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GOVERNOR RELEASES LONG AWAITED HEALTH CARE REFORM PLAN

The Governor unveiled his Health Care Reform Plan in Frankfort, September 9 to a standing room only crowd.

The Governor proposes to establish a Mega Purchasing Pool for select groups representing approximately two million Kentuckians enabling the state to have greater leverage power for negotiation for an affordable health program.

Effective January 1, 1993, a Health Care Authority will be created. A three-member commission will be appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate to enable them not only to (1) control waste and fraud, (2) make recommendations for changes in the basic health insurance plan, (3) address other pertinent points concerning budgeting and finance of which they will have authority.

The Committees appointed were: Governance, Finance and Benefits. Each committee has been charged with taking their

portion of the Health Care Reform Plan and reviewing each point and working with the proposal until they each have a workable program to submit to the Special Session in November.

Individuals interested in reviewing the Reform Plan as it is now, may contact the Area Development District at 502/769-2393.

1992 PACESETTERS HEALTH FESTIVAL

The opening ceremonies to kick-off the Bluegrass State Games, was the Pacesetters Health Festival held on July 24, 1992. Approximately 120 participants from the Lincoln Trail area attended the health promotion event which was set up to recognize qualifying persons 55 and older that were involved in local walking programs. Participants documented miles walked in log books throughout the year in order to become eligible to join the festivities in Frankfort. Achievement awards were presented to two Lincoln Trail participants. Both are members of the Meade County Senior Citizens Center: Ella Jane Knott won the statewide Pacesetter Moti-

vator award for her enthusiastic efforts to motivate persons to take part in the walking program, and Bonnie Heady won a certificate for



walking more than 500 miles. Everyone enjoyed the festival and have begun logging in miles for 1993. Persons interested in joining the Pacesetters Walking Program should contact their local senior citizens center.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM (JOBS)

Public agencies in the Lincoln Trail JOBS counties (Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, Marion, Meade, and Nelson) have demonstrated great response and willingness to participate in the Community Work Experience Program by employing JOBS participants from both the Unemployed Parent (UP) segment of the JOBS population and the regular AFDC JOBS client population. Placement of these JOBS participants should be underway beginning October 1 when the JOBS program officially becomes statewide. Eligible clients will be referred by the Social Insurance Department to the Department for Employment Services. DES will be responsible for actual placement and monitoring of clients in these positions.

Interim successes with clients before actual gainful employment is secured are being experienced in the established programs in Nelson and Hardin Counties. Clients have indicated enjoyment and satisfaction from attendance at components such as self-esteem and computerized remedial education classes. Clients have also attained GED diplomas and have enrolled in post-secondary education components at St. Catharine College, the Elizabethtown Community College, and skills training at both local and state Vocational Schools

LINCOLN TRAIL UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES

Preliminary July 1992

Breckinridge	6.3%
Grayson	7.4%
Hardin	5.7%
LaRue	7.1%
Marion	8.0%
Meade	8.0%
Nelson	9.7%
Washington	7.4%

GATES RUBBER COMPANY - POLYFLEX BELT PLANT HONORED AS 1992 DISTRICT'S CORPORATE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



The Lincoln Trail Area Development District Board of Directors nominated the Gates Rubber Company of Elizabethtown as the District nominee for Kentucky's Corporate Citizen of the Year. Gates joined 14 other nominees from the Kentucky Area Development Districts at the 28th Annual Governor's Industry Appreciation Luncheon in Louisville, where they and an assortment of Kentucky industries were honored by the Governor.

Gates, a manufacturer of polyflex belts for Harley-Davidson, IBM, Whirlpool, NAPA, and Xerox, has participated in many activities during its 28 years in Hardin County that have served to make the community, area, and facility a good place to work and live. The firm has been an active contributor and participant in numerous efforts in the region. Gates employees were instrumental in developing the local chapters of both the National Management Association and the American Society of Quality Control. Playing facilities for the local soccer league are

leased to the community for \$1.00 annually and the firm contributed funds to a 770 acre Boy Scout Camp in Hardin County. Gates' employees are members of many local civic and business organizations. The company was also a significant participant in the City's "Christmas in the Park" during the past year and was very instrumental in the growth of the celebration. Gates recently joined an elite group of U.S. manufacturing facilities that have received a "Corporate Class A-1 Quality Rating" for the second year in a row. The coveted manufacturing award is earned under the Manufacturing Resource Planning II (MRP) program and is attained by having a complete system within the plant to ensure that quality "begins with receipt of raw materials and does not end until the customer receives the product."

