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Cloverport and Elizabethtown Mayors Win Wal-Mart Economic Development Grants in National Competition

WASHINGTON - The National Center of Small Communities (NCSC) has announced that **Thomas Wheatley, Mayor of the City of Cloverport**, and **David Willmoth, Mayor of the City of Elizabethtown**, are recipients of the American Hometown Leadership Award for outstanding leadership of America's smaller communities. Wal-Mart co-sponsors the award to promote strong leadership in small towns. Cloverport was presented a grant in the amount of \$5,000 in Mayor Wheatley's honor. Mayor Willmoth received a \$1,000 grant which he plans to donate to the Elizabethtown Industrial Foundation Training Consortium.

"The winners of the American Hometown Leadership Award demonstrate not only outstanding leadership qualities, but also the creativity and initiative needed to bring a measure of excellence to their work," said Tom Halicki, Executive Director of NCSC. "Their ability to envision great things for their community, and their ability to translate that vision into action, makes them deserving of our highest honor."

Wal-Mart awards more than \$2 million annually in economic development grants to support local efforts to attract new business. This year, the company will award more than \$600,000 of these grants to more than 200 communities across the country through the American Hometown Leadership Award. The award recognizes outstanding civic accomplishments by elected officials who serve on a local government's board, council or advisory committee in a community with a population of 25,000 or fewer.

"Wal-Mart's traditional customer base is comprised of small communities throughout America," said David Glass, President and Chief Executive Officer of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. "We are committed to improving these towns and townships not only by providing quality retail establishments, but also by lifting up the best leaders who are making a difference. We can all learn from their example."

NCSC is the only national, non-profit organization devoted to serving the leaders of America's smaller communities. The mission of NCSC is to provide small town decision-makers with the tools to govern effectively and the skills to expand local economies, protect natural resources and preserve community character.

The American Hometown Leadership Award is one of the many initiatives Wal-Mart sponsors to support the communities in which the company operates. Wal-Mart ranked No.1 in the 1999 Cone/Roper Report, an annual national survey regarding philanthropy and corporate citizenship. In 1998, Wal-Mart and its associates raised and donated more than \$127 million for charitable organizations.



DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY

Lincoln Trail Communities Awarded Local Records Grants

Fifty-one local public agencies across the state have been awarded Local Records Grants totaling \$617,747 by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), an agency of the Education, Arts, and Humanities Cabinet. The following LTADD communities were grant recipients:

City of Bardstown - \$2,124
Microfilming Permanent Records

City of Brandenburg - \$4,720
Microfilming Permanent records and
Records Storage Equipment

Grayson County - \$4,550
Codification of Ordinances

Marion County Clerk - \$17,330
Microfilming Permanent Records and
Records Preservation

Among other project objectives, these grants will provide funds for: the security microfilming of permanently valuable records, the restoration of damaged or deteriorating records, and the installation of automated indexing systems. They will also finance the codification of ordinances, and the purchase of other equipment, supplies, and services necessary to preserve, better manage, and/or enhance access to local government records. With this year's grants, more than \$10.5 million have been distributed throughout every Kentucky county during the program's sixteen-year history. For additional information, contact Ms. Janet Johnston, Public Administration Specialist at LTADD.

Construction Begins on the Hodgenville Water Treatment Plant

For the last several years, Hodgenville's water plant has been operating above capacity during peak usage periods and was not in compliance under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986. This project proposes to bring the Water Treatment Plant into compliance and provide a raw water source for future generations. Once completed, the project will directly benefit approximately 1,550 customers in the project area. Not only will this project upgrade the water plant, but it will include a 14-inch raw water main to connect the existing water plant to Salem Lake. Currently, water from the North Fork of the Nolin River is the main source of water for Hodgenville.



an \$801,000 Loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, \$469,000 from a Community Development Block Grant, \$576,420 Kentucky Area Development District 20 Year Loan and \$5,000 in City funds. The Lincoln Trail Area Development District will be providing administration for the block grant funds and the Kentucky Area Development District 20 Year Loan. Administration will come in the form of assistance to Hodgenville regarding Federal and State regulations. Anyone wanting information concerning the Hodgenville Water Treatment Plant Upgrade/Expansion should contact Mike Burress or Patrick Haggerty at the ADD office.

