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2017 KCADD LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Members of the PADD Board of Directors, Local Officials and Legislators attended the Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts Legislative Breakfast on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the Capitol Annex Cafeteria in Frankfort, KY.



Rep. Melinda Prunty & Gary Jones



Gary Jones, Ben Van Hooser & Rep. Jason Petrie



Mayor Carter Hendricks & Rep. Walker Thomas



Sen. Dorsey Ridley & John Mahre



Senate President Robert Stivers, II, Judge Hollis Alexander, Sen. Stan Humphries



Judge Perry Newcom and Bart Frazer



Mayor David Jackson, John Mahre, Mayor Danny Beavers and

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

On February 10, 2017, Todd County and the City of Guthrie received funding from the Department for Local Government. **Congratulations** to Todd County Fiscal Court and Todd County Health Department on their award of \$500,000 to expand the health department, and to the City of Guthrie on their award of \$100,000 to expand natural gas service to Koppers.



L to R: Amy Frogue, Judge Darryl Greenfield, Com. Sandra Dunahoo, Rep. Jason Petrie, Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton, Mayor Scott Marshall and John Walton



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COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - CONT'D

Pennyrile Communities Receive Recreational Funding

Governor Matt Bevin and DLG Commissioner Sandra Dunahoo announced funding awards for the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program on February 16, 2017. These funds are used by local governments to make improvements in motorized and non-motorized trails and park facilities. The following Pennyrile communities were awarded funds under the 2016 Funding Cycle:

- ◆ Hopkins County Fiscal Court, Barnsley ATV Trail Project - \$90,080
- ◆ City of Earlington, ATV and Walking Trail - \$89,572
- ◆ City of Hopkinsville, Greenway System Phase II - \$100,000
- ◆ City of Madisonville, Mahr Park Trail Project - \$100,000
- ◆ Crittenden County Fiscal Court, Dam 50 Boat Dock Project - \$30,000
- ◆ Kentucky Department of Parks/Trigg County, Lake Barkley State Resort Park Wheelchair Accessible Trail - \$11,323

AREA AGENCY ON AGING & INDEPENDENT LIVING

Celebrating Centenarians

May is Older America's Month. To celebrate Older American's Month, the Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living is requesting information to help us locate and honor all older persons 100 years of age and older throughout the Pennyrile district. The Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living will provide a recognition plaque for those individuals who are or will be 100 years of age or older on or before December 31, 2017.

If you know of a Centenarian in your community, please contact the Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living to provide their name, birthdate and contact information. To learn more about this special project, please contact Jill Collins at jill.collins@ky.gov or call 866-844-4396.

Attention Medicare beneficiaries! Are you a Medicare recipient and need help paying for your Medicare prescription drug costs? If you do, help is available! If you have limited income and resources and currently have or are eligible for Medicare Part D then you may be able to get help paying for your monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments through a program called Extra Help. Applying is quick and easy! You can apply by contacting **Ali Jones** at Pennyrile Area Development District in Hopkinsville, KY and set up an appointment with her to apply over the phone. You can contact her at **1-866-844-4396** or **1-800-928-7233**. You can also contact her by email at ali.jones@ky.gov.



Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living Welcomes New Staff

The Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living would like to welcome **Heather Meeks**. Heather was hired as a Social Services Case Manager on February 6, 2017. She will provide case management services for Homecare and Older American's Act programs in Caldwell & Lyon Counties. Welcome Heather!

Pictured Left: Ms. Heather Meeks

WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE

State Pulling Workers Out of 31 Unemployment Offices Amid Major Cuts

Due to a \$4.6 million deficit in fiscal year 2016, the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet is pulling its employees out of 31 Kentucky Career Centers in an effort to save millions of dollars. Employees of the Office of Employment and Training throughout the state received a notice on January 10, 2017 that the Cabinet was making drastic changes shifting its focus from 51 Kentucky Career Centers to 12 "hubs". The change means 16 individuals in the West Kentucky area will be transferred to other positions within the cabinet or elsewhere in state government. These changes went into effect on February 16, 2017.

The West Kentucky Workforce Board and Eastern Kentucky are the only areas that will maintain two (2) "hubs". The "hubs" in Western Kentucky will be located in Hopkinsville and Paducah. Unemployed workers will have a new way to connect to help via phone or internet, and there will be a shift of focus in the Office of Employment and Training from primarily offering unemployment insurance to primarily offering career services.

