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APRIL PADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Executive Director Ms. Heather Lancaster and staff from Sanctuary Inc. and Pennyriple Judge Executives Ellen Dunning, Wade White, Jimmy Turner, Hollis Alexander, Donnie Carroll, Perry Newcom and Steve Tribble

The PADD Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Monday, May 9, 2018 at the PADD Office in Hopkinsville, KY. Ms. Heather Lancaster, Executive Director, Sanctuary, Inc. presented a proclamation declaring the month of April 2018 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Ms. Hilda Legg, State Director of Kentucky, USDA Rural Development shared the importance of partnering with local rural development to accomplish our goals for economic development in Kentucky and rural America.



Ms. Hilda Legg, State Director of KY, USDA Rural Development

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Koppers Celebrates Expansion with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Guthrie

On April 24, 2018, Koppers Industries in Guthrie, Kentucky celebrated a recently completed \$3 million expansion to the plant. The expansion includes the installation of a natural gas fired boiler that will help improve efficiency and increase production at the 104 year old railroad tie plant. Koppers is the oldest employer in Todd County. Pennyriple Area Development District staff assisted in the project through a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which allowed for the installation of a natural gas line to serve the industry.



Kentucky Reads Initiative

The birthday of Robert Penn Warren was celebrated in Guthrie (birthplace) on April 24, 2018 as Kentucky Humanities announced a new Kentucky Reads initiative. Warren was designated "First Poet Laureate of the US" by Congress in 1986. He was a three time winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

Pictured Left: Mayor Scott Marshall, City of Guthrie, KY



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - *Cont'd*

Pennyriple Counties Receive Opportunity Zone Designation

Gov. Bevin announced on April 9, 2018 the U.S. Department of the Treasury certified 144 Opportunity Zones in 84 Kentucky counties under a program in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 that aims to encourage long-term investments in low-income urban and rural communities nationwide. Four counties in the Pennyriple region were among the 84 selected: Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, and Todd Counties. PADD staff assisted in the submission of applications for the Opportunity Zone designation.

The designation offers significant federal tax breaks and deferrals to entities and individuals investing in Opportunity Funds, which support development projects within one or more zones. The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development will oversee the state's program through the Kentucky Opportunity Zone Initiative and launched KYOZ.org to provide information on this widespread and promising opening for economic development.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

Administration for Community Living (ACL) Regions III and IV, Aging Network Meeting

Jill Collins, Pennyriple Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living Director, was a speaker at the Administration for Community Living (ACL) Regions III and IV, Aging Network Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on May 2, 2018.

The presentation highlighted the Pennyriple Veterans Directed Home and Community Based Service Program. The VDHCBS Hub and Spoke model implemented by the Pennyriple Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living is the only program of its kind in the nation. Pennyriple also serves as the Hub for veterans receiving services in the state of Tennessee, thus expanding the program across state lines.

The primary audience attending the ACL regional meeting includes State Unit on Aging and Area Agency on Aging Directors from Washington DC, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.



Pictured L to R: Chris Mitchell, ACL; Jill Collins Pennyriple AAAIL Director; Costas Miskas, ACL Bi-Regional Administrator Regional III & IV

Older Americans Month 2018: Engage at Every Age

For 55 years, Older Americans Month (OAM) has been observed to recognize older Americans and their contributions to our communities. Every May offers an opportunity to hear from, support, and celebrate our nation's elders. This year's OAM theme, "Engage at Every Age," emphasizes the importance of being active and involved, no matter where or when you are in life. You are never too old (or too young) to participate in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being.



ENGAGE AT EVERY AGE: MAY 2018

As part of celebrating OAM, the Pennyriple Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living will be hosting an annual training for staff, volunteers, and Aging Advisory Council members at Lake Barkley on May 9, 2018. Topics will include fire safety, senior scams, senior bullying, Long Term Care Ombudsman program, and Veterans Administration services.

The Pennyriple Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living will also focus on how older adults in the Pennyriple Region are engaging with friends, family, and community. Many special activities are planned including day trips, cookouts, ice cream socials, dances, Mother's Day celebrations, movies, corn hole games, so much more. Contact your local senior citizens center or the Pennyriple ADRC at 1-866-844-4396 for more information. We encourage you to get involved in Older Americans Month 2018! #OAM18

Medicare Beneficiaries!