LTADD Grants & Awards This Cycle

Mayor Tom Wheatley, City of Cloverport
\$5,000 American Hometown Leadership Award

Mayor David Willmoth, City of Elizabethtown
\$1,000 American Hometown Leadership Award

Mayor David Willmoth, City of Elizabethtown
KLC Leadership Program Award

City of Elizabethtown
\$775, African American Heritage Grant
Historic Marker, Bond - Washington School

City of Lebanon
\$775, African American Heritage Grant
Historic Marker, Rosenwald School

City of Vine Grove
\$30,000, National Recreational Trails Fund
Brushy Fork Trail Development Project, Phase II

City of Elizabethtown
\$10,000, Urban & Community Forestry Program
Kocholaty Planning Project

City of Hardinsburg
\$5,000 Community Rivers & Streams Program
Hardin's Creek Restoration Project, Phase I

City of Caneyville
\$5,000 Community Rivers & Streams Program
Caney Creek Cleanup Project

City of Lebanon
Silver Designation, Renaissance Kentucky

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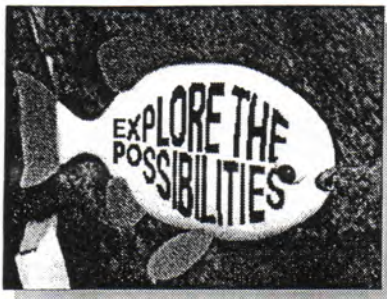
A Memorial . . .

MR. SAM B. DIBBLE, JR.
CHARTER LTADD BOARD MEMBER

Regionalism and the Kentucky Area Development Districts specifically, experienced the loss of a pioneer on July 4, 1999, with the passing of Mr. Sam B. Dibble. Mr. Dibble, a founding member of the LTADD Board of Directors, brought professionalism, vision and a common sense approach to the policy making body of the LTADD and statewide through his active involvement with the Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts. His interests were many, diverse and focused on giving exhaustingly of himself, much to the benefit of the following organizations for whom he served.

Former Chairman of Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts
 Past President of Lumber Dealers Association
 Past Chairman of Lincoln Trail Area Development District
 Former Secretary of Elizabethtown Industrial Foundation
 Past President of the Elizabethtown/Hardin County Chamber of Commerce
 Former Marketing Officer of First Federal Savings Bank
 Former City Council Member for Elizabethtown
 Former Elizabethtown Independent School Board Member
 Past President of Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers
 Lincoln Trail Area Development District Board Member
 Director, Emeritus Elizabethtown/Hardin Co. Chamber of Commerce
 Director, Emeritus Elizabethtown Industrial Foundation

Mr. Dibble helped guide Lincoln Trail through its formative years and was instrumental in the viability of the multi-faceted agency that is now over 30 years old. He epitomized the qualities of service to community, cooperation and character. The Lincoln Trail Area Development District will miss Sam, but shall always ensure that the organization he and others envisioned over 30 years ago is a model of public service and accomplishment.



Employment & Training News

PEOPLE

TRAINING

BUSINESS

INDUSTRY

Partnership

Action

Orientations/New Beginnings

Under the new Workforce Investment Act, each local area is required to have a Workforce Investment Board made up of representatives from area agencies, local elected officials, and business and industry. As members of the board, these individuals are responsible for the development of a program and accompanying policies, and the oversight of One-Stop programs in the Lincoln Trail area. On July 14, 1999, the first Lincoln Trail Area Workforce Investment Board meeting was held. This first meeting provided new members an introduction and orientation to the Workforce Investment Act. A luncheon was included in order to allow members to attend both morning and afternoon sessions. Thirty members were present and individual orientations were given to those who were unable to attend. Since that initial meeting, there has been one other full board and several committee meetings. The current membership is as follows:

Honorable Tommy Turner
Otis Reed
Russell Lunsford
Cindy Barker
Mary Jo Sims
Teresa R. Harris
Stephen Meredith
Edith Dupin
Bill Jordan
Terry Allgood
Phinis Hundley
Ron Sanders