The West Kentucky Workforce Board staff will continue to serve customers at JobNet in Madisonville, the Murray Career Center, and the Career Advancement Center in Central City.

Unemployment Insurance

File a Claim
kcc.ky.gov
502-875-0442

General UI Support
502-564-2900

 Kentucky Career Center



WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE - CONT'D

West Kentucky Workforce Board Youth Activities



The West Kentucky Workforce Board Youth Committee recommended moving forward with the Request for Proposal for Youth Activities for 2017-2018 during their meeting on February 23, 2017. The Request for Proposal for Comprehensive Youth Services for 2017/2018 will be released on March 8, 2017. A Bidder's Conference for interested will be held on March 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. CST at Lake Barkley State Resort Park (Sunrise Room) in Cadiz. The Request for Proposal is due on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. The WKWB Program Review Committee will meet in April to hear presentations from the prospective providers and to make recommendations to the full board regarding funding. Information on the RFP can be found at www.wkworkforce.work (on March 8) or by contacting Juliet Allen at 270-886-9484.

Muhlenberg County High School Operation Preparation

Career Advancement Center and JobNet Career Center staff participated in the Muhlenberg Co. High School Operation Preparation Event on February 23, 2017. Staff counseled with sophomore students on college and career readiness. For more information, contact Molly Deahl at JobNet in Madisonville at 270-821-9966 or molly.deahl@ky.gov or Kimberly Proffitt at the Career Advancement Center in Central City at 270-338-1865 or Kimberly.proffitt@ky.gov



Veterans Services in the Pennyrile



The West Kentucky Workforce Board is pleased to report that the Breathitt Career Center has two Veteran's representatives on site. The Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) will provide assistance to Veterans by supervising the provision of all services to Veterans furnished by employment service employees, including counseling, testing and identifying training and employment opportunities, monitoring job listings, and ensuring eligible Veterans get the services to which they are entitled. The Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialist will assist with developing job and training opportunities for Veterans, with special emphasis on Veterans with service-connected disabilities. They also will provide outreach and offer assistance to disabled and other Veterans by promoting community and employer support for employment and training opportunities. They may be contacted at their offices at 270-889-6509.

Fort Campbell Veteran Transition Services

By request from the West Kentucky Workforce Board, the Cabinet has announced it will be investing in a Fort Campbell Veteran Transition Services position. This person will connect Kentucky employers to exiting military by matching leadership skills to local positions. This is a great opportunity for West Kentucky to broaden its outreach to qualified veterans, plus offer a direct service to our business/industry.

Work Ready Skills Advisory Committee Awards 3 Projects in West Kentucky

On February 1, 2017, the Work Ready Skills Advisory Committee awarded more than \$65.5 million to 25 Kentucky projects in the first round of funding. The WKWB wrote letters of support for the projects. West Kentucky received three (3) awards including: Caldwell County Schools \$1,520,000, Paducah Public Schools, \$3,800,000, and West Kentucky Community & Technical College, \$3,040,000. The Kentucky Work Ready Skills Initiative is aimed at developing a highly trained, modernized workforce to meet the needs of employers, grow the state's economy and promote sustainable incomes for Kentuckians. Applications are now being accepted for the second round and due on March 16, 2017. For more information on the project, please visit www.KentuckyWorkReady.com.



TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Start Strong • Serve Strong • Reintegrate Strong • Remain Strong

2017 Spring Job Fair

March 22-23, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Cole Park Commons
Fort Campbell, KY



To view employers, please visit
Ft. Campbell ACAP/Fort Campbell ACS Facebook page.
For additional information, please call 270-798-5000/4412



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Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time (CST)</u>	<u>Location</u>
PADD Board of Directors Meeting	Mar. 13, 2017	12:00 Noon	PADD Office, Hopkinsville
Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting	Mar. 14, 2017	10:00 a.m.	PADD Office, Hopkinsville
Pennyrile Grandparents Support Group Meeting	Mar. 15, 2017	10:00 a.m.	PADD Office, Hopkinsville
Trigg County Caregiver Support Group	Mar. 28, 2017	12:00 Noon	John L. Street Library, Cadiz
Caldwell County Caregiver Support Group	Mar. 28, 2017	5:00 p.m.	Central Presbyterian Church, Princeton
West Kentucky Workforce Board Meeting	Mar. 30, 2017	10:00 a.m.	Kentucky Dam Village Convention Center, Gilbertsville, KY

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