Are you currently receiving Medicare and paying for your Part B monthly premium? If so, there is a program that may be able to assist you with that premium cost. If your income is under \$1,357/single or \$1,827/married and your resources/assets are under \$7,390/single or \$11,090/married then you may qualify to receive assistance through the state with a program called the Medicare Savings Program. This program may help pay for your Part B premiums and *potentially* assist in also paying for Part A premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments, depending on your income level. To see if you are eligible and apply for this program, contact Ali Jones with the Pennyriple Area Development District in Hopkinsville, KY at (866) 844-4396 or (270) 886-9484.

WEST KENTUCKY WORK FORCE

Department of Workforce Investment Staffing and Transition

The past month has brought some changes to the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and the Kentucky Department of Workforce Investment. Secretary Hal Heiner announced his resignation on April 16, 2018 to accept an appointment as a member of the Kentucky Board of Education. Governor Bevin has appointed Don Parkinson as the Interim Secretary. Secretary Parkinson comes from the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet where he has served as Secretary since December, 2015.

Beth Kuhn left her post as the Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Investment as of April 30 to focus solely on Kentucky HEALTH Community Engagement implementation. Commissioner Kuhn will serve as Executive Adviser reporting directly to acting Secretary of the Cabinet for Health & Family Services, Scott Brinkman. Governor Bevin appointed Ray Leathers to replace Beth Kuhn. Commissioner Leathers previously served as the Private Sector Liaison for the Local Workforce Boards and the Executive Assistant to Secretary Heiner.



Secretary Don Parkinson



Annual Hopkins Co. Job Expo

The annual Hopkins County Job Expo was held on April 24th in Madisonville at the Ballard Convention Center. Over 370 job seekers attended the event to examine the job opportunities in the area. Over 40 employers and community agencies were represented at this year's Expo and offered a full spectrum of positions through their respective companies, such as mining, medical, and food services. The Hopkins County Job Expo committee will be tracking the number of hires for each company and will announce those numbers once they are available. (Picture by Riley Dever, Madisonville/Hopkins Co. EDC)

Youth Program Review - May 1, 2018

The West Kentucky Workforce Board's Program Review Committee met on May 1, 2018 to listen to prospective youth contractors present their proposals. Youth Programs were presented by Christian County Board of Education, Hopkinsville Community College, Madisonville Community College, Paducah Public Schools and West Kentucky Community & Technical College. Total funding requested by the proposers was over \$650,000.00. The Committee will make recommendations on the programs, and the recommendations will be taken to the next full WKWB meeting on May 10, 2018 at Lake Barkley State Resort Park Convention Center for their consideration.



Mid South Military Education Symposium

Marc Quesenberry, WKWB Veterans Transition Liaison was selected as a panel member for the 5th Annual 2018 Mid South Advisory Council on Military Education (ACME) Symposium with the theme of "Agents of Change". Mid South ACME strives to promote, support, and assist institutions of higher learning in delivering the highest quality of education to active duty, National Guard, reservists, and family members throughout Kentucky and Tennessee. On May 3rd, Marc spoke on workforce topics and various education and training opportunities that transitioning soldiers and spouses participate in at Fort Campbell. The audience represents a wide array of college and university personnel as well as organizations involved in Military and Veteran Affairs.



National Military Appreciation Month

The WKWB joins Christian County local officials and the Chamber in recognizing May as Military Appreciation Month. The Board is grateful for Ft. Campbell's opportunities and supports the transition of military/veterans into our communities. The WKWB appreciates the many positive economic impacts of Ft. Campbell being our neighbor and our partner. For more information about the WKWB's Veterans Transition Program, please contact Marc Quesenberry at marc.quesenberry@ky.gov or 270-886-9484.

PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



**Registration 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.**

**James E. Bruce Convention Center
303 Conference Center Drive
Hopkinsville, Kentucky**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time (CDT)</u>	<u>Location</u>
West Kentucky Workforce Board Meeting	May 10, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Lake Barkley State Resort Park Convention Center, Cadiz
Ft. Campbell Strong Board of Directors Meeting	May 11, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Stewart County Public Library, Dover, TN
Pennyrile Grandparents Support Group Meeting	May 16, 2018	10:00 a.m.	PADD Office, Hopkinsville
Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting	May 17, 2018	10:00 a.m.	PADD Office, Hopkinsville
Trigg County Caregiver Support Group Meeting	May 22, 2018	12:00 Noon	John L. Street Library, Cadiz
Caldwell County Caregiver Support Group Meeting	May 22, 2018	2:00 p.m.	Central Presbyterian Church, Princeton

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