Gates Rubber is a prime example of outstanding corporate citizenship and, our past recipients, is a model for many other firms in the Commonwealth and Lincoln Trail region.

LINCOLN TRAIL AREA COMPANY AND BUSINESSMAN RECOGNIZED AT GOVERNOR'S INDUSTRY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

In addition to the announcement of the Corporate Citizen of the Year award, the Industry Appreciation Luncheon is also the occasion to honor other Kentucky businesses and individuals who have excelled in a variety of categories. The Lincoln Trail Area Development District was fortunate to have two other "honorees" featured at this year's Luncheon, in addition to our District Corporate Citizen nominee, Gates Rubber.

As we had announced in our last *Rail Splitter*, Mr. G. Alan Bernard, President of Mid-Park, Inc., in Leitchfield has been selected as the Kentucky Small Business Person of the Year. He was recognized by Lt. Governor Paul Patton at the Luncheon on behalf of Governor Brereton Jones. As the Kentucky winner, Mr. Bernard has been invited to Washington, D.C., for special ceremonies saluting the nation's 20 million small businesses.

Each year the Governor recognizes Kentucky companies which are celebrating their 100th anniversary in business. This year, one of the five companies honored included the Meade County Messenger. Published in Brandenburg, the weekly newspaper employs 19 persons and has been serving the area since 1892.



1992 GOVERNORS CONFERENCE FOR OLDER KENTUCKIANS

Lincoln Trail district delegates anxiously await the 1992 Governors Conference for Older Kentuckians on October 13 and 14 in Frankfort. The conference is being organized by the Governor's Office and the Association of Older Kentuckians (A-OK). Enthusiasm is high and for good reason. The last conference of this kind was held during Governor Collins' Administration. The purpose of the event is to bring to the forefront the issues facing older adults which inhibit their obtaining optimum quality of life and identify practical solutions and trends that work toward providing alternatives. Conference topics will focus on Health Care Access/Cost, Accessible Housing, Community Delivery Systems, Cultural/Educational Enrichment, Alternative Care System, Transportation, and Economics of Aging in Kentucky; all as they relate to older Kentuckians.

Delegates from the Lincoln Trail area were selected based upon their interest and concern or facilitating the well-being of older adults. They are as follows:

DELEGATES REPRESENTING OLDER PERSONS

Edna Caple (LaRue Co.)
Randall Donahue (Marion Co.)
Bill Thompson (Breckinridge Co.)
Rose Brauch (Nelson Co.)
Pearl Miller (Hardin Co.)

DELEGATES REPRESENTING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCIES

Janelle Mason (LTADD HomeCare)
Virginia Shumate (CareTenders)
Beverly Heath (Sunrise Manor)
Brenda Heady, Alternate
(Helmwood Village)

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY GROUNDBREAKING

The City of Brandenburg had a ground breaking ceremony on September 10th to signify the beginning of the expansion of their wastewater treatment facilities. The \$1.9 million project will provide the city with the infrastructure it needs in order to provide further growth. Attending the ceremony were representatives of the City of Brandenburg, including Mayor Carl T. Wells. Also attending were representatives from the Division of Water, representatives from Howard K. Bell Engineers, and representatives from Howard W. Pence, Inc. who will be constructing the facility.

A pre-construction conference followed the ground breaking ceremony. Attending the conference were those previously mentioned, in addition Lincoln Trail ADD staff provided information concerning labor and EEO requirements for the project. Construction will begin immediately and is to be finished within a year.

CDBG APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

The Lincoln Trail ADD provided assistance to Breckinridge County and the City of Cloverport in the preparation of applications for resubmission for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The applications, which fall under the Special Projects category of CDBG funding, were submitted prior to the September 16, 1992 deadline. The applications were for the following projects:

*Breckinridge County applied for \$167,250 in CDBG funds to be combined with \$50,000 in local funds to retrofit the Breckinridge County Courthouse in order to make it fully accessible to the disabled. This would include the installation of an elevator, the widening of doorways and construction of entrance ramps, as well as modifications to restroom facilities.

*The City of Cloverport applied for \$284,080 in CDBG funds to be combined with \$9,100 in local contribution to rehabilitate the city's antiquated water system. This would include water line replacement in certain areas of the city, and renovation of two water storage tanks.

