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LTADD HOLDS 26TH ANNUAL MEETING

The 26th Annual Meeting of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District Board of Directors was held on April 20, 1994 at the Pritchard Community Center in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. A large crowd enjoyed the evening's festivities which included an enthusiastic address by **Mayor Jerry Abramson** of Louisville in which he complimented the work of Kentucky's Area Development Districts and promoted the concept of



Mayor Jerry Abramson, Guest Speaker for the evening.

regionalism. Officers for the Board of Directors were elected and the oath of office was administered to them by **Commissioner Bruce Ferguson** of the Department of Local Government. The officers for the coming year are: **Judge Tom Moorman** (Breckinridge County) **Chairman**; **Judge Tommy Turner** (LaRue County) **1st Vice Chairman**; **Judge Bobby Brady** (Washington County) **2nd Vice Chairman**; **Mayor Richard Brandenburg** (Vine Grove) **Secretary**; **Gene Spragens, Jr.** (Citizen Member, Marion Co.) **Treasurer**.

Other events of the evening included the presentation of the Palmer A. "Pete" Peterson Memorial Award to **Mary Dixon**, a citizen board member from LaRue County. Ms. Dixon received the award in recognition to her tireless devotion to the Lincoln Trail ADD and the people it serves. **R. K. Keith**, former Mayor of the City of Hodgenville, was presented the Dorthy M. Dolle Memorial Award in recognition of his dedicated efforts to enhance the lives of older Americans, especially those of the residents of Sunrise Manor in Hodgenville.

Several Lincoln Trail ADD staff members were also honored. **Wendell Lawrence**, Deputy Director, was recognized for 10 years of

employment with the ADD. Several staff members were recognized for three years of employment. Those employees were: **Brenda Chandler**, JTPA Fiscal Officer; **Jeanette Connor**, Homecare Case Manager; **Todd Johnson**, Community Development Specialist; **Rachel McKinney**, Homecare Case Manager and **Sharon Morris**, Homecare Case Manager.



Mary Dixon presented with the Peterson Award by Judge Tom Moorman.



From left: Judge Tom Moorman, Judge Tommy Turner, Judge Bobby Brady, Mr. Gene Spragens, Mayor Richard Brandenburg. Back row: Commissioner Bruce Ferguson.



Former Mayor of Hodgenville, R. K. Keith presented with Dolle award by Judge Tom Moorman.

WASHINGTON COUNTY ADOPTS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

In May of 1994 the Washington County Planning and Zoning Commission made a recommendation to the Washington County Fiscal Court to adopt a Comprehensive Plan. The Fiscal Court subsequently did so, enabling the county to begin proceeding with the consideration of zoning regulations and subdivision regulations.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

The local White House Conference on Aging was held on May 26, 1994 in Elizabethtown. This conference was one of hundreds of sanctioned events held across the country which will culminate in a national conference to be held in Washington D.C in May of 1995. As the final White House Conference in this century, the conference follows a series of previous events held at approximately ten year intervals which have begun with grass roots identification of issues presented in forums held in local, regional, and state districts and nationally. From these events reports and recommendations are generated and presented to the President for action. Previous conferences have seen the identification of critical concerns and measures taken to address these concerns.

In the Lincoln Trail District the forum focused on community based care. Participants discussed the need for expanded availability of existing services and creation of additional services to meet the needs of caregivers. Funding mechanisms allowing for creative programming were felt to be necessary in order to meet the special needs of individual communities. Participants discussed health services and the importance of reasonable costs as well as the patients right to choose a

physician. Institutional care was felt to be essential for persons whose care needs are beyond the capacity of in-home care. When institutional care is necessary it should be available in the community rather than in distant counties or out of state. Long term care coverage was felt to be a necessary part of any national policy for health care coverage. Overall and through a wide variety of comments, the forum focused on the importance of community care and the need for self directed services. Support for informal caregivers was identified as essential in expanding available options for elders trying to remain in their homes and communities.