Honorable Mark Brown
Nicky Rapier
George Walz
Abby Drane
Thelma White
Susan Gordon
Dave Schnake
Neil Ramer
Renae Harrison
Laura Dempsey
Randall Bradley

Bob Gardner
Alex Larue
Bill Monin
John Simpson
Gary Coffman
Joanne Kelley
Linda Markham
Tonia Freeman
Joseph Mattingly
Randall Nance
Marti Bedwell

William Huston
James Roark
Tom Lund
Cindy Wimp
Gary P. Chapman
Mary Ann Taylor
Gina Hagen
Charles Puckett
Earl Kilbourne
Carl Lay
Mary M. Cambron

Title V Employment Training Program

The Lincoln Trail Area Development District Title V, Older Worker program started the new 1999/2000 program year with the minimum number of training positions filled. One new enrollment is currently working in a temporary position. Job placement requirements were met and was exceeded with six people gaining permanent employment. Enrollees received special training related to their job goals. Available training provided in cooperation by host agencies and the Title V program included Red Cross disaster, CPR and safe driving.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Every Workforce Investment Board is required to develop and maintain a Youth Council representing various youth agencies, parents, and former participants. This board will have the responsibility of overseeing youth programs, developing a local plan for the youth portion of the act, and making recommendations regarding youth issues to the Workforce Investment Board. Currently, there are 18 members who have been busy reviewing program proposals to provide services to youth within the eight Lincoln Trail counties.



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Staff News...

LTADD welcomes Ms. Rachel Phillips, Land Use Planner, who joined the staff in August 23, and Mrs. Maureen Miracle, Aging Program Monitor, who rejoined us October 4.

Ms. Jackie Masterson, Employment/Training Specialist, will graduate November, 1999 from Leadership Bardstown. Ms. Janet Johnston, Public Administration Specialist, is currently participating in the 1999-2000 Leadership Elizabethtown Class. Ms. Becky Proctor, Community Development Specialist, attended the Kentucky Folklife Festival in September. Ms. Johnston and Ms. Proctor attended the Governor's Local Issues Conference in August, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation Rural Design Guidelines Workshop in Bardstown in September.

Laughing at the Law Mark Shouse — contributing editor of *Metroflow*, the publication for the employees of Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District of Wisconsin and Michigan — posted a list of wacky state and city blue laws (laws that are now outdated or foolish). Here are some Michigan state and city examples: A woman is not allowed to cut her own hair without her husband's permission. In Detroit, alligators may not be tied to fire hydrants. In Kalamazoo, it's against the law to serenade your girlfriend.

Turkey as the National Bird?

If Benjamin Franklin had had his way, the turkey — not the bald eagle — would be our national bird. He lobbied for it in the Continental Congress, arguing that the wild turkey was a better choice because it was native to North America and early settlers had relied on it for food. He also said it looked noble. But he was outvoted by a large margin.



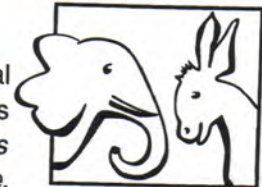
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| November 11 | <i>Veteran's Day Observed - LTADD Office Closed</i> |
| 17 | <i>Lincoln Trail Board of Directors Meeting</i> |
| 18 | <i>Welfare to Work Meeting</i> |
| 19 | <i>Vision 2000 Meeting</i> |
| 24 | <i>Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association Meeting</i> |
| 25-26 | <i>Thanksgiving Holiday - LTADD Office Closed</i> |
| December 15 | <i>LTADD Board of Directors Meeting</i> |
| 23-24 | <i>Christmas Holiday - LTADD Office Closed</i> |
| 30-31 | <i>New Years Holiday - LTADD Office Closed</i> |

Since most dates are tentative, please refer to meeting notices or call the LTADD office for correct dates, times and locations prior to traveling to attend.

Political Party Animals

How did an elephant come to symbolize the Republican Party and a donkey the Democrats?

In 1870, political cartoonist Thomas Nast, of Harper's Weekly Magazine, depicted Democratic President Andrew Jackson as a donkey because his opponents called him Andrew Jackass. In 1874, Nast used an elephant to represent the large Republican vote which won President Ulysses S. Grant re-election. The animals later became symbolic of the parties themselves.



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