AREA DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECTS

1. Marion County Garbage Truck Purchase
\$10,442.72
2. Bradfordsville Civic Center Construction
\$4,000.00
3. Cloverport Firehouse Construction
\$12,013.43

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UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

October

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| 8-9 | Governor's 9th Annual Housing Conference, Louisville |
| 8-9 | Senior Center Directors Workshop, Lexington |
| 13-14 | Governor's Conference on Aging, Frankfort |
| 21 | Board of Directors Meeting |
| 22 | Regional Small Business Council, Pritchard Community Center, Elizabethtown |
| 27 | State Health Reform Town Forum, Central Hardin High School, 7:30 p.m. |
| 28 | City Clerks Meeting, LTADD Office |
| 28-30 | JTPA Annual Conference, Owensboro |

November

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| 3 | Election Day, LTADD office open |
| 11 | Veterans Day, LTADD office closed |
| 12 | Certified Cities Awards Luncheon, Louisville |
| 18-20 | KIDC, Elizabethtown |
| 18 | KACO Convention |
| 26 | Thanksgiving Day, LTADD office closed |

CONGRESS APPROVES JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT AMENDMENTS

After three and a half years of discussion, a final compromise bill package won approval of Congress on August 11, 1992. The President will sign the bill within the next few days. The Job Training Reform Amendments of 1992, as the final legislation is now called, go into effect with the program year beginning July 1, 1993. The Department of Labor is now in the process of drafting implementing regulations in time for state and local entities to develop 1993 program year plans.

The bill will set a new course for major changes in program design, quality and administration. It creates separate adult and year-round youth programs under Title II. The bill changes participant eligibility and targeting of services so that programs serve primarily those most in need. It requires individualized assessments of education, skills, and service needs of each participant so that service strategies can be tailored and managed individually for greater impact. The bill is designed to provide more intense and comprehensive services to each client. Performance standards will emphasize the actual acquisition of skills, rather than simple job placements. It will require better documentation and reporting of costs and stronger procurement and contracting procedures. Representation on the private industry council will change also. Organized labor and community-based organizations are to be not less than 15 percent of the membership. Also, a representative of the local welfare agency is added.

As new information and guidelines are received, we will pass this information along to you. The next few months will be spent trying to prepare for these major changes. Staff will be attending various training sessions to learn more about the JTPA Reform Amendments of 1992.

LOCAL RECORDS GRANTS PRESENTED

On July 6, 1992, the Department of Library and Archives announced that forty-one local public agencies would receive over \$635,000 in Local Records Grants. These grants are presented yearly and are used by local agencies for security microfilming, restoring damaged or deteriorating records, installing automated indexing systems, or purchasing equipment or supplies necessary to preserve and better manage records.

Three local governments in the Lincoln Trail area will receive grants for the following projects:

***Grayson County will receive \$28,128 to microfilm records in the county clerk's office for security and to produce public use copies of the microfilm. Funds will also be used to recreate records and to purchase records storage equipment.**

***Washington County will receive \$8,200 for records restoration and to purchase record book binders for the county clerk's office.**

***The City of Radcliff will receive \$8,848 to purchase records retrieval equipment for the city clerk's office.**

CITY OF LEBANON PURSUES RENOVATION OF SANITARY SEWER/ STORM SEWER SYSTEM

The City of Lebanon has applied to the Farmers Home Administration for financial assistance for the renovation and extension of their existing sanitary sewer system and the renovation of their storm sewer system. The proposed sanitary sewer/storm sewer project will alleviate problems now facing the City with respect to localized flooding, sanitary sewer back-ups and combined sewer overflows. Additionally, this project will allow the City to meet their commitment to Teledyne Portland Forge, a manufacturer who has selected Lebanon as the site to install a multi-million dollar facility that is projected to employ 350 people by the end of 1995. Total project cost is \$3,253,200.

HARDIN COUNTY GIS PROJECT COMPLETED

The Community Development Staff completed their first Geographical Information System (GIS) project by preparing proposed voting precincts for the Hardin County Clerk's Office. The proposed redistricting was accomplished by using Census population data and a computer mapping program. Given certain constraints such as city boundaries, school district boundaries, and state representative districts the staff, using the GIS system, was able to give each precinct approximately the same population.

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