Kentucky will see a series of forums held this summer. Lincoln Trail, along with the Barren River and Green River ADD's will hold a regional forum at 1:30 (CDT) on August 4, 1994 in Owensboro at the Owensboro Community College. On September 20-22, 1994 the Governor's Conference will serve as Kentucky state forum, and this Fall Kentucky will host a forum in Louisville conducted by national staff of the White House Conference, which will bring together participants from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, as well as Kentucky.

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SENIOR CELEBRATION



In celebration of May, "Older Americans Month", the Lincoln Trail Service Providers hosted their annual "Senior Celebration - A Rainbow of Opportunities". Senior Celebration, in conjunction with the Local White House Conference on Aging, was held May 26, 1994 at the Pritchard Community Center in Elizabethtown and entertained over 300 senior citizens, and their friends and family members.

The entertainment for the event included presentations on a wide variety of subject areas of interest to seniors including: drug awareness, living wills, cooking demonstrations, benefits counseling, exercise program (Body Recall) and personal relationships. There were also informational booths, health screenings, displays, door prizes, and arts and crafts booths. Other special events for the seniors ranged from rook tournaments and bingo to the presentation of special awards including: the oldest attendee, longest married, most children and many others. In the picture above, Jim Greer, Executive Director, Lincoln Trail ADD, presents Pacesetters Walking Awards to Nellie Shaw and Jesse Edge.

Those in attendance also had the opportunity to voice their concerns pertaining to aging and other health issues by participating in the White House Conference on Aging.

CITY OF BARDSTOWN RECEIVES CDBG - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The City of Bardstown recently received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) totaling \$290,568 for an economic development project. This grant will allow the city to extend water and sewer lines to 25 acres of land located on Kentucky 245, one-half mile north of US 150. The utility extension will permit the relocation of an existing cabinet manufacturing firm, Chris's Creations, in order to expand the company's current operations.

This project will provide economic opportunities for the City of Bardstown, Nelson County and the region. Chris's Creations' expansion efforts translate into the creation of an additional 25 full time positions. Currently, total employment at the company has reached 35.

KRTC TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Elizabethtown is the birthplace of the **Kentucky Rural Telecommunications Center (KRTC)**, a strategy born to expand rural economic horizons. The KRTC is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization serving the Lincoln Trail Region. The first two major applications the KRTC will offer to the Lincoln Trail Region are local access to the Internet and a community bulletin board. The Internet is more commonly referred to as the "Information Super Highway" touted by Vice President Al Gore and President Bill Clinton. Virtually all aspects of life will benefit from KRTC services. Education will be the main recipient; however, government, industry, private business, health care and agriculture will also benefit from the services offered by the KRTC.

A press conference was held on July 6, 1994 in Elizabethtown by Brian Daly of the Kentucky Science and Technology Council to announce the implementation phase of the KRTC initiative, and to kick off a technology fair hosted by KRTC. The technology fair was held at the Pritchard Community Center in Elizabethtown on July 7-8, 1994 and provided an opportunity for local vendors to display the latest in communications and information technology. The event was highlighted by Dean Brooks and Danny Gregorie of IgLou, the Internet gateway for Louisville, who provided guided tours down the information highway. The fair was a huge success drawing rural Kentuckians from very diverse backgrounds. Seminars were held in the evening for more indepth Internet access. Another technology fair is scheduled to be held on April 18-19, 1995.

On November 15-16, 1994 an international conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Tampa, Florida which will provide a complete briefing on the KRTC initiative. At the conference, the Kentucky Science and Technology Council will sponsor workshops on economic development, community planning and telecommunications. Professionals involved in rural economic development in both the public and private sectors should plan to attend. Contact Kris Kimel or Barbara Flexter at the Kentucky Science and Technology Council, Inc. at P.O. Box 1049, Lexington, KY 40588, or call (606) 233-3502, for more information.

ADF MONIES LEFT OUT OF STATE BUDGET

In late June of 1994 the Kentucky General Assembly finally passed a \$24 billion budget for the Fiscal Year 1995-1996 Biennium that was signed into law by Governor Brereton Jones. Although funding for many important programs and projects was included in the budget, no monies were allocated for the Area Development Fund (ADF) program which has been a vital source of funds for capital improvement projects for local governments since the late 1970s.

