. The goal is to spur 50 new businesses in west central Kentucky. According to estimates, the project is expected to create 125 new jobs within 24 months. PADD staff assisted in the development of the application and will serve as the administrator on behalf of Hopkins County.



Link to the full press release: <https://www.eda.gov/news/press-releases/2017/10/11/2017-acc.htm>

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT'D



# NEWS RELEASE

KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS



On October 27, 2017, The Kentucky Association of Manufacturers (KAM) announced the winners of its 17th annual Manufacturer & Employee of the Year Awards at their Awards Luncheon in Louisville, KY. Commonwealth Agri-Energy, LLC from Hopkinsville, KY won in the Small Business Category.

Each manufacturer was selected based on the following criteria:

- Innovative and entrepreneurial leadership with regard to products, production method, or services;
- Recognized leadership in making a key contribution to the quality of life in the Commonwealth and the community; and
- Active involvement in organizations that advance industry and manufacturing.

***Congratulations to Mick Henderson and the team at Commonwealth Agri-Energy, LLC!***

### PADD Welcomes New Staff



Pennyrile ADD would like to welcome Paige Carlisle to the Community and Economic Development Department. Paige was hired as the GIS Specialist on October 2, 2017. She will be responsible for mapping, as well as, computer generated enhancements of documents, GIS displays of data, and other services to enhance regional planning and operations.

*Welcome Paige!*



Casey Lyon started his position as Information Technology Manager for the Pennyrile ADD on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Casey will ensure efficient operation of networks & personal computers of the Pennyrile Area Development District. Casey will also work with various governmental entities in streamlining their administrative tasks via computer technology. Casey comes to us with over 15 years of experience working in various industries.

*Welcome Casey!*

## WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE

### Transitioning into Civilian Life

Edward Baldwin, a twenty-year veteran, retired from the United States Army. He previously worked as a Property Manager in Clarksville TN and wanted to seek new opportunities with a growing company. Ed recently took the Mechatronics System Assistant program through the Career Skills Program offered through Fort Campbell. He graduated in August, 2017 with a Siemens certification. Ed worked with the West Kentucky Workforce Board staff and received several interviews with local industries in Hopkinsville. On September 28, Ed was offered a manager position with FP International and will participate in the WKWB's On-the-Job Training program.



### KET Visits West Kentucky

On October 10, Kentucky Educational Television's Renee Shaw (KET) interviewed members and staff of the West Kentucky Workforce Board and leadership from the Soldier for Life, Transition Assistance Program at Fort Campbell. During the interviews, workforce training issues facing Kentucky and the innovative programs/strategies to address labor force needs and boost employment opportunities for Kentucky citizens were discussed. KET focused on the services available to assist military transitioning into the civilian workforce. The town hall discussion will include a clip from KET's local visit and will be featured during an hour long event hosted by KET on Wednesday, October 25. The event will be broadcast on Monday, November 13th at 8/7pmCT on KET.





# AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

## Kentucky Veterans Directed Community Based Services

Veterans Directed Home Community Based Services offers eligible veterans a flexible budget to purchase services that help them to live independently at home in the community rather than in an institution. VA Medical Centers (VAMC) purchase and utilize the VDHCB. VDHCB includes a functional assessment, home-based services, options counseling, support services, and financial management services. VDHCB does not duplicate any services already provided by the VAMC. Currently, 29 veterans in Pennyriple, Purchase and Green River are being served. The veterans program has also added an additional Area Development District in the state of Kentucky, and four Tennessee Area Development Districts under Pennyriple's hub & spoke model. Currently, 21 veterans are being served through East Tennessee Human Resource Agency, Greater Nashville Regional Council, Lake Cumberland Area Development District, South Central Tennessee Development District, and Southeast Tennessee Development Districts. For more information about this program, please contact Payton Kidd or Jill Collins at 1-866-844-4396. Pennyriple is now able to service veterans that are not only enrolled at the Marion, IL VAMC but also the Nashville, TN VAMC. Pennyriple staff would also like to thank each veteran for their service and sacrifices.

### AmeriCorps

We are happy to introduce Miranda Bivins as the AmeriCorps Member for Pennyriple Area Development District.

Miranda is a Suma Cum Laude graduate of Murray State University with a degree in Youth and Non Profit Leadership. She is currently a graduate student at Murray State University and will received her Master's degree in Nonprofit Leadership Studies in December 2017.

Miranda provides administrative support to the multiple programs of the Pennyriple Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living. She is also co-coordinating the Forgotten Angel's Christmas project with the Long Term Care Ombudsman program. Welcome Miranda!



### November is National Caregivers Month

Approximately 65.7 million Americans (or about 29% of the adult population) are caregivers for elderly and/or disabled relatives. November has been designated as National Caregivers Month to make people aware of the tremendous service that these people are performing. This year's theme is "Caregiving Around the Clock."

Since caregivers are often "home bound" taking care of their loved one, they are a somewhat invisible population. Their contribution to society is immense not just from a quality of care perspective but also from a financial perspective. It would cost taxpayers many billions of dollars more per year to care for persons in nursing facilities if the caregivers were not there to help them. We do need to worry about them not being there. Currently there are 11 non-elderly adults for every one elderly person. Those eleven are whom we rely on. By 2050, because of the Baby Boomers, the ratio will be four non-elderly adults for every one elderly person.

The theme of "Caregiving Around the Clock" expresses that caregivers, (*"Family members, friends, and neighbors devote countless hours to providing care to their relatives or loved ones. During National Family Caregivers Month, we recognize and thank the humble heroes who do so much to keep our families and communities strong."*) Caregiving can be a 24-hours a day/7-days a week job. Caring for a loved one can be non-stop. Providing care around the clock can crowd out other important areas of life. There are many challenges that caregivers face daily and they do their best to manage them day and night.

Caregivers are urged to take care of themselves by getting proper nutrition, exercise and rest. They should seek help and be willing to accept help when offered for at least temporary relief from the often 24/7 schedule of caregiving. Family and friends are the usual source of relief but there are programs that can help, including the following services: Personal Care Attendant Program, Homecare, National Family Caregiver Support Program, Home and Community Based Waiver and In Home Services through the Older Americans Act, Participant Directed Services, Kentucky Veterans Directed Care, and Hart Supported Living. Persons interested in help should call the Aging and Disability Resource Center to be referred to the program most likely to help. Call toll free at 1-866-844-4396 or in Christian County at 270-886-9484.

## Pennyriple Area Development District Annual Christmas Luncheon & Legislative Update

Monday, December 11, 2017      Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park  
Buffet Lunch at 11:30 a.m.      20781 Pennyriple Lodge Road  
Meeting at 12:00 Noon (CST)      Dawson Springs, KY

**R.S.V.P. by December 1st to Cheri Farmer at 270-886-9484 or [cheri.farmer@ky.gov](mailto:cheri.farmer@ky.gov)**



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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time (CST)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Alzheimer’s Support Group Meeting	Nov. 14, 2017	10:00 a.m.	PADD Office, Hopkinsville
Pennyrile Grandparents Support Group Meeting	Nov. 15, 2017	10:00 a.m.	PADD Office, Hopkinsville
Trigg County Caregiver Support Group Meeting	Nov. 28, 2017	12:00 Noon	John L. Street Library, Cadiz
Caldwell County Caregiver Support Group Meeting	Nov. 28, 2017	2:00 p.m.	Central Presbyterian Church, Princeton

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