Since the program's inception, cities and counties within the Lincoln Trail Region have utilized approximately \$4.5 mil-

lion on a variety of projects including the purchase and maintenance of equipment for police and fire departments, the development and maintenance of water distribution and wastewater collection systems, as well as parks and other public facilities. These monies have also been an important resource for providing local matching funds for larger state and federal capital improvement funding programs.

The loss of these program dollars will have a significant impact on many local entities who struggle to provide the basic services required by their citizens. In recent years as the availability of revenues from other govern-

mental sources has become more scarce and competition for the available dollars more intense, the ADF program had become about the only source of funds for small projects on which local governments could depend.

Statutory authorization for the ADF program still exists, but without state appropriation the program, for now, is dead. It is possible that funding could be restored by future sessions of the General Assembly.



1994 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The 1994 Summer Youth Employment Program is well underway in the Lincoln Trail Region. This year the program, that has been in place for many years, has undergone some dramatic changes. The certification process, that in past years has been conducted by the Department for Employment Services, is being conducted by JTPA Case Managers employed by the Lincoln Trail ADD. Also, Supportive Services have been made available to those summer youth participants requiring assistance with barriers to

employment; such as, transportation and child care. An Individual Service Strategy will be developed for each participant to allow him or her to be placed in a job based upon individual interests and goals. To make the entire process more accessible to participants, case managers have traveled to each of the eight counties in the Lincoln Trail Region.

It is expected that approximately 500 youths between the ages of 16 and 21 will be served by the Summer Youth Program in the Lincoln Trail Region. The

participants will receive valuable employment skills as well as work maturity skills, while agencies providing jobs for them will benefit from the extra help. Participants in five of the area's eight counties will also be given the opportunity to receive educational enhancement, which includes: remediation, post high school counseling, education counseling, vocational counseling, planning, and citizenship skills.

LOCAL ETHICS CODES AND INVESTMENT POLICIES

As a result of measures passed by the 1994 General Assembly, all local governments in Kentucky will be required to adopt a Code of Ethics and an Investment Policy by January 1, 1994.

The Code of Ethics, required by HB 238 must be adopted by ordinance and will apply to all elected officers and those appointed officers and employees so designated in the ordinance. At a minimum the code must contain provisions which address the following:

- Standards of conduct for all elected and appointed officers and employees (many of which are addressed in the Kentucky Revised Statutes);
- Annual statements of financial disclosure for all elected officers and other designated officers and employees;
- Nepotism; and
- Enforcement of the ordinance either by a group or person.

Local governments will also be required to adopt a written policy covering investment practices for public funds by January 1, 1994. This is required by SB 199 which also broadens the list of investment opportunities available to local governments.

The ADD will be hosting a workshop dealing with both of these topics on Wednesday, August 24, 1994 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. (EST). Additional information will be sent to all local governments when complete plans for the workshop are finalized. If you have questions about either the Code of Ethics, Investment Policies or the upcoming workshop, contact Laura Rhea at the ADD office.

CITY OF LORETTO RECEIVES GRANT FOR SEWER PROJECT

The City of Loretto has received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$649,500 for the construction of a sanitary sewer system and wastewater treatment plant. The city is awaiting final approval of Farmer's Home Administration grant and loan funds to capture the remaining costs of the \$1,997,500 project.

ADD STAFF NEWS

Welcome to the following persons who joined the ADD Staff in April, 1994:

Vivian Heath, Aging Program Assistant
Jackie Masterson, JTPA Case Manager
Derinda Christerson, JTPA Case Manager

Congratulations to Jeanette Connor, HomeCare Case Manager, and her husband, Shawn, on the birth of their son, Shawn Qunitin Connor, Jr., on April 30, 1994.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM

The Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) Program has just completed its third year of operation in Kentucky. During this third year, the program was expanded from a limited number of counties to all sections of Kentucky, thus providing AFDC recipients in all areas of the state with opportunities to enroll in education/training programs such as literacy, ABE/GED, high school, technical/vocational schools, or college. Participants are also eligible for a transportation allowance and reimbursement for the cost of child care while in school or training.

Other noteworthy accomplishments during the past year included intensive coordination

efforts with Service Delivery Areas to coordinate JOBS/JTPA under the new regulations of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) program. Memorandums of Agreement with JTPA and various other agencies in the region have been accomplished to ensure that efforts and funding are not duplicated for JOBS clients who also qualify for JTPA services.

A second achievement included intensive and successful effort to develop Community Work Experience (CWEP) positions with public/non-profit agencies in the region, particularly for the UP (Unemployed Parent) segment of the JOBS clientele. JOBS clients in the

CWEP work in public agencies in order to gain work experience and to retain their subsidies.

A third change is the membership structure and redefinition of the function of the Regional JOBS Advisory Council which is now in process.

JOBS administrators and Council members are also awaiting receipt of working papers from President Clinton's Welfare Reform Task Force for guidance as to new directions for the program.

CALENDAR...

- 8/17 LTADD Board of Directors Meeting - LTADD Office - Elizabethtown
- 8/17-18 Kentucky Job Training Coordinating Council Meeting - Rough River State Resort Park
- 8/24 Lincoln Trail Regional Clerks Association
LTADD Office - Elizabethtown
- 9/1 Deadline for Submitting CDBG Applications for Community Projects
- 9/1-2 SBA 504 Certified Development Corporation Annual Meeting
Lake Cumberland State Resort Park
- 9/5 Labor Day - LTADD Office Closed
- 9/14-17 American Planning Association Conference - Cincinnati, OH
- 9/21 LTADD Board of Directors Meeting - LTADD Office - Elizabethtown
- 9/29-10/1 Kentucky League of Cities Annual Convention, Drawbridge Inn, Ft. Mitchell, KY

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SCENIC HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS PROGRAM

Ensuring Kentucky's economic growth for the future while preserving the historical significance of its past may seem like opposing goals, but the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, through the Scenic Highways and Byways Program, is meeting the challenges of tomorrow and yesterday, today. Through the formation of state and local partnerships, the program will provide a unique opportunity to preserve some of the Commonwealth's most scenic and historical roadways.

The Scenic Highways and Byways Program is based on strong local and/or regional support and commitment to protect the state's natural scenic resources, promote tourism, foster associated economic development and maximize the potential of little traveled or bypassed roads. It encourages local citizens' groups to submit routes for possible designation as a Scenic Highway or Byway. Consideration will be given to routes which have aesthetic, cultural, historical, or archaeological value worthy of preservation, restoration, protection and enhancement.

Application guidelines for the program, established by the cabinet, include such information as a narrative description of the roadway, map, and evidence of local support. Upon submittal, the application will

be reviewed by the Cabinet's Division of Planning, the appropriate district highway office, and the Scenic Highways and Byways Screening Committee. Information regarding roadway geometrics, accidents and traffic volumes will also be gathered and each of the roadways will be traveled by one or more of the committee members. Roadways selected will be designated as Scenic Highways or Byways by official order.

Applicant groups will have primary responsibility for ongoing monitoring and protection of the scenic qualities of adjacent land areas along the route. In turn, the Cabinet's oversight responsibilities include statewide signage and promotion of the system, administration funds, assurance of the system's integrity, provision of technical support and above all, provision of safety and service to the traveling public.

Funding for the program is made available through the transportation enhancement component of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 which established a Scenic Byways Advisory Committee to develop a national scenic byways program. ISTEA further encouraged the individual states to institute scenic byway programs. At present, approxi-

mately 40 states have or are initiating such programs.

The first round of funding for the Scenic Highways and Byways Program in Kentucky is well underway with the applications for funding having been due to the Transportation Cabinet by April 15, 1994. The Cabinet plans to announce the successful applicants in September or October. Unofficially the next deadline for submitting applications is October 15, 1994. It is anticipated the applications will be accepted every six months thereafter to augment the program.

If you would like to receive an application for the program or would like additional information, contact Mike Burress or Laura Rhea at the ADD office.

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